



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Northwest Community Policing Council

2023 Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

About the Northwest Community Policing Council

The Northwest Community Policing Council (CPC) was established in 2014 and to improve the relationship, communication and rapport between the residents of the Northwest Area Command, City of Albuquerque, and the Albuquerque Police Department. The council is independent of these parties and consists of its own voting members.

Purpose

The purpose of the Northwest Community Policing Council is to promote and maintain positive, respectful, supportive, and cooperative interactions between members of the community and the Albuquerque Police Department, Northwest Area Command. The NWCPC will ensure that needed recommendations to policies and procedures for change are submitted and tracked, identifying areas of concern and/or problems.

Membership

The Northwest CPC started the year with 9 voting members and ended the year with 10 members. There were several members gained and some lost throughout 2023.

Current Members

Karen Schwartz (Chair)
Jacquelyn Cook
Ken Cox
Susan Jennings-Schwinn
Edward Buttner

Terra Bernheisel
Michael Brewer
Jeff Miller
Phillip Ramirez
Paul Gonzales

Diversity

The Northwest CPC continues to serve a diverse portion of the Albuquerque Northwest population, with approximately over half of our community being Hispanic, 37% Caucasian, 3% African American and 3% Asian. The Northwest CPS is constantly active in encouraging diversity and welcomes our community to become members of the CPC and to participate in the CPC monthly meetings. Diversity of the Northwest CPC council members is as follows:

Gender: Female 4 Male 6 Other 0

Ethnicity/Race: African American/Black 0, Hispanic 3, Caucasian 6, Asian American/Pacific Islander 0, Native American/Alaska Native 0.

GETTING TO WORK

MEETINGS

Council Meetings

NW COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL METRICS SPREADSHEET FOR 2023

Metric Description	CPC Size	#Council Attendees	Meeting Held	# of Attendees	Recommendations	Policy Reviews
January	9	8	1	16	0	0
February	11	10	1	24	1	0
March	10	7	1	31	0	0
April	10	8	1	29	0	2
May	10	6	1	27	0	7
June	10	7	1	31	0	5
July	11	10	1	31	0	12
August	11	8	1	32	0	8
September	9	6	1	32	0	4
October	9	7	1	22	0	0
November	10	7	1	14	1	0
December	10	N/A		0	0	0
EOY Total	10	85	11	289	2	38

NOTE:

- CPS Size is the number of members on the Council up to 11.
- The number of Council Attendees is how many members attend.
- Meeting held is 1 if held and 0 if skipped for the month.
- # of Attendees is the count of city employees and public attendees
- Recommendation is 1 or more if submitted and 0 if none.
- Policy reviews is the number of APD policies reviewed x members (two people reviewing four policies is 8 reviews)
- EOY is end of year totals.

The NWCPC held 11 virtual meetings in 2023, again with a break in December. Meetings were held in hi-bred mode with the community invited to attend in person or by zoom. We had an average of 8 out of 10 total panel members in attendance and an average of 26 community members at meetings during 2023. Meetings included the following topics:

- An update from the NW area commander
- Crime Statistics Update
- Police Recruiting
- Coffee/Pizza with a cop
- One or more presentations on topics of interest to the community regarding police procedures and policies, CASA and IMRs, EFIT progress and any new departments.

2023 Guest Speakers

- May - PRT, Officer Patrick Garcia from NW and SW area command.
- June - presentation DA's office, CABQ shield unit ▪
- July- multiagency task force discussion Future: Superintendent of Police Reform – Victor Valdez
- June - meeting had the IMR 17 update and EFIT presentation.
- August -presenters are from the multiagency taskforce.
- Outreach Karen and Jackie going to coffee with a cop. Kelly and Karen went to a small business meeting. June
- The September presenter was Diedre Ewing from the Law offices of the Public Defender's Office.

Special Meetings

Northwest Area Command Chair, Karen Schwartz attend 10 Council of Council meetings during 2023 and was elected Council of Council Chair commencing April 2023.

NW and SW CPC combined in May 2023. SW CPC held their first meeting in August 2023.

Orientation/training/guidelines meeting on June 14 at 6PM hybrid Training session June 17 at 9AM mandatory and in the evening a dinner will be provided for all CPC's. Outreach Karen and Jackie going to coffee with a cop. Kelly and Karen went to a small business meeting.

Karen Schwartz attended the Rio Rancho Home Improvement and invited presenters for their next meeting. Damsel in Distress, Gun Safety, and Veteran safety.

A CPC special event took place on September 30th, 2023, from 10AM-1PM at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center to meet APD Specialized Units.

Town Hall Meetings

Townhall meeting in July 2023, open to all CPC members and panelists.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A CPC special event took place on September 30th, 2023, from 10AM-1PM at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center to meet APD Specialized Units.

CPC dinner on December 8th, 2023, at the Embassy suits on Lomas at 5:30 PM.

NW CPC Chair, Karent Swartz will be stepping down and will be replaced by Terra Bernheisel in 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS/LESSONS LEARNED

Pending Recommendations

Recommendation	Status	Update
22-04: Window Breaking Tool for Patrol officers	In Review	1-27-23
22-03: Renumeration for Not-at-Fault Vehicle Impounds	In Review	1-27-23
17-03: Safe Exchange Zone	Submitted	1-27-23
17-02: Mail Theft and Vandalism	Submitted	1-27-23

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THIS YEAR

- Attendance was low throughout the year. We need to develop strategies to reach out to the community so that they can engage in the zoom and in person meetings.
- Any changes for Chair and Vice-chairpersons should be conducted during the first quarter of the Calendar year.
- Personnel changes in NW Area Command, APD, make it difficult to establish continuity of communication.
- The council needs to work on submitting more needed recommendations to policies and procedures, with input and discussion from all council members, to address concerns and issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Attempt to balance NWCPC demographics and diversity by bringing some pre-retirement aged individuals on the committee.
- Need to increase outreach to include retail and commercial groups.

- Continue Coffee with the Cops in the future and have more CPC members in attendance.
- Increase attendance through hybrid meetings in the next year.
- Increase the number of members at zoom meetings.

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