

NORTHWEST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL



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The purpose of the Northwest Community Policing Council (NWCPC) is to re-establish community trust in the Albuquerque Police Department (APD). The vision is to be a bridge between APD and the Northwest Area Command's employees and the community where we have coherence and collaboration among the CPCs and reciprocity with other agencies... Our aim is to facilitate increased communication between the citizens of Albuquerque, Businesses, Organizations and the Police Department.

City Bill 0-2020-032 Established the Community Policing Councils as part of the CASA (the Court Approved Settlement Agreement), codifying the city's commitment to continue the growth of community policing in Albuquerque

Join us Oct 18th at 6PM. We will have a crime update from our NW Area Commander, David Saladin and our annual update from Chief Medina. Our featured presentations this month will be Sandra Atwood from Damsels in Defense who will speak on personal safety. We will also have David

We will Meet in person at the Don Newton Community Center 4900 Kachina NW on Taylor Ranch near Montano or alternatively, meetings can be attended via zoon. To register IN ADVANCE click:

https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCw

We do not have openings on the NW panel but do on the SWCPC. To become a member of a CPC:

<https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-application>
And send Karen a note at NorthWestCPC@cabq.gov

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HANDY LINKS

Important Links:

All 2023 Meeting recordings –

<https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-meeting-recordings>

We meet the third Wednesday at 6PM

Meeting Minutes Archive –

<https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-minutes>

PANEL

The NWPC is made up of up to eleven volunteers.

Karen Schwartz—Chair
Open—Vice Chair
Terra Bernheisel
Edward Buttner
Jacquelyn Cooke
Ken Cox
Paul Gonzales
Jeff Miller
Phillip Ramirez
Susan Jennings-Schwinn

September Meeting Highlights

Note: The September meeting can be viewed in its entirety at the link listed above. We heard two excellent and informative presentations. Our presentations started with the NW Area Command crime report that shows continued decreases in residential and commercial crime in the NW area command, month to month and year to date compared to last year. APD continues to focus on traffic including noise and red light camera runners and on commercial burglaries and robberies. Shoplifting continues to be a challenge in all sectors of the city. The Northwest continues to lead the city in minimizing uses of force interactions. Crime Specialist Pete Gelabert gave an update on upcoming local outreach events with an opportunity to meet up at DonutMart for donuts and coffee with our area command officers.

Our featured presentations last month included Deirdre Ewing who gave us an overview of the public defender's office, roles and responsibilities, an overview of the court system and specialty courts. Next, Lt. Amy Sedler from the Property Crimes Unit spoke on the growing issue of Auto Thefts in Albuquerque. And how the Auto Theft Unit operates.

October events

October 4 Coffee with the Cops 9-11 at Donut Mart on Coors. The whole shift came between calls and about two dozen members of the community ate donuts and chatted.

October 18—NWPC Meeting—Sandra Atwood from Damsels in Defense (not distress!) will speak on personal safety and will show us some of the many (stylish) products available for self protection.

Come join us in a farewell to Commander David Saladin, our Area Commander who is retiring at the end of the month. We will miss you Commander David and Officer (ret.) Annette as you move to your retirement farm! God Speed!