



Valley CPC Annual Report 2021

Purpose of the Valley Command Area CPC

The mission of the Valley Area Command Community Policing Council is to promote inclusive, respectful, supportive, and cooperative interactions between diverse members of the community and the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure necessary reforms are met and sustained.

Diversity Statistics of Voting Members

Sex:

Male 2	Female 3
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Race:

Native American	1
Anglo	4
Anglo/Asian	

Age (in years):

25-34	0
35-44	0
45-54	0
55-64	0
65 +	5

Education:

14 years	
16 years	5
18 years	
18 years +	2

Language:

English Only	5
Bilingual (English/Spanish)	0

Military:

Active	0
Veteran	0

Members (as of January 2022).

Rowan Wymark, Jacqueline Ritz, and Tom O’Keefe, Dick Winterbottom, Edwina Kiro

Meetings

Month	Topic and/or Guest Speaker	Attendance
January	Presentations concerning APD Police Chief search and the Monitor’s recent report (IMR 12)	34
February	Panel Discussion concerning the APD External Force Investigation Team	30
March	Dr. Steve Rickman: Relationship between the police and the public	30
April	Conversation with Superintendent Stanley and Chief Medina	23
May	Restorative Justice	15
June	IMR 13 Discussion	13
July	Panel Discussion on Homeless Intervention Agencies	27
August	Officer Safety	10
September	Presentations from APD Traffic Dept about Vision Zero; and the Accountability Bureau concerning data on use of force.	16
October	APD Chief Medina Annual Report	12
November	No meeting owing to the holidays	
December	No meeting owing to the holidays	

Other Meetings, Forums and Events

Meeting Topic or Type	Number of Meetings	Members in Attendance
City Council Meetings	24	1
MHRAC	12	1
Amici – APD Compliance Bureau	3	2
CPC Summit	1	4
Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association	12	1
Bernalillo County Sherriff’s Office	12	1
Downtown Echo Meetings	6	2
FBI Alumni Association	3	1
Neighborhood Association Meetings	12	3
Mayor’s Homeless Advisory Committee	3	1
Amici Meetings	2	2
North Valley Coalition	1	1
CPC Ordinance Meeting	1	1
ABQ Volunteer Internship Program	1	1
CPC Council of Chairs	12	2
CPC Strategic Planning Committee	4	2
Native American Indian Women’s Association	4	1
Other Area Command CPC General Meetings	7	3
OMA IPRA Training	3	1
Neighborhood Watch Safety Meeting	1	1
Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee on Police Accountability	1	1
CPC Meeting with DR Rickman	1	2
Re-Imagining Public Safety for ABQ	1	1
APD Scion Meeting	3	1
CPOA Policies and Procedures Subcommittee Meeting	1	1
New Mexico Open Meetings Act	1	1
ABQ Safety Department Open House	1	2
Office of Neighborhood Coordination	4	1
Coalition for a Safer Albuquerque	1	1
Finding Solutions to Policing	1	2
Foothills Legislative Town Hall with Rep. Pamela Herndon	1	1
Manzano Town Hall with APD Chief Medina and DA Raul Torrez	1	1

Achievements

Our panel presentations continue to work well, so we are continuing with them; we have had individual presenters also. We are working hard on reaching out to various community newsletters and through social media sites to publicize our meetings and are achieving some success.

Challenges

Despite our ongoing attempts to publicize our meetings we are having scant attendance. We try to be topical and ask for feedback and suggestions, but so far, we have not received any. The Valley Area Command is huge and widely varied, at times we do not seem to be reaching everyone. We do send our meeting notifications to all the neighborhood associations and a few people participate as a result. We miss November owing to Thanksgiving as our meetings are on the 4th Thursdays of each month. We tried to reschedule to another date, but as attendance was meagre or non-existent, we discontinued it.

Lessons Learned

We have come to realize how important it is to meet and strategize our monthly meetings ahead of time. Currently we are doing well on this even though at times it can be challenging to orchestrate times and days. Despite our outreach attempts it has proved to be challenging to increase attendance to higher numbers. We would do better if we attended neighborhood association meetings, but there a lot of them in our command area, as indeed there are in other command areas, but we can work on a way of getting to a few of them at least. We are beginning to plan our meetings for two to three months in advance and that has helped with publicizing the meetings and finalizing presenters/panel participants.

Recommendations

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Status</u>
That APD area commander tenure be set at At least three years to provided consistent leadership in order ensure consistency at each substation and to decrease transfer requests	Responded to: APD says that they will make it a desirable policy but will continue to promote as needed.
That applicants to the academy have at least 6 hours of college credits (community college or undergraduate) to have some familiarity with post-high school education	Actual recommendation not submitted, discussions with the APD Academy made it clear that their current admission criteria will not change.
That all officers receive an annual performance review to ensure quality of service.	Still in planning stages

That officers carry with them cards with listed resources for at risk youths to help with access to services, etc.	Still in planning stages
That academy cadets receive expanded training in APD/Public interactions to help with community relationships.	Still in planning stages.
That PSAs be admitted to the academy after 3-4 years of service without applying.	Still in planning stages

We are proud to be part of the city-wide CPCs, pleased with what accomplishments we have had and eager to meet with further challenges that we can overcome.