



Foothills Community Policing Council
Annual Report 2023

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INTRODUCTION

About Foothills Community Policing Council

The Foothills Community Policing Council (FCPC) was established in 2014 to facilitate, improve communications and assist in establishing constitutional community policing for the citizens of the City of Albuquerque with the Albuquerque Police Department.

Purpose

The purpose of the Foothills Community Policing Council is to promote and maintain positive, respectful, supportive, and cooperative interactions between members of the community and the Albuquerque Police Department to ensure constitutional community policing is established and sustained.

Membership

The Foothills Community Policing Council has maintained a continuous presence in the Foothills Command area in the City of Albuquerque, NM. The 2023 FCPC Members were as follows:

CHAIRS

Idalia Lechuga-Tena – January, 2023 to May 6, 2023

Jeanne Hamrick – May 7, 2023 to August, 2023

VICE-CHAIR

Jeanne Hamrick – January, 2023 to May, 2023

Troy Hill – May 2023 to July 2023

Lynn Thompson – July 2023-August, 2023 became Acting -Chair from August 2023 to December 2023

SECRETARY

Barbara Lee – June 2023 to October 2023

TRACKER

Linda McLaughlin

MEMBERS

Idalia Lechuga-Tena, Jeanne Hamrick, Barbara Lee, Sylvia Maser, Troy Hill, David Griffin, Anthony Rael, Linda McLaughlin, Lynn Thompson, Mark Orgeron, Alexandria Gonzalez, Ricardo Reischfeld, Keith Hopper, Branden Kaiser, Woody Simpson, Howard De La Cruz Bancroft

RESIGNATIONS

Mark Orgeron, Alexandria Gonzalez, Troy Hill, David Griffin, Ricardo Reischfeld, Sylvia Maser, Barbara Lee

Diversity Statistics of Members

These numbers reflect the members throughout 2023

GENDER:

FEMALE	7
MALE	9
OTHER	0

ETHNICITY/RACE:

African American/Black	0
Hispanic	6
Caucasian	10
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0
Native American/Alaska Native	0

AGE:

18-21	0
22-40	4

41-64	7
65+	5

EDUCATION:

Less than 12 years	0
12 years	1
14 years	0
16 years	4
18 years	6
18 years +	4

LANGUAGE:

English	16
Bilingual (English/Spanish)	7
French	1
Italian	1
Other	1

OTHER:

FCPC immigrant members	1
FCPC members with disability	2
FCPC veteran members	3

GETTING TO WORK

MEETINGS

FCPC Public Council Meeting

MONTH	TOPIC/GUEST SPEAKER	ATTENDANCE
January 2023 / VIRTUAL	Meredith Dixon, NM State Representative; Lt. Jennifer Garcia-CASA Update	25 members of the public attended virtually
February 2023 / VIRTUAL	Mark Orgeron-Emergency Preparedness; Dianne Lindstrom-Disaster Preparedness	21 members of the public attended virtually
March 2023 / HYBRID	Sam Bregman, District Attorney; Chris Sylvan, CPC Manager	22 members of the public attended virtually/10 in person
April 2023 / HYBRID	Marian Matthews, NM State Representative	23 members of the public attended virtually/8 in person
May 2023 / HYBRID	Byron Powdrell, APD-CPC Liaison-Q&A	21 members of the public attended virtually/1 in person
June 2023 / HYBRID	Byron Powdrell, APD-CPC Liaison-Q&A	19 members of the public attended virtually/10 in person

July 2023 / HYBRID	Foothills PRT Unit; Lt. Amanda Tapia-Citizen's Police Academy	17 members of the public attended virtually/17 in person
August 2023 / HYBRID	Justice Brianna Zamora, NM Supreme Court-Judicial System presentation; City Councilor Renee Grout-Childrens Parks presentation	15 members of the public attended virtually/29 in person
September 2023 / HYBRID	John DeBuck, retired APD Captain-Active Shooter presentation	12 members of the public attended virtually/7 in person
October 2023 / HYBRID	Dave Bartram, Master Police Officer 1C, APD Firearms Instructor-Officer Down presentation	17 members of the public attended virtually /12 in person
November 2023 / VIRTUAL	APD Chief Medina-Crime Stats presentation; Alexander M. M. Uballez, US Attorney; Mariela Ruiz-Angel, Albuquerque Community Director	14 members of the public attended virtually
December 2023	NO MEETING	

Special Meetings

Executive Chats were hosted the 4th Monday of every month from 6:00- 8:00 pm.
No meeting in December.



Touch A Truck Event at Franklin Plaza on 6/10/23



City-wide event with APD Units at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center on 9/30/23

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

MEETING TOPIC/TYPE	NUMBER OF	MEMBERS IN
Lynn Thompson, Mark Orgeron, and Alexandria Gonzalez attended and graduated from the APD Citizens Police Academy on May 25, 2023	25	3
Foothills CPC Retreat/Training	1	11
Coffee, Pizza, Meals with a Cop	16	3
Albuquerque Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc	7	4
FBI-Fetanyl Trafficking/Office of Emergency Mgmt	2	4
Community Policing Council Guidelines	3	4
NACOLE Training-Shielded:How the Police Became Untouchable	1	3
NACOLE Training-Bias in Interpretation of Video Evidence	1	4
Foothills CPC Tabling at Bear Canyon Senior Center	3	2
APD Foothills 2nd Annual Touch A Truck Event at Franklin Plaza	1	5
Attend Other Area Command Community Policing Council Meetings-Valley, SE, NE, NW, SW	5	3

CPC Training-The Purpose of the Original CPC's and Where We Are Going	1	4
Speak to Neighborhood Assoc-Supper Rock, Singing Arrow and Women Taking Back our Neighborhoods	4	2
Council of Chairs Meetings	8	4
NACOLE Training-The Evolution of Use of Force	1	3
CPC Summer Kickoff Dinner	1	4
Article on Constitutional Policing for Newsletter	1	1
Coalition 9 Meeting	1	1
National Night Out-Various communities in FH	4	5
DEA Civilian Academy	1	2
Coalition for a Safer Albuquerque	1	1
Review APD Policy and Procedure Meetings	8	1
Rio Rancho Home Show	1	2
MHRAC-APD Commission on Mental Health	1	1
APD Ride-A-Long with Officer	2	2
Department of Justice Meeting	1	1
Crime Stopper 10th Annual Heroes Luncheon	1	1
Town Hall Crime Meeting at Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center	1	4

City-wide CPC Event with APD Helicopter, SWAT, Bomb Squad, Horses and Officers at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center	1	4
NACOLE Training-Investigations-Group Stages and Dynamics-Working on Boards	1	2
CPC Fall 2023 Training	1	4
Townhall on Public Safety, Housing and Mental Health at Manzano High School	1	3
Op-ed Article on CPC's for Albuquerque Journal	1	1
United Against Hate Crimes Webinar	1	3
CPC Appreciation Holiday Dinner	1	4

RECOMMENDATIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED

1. That homicide and shooting data tracked manually and is updated after each occurrence was submitted to the City of Albuquerque: denied, APD responded their site already tracked this aspect.
2. Install new lighting and maintain old lighting on the bike/walkways at Singing Arrow Loop around Singing Arrow Park was submitted to the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department. APD accepted and forwarded to Parks and Recreation.
3. CPC member are able to work with APD Ambassador program to help diversity and recruitment for both the CPCs and APD. APD accepted.
4. No recommendations were submitted under Chairwoman, Idalia Lechuga-Tena

The following were the FCPC 2023 Goals that were accomplished:

- ✓ more community visibility

- ✓ have 1 retreats per year
- ✓ building interest in CPCs-how?
 - Neighborhood associations
 - Coalitions of neighborhoods
 - HOA's
 - National Night Out
 - City wide events
 - Radio appearances
 - Outreach by CPC members

- ✓ Letters to the Editor. Lynn Thompson and Kelly Mensah submitted to ABQ. Journal.
- ✓ building relationships with officers
- ✓ attend DOJ hearings: Lynn Thompson testified at DOJ IMR 18
- ✓ newsletters, ended when our Secretary: Barbara resigned.
- ✓ attend other CPC's meetings, Multiple members did this.
- ✓ involvement with City Council, NM Legislature, and County Commissioners, completed by Lynn Thompson
- ✓ meetings with Mayor, Chief of APD, and DOJ by Lynn Thompson

LESSONS LEARNED FROM 2023

Population of the Foothills Area Command is about 130,000 people, and covers 23.8 square miles. The Foothills CPC has had trouble recruiting from all areas of the Foothills region. This is because most of the citizens do not know about the CPCs. This is established by our encounters with citizens of ABQ and by informal questionnaires on social media. It is difficult to get diversity represented however, this is hampered as there are no easily obtainable diversity statistics obtained for the Foothills area. Area commander, Area City Councilwoman contacted to aid with this and neither knew. Also USA Census data researched to no avail.

We instituted standardized interview procedures, which include an initial contact by our Chair and then the whole council does a 60-minute virtual interview of the applicant. Each council member is able to ask questions. This resulted in more effective process to fill our council.

CHALLENGES

1. We are volunteers and as such, the time each person can offer is variable.
2. The structure of the CPC as it currently stands, in all probability will continue to be problematic as after a decade in ABQ; most citizens do not about the CPCs.
3. Constantly rebuilding our FCPC
4. Not having an executive director in the City to oversee our needs part of 2022 and February, 2023
5. Not having clear guidelines for when a Chair is ill and does not attend or contact any council member. Revision will be broached during CoC in 2023.

GOALS FOR 2024

1. Radio/TV messages to get existence and purpose understood by more citizens of ABQ.
2. Continue to write more relevant and meaningful recommendations to APD
3. Recruit additional Council Members with more diverse ethnicities and from broader areas within the foothills area command. Multiple efforts have been done and more will be done. At time of this report; our Chair :Lynn Thompson has done all the efforts talking with City Office of Inclusion and Diversity, NM Black Leadership Coalition, Black Student Union Association and NAACP.
4. Advertising on billboards, regular and electronic
5. Hold City-Wide CPC Town Hall organized by Foothills CPC
6. Banner on balloon at Balloon Fiesta for recognition of CPC. Organized by Foothills CPC
7. Continue to work with Mayor's Office for greater recognition of CPC.
8. Continue to work with APD toward greater recognition of CPC and support in public venues.

Respectfully submitted,

Foothills Community Policing Council
Lynn Thompson, Chair

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