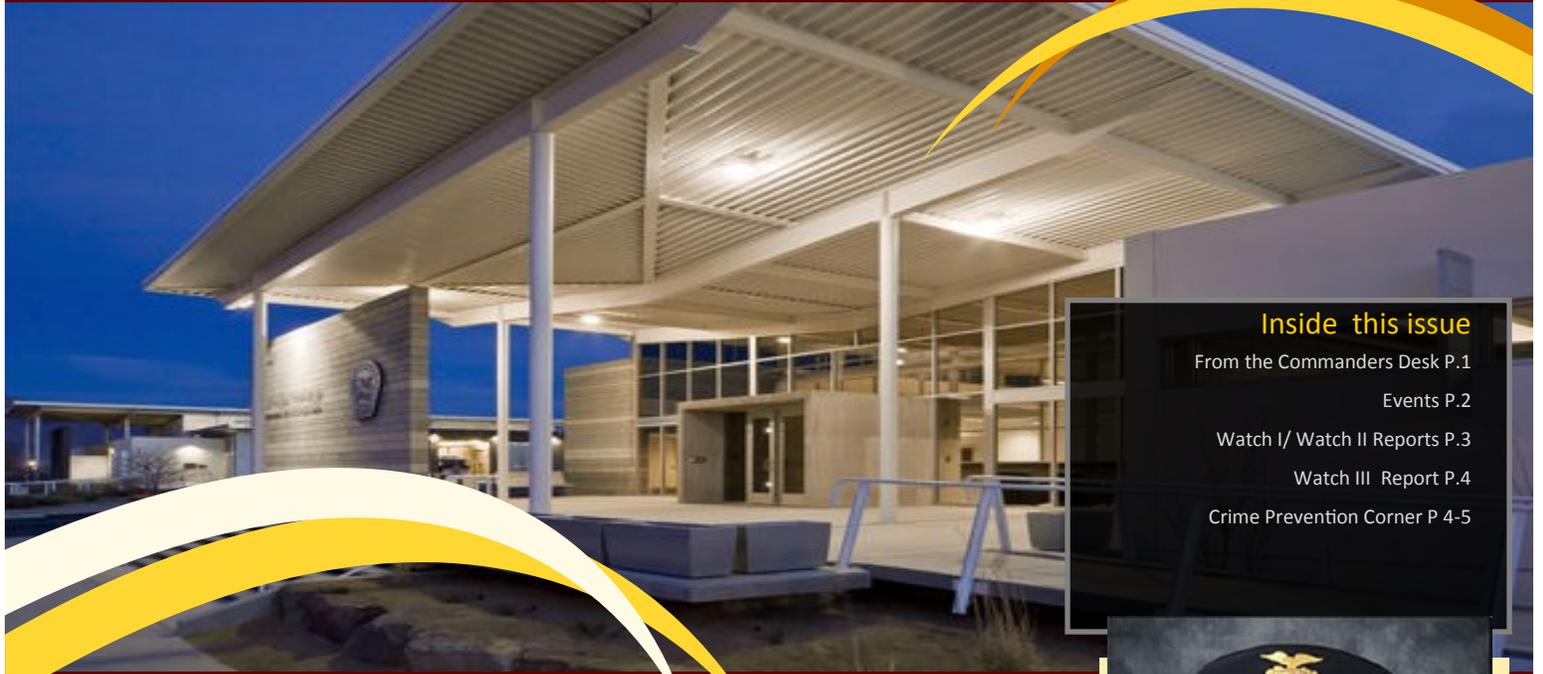


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Michael R. King and Richard W. Smith Jr. Memorial Substation

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From the Commander's Desk

Hello Everyone,

July was another hot, busy month and now we are preparing to send our kids back to school mid-August. Before you know it the NM State Fair will be here, the International Balloon Fiesta and then the holidays! Where does the time go?! In light of many of the upcoming activities we need to be vigilant about our driving and take the appropriate precautions to ensure pedestrian safety. Officers in the Northwest have increased their traffic enforcement efforts to assist in these efforts.

August 4th was National Night out with over 28 Neighborhood Associations/HOA's, and Neighborhood Watches registered for the event. Thank you to all who participated. The event was a huge success with a lot of new interest in the Neighborhood Watch program. I encourage

all neighborhoods to get involved. Pete Gelabert, our Crime Prevention Specialist, can help anyone who is interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch program just call him at 768-4873 to get started.

APD is continuing to work really hard to recruit qualified applicants to join the Albuquerque Police Department. I would like to extend my thanks to the Westside Coalition NA for holding a meeting this month concerning recruitment and manning levels. The meeting was educational, informative, and reflected the close partnership between the APD, the City, the State, and the Westside neighborhoods. Thank you to all who participated. I am confident these efforts will be the driving force to success. If you are qualified and are interested in applying, or know someone who is, please visit apdonline.com, call 1-800-7POLICE, or contact me directly. Our next class is scheduled to begin in early 2016 so get signed up to test if you are interested! Last, I would like to touch on

auto burglaries in the Northwest Area Command. Weekly review of the auto burglaries in the Northwest reveal some commonalities; tools are the number one stolen item, and tied for second are bags and insurance/registrations. Several of the auto burglaries occurred overnight at homes and there were no signs of forced entry. More common than not, vehicles are being left unsecured with property inside the vehicle. Please lock your doors and take any property of value, or with the appearance of value (bags), out of the vehicle. Stolen insurance/registration is also increasing so consider keeping these things in a wallet/purse or other non-accessible means. If you see anything suspicious, don't forget....*If you see something say something!!*

If you had not heard, APD's 2015 Northwest Officer Appreciation BBQ is coming up October 2nd, 2015. Check out the events page for details!!!!



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APD 2015 Northwest Officer Appreciation Barbeque

Albuquerque Police Department Commander Dodi Camacho and the staff at the Michael R. King and Richard W. Smith Jr. Memorial Substation (Northwest Substation) will be hosting the APD 2015 Northwest Officer Appreciation



Barbeque. The event is scheduled for **October 2nd, 2015,** **from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,** **at the Northwest Substation.**

Please join Commander Camacho in showing appreciation for the APD Northwest Area Command Officers and all of the APD men in women in blue! In the past, several organizations have contacted the substation to donate items. If you are interested in donating, or would like to RSVP, please contact Eleanor Griggs-Anaya at 768-4874, or email her at egriggs-anaya@cabq.gov for more information



Watch I Lieutenant L. Pocci

The new bid is more than a month old and some of the new additions to our area command have shown that they are good, competent officers. One example of this occurred on a call on July 16th, 2015. Officers were dispatched to a residence where a male had discharged a handgun inside the house. The male got upset with a female and fired a round into the floor of the living room. He then proceeded to punch a male occupant of the house. The occupants of the house were able to get the armed man out of the house but he kicked in the front door and re-entered the house. Officers arrived quickly

on scene and were able to set up a perimeter around the house so the male could not escape into the neighborhood. Officers gave commands for the male to exit the house which he did. The male was safely placed in custody. No injuries were reported from this incident. I have no doubt that the officer's quick arrival and good decision making de-escalated a very dangerous situation.

Watch II Lieutenant T. Espinosa

Hello everyone!!

We are at the tail end of our summer season and the school year is right around the corner. I hope everyone had a fun, enjoyable and most of all safe summer. I got an opportunity to meet with many of our neighbors recently at our Annual National Night Out. First off I would like to thank everyone who participated in putting on the events for their community and also a huge thank you for the hospitality that you extended toward me and the support that you showed toward the Albuquerque Police Department.

The concerns that were voiced at the National Night out were consistent with the concerns we have been receiving over the last several months. Speeding along the major thoroughfares is always a concern and we have focused our enforcements on the major thoroughfares especially Coors from Paseo Del Norte to the I40 and Unser from Molten Rock to I40. We have been trying to rotate the speed monitor trailer to different parts of the area command. If there are any specific areas you would like to see

officers or the speed trailer please give us a call. Panhandling was also another concern that came up that we have been aware of. We have focused many resources within and outside of the Police department to help with this issue. We are trying to help our homeless population get the resources they need. If there is a specific intersection or location that needs to be addressed please contact us. Like I had mentioned to many of you at National Night Out; the Albuquerque Police Department is all about helping all members of our community including our homeless populations. We have many resources outside of enforcement action that our homeless community can benefit from, so don't hesitate to call.

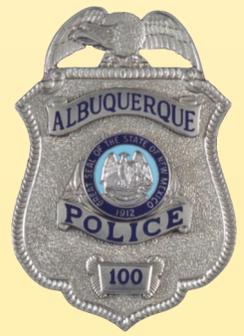
Well, being that the school year is on the horizon please be extra careful in and around the residential neighborhoods and schools. There is going to be a significant increase in vehicle and foot traffic and we want to make sure we kick off the school year by keeping everyone safe. We will also have an increased presence in the school zones to make sure that all students are getting to school in a safe manner.

We will continue to address the issues of concern that come up and do our best to meet the needs of our community



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Watch III

Lieutenant D. Sedillo

Hello from Swing shift,

Swing shift Officers have been very pro-active this month each Officer addressed a problem area within their beat. Officers conducted tactical plans ranging from speeding in construction zones and neighborhoods to pan handling along Coors. Please, if you see an issue of concern that my team can help with please e-mail directly at Davidsedillo@cabq.gov.

So far this month I have had the opportunity to attend eight neighborhood associations meeting including National Night Out. I am really enjoying meeting all of you. If you have a function that I or one of my Officers can attend please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Crime Prevention Corner by Pete Gelabert

Student Safety Tips / Stranger Danger

Don't talk to strangers.

- Don't take anything from strangers.
- Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know.
- Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Review contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."
- Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.



APD's Northwest Area Command Headquarters is Albuquerque Police Department's first LEED Gold Certified facility. Also the city's largest substation, it commemorates fallen officers Michael R. King & Richard W. Smith Jr. Giving the officers of Albuquerque's NW quadrant a much needed presence in the community.

Crime Prevention Corner (Continued)

IDENTITY THEFT CRIME PREVENTION TIP

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in our country today. It is also one of the most difficult to detect until it is too late and the damage has been done. The time and energy to correct damaged credit and to re-establish your personal identity is reason enough to take steps to prevent this frustrating crime. The following prevention tips should be considered to protect your identity and to ensure your financial stability.

WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION SHOULD YOU PROTECT?

Social Security Number – Date of Birth – Name – Address – Phone Number – Bank Accounts – Mothers Maiden Name – PIN Numbers – Investment Information – Credit Cards – Any Personal Info.

HOW THIEVES STEAL YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Mailbox tampering – Do not leave out-going mail (especially paid bills) in your mailbox and collect each days mail promptly. If your neighborhood does not have a “common” mailbox with locking doors, contact your local post office. Also, report any mailbox damage immediately. Thieves will look for bank statements, pre-approved credit applications, utility bills, etc.

Telemarketing fraud – Do not give out personal information over the phone or over the Internet. Fraudulent callers may pose as government officials, bank and insurance representatives, and/or any other “official” sounding and “concerned” person.

“Dumpster divers” – Criminals may go through your trash to collect information about your personal situation. You should always shred credit cards and utility bills, including receipts, and any documents that list your personal information prior to disposal.

Stealing Your Purse or Wallet – Carry only necessary items for a particular trip.

Stealing Your Credit Report – An identity thief may pose as an employer, loan officer, landlord or realtor to gain access to your credit report.

ATM Transactions – Be careful when using an ATM machine. Take special care to prohibit any one from seeing your PIN number. Do not write your number down – memorize it.

New tactics – Criminals will try to stay one step ahead of our prevention techniques. Maintain your diligence and continue to be suspicious of a stranger who takes an interest in you.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT:

Do not give your credit card or bank account numbers to any one over the phone unless you made the call and know the business.

Do not give your Social Security number to any one and don't have it printed on your checks.

Shred all your papers with personal information that is no longer needed, including charge receipts, bank statements, expired credit cards, credit offers prior to disposal, etc.

Reduce the number of cards you carry and don't carry your Social Security card or number, birth certificate, or passport with you except when necessary.

Check credit card statements and report unauthorized purchases immediately.

Be aware of people who are nearby when you use an ATM machine.

When ordering new checks, do not have them sent to your home. Pick them up at the bank.

If you are a victim – Call the Albuquerque Police Department at 242-COPS (2677).

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