

# Northwest Area Command

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## From the Commander's Desk

Hello Neighbors,

I hope you all had a safe and memorable 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This month I would like to welcome the Lieutenants, Sergeants, and Officers who are new to the Northwest Area Command. As mentioned last month the new bid took effect in June. Join me in welcoming the new faces that came from other area commands. Also, welcome back to those who chose to stay! I am excited to see what this next year will bring. Please take note of the new contact information for our new Sergeants and Lieutenants.

Next month there will be a special event to note. On August 4<sup>th</sup> the City of Albuquerque and the Albuquerque Police Department will be participating in the much anticipated National Night Out. Neighborhood Associations/ Watches/ Block Captains are encouraged to register for the event by calling 311 no later than July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Calling and registering helps to ensure someone from APD and/or the City administration will come by to mix and mingle with your neighborhood. Every year has been such a success; I hope to continue the tradition! For more information about the event, please check out the next page of this newsletter.

This month we will be moving the Northwest newsletter to our official, and fully operational,

website [northwestareacommmand.com](http://northwestareacommmand.com). Just click on this link to explore the possibilities. The resources page will give you access to all of the newsletters posted since the inception of the website! Other helpful links are available for reporting crime, making police reports, retrieving accident reports, and staying up to date on the Northwest Community Policing Council (NWCPC). As a side note, the Northwest Community Policing Council is still looking for volunteers to serve on the board. If you are interested, please register on-line. The registration can be found on the resources page, under NWCPC (registration).

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the Albuquerque Police Department and in particular the NW Area Command. I continue to receive numerous letters of commendation praising the professionalism and compassion displayed by several of our officers. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to help encourage and support the troops! I would also like to express my gratitude. Thank you to all of the Neighborhood Associations/ Watches and Block Captains who continue to volunteer their time and energy to their neighborhoods. I encourage more of you to get involved. Your eyes and ears only compliment the efforts of the police department. Don't forget...*If you see something say something!!* Together we can make a difference.



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# National Night Out

On the first Tuesday of August, neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Albuquerque Police Department (APD), APD Crime Prevention Unit and the Office of Neighborhood Coordination, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 30 million people are expected to participate in "America’s Night Out Against Crime." NNO is being supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

## National Night Out is Designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships;
- Renew old acquaintances and establish new friendships by getting to know your neighbor;

**Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.**



## General Information:

**From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of August**, residents in neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Albuquerque will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime rallies.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, “This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On the first Tuesday of August, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join forces with us to Give Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party.”

National Night Out is an excellent opportunity for you and your neighbors to socialize, renew acquaintances, welcome new neighbors and join fellow citizens in our community’s fight against crime and our pursuit of a high quality of life. Plan to join us once again for another fun and enjoyable citywide celebration.

## Contact/Registration Information:

**Please call the Citizen Contact Center/311 no later than Thursday, July 30, 2015, at 5:00 pm to register.**

If you have questions pertaining to this year’s National Night Out celebration, please call the APD Crime Prevention Unit/Steve Sink at 924-3600 for more details

# Watch I Lieutenant L. Pocci

Our new annual bid started on June 13th and the officers new to the area command have been briefed on the hot spots that exist in the Northwest Area Command, as well as getting a list of the different neighborhood associations that are here.

With summer in full swing there has been a steady volume of calls coming in but our manpower levels on graveyard have improved so we're keeping up.

One call I'd like to highlight occurred at the Phillips 66 on Eagle Ranch. Two officers were checking the all night gas sta-

tions in the area command when they observed a vehicle in one of the car wash stalls. The car showed no signs of utilizing the car wash so the officers checked on it. Through their investigation they found heroin and cocaine along with drug paraphernalia in the car. One of the occupants was also found to have several felony warrants for his arrest. By way of the officer's alertness and excellent investigative skills, a good amount of drugs were taken off the streets and a wanted person was arrested.

# Watch II Lieutenant T. Espinosa

We are well into our summer season and I hope everyone had a fun and safe Independence day weekend. During the summer months, we are accustomed to seeing an increase in property crimes. We are devoting as many resources as we can to deter and apprehend property crimes offenders. It looks like our apartment complexes in the southern part of the area command have been affected most. Please be cognizant of your surroundings and never leave valuables in your car. Also, make sure you are keeping your doors locked. Like I mentioned we have put resources in this areas to help alleviate this issue.

along with assistance from our motors unit have focused their traffic enforcement on these key spots. Additionally, one intersection has become a concern for speeding and several accidents (Unser Blvd. and Molten Rock NW). Please slowdown in this area and pay attention to the traffic light. There have been several recent accidents at this intersection from people trying to get through and beat the yellow light.

Please let us know of any community/ neighborhood events that are occurring in your area. We would love to assist or simply have officers meeting our neighbors at these events. It is an excellent opportunity for both police and the community to get to know each other. It also allows us to hear your concerns first hand.

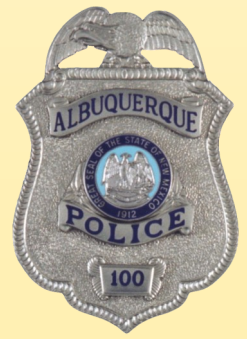
The traffic concerns still remain an issue especially with the construction work being done on two major parts of our thoroughfares (Coors/140 and Montano/ Unser). Our uniformed officers

As always the officers of the Northwest Area Command have been working hard to address the issues of concern of our community and will continue to work hard in order to keep everyone safe.



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## Watch III Lieutenant D. Sedillo

Hello from Swing shift, Swing shift Officers have been very busy so far this month. In response to citizen concerns, Officers have conducted many traffic enforcement tactical plans throughout the Area Command. During the summer months there are lots of children playing in our neighborhoods and Officers are trying to slow people down in order to keep them safe. If you see an area of concern please call and report it or e-mail me directly.

During my first month here in the Northwest Area Command I have had the opportunity to attend various functions and

meet many of you, I look forward to meeting more of you in the months to come. As always thank you for your continued support.

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Crime Prevention Tips: For  
Being a Good Witness

### DESCRIBING A VEHICLE



**LICENSE PLATE NUMBER**

*numbers, letters, words, colors, state, sticker year*

**TYPE OF VEHICLE**

*automobile, mini-van, SUV, pickup, motorcycle, etc.*

**COLOR**

*describe in your own words*

**YEAR AND MAKE**

*Chevrolet, Ford, Chrysler, Jeep, GMC, Toyota, etc.*

**STYLE**

*2 door, 4 door, 4x4, etc.*

**MODEL**

*F-Series Pickup, Camry, Accord, Malibu, Taurus, etc.*

**NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS**

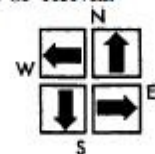
*how many people: men, woman, children, any animals*

**GENERAL CONDITION**

*new, old, any marks, dents, scratches, missing lights, mismatched parts, etc.*

**UNUSUAL FEATURES**

**DIRECTION OF TRAVEL**



## Crime Prevention Specialists Corner

### Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.



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 Specialists Corner Continued

### Exterior Doors:

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house – even if it's just for a few minutes.

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Doors feature wide-angle peep-holes at heights everyone can use.

If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.

All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy dead-bolt lock

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in a mailbox

### Garage and Sliding Door Security:

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.

The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.

All garage doors are locked when leaving the house.

The sliding glass door has strong working key locks.

A dowel or a pin to secure a glass

door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.

### Protecting Windows:

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.

Windows are always locked even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

### Outdoor Security:

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.

There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening – whether someone is at home or not, or a Photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.

Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

### Security When Away From Home:

At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away for an extended time period.



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