



Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Good day to all of our resident's here in the beautiful Northwest Area Command. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of you who have been doing so well around our various parks and residential neighborhoods watching your speed and enjoying our open air spaces with the warmer weather. To those of you who haven't its only a matter of time before one of our friendly officers has an opportunity to speak to you about your driving or other behavior. I want to remind everyone that while side by sides, ATV's and UTV's are legal to be driven in the Open Space or Mesa areas they are **ILLEGAL** on city streets regardless if they have plates or not. Please be responsible and trailer those fun toys to the proper area and by all means do not ride your dirt bikes in the city parks. We have had several reports of that over the past week and three unlucky individuals were charged and had their vehicles towed for tearing up our parks in the southern part of the area command. As always stay safe and we hope to see you at one of our community outreach events or our Northwest Citizen's Policing Council that meets every third Wednesday, 6 pm at the Don Newton Community Center.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Bonnie Briones

Community Safety Update: Staying Safe in Parks & Public Spaces

Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Whether you're walking, jogging, or relaxing, stay alert to what's going on around you. Avoid distractions like texting or wearing both earbuds at high volume.

Visit During Daylight Hours

Try to enjoy parks during daylight when activity is higher and visibility is better. If you're out in the evening, stick to well-lit and populated areas.

Use the Buddy System

Whenever possible, go with a friend or let someone know where you're going and when you plan to return.

Keep Your Phone Charged & Accessible

A fully charged phone is essential in case of emergencies. Save local non-emergency numbers and know your location if you need to call for help.

Report Suspicious Activity

If something doesn't seem right, don't hesitate to report it. Call 911 for emergencies, or 242-COPS (505-242-2677) for non-emergency police assistance.

Find Community Resources

Check out www.findhelp.org to connect with local support services if you or someone you know could use extra help.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Lt. Renee Ollquist

Hello to all the citizens in the Northwest Area Command! I would like to introduce myself as I am the new swing shift lieutenant for this wonderful area. I have never worked in this area command as an officer, but I did reside here a few years back! I have been a lieutenant for about three years now and have served both the Criminal Investigations Division and the University Area Command in this role. I started my career as a police service aide back in December of 2006. I have worked in several area commands throughout my career, but my favorite position was when I served as the sergeant of the Organized Crime Unit from August 2020 to January 2022. I can easily be reached by e-mail at rollquist@cabq.gov.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

Your grave officers have been working diligently and hard every day to keep our area command safe at night. When they are not responding to calls for service, they have been conducting proactive patrols and increasing their traffic stops to be a more visible presence in the area command. This is to help combat various types of crime and aggressive driving in the area.

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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

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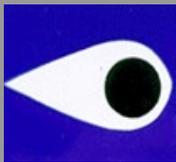


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Implementing crime prevention safety procedures

Please see the walking safety tips while at the park or walking path.

- Always roll up your car windows, lock the doors and hide any valuable, even if you will only be walking for a short time
- Always stay alert to your surroundings at all times and be observant and do not become distracted on your mobile phone while listening to music, talking, or texting.
- Always be cognizant of where you are so that if you have to call the police for assistance you can quickly provide accurate information as to your location
- Report suspicious persons seen wandering around in parking lots or looking into cars as they walk by you can even call and remain anonymous. You can call the Albuquerque Police Department at 242-COPS (2677) or 911 if you see a burglary in progress.
- The Albuquerque Police Department is committed to making our community a safe environment for us to enjoy. Through community policing we will reduce crime and increase quality of life in your area. Together we will make our community a safer place to live.



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



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CPC meeting , 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Taylor Ranch Community Center or zoom.

Council Goals

The goal of each Community Policing Council is to engage in candid, detailed and meaningful dialogue between Albuquerque Police and the citizens they serve. Councils are independent from the City and Department. They are encouraged to formally recommend changes to Albuquerque Police Department policies and procedures. They are also asked to make recommendations and identify concerns, problems, successes and opportunities within each area command and for the department as a whole.

Council Membership

The NWCPC meets in person at the Don Newton Multi Generational Center or alternatively, meetings can be attended via zoom. The CPC members are volunteers. CPC members are composed of members from the community and voting members. Voting members must reside within or have businesses within the boundaries of their area command.

All attendees (members) are encouraged to submit recommendations, provide input concerning recommendations, ask questions and submit topics for discussion.

The zoom meeting link is;

https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/regar/WN_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCW

E-mail contact information for the CPC Board is;
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Northwest Area Command Community Partnership and Outreach Corner



Community Partnership and Outreach:

APD'S COAST Outreach (Crisis Outreach and Support Team):

The COAST team continues to work with the West Side Homeless shelter , service providers and Field Officers to ensure that the homeless and most vulnerable are being offered shelter and resources. Service providers are continuing to do homeless outreach throughout the City.

Coffee with a Cop: at various restaurant locations:

Coffee with a Cop is an opportunity to interact with the officers assigned to their neighborhoods and ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the police officers in your community.

Cop on the Corner: at various neighborhood locations.

The Albuquerque Police Department launched a new program called "Cop on the Corner" to help build relationships with the communities where officers patrol. The program will give people the opportunity to attend police field briefings where they can interact with the officers assigned to their neighborhoods. The day shift officers and swing shift officers hold briefings at various neighborhoods.

Business Coalition meetings:

We have three community business locations. The Westside area businesses, Riverside area businesses and the Cottonwood area businesses. We are working with the businesses to identify and reduce criminal activity. In the meetings we will identify the business stakeholders that will be involved, concerns on any type of criminal activity. We will talk about resources that can be used to deter and reduce criminal activity and provide crime prevention training, business security assessments and educate the businesses concerning property crimes.

Crime Prevention, Neighborhood Watch Program:

The NW Area Command has over 100 neighborhood watch programs and block captains. We have established an excellent rapport and understanding of the needs and concerns of the neighborhoods and block captains within their respected neighborhoods. The block captain/officer initiative program strengthens the ties between the officers, and the community.

ADAPT Program (Abandoned & Dilapidated Abatement Property Team):

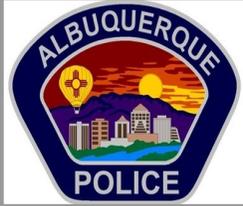
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and welfare of the buildings and the community. Through community policing we will reduce crime and increase quality of life in the area.





Northwest Area Command Community Outreach

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



APD'S COAST (Crisis Outreach and Support Team) is continuing to work with the West Side Homeless shelter , service providers and Field Officers to ensure that the homeless and most vulnerable are being offered shelter and resources. Along with this collaboration , we are stressing the importance of education for this population due to limited access or knowledge to some of the safety measures. Masks , hygiene, water and food are being provided on a daily basis to those that are not wanting to go to the shelters. Service providers are continuing to do homeless outreach throughout the City. The Westside Emergency Housing Center is continuing to remain open 24 hours, 7 days a week and will accommodate as many people as possible. The City opened up hotels to assist with shelter numbers, this is helping keep the most vulnerable and families safe and provide social distance. The staff at the shelter has been working hard to keep everyone safe.

Important Numbers:

311-City Resources

Homeless Assistance-505-768-HELP

Adult Protective Services-1-866-654-3219

NM Crisis/Warm Line-1-855-466-7100

Domestic Violence Hotline-1-800-799-7233

Legal Aid-505-633-6694 (Questions about evictions)

Suicide Prevention dial 988 (Emergency 911)

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) <https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org> .

Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST): 505-924-6000

Abandoned and Dilapidated Abatement Property Team ADAPT Program: A.F.D. 505-833-7300





Where does ACS fit in the public safety system?

ACS is a cabinet-level public safety department, meaning we operate independently from and in collaboration with APD and AFR. What makes ACS different is our use of a public health model with a non-law enforcement-led response. ACS allows 911 dispatch to send trained professionals with backgrounds in behavioral and mental health and social services to non-violent and non-medical calls. The goal is to deliver the right response at the right time and to improve access to the broad range of social services from government and community-based organizations.

ACS responders use motivational interviewing, crisis intervention, de-escalation, cultural healing, and other proven strategies to address needs. ACS also addresses calls that do not require a behavioral health background, such as needle pickup and abandoned vehicles. ACS responders do not make arrests or issue citations, and instead connect individuals and families to services and resources in the community.

Our Goals

ACS has a clear and critical focus as the newest branch of the City's 911 response. We have four strategic goals we aim to achieve in order to make an impact in Albuquerque. For more detailed information on our strategic plan, download our Organizational Plan.

Respond: Increase public safety by providing a holistic and trauma-informed response to calls for service.

Build: Establish a sustainable and long-term presence that is woven into the community and the public safety ecosystem.

Engage: Activate community partnerships and strengthen community engagement by enhancing relationships, trust, information sharing, and capacity building between the community and ACS.

Influence: Leverage ACS's position and knowledge to influence and inform the ongoing evolution of the larger (e.g., county, state, national) system of care.

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Northwest Area Command Photos

Laurelwood N. A. Annul meeting



SRMNA Annul meeting



Chief Harold Medina Corner

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Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! We are gearing up for the summer months which are right around the corner.

I'm pleased to share with our community an exciting project through our partnership with Sandia National Labs.

A team of volunteers from the labs created an innovative model to determine where to use surveillance cameras to combat crime. The model that Sandia volunteers created, was based on 5 years of crime data. It shows the City exactly where a camera should be placed, at what height, and at what direction to most effectively capture a crime on camera. The model also is assisting the City in modifying placement of existing cameras.



I'm also pleased to share with you all that I was recently elected the President of the Major Cities Chief's Association (MCCA). This is a true honor as I am the first New Mexico Chief to hold this position.

The MCCA is an organization comprised of police executives from across the United States and Canada representing the largest cities. MCCA provides a forum for chiefs from urban cities, sheriffs and other law enforcement leaders to share ideas, strategies and experiences.

I want to thank the entire APD team for a very productive 1st quarter when it comes to crime stats. While we wait for final reports to come in, we can say we ended the first three months with a 12% increase in felony arrests (new charges), and a 9% increase in felony warrant arrests. The increased enforcement over the past three years is playing a role in the decrease for many crime categories. Most notably, homicides were down 48% for the first quarter, compared to last year, and shootings with injury were down 43%. We will report all other categories in the next newsletter.



In the coming weeks our Auto Theft Unit will be hosting a VIN etching event which is open to the public.

WHEN: April 15, from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

WHERE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District (4101 Jefferson Plaza NE)

I encourage you to come out and get your vehicle VIN etched as it's a great tool that can assist our investigators if a car is ever stolen. Thank you and as always, I appreciate your continued support.



-Chief Harold Medina

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