Greetings Northwest, Spring is here and the weather is finally warming up. With the season change, we always anticipate an increase in calls for service, but we also plan more community events. Our Coffee with a Cop this month was a huge success, due in large part, to your participation. City Councilor Louie Sanchez and State Senator Harold Pope also attended and mingled with the public. With the support of our representatives, coupled with the support of the community, we are headed in the right direction.

The most common issue brought to my attention is speeding within the Northwest. All three of our speed trailers are functional and I welcome your suggestions for locations. Field Services has collaborated with the Motors Unit to conduct traffic enforcement throughout the City. If you have not already, you should see a huge presence and many traffic stops. I encourage you to reach out to Pete Gelabert or me with any areas you would like to see increased enforcement.

Last month I mentioned a citywide increase in armed robberies and auto thefts. I am happy to report both crime categories are rapidly decreasing. This result can be attributed to public awareness, the efforts of the Auto Theft and Armed Robbery Units and our federal partners.

As always, I encourage everyone to participate in the Northwest Community Policing Council, Cop on a Corner and Coffee with a Cop. Open dialogue and communication are key to our success. Please keep an eye on the Northwest Area Command website for upcoming events.
Northwest Area Command

Lieutenant’s Corner

Northwest Area Command Watch I
Lt. Jeff Abernathy

Thank you to the public for your support and a quick message to Officers:

Spring is coming and soon enough - summer. With that also comes an increase in citizen issues of concern, and we will address them. Many of you already are aware of this and not surprised. However, because warm weather changes what kinds of activities happen, I encourage each of you to stay vigilant as we get busier and take extra time to watch out for each other, especially in lieu of recent events where on duty Officers have been targeted directly by violent crime. I hope this trend does not continue, but once these types of crimes are committed and no one is apprehended, it can certainly give criminals an emboldened sense of non-consequence for their actions. As mentioned last month, we are starting to increase our requirement for more directed activity in areas demonstrating a need for additional police services. Finally, I thank each of you for your hard work and dedication you give every day to the Department and to the citizens of the NW Area Command.

Northwest Area Command Watch II
Lt. Amy Sedler

Happy Spring, as the warm weather approaches we find ourselves enjoying family, friends and more outdoor activities. Over the past month our northwest officers enjoyed many community events to include Coffee with a Cop on March 22nd which took place at Donut Mart located at the intersection of Coors and Sequoia NW. It’s important to remember as the weather gets warmer we typically see an increase in calls for service that are generated in the northwest area command. Officers will work diligently to respond to these calls as quickly and safely as possible. Please remember to have all necessary information pertaining to your call available once officers arrive. This will aid in completing a thorough investigation and police report. If you need to report a crime without offender information, keep in mind you can use the telephone reporting unit to file this report. The staff of TRU will be happy to assist you. You can also file these reports online. Please stay safe and we look forward to serving you.

Northwest Area Command Watch III
Lt. Brian Pitzer

Moving into the late spring and early summer swing shift will be focusing on handling calls for service and traffic enforcement. We continue to see a trend of speeding and aggressive driving throughout the area command. If you have an area that needs addressing please reach out to me or my fellow supervisors so that we can allocate our officers. Northwest PRT continues to arrest violent habitual offenders committing shopliftings and other crimes throughout the area command. Their most recent arrest was a female offender who committed a shoplifting while armed with a firearm at the Cottonwood mall. She was taken into custody and was found to be a felon in possession of a stolen firearm. Our partnerships with the ATF allowed them to adopt the case thus keeping her locked up. PRT and Impact will be working together in order to address crime in the area command making it a safer place to live and shop.
In the month of March, NW PRT arrested 11 Felony Offenders on new charges, Cleared 12 Felony Warrants, 5 Misdemeanor Warrants, seized 2 Firearms used in criminal activity, recovered 3 stolen vehicles, and returned $6000.00 in stolen property back to rightful owners.

NW PRT has also conducted weekly bicycle patrols since April 1st, in known hot spots of criminal activity, conducted outreach with our unsheltered population, and conducted 4 joint operations with internal and external enablers in an effort to keep our community free from crime.

NW PRT continues to achieve the goal of proactively addressing crime, as well as the fear of crime in our area command using adoptive and affirmed community policing strategies of Problem Solving, Community Partnerships, and Organizational Transformation as the critical components in effectively and constitutionally addressing the community's concerns.

We strive to achieve our objectives through communication, enabling community partners, outreach, and proactive enforcement of ALL Felony crimes. “Here to Help!”
A.P.D File a Police Report Online / Telephone Reporting Unit

File an online police report.
https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online

Emergencies

If this is an emergency, call 911.
Are you the victim of a crime in Albuquerque? You might be able to report this crime to the Albuquerque Police Department online.

Report a Crime

We currently accept online reports for the following categories:

Incident
Fraud
Residential Burglary
Auto Burglary
Auto Vandalism
Lost Property
Telephone Harassment
Theft or Larceny
Vandalism
Simple Assaults and battery
Forgery
Harassment/Threats

Note: To report the crime to the Albuquerque Police Department, the crime must have happened in Albuquerque.

A.P.D. Telephone Reporting Unit

The Telephone Reporting Unit is responsible for reports where the suspect’s identity is unknown as well as all minor crime reports that do not require any field investigation by patrol officers in the field.

The Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) is staffed by civilian employees. Crimes with no suspect information or evidence (fingerprints, video, witnesses etc.) can be documented by the Telephone Reporting Unit.

Contact the Telephone Reporting Unit by calling (505) 242-2677 or (505) 242-COPS.
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

Each of the six Community Policing Councils is 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/register/WN_ZH3iX6nRSOmg7BA

E-mail contact information for the CPC Board is;
NorthwestCPC@cabq.gov.

City Councilors Name & E-mail contact information;
Dan Lewis - danlewis@cabq.gov.
Louie Sanchez - lesanchez@cabq.gov.
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.
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 eviction)
Laurelwood Neighborhood Association annual meeting
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6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month

6:00pm CPC (zoom) meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month

5:30pm Laurelwood N.A. annual meeting at the Ladera Golf Course

9:00am Block Captains city wide meeting APD Academy