

Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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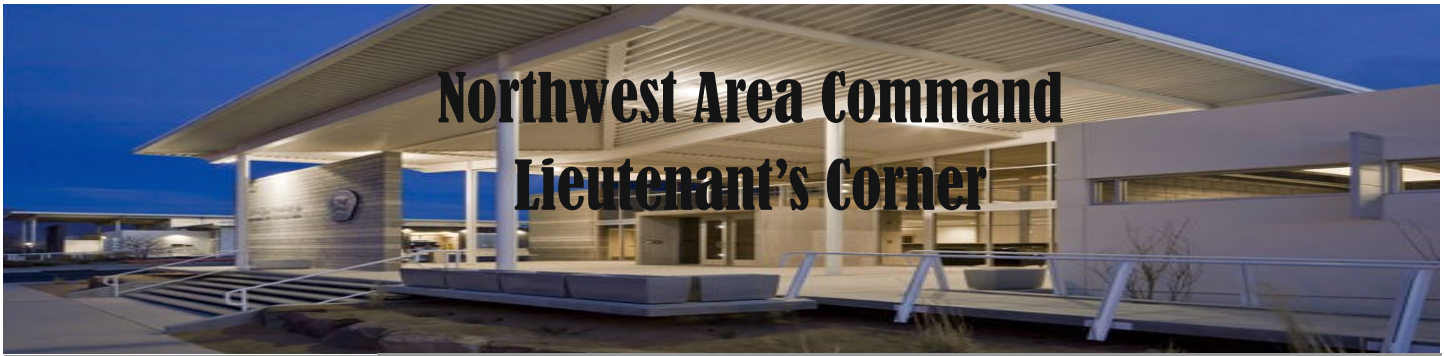
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Good Day to all our Northwest Residents and Visitors. We want to remind everyone that with school in session to please slow down and watch out for our young ones on their way to school.. Northwest officers and officers from our Traffic division will be out in force to make sure we can keep the streets calm and safe for our kiddos. We will be doing a month long Operation at Mariposa Park to address some crime and other issues out there. If you see officers or Police Service Aides out and about please feel free to say hi and let them know any issues that you see out there. We want to make sure that we are keeping things safe for our youth. We will have a follow on Operation in West Bluff Park in the future to address similar issues there as well.





NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Bonnie Briones

Community Safety Update: Staying Safe in Parks & Public Spaces

As we are enjoying Albuquerque's beautiful parks and open spaces, it's a great time to remind ourselves and others of a few key safety tips:

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.

Let's continue working together to keep our parks safe, peaceful, and welcoming for all. Stay safe and enjoy the outdoors!

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II ACT. LIEUTENANT Jeremy Lujan

New Acting Lieutenant, Jeremy Lujan assigned to the NW Area Command.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II1 LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the communities that hosted National Night Out events. It was another fantastic year getting out into the neighborhoods, connecting with residents, and enjoying the great turnout. We truly appreciate the opportunity to engage with everyone who attended.

August has been a busy month for the Northwest Grave shift officers, especially with the start of the school year. Our team has been working hard to ensure safety in school zones by conducting traffic enforcement throughout the area command.

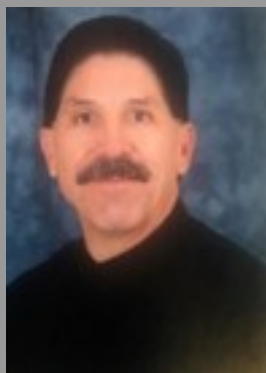
As a reminder to all drivers:

- Please observe and follow the reduced speed limits in school zones.
- Do not pass other vehicles while in a school zone.
- If a school bus is stopped with its stop sign extended, you must stop and wait until the bus has finished loading or unloading students and the sign is retracted.

Let's all do our part to keep our children safe.

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Crime Prevention Corner

Auto Theft Prevention

Taking precautionary and target hardening measures can reduce your chances of becoming the victim of an auto theft. The listed tips below can help can make your vehicle an unappealing target for auto thieves.

Precautions Devices

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors and take your key, even if you will only be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Park your vehicle in a visible area with good lighting.
- If you have a garage use, as an alternative park in your driveway.
- Lock the garage door and your vehicle.
- Do not leave the title inside the vehicle.

Devices

- Kill Switch – Interrupts the electrical, fuel or ignition system.
- Steering Wheel (Club) Lock – Prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees; visible from outside the vehicle.
- VIN Etching – Etching the VIN number on the vehicle's glass can make it less valuable to thieves.

The majority of auto thefts take place night or in the early morning hours, and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes.

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/register/WN_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCW

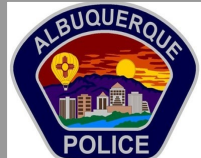
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Community Partnership and Outreach:

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.

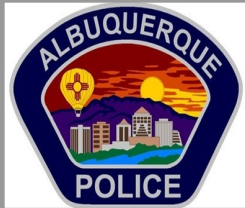
ADAPT Program (Abandoned & Dilapidated Abatement Property Team):

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 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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Rancho Sereno Annual Neighborhood Association meeting at the NW Substation.



Chief Harold Medina Corner



Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque! At the start of August, we are gearing up for our 2025 National Night Out! If you've never attended a National Night Out event, I encourage our community to do so.



What is National Night Out?

Neighbors from across the United States host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events to send a message that our community is fighting back against crime. 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. Come together to strengthen neighborhoods and improve police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

A full list of locations can be found at: <https://www.cabq.gov/national-night-out/national-night-out-locations>

As for crime fighting, we recently announced our continued focus on resources in our city's Downtown area. Throughout the summer we are maintaining a zero tolerance policy to criminal activity.

Since the beginning of the year APD has arrested 26 juveniles Downtown and recovered 19 firearms.

Recruitment

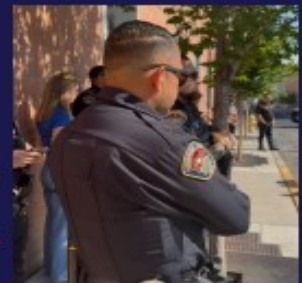


Our recruiting efforts continue to be successful! APD just graduated 11 cadets from its Recruit Officer Basic Training (ROBT) Academy. This is a part of our new format to hold five cadet classes a year. Congratulations to all our new officers!

Thank you for your continued support.

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- Shootings: - 20%
- Robbery: - 12.5%
- Sex Crimes - 61.5%
- Burglary: - 2.9%
- Auto Theft: - 29.8%
- Shoplifting: - 20%



-Chief Harold Medina

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