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Greetings Northwest, I hope everyone is staying cool during these hot summer months. We predicted and saw an uptick in property crimes when the weather changed. However, almost every property crime category has shown a downward trend in the last month. This can be attributed to officers working harder and smarter. We have a dedicated Crime Analyst who provides the command staff with a weekly report detailing spikes in crime with specific days, times and locations. This helps us determine where and how we should deploy our resources. The Department also definitely depends on communication from citizens and businesses. We are collaborating with businesses in the Montano Plaza area and forming a new business coalition. I mentioned last month that the Northwest Proactive Response Team would be using information from the community to address these issues. They have done so with flying colors. Sgt. Poccia and his team conducted an operation along Coors from Paseo Del Norte to Cottonwood over the Tax Free Weekend. They made several felony and misdemeanor arrests and recovered thousands of dollars in merchandise. As far as the traffic issues go, we are still conducting our tact plans and partnering with the Motors Unit to address the speeding and other infractions. We also have our first speed camera installed along Unser. As always, I encourage everyone to participate in the Northwest Community Policing Council, Neighborhood Association meetings and Cop on a Corner and Coffee with a Cop. Open dialogue and communication are key to our success. I had a wonderful time speaking with many of you during National Night Out. Several community members had viable suggestions for issues within the Area Command. Please keep an eye on the Northwest Area Command website for upcoming events.





**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I
ACTING LT. LARRY MIDDLETON**



The North West graveyard officers attended 5 different national night out events. The shift continues to try and address commercial burglaries by increasing patrols in commercial areas throughout the shift.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II
LT. Amy Sedler**

The Northwest Area Command had an exciting start to August. In the early hours of August 8, 2022 northwest officers responded to the area of Golf Course and Calle Nortena in response to a bear siting. A short time later the over 200 pound adult male was located under a shade tree in the back yard of a local home owner. Game and Fish arrived and the bear was safely captured and relocated to the nearby Game and Fish office. It was with the assistance of officers and local residents from the neighborhood who provided blankets, tarps, and chair cushions that this bear was safely removed from a tree and didn't sustain any injuries on the way down. Once evaluated the bear will likely be released back into the mountains west of Albuquerque.

We will continue to increase our traffic control enforcement in the Cottonwood and West Bluff areas throughout the summer. We hope this increase and officer visibility will deter any crime or nuisances from coming into the area and provide some peace for local residents.

As always, please stay safe. We all here at the Northwest Sub Station look forward to serving you.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III
LT. BRIAN PITZER**

As some of you may know I supervise swing shift, but I also oversee the Northwest Proactive Response Team. This team led by Sgt. Poccia continues to make a huge impact with our west side stakeholders. Recently NW PRT got a tip from a stakeholder about an organized shoplifting ring. The items were being stolen at our retailers such as Target, Marshals, Home Depot. The offenders would jump on the city bus and catch ride down Coors. They would take the stolen merch and exchange it for narcotics, at a residence in the area. With the assistance of our Federal partners a warrant was issued for the residence. The house was searched and yielded 4,500 fentanyl pills, half pound of meth and thousands of dollars in stolen merch. I just wanted to share this with everyone as this is only one of hundreds of arrests this team has made in the last several months.



Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The Northwest Problem Response Team just tested and selected two new members, which will be a great addition to the team, bringing the total officers on NW PRT to 3 Officers, and 1 Sergeant. We want to welcome Officer Robert Blea and Officer Diomedes Cordoba to the team!

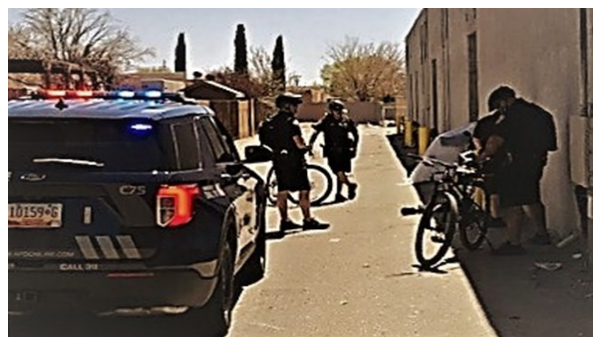
Officer B. Forsberg just promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and we thank him tremendously for the outstanding hard work he has put in for the residents of the NW area command over the past three years. His legacy of efficient and proactive engagements with the community will continue.

In August, NW PRT participated in 2 Operational plans, which netted the arrest of over 25 Felony Offenders and the recovery of over \$10,000.00 in stolen property.

As a Team, we strive to hold criminals accountable by using a collaborative strategy and internal and external enablers to identify, track, and apprehend violent and repeat organized crime offenders. NW PRT aggressively and proactively addresses the community's concern by using effective communication, enabling community partners, outreach, and aggressive enforcement of ALL Felony Crimes.

We want to hear from you about all your concerns.

“Here to Help!”



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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Auto Burglary Crime Prevention Tips

CAR BURGLARIES are very difficult cases to solve due to the burglars usually leaving very little physical evidence behind after a car burglary has occurred. The crimes usually occur in business parking lots and residential streets and driveways at night, when it is less likely the thieves will be seen. Some of the most common places we have seen car burglaries are locations where people are doing some type of physical activity requiring them to leave their valuables behind in their vehicle. Burglars will target parking lots that include (businesses, shopping malls and gyms).

In order to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a car burglary we have provided some easy tips to follow. ALWAYS close your windows and lock your car doors. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a criminal.

PARK in well lit areas close to the building. While parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk, criminal looks for cars parked out of the way in order to help ensure less attention is drawn to them.

REMOVE loose valuables from your vehicle. This includes purses, wallets, cellular phones, laptop computers, briefcases, backpacks and gym bags. A car burglar loves to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort. A brick through the window is all it takes to gain access to those loose items.

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.

Keep a list of serial numbers for your commonly used electronic equipment. Even if you plan on never leaving a cellular phone or laptop computer in your car, you should record all of the following information: Make of item, model number and serial number.

Having this information available is necessary in order to enter the items into the police computer database. This will aid the police in trying to locate the items if the criminals are found with them or if they are pawned. This will also ensure the property is returned to the rightful owner.



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



Council Chair:

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Other Members:

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- Racheal Donovan
- Dr. Stephanie Coleman Mack
- Tom Borst
- Jeff Miller
- Chanda Vigil
- Jacquelyn Cook
- Terra Bernheisel

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and or

CPC (zoom) meeting ,
3rd Wednesday of
every month. Link.
[https://cabq.zoom.us/
webinar/register/](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/)

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_ZH3iX6nRSOmGbBA

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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:

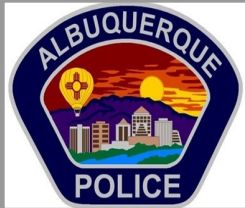
The NW Area Command has over 100 neighborhood watch programs and block captains. We have established an excellent rapport and understanding of the needs and concerns of the neighborhoods and block captains within their respected neighborhoods. The block captain/officer initiative program strengthens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

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)



August 2022

Northwest Area Command Photos

Coffee with a Cop at the Starbucks



Pizza with a Cop at Dion's Pizza



Tacos with a Cop at Walgreens



Northwest Area Command February Calendar of Events Corner

◀ August 2022	August 2022						August 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
31	1 6:30pm Rancho Sereno N.A. annual meeting at the NW S-station	2 6:00pm National Night Out Event	3 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	4	5	6	
7	8 6:00pm Ventana Ranch West neighborhood safety meeting at the park	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17 6:00pm CPC (zoom) meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month	18	19	20	
21	22 5:30pm -7:30pm NW Area Town Hall meeting at Ladera Golf Course.	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30 9:00am Coffee with a Cop Weck's 6311 Riverside Plaza NW	31 10:00am Riverside Business Coalition meeting at 62271 Riverside Plaza NW				
							