

Northwest Area Command

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With the holiday season coming to a close, some may feel the isolation of being alone, away from family members and gatherings that were prevalent over the last couple months. I just wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the community resources available. Call, Text, or Chat with the HelpLine M-F 10am to 10pm at 1(800) 950-6264 or text the “helpline” at 62640. The crisis call or text line is also available 24/7 at 988.

If someone you know or yourself is thinking about completing suicide or harming others please call 911 immediately. In most cases an e CIT certified officer will be dispatched to speak with you. You can also request a Mobile Crisis Team commonly referred to as MCT, which is an officer and clinician team, to also respond.



Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Juan Cabrera

Northwest Dayshift Officers are focused on citizens having a safe holiday month. We understand how important the business districts of the Northwest are in relation to holiday shopping and activities. We plan on maximizing our efforts to ensure these districts stay safe for all. We are showing presence and conducting foot patrols. Hopefully we can run into Santa and get a quick picture and let him know what we want for Christmas.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II ACT. LIEUTENANT Jeremy Lujan

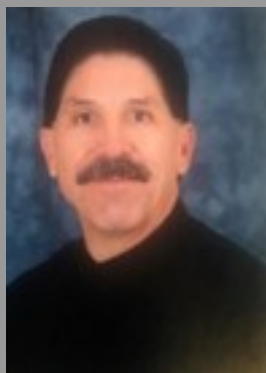
NW swing shift has been in full swing with the Holiday tac plan all month and has yielded several Felony arrests while working with NW retailers. I urge citizens to utilize the if you see something say something method, to either loss prevention or 242-cops. Remember to keep all valuables locked up in your trucks or out of plain sight when shopping during the Holiday season.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. The Northwest Area Command was busy in December with multiple operations that were winding down as they came onto shift, as well as responding to calls for service and being proactive by conducting traffic stops, checking high crime areas, and parks. For 2025, Northwest area officers conducted over 3300 traffic stops.

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Crime Prevention Corner

How to Start A Neighborhood Watch

Welcome to the New Year. The Crime Prevention Unit is working very hard to continue to recruit new Neighborhood Watch programs. If you know of anyone who is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program please contact Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist for the NW Area Command at, 505-768-4873 and or e mail Pete at pgelabert@cabq.gov.

1. You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.
2. Whoever is going to host the meeting calls Pete Gelabert, NW Area Command Crime Prevention Specialist at, 505-768-4873, and or E mail Pete at pgelabert@cabq.gov, to provide their name, address and telephone number. Pete Gelabert will send a starter packet to you.
3. The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form.
4. The host then sends the completed neighborhood list back to Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist..
5. Crime Prevention Specialist, Pete Gelabert will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.
6. At the meeting, the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
7. The Crime Prevention Specialist will conduct the meeting and towards the end, facilitate the group's selection of a Block Captain who will function as the neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.
8. The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain replacement, etc.).
10. The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.



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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Northwest Area Command Community Partnership and Outreach Corner



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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.

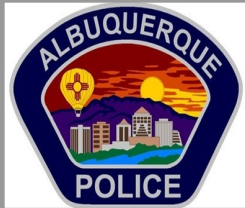
ADAPT Program (Abandoned & Dilapidated Abatement Property Team):

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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Coffee with a Cop at the Starbucks located at 4101 Coors NW.

