



Northwest Area Command Commander Saladin Corner

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Happy Holidays Northwest. As is the norm, the holiday season brings with it an uptick in traffic and retail crime. Our Holiday Tact Plan is in full force, being headed by the Northwest Proactive Response Team and in partnership with New Mexico State Police who are enforcing Traffic Laws along Coors. I am happy to report that as our reports of retail crime go up, so do our incidents of arrests for these crimes. Our end of year crimes statistics are also encouraging. Please pay close attention to Mr. Gelabert's page this month for quality tips on how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime this time of year. I'd like to close with gratitude to all of you for the support and recognize two entities in particular. I would like to personally thank the APD Traffic Unit for their help with the traffic issues within the Area Command. I would also like to recognize the Community Policing Councils. They have been identified as a "National Model in best practices" by the Department of Justice's Independent Monitoring Team. This means they are doing the job better than any other such organization in the Country. The Northwest Community Policing Council had a huge part in achieving this and, as always, I encourage everyone to participate in the monthly meetings. I wish you all safe, happy holidays and I look forward to partnering with you in the coming New Year.





**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I
LIEUTENANT CHARLES CROOK**



I have been with the department since January 2006, out of the 93rd APD class. Ten years of my career as an officer was spent in Field Services Bureau with four years of that time as a Field Training Officer. I was a Field Investigator processing crime scenes for about two years before the unit was converted to civilian only. I also worked with Internal Affairs Force Division for about one year before promoting to Sergeant in 2019. I spent over one year in the field as a sergeant before testing and transferring to Crisis Intervention Unit overseeing Mobile Crisis Teams and CIT Coordinators (responsible for department wide training, networking, and program expansion with the public and stakeholders). I worked with them for two years from 2020 to 2022, then I promoted to Lieutenant October 25, 2022. Throughout my career I maintained several certifications including ECIT, FTO, General Instructor, RBT Instructor/Evaluator, defensive tactics and ground control instructor.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II
ACTING LIEUTENANT JOSHUA RICHARDS**

Hello Northwest Area Command!!!!
My name is Josh Richards and I am the new Day shift lieutenant! I just want to take a moment of your time to introduce myself. I am a life-long resident of Albuquerque NM. I attended Cibola High School, graduating in 2001. I attended the University of New Mexico until I left early to in-list in the United States Marine Corps. 9-11 had happened a couple of years earlier and I wanted to look back on my life and say I served my country. I deployed to Iraq in 2007, Al Anbar province.
During this time, I found my passion for service. Once I returned home, I joined the Albuquerque Police Department. I have worked all over the department to include FSB, Tactical (k-9/SWAT) and Investigations (Impact/GVRU/GVSU).
I am married to the love of my life of 16 year Marcy and we are raising our two kids (Christian and Keira) here in Albuquerque! I am excited to be back in the Northwest Area Command where I grew up and had great leaders instill the foundation that I use to serve my City!!!

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

I hope everyone is having a great and safe holiday season. PRT and our officers have worked diligently to provide a safe shopping experience for the Cottonwood mall area and surrounding box stores during our holiday tact plan. We have had great success with bringing in extra officers and police service aides to assist in patrolling the parking lots – and to operate our mobile command post substation, which has been parked near the Dion’s in front of the mall. During a recent arrest PRT apprehended a male subject who was urinating in public behind the Bed Bath and Beyond. The subject was also found to be in possession of a handgun and binoculars. He was ultimately booked at MDC for Felon in Possession of a firearm. This is just a small facet of the good work our officers are doing on a daily basis.



Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The NW PRT team strives to protect the citizens of the NW area command through aggressive enforcement of ALL crimes committed within the area command. As a Team, we strive to hold criminals accountable by using a collaborative strategy using internal and external enablers to identify, track, and apprehend violent and repeat offenders. NW PRT aggressively and proactively addresses the community's concerns by using effective communication, enabling community partners, community outreach, and aggressive enforcement of ALL crimes committed.

We want to hear from you about all your concerns. If you see something....say something.

“Here to Help!”



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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Crime Prevention Corner

With the holidays here please see the below crime prevention safety information on auto burglary.

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity; vehicles are easy targets and often contain property that is attractive to thieves during the holidays. Restaurants, Shopping Malls, Department Stores (big box stores). Large parking lots and neighborhoods with a lot of on street parking can be prime targets for theft. The majority of auto burglaries take place at night or in the early morning hours, and half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes. Please use the tips below to reduce the risk.

- **Leave nothing in plain-view inside your vehicle.**
- **Park in visible, well - lit areas.**
- **Lock your doors.**
- **Place items in your trunk or take them inside your home.**



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



Council Chair:

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Other Members:

- Karen Schwartz
- Marsella Duarte
- Terra Bernheisel
- Thomas Borst
- Mike Brewer
- Edward Buttner
- Jeff Miller
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- Jacquelyn Cooke
- Phillip Ramirez
- Chanda Vigil

CPC meeting , 3rd
Wednesday of every
month.

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 made up of eleven 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



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.

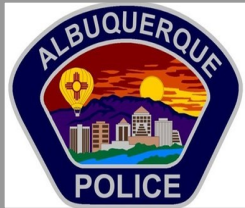
ADAPT Program (Abandoned & Dilapidated Abatement Property Team):

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)

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Northwest Area Command Photos

Coffee with a Cop at the Chick-Fil-A 3801 Ellison NW



Northwest Area Command February Calendar of Events Corner

◀ December 2022	December 2022						December 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3 11:30am Taylor Ranch Association luncheon at the Taylor Ranch Community Center	
4	5	6	7 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14 10:30am Assistance League of Albuquerque, 5211 Lomas NE. Crime Prevention Safety presentation.	15	16	17	
18	19	20 8am 10am Coffee with a Cop at the Chick-Fil-A located at 3801 Ellison NW	21	22	23	24	
25		27	28	29	30	31	



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RADIO ENCRYPTION INFORMATION

Police radio transmissions are law enforcement tools that provide secure communication between emergency dispatchers and police officers.

Unfortunately, some individuals publish or broadcast sensitive, investigative details obtained through scanners that monitor the radio transmissions. In some cases, the information is published online, without verification or regard for the potential impact on an investigation. Social media and the instant access to information through smart phones dramatically increase the possibility that suspects can access information about police investigations in real time. This is especially concerning during critical incidents, like active shootings and mass casualty events, but also during the immediate aftermath of a homicide.

As a result of these concerns, the Albuquerque Police Department has encrypted its area command channels to ensure efficient and effective communication.

The Department will allow access to police radio transmissions to news media outlets on a case-by-case basis.

