



# Northwest Area Command

## Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Happy New Year to our residents of the Northwest Area Command. I am excited to be back after being on leave for the last few months of the year as my family grew at home. During the 2025 year we saw significant reductions in both violent and property crimes in the Northwest Area Command. We had double digit reductions from the previous year in Aggravated Assualts (14.7%), Robbery (26.9%), Auto Burglary (26.6%), and Auto Theft (45%). Furthermore, we had single digit reductions in Burglary (6.4%), and Shoplifting (6.1%). We saw a significant increase in enforcement activities which I feel directly contributed to our success with crime reduction as well as our increased technological capabilities. We had a 32% increase in arrests from the previous year arresting 512 additional violators, 268 of which were arrested and booked and the remaining 244 were cited into court for their actions. We saw that success continue with 6646 traffic citations being issued on 1799 traffic stops for our Northwest Traffic Tact Plan.

While these numbers show the hard work of our officers and our continued and successful collaboration with our residents we are striving to make improvements and have continued success in 2026. I look forward to seeing our partnerships with the various neighborhoods and community groups continue to grow and develop this next year as we all strive to make this the best part of the city to live, raise a family and work. Thank you all for your efforts, vigilance and reporting and thank you to our officers working across the Area Command to keep our neighborhood safe.





# Northwest Area Command

## Lieutenant's Corner



### NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I

#### LIEUTENANT Juan Cabrera

Northwest Days hopes everyone had a great holiday. We were busy ensuring business districts stayed clean and safe for all to enjoy. Just because holidays are over, doesn't mean we are going to let up. We are going to continue to conduct our tact plans in the business district to curb larceny, and we are going to keep focus on traffic enforcement throughout the main roadways and neighborhoods. I ask everyone to please lock their vehicles and secure all valuables. We have had an increase in auto burglaries consisting of unlocked cars with firearms inside them. Also, it's getting cold, and folks tend to warm up their vehicles in the mornings. Please ensure it's done securely; don't make it easy for them to take your vehicle. Thank you everyone.

### NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II

#### LIEUTENANT Jeremy Lujan

I hope all had a Safe Holiday season and are staying warm during the cold month of January. Swing shift has been working with the neighborhood associations with combating any concerns in our area command. Swing shift has had several field briefings out in the community and continues to work hand in hand with our community to keep the NW area command a safe and enjoyable area to live. Remember to not leave vehicles running unattended in the mornings, as this is when car thieves use these times as a perfect opportunity to take vehicles when left running to warm up. Stay safe and warm!

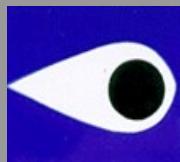
### NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III

#### LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope you all have had a wonderful start to 2026. Northwest grave officers have been working hard, patrolling the area command, and being proactive when possible. This month, we have been taking care of different aggressive driving/racing complaints. The officers have conducted more than 175 traffic stops and made numerous arrests this month.



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## Crime Prevention Corner

### How to Avoid Warm-Up Theft This Winter

As temperatures drop in the winter, drivers may be tempted to stay inside and keep warm while they wait for their cars to warm up.

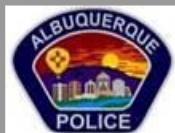
However, car owners may want to think twice before they leave their cars running, unlocked and unattended.

Car thieves are on the lookout for these vehicles warming up in driveways.

**Here are some tips from to avoid becoming a victim of warm-up thefts:**

- Never leave your vehicle running or leave the keys in the ignition when the vehicle isn't within eyesight. Not even for "just a minute."
- Roll up the windows and lock the car.
- Do not leave the registration or title in the car. This makes it easier for thieves to dispose of your vehicle and it also makes you a target for identity theft.
- Stay alert when approaching the vehicle. Check around the car for thieves and suspicious persons. Leave as soon as you are concerned for your safety.
- Park your car in busy areas that are properly lighted.
- Install a mechanical locking device that locks to the steering wheel, club.
- Use alarms or anti-theft devices if your vehicle has one.





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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](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 strengthens the ties between the officers, and the community.

### ADAPT Program (Abandoned & Dilapidated Abatement Property Team):

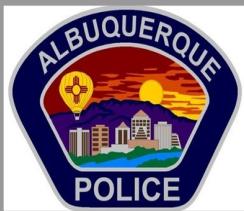
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and 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

## 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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## McGruff visiting the students at Marie Hughes Elementary

