

Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Good Day Residents of the Northwest. It's that wonderful time of year when our kids return to school to start filling their minds with new information and fun experiences. We ask you all to watch your speeds in the school zones and please exercise patience while on the roads. Add more time to your drive to make sure that you arrive on time and avoid speeding or any other bad driving that places our children at risk. We will have officers out watching these areas to do our part to keep the kids safe. Please help us ensure all the kids get to school.



Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Bonnie Briones

Don't make it easy for thieves. Each night, remember to:

LOCK your vehicle – Even in your driveway

REMOVE valuables – Don't leave bags, electronics, or weapons inside

TAKE your keys and garage openers

LIGHT up your driveway or parking area

CAMERAS ensure they are going to capture your vehicle

Do your 9PM Routine:

Lock doors | Remove valuables | Turn on lights

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING.

Report suspicious activity to **242-COPS (2677)**

In an emergency, call **911**

Stay safe and take care!

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Lt. Renee Ollquist

Lieutenant Ollquist will be on light duty due to an injury.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

Hope everyone enjoyed their 4th of July and has had a wonderful month. July has been busy for the Northwest Grave Officers. They have been working proactively throughout the area command and responding to calls for service. The officers conducted approximately 350 traffic stops and made numerous arrests. As July comes to a close and August approaches, I would like to remind everyone that school will be starting soon. With the school year approaching, let's ensure that we slow down for school zones and keep an eye out for kids as they go to and from school.

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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Crime Prevention Corner

. <https://www.cabq.gov/national-night-out/national-night-out>

When is National Night Out?

The 2025 National Night Out takes place **Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025.**

If there is any event that a neighborhood or block should organize, this is it!



**NATIONAL
NIGHT
Out**

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

August 5, 2025

Event Location & Time

Together, we are making communities safer,
more caring places to live and work



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.

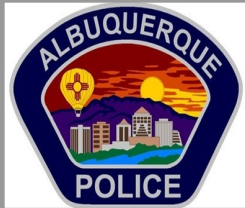
ADAPT Program (Abandoned & Dilapidated Abatement Property Team):

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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Chief Harold Medina Corner



Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend and wow, we are already halfway through a very successful year so far.

I would like to start off by sending a huge thank you to everyone at the Sandia Peak Tramway who launched a fundraiser in honor of K-9 Rebel who was tragically killed in the line of duty. Through the Rides for Rebel fundraiser, the Tram raised \$20,000 in Rebel's honor which will go

toward a new training park in Rebel's honor to help train future K-9s for many years to come. Our community is incredible and we can't thank you all enough for your support.



Our department recently launched it's first ever Bike with a Cop event, and it was a huge success. We had more than 20 people take part in the 6-mile ride with our bike officers, and we hope to have many more in the future. Thank you to everyone who came out and learned safety tips from our dedicated officers.

We are always looking for more ways to engage with the community and this was an idea that came directly from our University Proactive Response Team.



As we are right in the thick of summer, I wanted to provide an update on our drone program as we are utilizing this vital technology to help patrol the Bosque. After several days of what are believed to have been man-made fires along the Bosque we have now launched our drones to help patrol the open space area and spot any suspicious activity or fires starting. If anything is spotted, our

Open Space Officers are immediately dispatched to investigate further.

Thank you as always for your continued support, and stay tuned for some more announcements coming this month on summer safety!



-Chief Harold Medina

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