



# Northwest Area Command Acting Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Happy Spring everyone! Its finally that time of year when it warms up and we get that extra light at the end of the day to enjoy activities such as sports, bike rides and other family friendly events in our neighborhoods. I want to remind all of our citizens that this time of year brings everyone outside after the last few months of cold weather. Please be careful when driving and watch out for our younger kiddos who will be out and about enjoying the sun and fresh air. Also I want to thank the many of you who have reached out to myself and our city councilors about traffic issues here in the Northwest. We are aware of those issues and have been working diligently to address your concerns on Coors Blvd, Westside Blvd and the surrounding streets. We have issued over 573 tickets on Westside Blvd since November 2023, over 383 tickets on Coors since February, and over 194 tickets on Ladera since January. Our officers are working to address speeding and other dangerous driving behaviors now and will do so over the summer. Lastly, just a friendly reminder to all of our ATV/UHV drivers. Those vehicles, despite having plates or permits, are not permitted to be driven on roadways here in the City of Albuquerque based upon city ordinance. They can be trailered out to the open space areas to be enjoyed and you can cross a paved roadway but you cannot drive from your house out to the mesa to go ride. You risk getting a citation and having your vehicle towed.



# Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT CABRERA



Spring is here, with that said, folks are coming out more and enjoying the outdoors. Please respect the parks and its rules. While driving, please be respectful and courteous. If someone is causing issues, the best thing to do is ignore or be passive toward them (let them go). Day shift will be doing numerous projects to prevent shoplifting in the NW businesses. Our goal is to ensure the NW residents/businesses feel safe and secure. We want to keep our businesses here lucrative and for citizens to leisurely enjoy shopping. Hope everyone has a great start to Spring!

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Andrew Quillmann

The area command has implemented multiple POP projects to address auto theft, burglary, and shoplifting. Along with increased patrols, traffic enforcement and other tac plans in the hot spot areas, the POP projects include working closely with the respective investigative units to get them and the NW patrol officers information as quickly as possible on recent crimes. This should assist the investigative units with building cases and obtaining warrants more quickly. NW residents can help us bring down the numbers for auto thefts by allowing officers and evidence technicians to collect latent evidence when a stolen car is recovered. It may be time-consuming, but a little time spent waiting for an evidence technician can help make the community safer. Residents can help bring down the number of burglaries by reporting residential and auto burglaries and allowing evidence technicians to check for and collect latent evidence inside and outside of the home or the automobile. Please keep in mind how important it is to report all crime and suspicious activity when you see it. This helps us catch criminals and allows us to track where we need to apply our resources.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Larry Middleton

Lt. Middleton is out of town

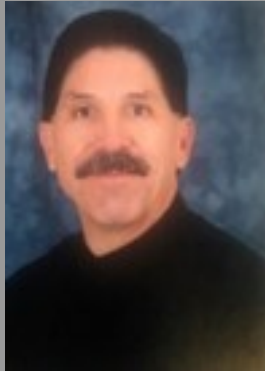




# Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

## Crime Prevention

### TIPS FOR FIREARM SAFETY IN YOUR HOME



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- Always keep the firearm’s muzzle pointed in a safe direction. A “safe direction” means that the gun is pointed so that even if an accidental discharge occurred, it would not result in injury.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you actually intend to shoot. When handling a gun, rest your finger outside the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Don’t touch the trigger until you are actually ready to fire.
- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use. Whenever you pick up a gun, such as when removing it from or returning it to storage, remember to point it in a safe direction and make sure it is unloaded.
- Be sure you know how your firearm operates: read the manual on your firearm, know how to safely open and close the action of the firearm and know how to safely remove any ammunition from the firearm and its magazine.
- Store your firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case when not in use, ensuring they are in a location inaccessible by children and cannot be handled by anyone without your permission.
- Store your ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.
- Use a gun locking device that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use. A gun lock should be used as an additional safety precaution and not as a substitute for secure storage.
- Make sure young people in your home are aware of and understand the safety guidelines concerning firearms. A reminder that if they find an unattended firearm in their home or a neighbor’s to not touch it, and tell an adult.



- Always unload, clean and place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after returning from a hunting trip or a day at the range.





# 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/regar/WN\\_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCW](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/regar/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):

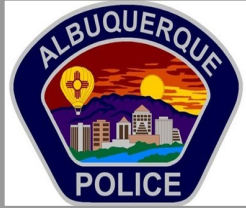
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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

## 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







# Northwest Area Command Albuquerque Community Safety

## 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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# Northwest Area Command Photos

**Laurelwood N.A. annual meeting**



**Coffee with a Cop at the Walgreens**



**NW CPC social meeting**



**Palmilla Senior Living Coffee with a Cop**

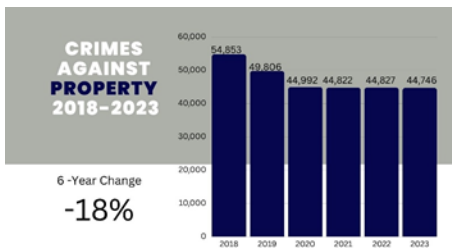






We recently released preliminary crime stats for 2023 that generally show progress in many areas over the past year. Most notably, homicides were down 19% over the prior year. We continued to see reductions in burglary (-16%), auto theft (-13%), and robbery (-41%).

We should be proud of these reductions. In many cases the efforts of our officers, detectives and professional staff are contributing to this reduction in crime. Since 2018, property crime is down 18%.



We know some categories of crime are more directly related to our enforcement actions than others. As we focused on organized retail crime operations, we not only made more arrests, but we also encouraged businesses to report these crimes. That is one reason we saw shoplifting numbers increase so much.



While it is important to track these crime stats, it is just as important to highlight our enforcement efforts, which reflect the hard work of the department. Homicide detectives solved 80 cases in 2023, which led to murder charges for 119 suspects. Officers throughout the department made increased felony arrests by 14%, felony warrant arrests by 26% and issued 28% more citations over the same period in 2022.

Crime stats do not necessarily reflect the effort we put in every day. We still have challenges resulting from drug and alcohol addiction and mental illness that affect too many people in our community. Thank you to everyone for the hard work and for your dedication to the community we serve.



*Chief Harold Medina*

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