

# Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Good Day to all our residents of the Northwest Area Command. We are excited to continue to serve you all here in the Northwest. We are excited with the recent announcement of Chief Barker becoming our permanent Chief of Police. She served several years as the Commander for the Northwest so we know this area is near and dear to her heart. On April 4<sup>th</sup> we will start our new Officer bid for the next year and we had 23 officers return to work here and 25 new officers join our team to proactively and professionally patrol and work here in the Northwest. We have two new Lieutenants joining us on Swing shift and Graveyard and their introductions will be coming next month. On another note I will be retiring at the end of May 2026. It's been a pleasure and real honor to work for all of you and I have strived to make this the best part of town to work, live and enjoy your free time. I hope in your eyes I have been successful. In next month's Letter I hope to announce the new Commander who will take over for me and I will be working with them for my last several weeks to get them up to speed on everything that happens here and the efforts we have. I have served APD for over 20 years and about five of those years have been here in the Northwest as either a sergeant or as the commander. I know the officers will continue to work hard to make this the best place to live, work and play. Thank you all for your efforts in helping us accomplish that task.





# Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Juan Cabrera



NW Day shift continues to put a strong focus on traffic in the mornings and late afternoons. Road rage incidents continue to be a concern in our city. Strongly recommend we all check our driving, and if we come across an aggressive driver, we exercise patience and humbleness. There is no reason to escalate a situation. Larceny continues to be a topic we focus on as well. Please assist in ensuring your valuables are secure, this includes when you are doing a quick errand and leave your vehicle in the parking lot. Bad folks look for any opportunity, and we need to limit those opportunities. Thank you all, and stay safe as we go into the spring season.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Jeremy Lujan

Lt. Lujan is on FMLA.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

March marks the conclusion of the Field Services Bureau 2025–2026 bid cycle. As we move into April, the Northwest Area Command will welcome both new and familiar officers. While I will not be continuing my assignment here, I remain grateful for the opportunity to have served this community.

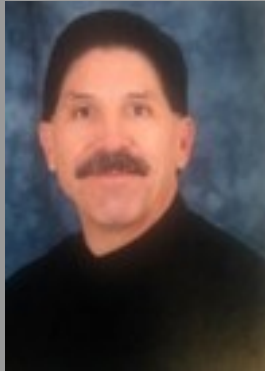
I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the residents, businesses, employees, and visitors of the Northwest Area Command. Your continued support, communication, and partnership have played a vital role in helping us serve effectively. The relationships built over this past year have made a meaningful difference in our shared efforts to keep the community safe.

Throughout March, Northwest graveyard officers continued to work diligently on your behalf. They responded to numerous calls for service, conducted traffic enforcement, and carried out proactive patrols in targeted areas. These efforts were guided not only by crime data analysis but also by input from community members requesting increased police presence.





# Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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## Crime Prevention Corner

### Vacation Home Safety Tips

**While planning for your upcoming summer vacation, remember to include plans for the security of your home.**

- Let someone know where you are going, the route you plan to take, when you plan to arrive and contact information for emergencies.
- Make sure your house appears “lived-in” when you are away. Lock all doors and windows, set household lights (inside and out) on timers.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied.
- Tell a trusted neighbor you will be heading out of town and ask they keep an eye on your home.
- Have a neighbor park a car in your driveway to make it appear as if someone is home.
- Have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers while you are away or have them held at the post office.
- Don’t announce on any social web sites that you’re going on vacation.



# 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](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):**

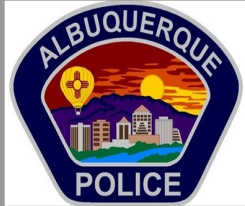
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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

## 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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## Golden Corral Business Watch meeting



## Taylor Ranch N.A. Annual meeting

