

# Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Good Day to all our residents here in the Northwest! It's the wonderful summer season and that means vacations!!! Please make sure you contact the Substation at 768-4852 and set up a periodic watch for your home while your away. Let your trusted neighbors now how long you will be gone and provide them with a good contact number so if an unfortunate situation occurs then police or fire personnel can contact you. Having your trash removed and put down and having automatic timers for lights and a solid security system set up are also great deterrents. For those of you staying home please keep an eye out in your neighborhoods and we see an influx of pets being left in vehicles. In the summer heat that can prove deadly in a matter of minutes so please be diligent and don't leave our furry friends in the cars even with windows cracked.



# Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Bonnie Briones

As warmer months approach, we often see a rise in vehicle burglaries—many of which are crimes of opportunity. Help keep our neighborhoods safe by taking a few simple precautions to protect your vehicle and belongings.

### Vehicle Safety Tips:

- **Always Lock Your Doors and Roll Up Windows** Even if you're stepping away for just a few minutes—make sure your vehicle is secure.
- **Remove Valuables** Take valuables inside (bags, electronics, wallets). Even small items in view can tempt thieves.
- **Use Outdoor Lighting and Cameras** Park in well-lit areas or install motion-activated lights. Visible cameras can be a strong deterrent.
- **Avoid Leaving Spare Keys Inside** Thieves often check consoles, glove boxes, and under seats for extra keys.
- **Use an Alarm or Anti-Theft Device** Audible alarms or steering wheel locks add another layer of protection.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Lt. Renee Ollquist

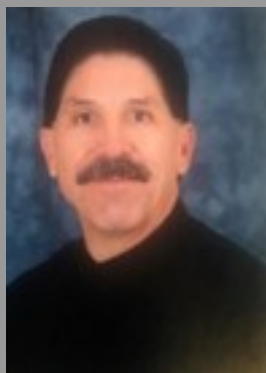
As the summer is approaching you will see the Northwest Proactive Response Team riding their bikes and highly active in the Cottonwood Mall area. Their presence is not only to help combat retail crime and reduce suspicious activity, but also to build and maintain positive relationships with community members and stakeholders such as yourselves. In the last month NW PRT has made approximately 30 arrests ranging from property crimes to violent crimes. Rest assured the other swing shift teams are out responding to calls for service and enforcing the law, which help makes the Northwest Area Command proficient on combating crimes in all aspects. Thank you all for your support and stay safe!

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II1 LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

Summer is officially here. The Northwest grave officers are working hard and diligently to help keep our roadways safer. They are out conducting traffic stops and other proactive patrols in order to help keep drivers safe in the Northwest Area Command. That said, please drive safely as there will be more traffic on the roadways now that school is out. If you see any emergency vehicles pulled over on the side of the road, slow down and/or move over to create more space as you pass them.

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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



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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):

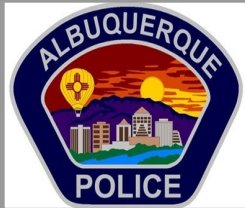
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and/or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and welfare of the buildings and the community. Through community policing we will reduce crime and increase quality of life in the area.





# 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



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## 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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**Active Shooter information meeting at the High Dessert Park**







# Chief Harold Medina Corner



## Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well and gearing up to kick off summer.

I'm pleased to share with our community a partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools and Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers to re-launch a successful program. It's called Campus Crime Stoppers, which is a valuable resource to enhance safety and security within our school community. Through Campus Crime Stoppers, students, or any staff within Albuquerque Public Schools can report any concerns related to safety, crime, or suspicious activity.



As we are taking juvenile crime very seriously, the image featured above are the stickers that have been handed out to students within APS to spread word about the program. The QR code directly brings students and staff to Crime Stoppers website where criminal activity can be reported anonymously.



I'd also like to provide results from a recent operation which is part of a new ongoing initiative from our Criminal Investigation Division. This is our third month of the day-long operations and we just focused on cases being investigated by the Crimes Against Children Unit.

Investigators made two big arrests for Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitations of Minors. Our team also checked on the welfare of more than 20 children.

I'm grateful for our dedicated investigators both sworn and professional staff who have

put a great deal of effort into these operations to get violent offenders off the street and prevent future victimization.

Coming up, we will be hosting our annual Law Enforcement Memorial honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. I invite our entire community to attend.



-Chief Harold Medina



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