



Northwest Area Command Interim Commander Peter Silva Corner

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Greetings to Northwest Area Command! My name is Peter Silva and effective May 18th I will be filling in for Commander Chris Patterson as the new Interim Commander for the Northwest Area. We wish Commander Patterson a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success on all his future endeavors! I hope to make the Northwest Area Command my new home for the foreseeable future and look forward to working with our community to improve upon everything that has been achieved these past two and a half years under Commander Patterson. Although, I know I have big shoes to fill, I'm confident that if we all continue to work together we can make this Area Command the best in the City!

A little about me is that I started with APD in 2005. I worked in the Valley, Northeast, and Southeast Area Commands as a patrol officer until I accepted a position as a Crime Scene Investigator in 2012. I returned to the field services in 2014 to better prepare myself to take the sergeant's test. During this time, I was a member of our Emergency Response Team, Field Training Officer Program, and a C.A.R.E. officer. Around 2015 I took the promotion test and in 2016 I was promoted to Sergeant. As a Sergeant I worked with several community oriented units. First was the "PACT" (Police and Communities Together Unit) and later I was transferred to the Downtown Patrol Unit. During that time, I collaborated with our community to improve upon the downtown area by building strong relationships with our business and residential community members. In 2023 I again took a promotion test, this time for lieutenant. I was fortunate enough to pass and was transferred to the Northeast Area Command where I have spent the past 3 years. I now begin the next step in my journey and am very proud and grateful to have been given the opportunity to take on the role of Commander.

Finally, as a resident of this Area Command, I feel it's important to note that the problems that affect you, affect me, so my commitment to achieving the goals of this community is close to my heart. Again, I look forward to working with all of our Northwest Area Command partners and stakeholders to solve problems and develop strong relationships between the police department and Community.

Please feel free to email me at Psilva@cabq.gov anytime!





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Juan Cabrera

NW Days are well into an operation where we work closely with Loss Prevention teams from NW businesses. Our arrests and law enforcement actions are high, but still working to improve to ensure folks committing larceny at our businesses are being held accountable. Unfortunately, we are still coming across many victims who are leaving their valuables unsecured. Please ensure you are all securing your vehicles and valuables. There are bad folks always watching and moving, looking for opportunity. Don't give them an opportunity. Secure everything and don't leave anything valuable in your vehicles. The weather is getting warm, and I hope everyone is ready for the summer heat!

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Charles Cook

Swing shift is doing well. If it has not been stated, Officer Jacob Osborne was selected as the area command officer of the month. Assault is slightly up as the weather gets warmer and more people are out. Shoplifting is down from last month, along with other property crime categories. The tactical plans for swing shift will focus on the top locations in the Cottonwood area businesses, the West Bluff businesses, including Walmart, and the apartments at 1919 Ladera NW and 1700 Market NW. We anticipate the increased presence will help in the area command shoplifting tactic plan, which will also reduce other crime categories.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Phil Block

The Northwest Area Command launched the **NW ShotSpotter POP Project** on 1 May 2026 (running through May 1, 2027) to address ongoing concerns with gunshot detections and related violence in the area command. The core reasoning is simple: ShotSpotter activations represent both negligent and illegal firearm discharges which may result in violent crimes that threaten public safety. By treating this as a Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) project, we use data-driven tactics and sustained proactive presence to disrupt patterns rather than simply reacting to calls. The proactivity focus remains on the southern sector hot spots - beats 634, 635, 638, and 639 - centered around hot spot areas like Ladera Dr NW and West Bluff Park.

The POP Project methodology draws on evidence-based practices, including the **Koper Curve** principle from policing research. The Koper Curve demonstrates that short, intermittent proactive patrols of roughly 10–15 minutes in targeted micro-locations create the strongest “residual deterrence” effect. This means crime is suppressed for a significant period even after officers depart, while longer stays yield diminishing returns. It's effectively the “Best Bang for the Buck.” Using this research allows our teams to efficiently cover multiple hot spots through repeated, unpredictable visits rather than static saturation. Combined with weekly field briefings, daily patrols and traffic stops, periodic watches, and rapid RTCC drone deployment, our research-based layered approach maximizes visibility, deters unlawful shootings, and improves response and evidence collection.

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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Crime Prevention Corner

Tips for Runners and Walkers

Each year more and more people take up running and walking because it is a quick, inexpensive way to stay fit. If you travel often, running or walking is an excellent way to maintain your exercise regimen. Here are few pointers to help you keep safe when you hit the road.

Before you leave:

- Plan your outing. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Tell friends and family of your favorite exercise routes. If possible, take a phone with you in case you need to call for help.
- Wear an identification tag or carry a driver's license. Include any medical information.

On the road:

- Wear reflective material.
- Stay alert at all times.
- Run or walk with a partner or a dog.
- Consider carrying a cellular phone.
- Vary your route.
- Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets, and overgrown trails. Especially avoid poorly lighted areas at night.
- Trust your intuition about a person or an area. React based on that intuition and avoid areas you feel unsure about.
- Have your door key ready before you reach your vehicle or home.



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



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



Old Navy safety day at Cottonwood Mall.



Laurelwood N. A. annual meeting

