



Northwest Area Command

Acting Commander Saladin Corner

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Greetings Northwest, I hope everyone is staying cool or warm depending on the day, and definitely staying out of the wind! As predicted, the warmer weather has increased our call volume, although, not as much as anticipated. I have seen an uptick in proactivity for the Northwest Officers. Car stops, citizen contacts and self-initiated investigations are on the rise. We are collaborating with businesses in West Bluff and Cottonwood and forming an information-sharing network. The Northwest Proactive Response Team is gathering intelligence at an astonishing rate and formulating a response to the retail theft in the area. This response should have an effect on the drivers of several other crime categories.



In the last month, I attended several neighborhood association and business coalition meetings. The two most common topics of discussion were speeding and the unsheltered population. Let's begin with speeding. I am well aware of the issues on the major thoroughfares, Unser, Ladera, Coors, McMahan, etc. Northwest Officers and Motors Officers are deployed on a regular basis. I respectfully request your input as to the hidden pockets of speeders. Please email Pete Gelabert or me any problem locations you have noticed and we will respond accordingly. The speed cameras are also live, although, not in the NW just yet. Several Northwest business owners brought issues with the unsheltered population to my attention. Not every situation with the unsheltered is a police issue, but the City can still provide resources. Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS) and Family and Community Safety (FCS) have proven invaluable. There will be situations when one of them will respond and handle the call with or without police assistance. The opposite is also true; officers often request assistance from ACS or FCS. I will make sure contact information for these resources is added to the Northwest Area Command website. Please rest assured there is always something we can do to help.

As always, I encourage everyone to participate in the Northwest Community Policing Council, Cop on a Corner and Coffee with a Cop. Open dialogue and communication are key to our success. Please keep an eye on the Northwest Area Command website for upcoming events.





**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I
LT. JEFF ABERNATHY**



As with each changing of the season so too does the types crimes that begin to occur from loud parties and Illegal Street racing in the streets to auto and home burglaries. As we see an increase in the pace of crime getting into warmer weather and school being out for the summer, it is more important than ever to keep an eye out for neighbors and unusual activity in your neighborhoods. This is especially true for friends and neighbors who may be traveling for vacation or work since these homes can easily become targets of criminals in the area. If you or anyone you know plans to be gone, please feel free to contact the Albuquerque Police Department via the non-emergency number (505) 242-2677 and ask to have a periodic watch on your home while gone and officer will check on your house during the time you are gone. Additionally, designated Officers in the NW Area Command Watch I have been notified of their Block Captains assignment for the Neighborhood Watch Program.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II
LT. Amy Sedler**

The month of May is here, along with warm weather and an increase in outdoor activities. Over the past month our northwest officers have worked hard to respond to all pending calls for service in a timely manner and provide quality service to the residents in the northwest area command. It's important to remember as the weather gets warmer and summer approaches so does an increase in crime. Officers will work diligently to respond to these calls as quickly and safely as possible. Please remember to have all necessary information pertaining to your call available once officers arrive. This will aid in completing a thorough investigation and police report. If you are a witness to a crime please call it into dispatch "be a good witness", for your safety, don't get involved. If able, gather suspect information (physical/vehicle descriptions) and provided this information to officers on scene. If you need to report a crime without offender information, keep in mind you can use the telephone reporting unit to file this report. The staff of TRU will be happy to assist you. You can also file these reports on line. Please be safe and we look forward to serving you.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III
LT. BRIAN PITZER**

Moving into the summer month's swing shift will be focusing on handling calls for service and traffic enforcement. With school being out we are seeing an uptick in calls so please bear with us as we work to expedite our response times. PRT and West Side Impact continue to build strong cases against violent crime and property crime offenders within the area command. I would like to remind everyone that we are in the thick of the fire season and to please keep an eye out on our beautiful Bosque which borders our area command. As you are most likely aware of we had a small fire near the Bosque School – but due to the fast response of AFR and BCFD that fire was quickly extinguished. Most trails will be closed until our monsoon season begins which should provide some much needed relief. Thank you please slow down on Coors and be safe!



Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The major initiatives that PRT is currently working mostly deals with organized retail crime. We work hand in hand daily with the Organized Crime Unit and the AG's office to try and combat retail crime.

We consistently work tac plans for the major box stores such as Home Depot and Walmart but we have built a strong network of partnerships with community stake holders. We receive calls and tips from all kinds of business throughout the area command who help us identify the repeat serial shoplifters. With our partnerships inside of the department and the AG's office we are currently working leads about fencing operations where the stolen merchandise is being taken daily.

We have been very successful in the apprehension of serial shoplifters which has included recovering stolen motor vehicles, stolen firearms and thousands upon thousands of dollars of stolen merchandise. We have been able to further investigations such as recovering stolen State Police equipment after one of their vehicles was burglarized.



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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

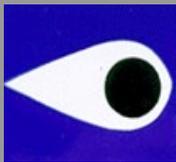


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Vacation Home Safety Tips

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



Council Chair:

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Other Members:

- Karen Schwartz
- Racheal Donovan
- Dr. Stephanie Coleman Mack
- Tom Borst
- Jeff Miller
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- Jacquelyn Cook
- Terra Bernheisel

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and or

CPC (zoom) meeting ,
3rd Wednesday of
every month. Link.
[https://cabq.zoom.us/
webinar/register/](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/)

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

Each of the six Community Policing Councils is 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_ZH3iX6nRSOmGbBA

E-mail contact information for the CPC Board is;

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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:

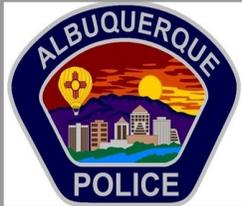
The NW Area Command has over 100 neighborhood watch programs and block captains. We have established an excellent rapport and understanding of the needs and concerns of the neighborhoods and block captains within their respected neighborhoods. The block captain/officer initiative program strengthens 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

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 eviction)



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Northwest Area Command Photos

De-Escalation Training for the West Bluff Businesses



Coffee with a Cop at the Chick-Fil-A



Santa Fe Village N.A. Annual Meeting



Northwest Area Command February Calendar of Events Corner

◀ May 2022	May 2022						May 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 2:00pm Santa Fe Village N.A. annual meeting	2	3	4 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18 6:00pm CPC (zoom) meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26 6:00pm Stonebridge N.A. annual meeting	27	28	
29	30	31 10am to 12pm De-Escalation training for the West Bluff businesses.					
							