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Note from Commander Weber

Oct 2021,

As we begin the most beautiful time of the year in Albuquerque, a few major changes have occurred in the Area Command since our last newsletter. First and foremost, our exceptional Crime Prevention Specialist, Franchesca Perdue, has left APD for another job opportunity. Her talents are already being sorely missed. The 3 watch commanders are now directly responsible for responding to their assigned neighborhood associations regarding concerns or requests for officers to attend meetings. I hope to have a new specialist soon to replace her.

Secondly, on August 28th our yearly officer/supervisor bid officially took effect. We did have several individuals return to the command whom you may already be familiar with. However we have a lot of new faces as well to include new sergeants and two new watch commanders. Despite switching things up to try to stretch our personnel resources farther, we are still very challenged in call response times and availability for proactive patrols. I do humbly ask for your patience as are we facing the greatest officer staffing shortage in the field services I have witnessed in my career.

Looking at plans for the fall, we are moving forward with an operation to close the Motel 1 in mid-November. The City reached a purchase agreement with the owner and the transfer is pending. We will be working anti-crime operations targeted on hotels during the balloon fiesta and then moving back to operations focused on residential and business crime. Lastly, I am excited to announce we are working more closely than ever with the Northeast Community Policing Council on implementing changes the public would like to see. I encourage any member of our community in the Northeast to contact the CPC board (info listed on page 5) if they are interested in participating in our collaborative process.

Thank you all for your continued support, please contact us anytime with questions or concerns. I hope everyone has an enjoyable fall season!

COVID-19 UPDATE

In July we had hoped this little section of the newsletter would be happily retired! Unfortunately, as the world continues to deal with the lingering effects of the pandemic, we thought it necessary to keep this section updated. We have had some very positive and effective outdoor community events but indoor venues are still an uncomfortable option for many of our constituents. We are happy to continue to attend virtual events when possible for any neighborhood group or coalition who would like to invite us. Fingers crossed we will return to more in person events by the next newsletter!



Northeast Calls for Service

These numbers were ran from July 1st, 2021 through September 30th, 2021. This is a representation of the calls for service within the area command, for each call type. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the substation at 823-4455.

NOTE: This is not a reflection of the final crime numbers.

Property Crimes

Larceny (All Types) - 56

Auto Burglaries - 115

Vandalism - 124

Auto Theft - 174

Commercial Burglaries - 131

Residential Burglaries - 73

Person Crimes

Family Offenses - 800

Aggravated Assault/Batt - 257

Robbery (All Types) - 132

Criminal Sexual Penetration - 17

Homicide - 3

Crime Prevention Tips of the Quarter

We may have said this in a previous newsletter but it's worth bringing up again: do not leave firearms of any kind in an unoccupied vehicle for ANY reason. Over 30 times a month on average across the city an auto burglary results in a stolen firearm. The number goes up when counting stolen vehicles with firearms in them. The Northeast Area Command consistently has the highest number of firearms taken during auto burglaries so please pass this friendly reminder on to your friends and family. Also, heading into winter, it is great time to trim back overgrown bushes, trees, or other types of plant life in your yard that may be obscuring the view of someone on your property who does not belong there.

Northeast Officers of the Month

July 2021

Officer Kyle Fredrickson was recognized as officer of the month, nominated by his watch commander, Lieutenant Trebitowski. Officer Fredrickson was chosen due to his continuous display of work ethic and informal leadership abilities. He lead his team in proactive arrests and routinely would clear up from one call in order to take another important one if no one was available. On July 5 Kyle heard several gunshots come from east of the Northeast Substation. He advised dispatch and indicated he would take the call if any were called in by citizens. It was then advised that a male was firing a rifle at people at the apartment complex. Kyle would arrive on scene and begin to investigate the situation. With the assistance of other officers and detectives, the subject safely exited the residence and was safely apprehended. Kyle completed the investigation and arrested the subject for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. 28 spent 223 casings were located as well as 6 spent shotgun shells.

August 2021

Lieutenant Deanne Otzenberger was nominated by her own subordinates for officer of the month for August. These awards are generally focused on line officers but the officers felt strongly their lieutenant should receive it. The memo submitted by her subordinates had the following quote: "Lieutenant Otzenberger is a model officer and supervisor who regularly exceed the Department's expectations. Lieutenant Otzenberger is extremely caring of everyone that works beneath her and is often the last to head home after shift after making sure her sergeants have their officers taken care of. She is a "mama bear" at heart and the first to make sure her officers are sharing in the workload, have the equipment they need and always delivering food, snacks, and energy drinks" The memo goes on to give great examples of her police work; nothing else needs to be said to show how lucky we are to have her.

September 2021

The Northeast Proactive Response Team was nominated together as officers of the month by Commander Weber. The team is comprised of Sergeant Dain Symes, Officer Ian Fraser, Officer Amanda Marquez, Officer Daniel Galvan, and Officer Steve Weinstein. Over the last year the commander relied heavily on PRT to address ongoing crime challenges in the command while also spearheading outreach events. PRT frequently adjusts their schedule and role to address whatever anti-crime operations are in place. Over the month of September, the team made 31 felony arrests!

HELLO FROM THE NORTHEAST COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

This past quarter we had several exciting guests and lively conversations regarding APD's on-going efforts to keep our community a safe place to live, work and play, and what the how the NE CPC is working to improve community relations with APD.

July 3 - Our guest speaker was Mr. Pete Dinelli - A native of Albuquerque, Pete has a 40-year history of community involvement and service as an elected and appointed official and as a practicing attorney in Albuquerque.

August 10 – Community discussion and Q&Q with Interim Deputy Chief of the Field Services Bureau, Josh Brown and NE Commander Greg Weber.

September 14 - Acting Commander Richard Evens, IAFD (Internal Affairs Force Division) discussed the backlog of Use of Force investigations and the EFIT (External Force Investigation Team) who are shadowing APD investigators on Use of Force Investigations.

Introduction of Lt. Jennifer Garcia with APD's Community Engagement Unit and Terrence Green, a community member with the Ambassador program, he discussed his experiences with APD and the Office of Equity and Inclusion. He is involved with the black visceral movement on social justice and organized memorials and protests.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30pm. You can register at [NE CPC meeting registration](#). We will have a forum on Behavioral and Mental Health and what services are offered. Panelists will be Acting Commander Matt Dietzel with APD's Crisis Intervention Division and Mariela Ruiz-Angel the Director of the Albuquerque Community Safety Department, if you have questions for them, please submit to necpcvicki@gmail.com.

The CPCs continue to strengthen our relationship with The Office of Equity and Inclusion, The Office of Neighborhood Coordination, and APD's Ambassador Program. The CPC Chairs have been included in APD's Press Release email which identifies safety issues occurring in the City.

As a means to educate the community about the CPC, we are planning to arrange for Pop-Ups at City events and high traffic areas, malls, sporting events, libraries, community centers, etc. to promote the CPC and encourage community members to get engaged.

Three members of the NE Council met with Commander Weber to discuss strategies for educating the field officers about the CPCs and our mission, ideas on how CPCs can help with recruiting, and how over scrutiny of minor policy violations is impacting the retention of field officers. We discussed how we can identify a balance in the discipline policies that are effective, yet fair.

NE CPC Recommendation submission –The monthly crime statistics presented by Sergeant Symes be presented in a spreadsheet that contains the data presented over the past 13 months instead of just reciting the numbers each month.

Rationale—To be meaningful, data needs to be presented in context. Crime statistics presented for one month only tell the NECPC very little. Only by comparing the numbers to previous months and the previous year will give us meaningful information.

Surveys responses from our August and September meeting:

Do you have an interest in returning to in-person?

Yes: 42%
No: 58%

When do you feel we should go back to in person meetings?

October 25%
November 42%
Later than November 33%

Do the crime stats tell you what you would like to know regarding crime in the NE Area Command?

Yes: 61.5%
No: 38.5%

On a scale of 1-10 with 1 being the lowest, how safe do you feel in Albuquerque?

0-3 Not safe: 15%
4-7 Neutral: 69%
8-10 Safe: 15%

On a scale of 1-10 how would you rank APD's performance in providing service to the NE?

0-3 Unsatisfied: 15%
4-7 Neutral: 46%
8-10 Satisfied: 38%

The NE CPC Annual report is available on our CPC website. Please take a moment to review our accomplishments, challenges, and plans for 2021.

Get to know the NE CPC council members, to view our bios, go to [NE CPC Facebook](#)

As the City moves to fully reopen city services and community centers, we are hopeful that in-person meetings are just around the corner. We are working to provide Zoom capabilities for those who cannot attend in person. Our Zoom meetings are posted on our CPC website, hosted by the City of Albuquerque

We are seeking community members to join our council. If you are interested, please apply at [Join the NE CPC](#)



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Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday

8:00 am to 5:00pm

Due to current staffing issues with our front office of the substation, it is recommended that you call before coming in to ensure the substation is open, specifically after 12:00 pm.

