

Northwest Area Command

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The **Trauma Recovery Center (TRC)** provides compassionate, community-centered support for individuals and families affected by violence or trauma. Serving as the headquarters for the **Violence Intervention Program (VIP)** within the Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS) Department, the TRC offers comprehensive services to help survivors heal and rebuild.

Located at **5006 Gibson Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108**, the TRC is the first of its kind in New Mexico and one of only 55 centers nationwide

The TRC connects clients to a wide range of trauma-informed services, including:

- **Care Coordination**
 - **Resource Navigation & Referrals**
 - **Peer Support**
 - **Workshops & Educational Programs**
- Trauma-Informed Therapy**

These services are designed to reach victims of violence who are often least likely to receive support, ensuring accessible and meaningful pathways to recovery.

Specialized Programs

Our dedicated responders and peer specialists support healing through collaborative programs such as:

- Violence Intervention Program (VIP)
 - School-Based Violence Intervention Program (SBVIP)
 - Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HBVIP)
 - Youth Violence Intervention Program
 - Community-Oriented Response & Assistance (CORA)
 - Opioid Education & Prevention (OEP)
- Partnerships with dozens of local providers

Get Support or Make a Referral

The TRC welcomes both **self-referrals** and **community referrals** for anyone impacted by violence or trauma.

For more information or to make a referral: trc@cabq.gov





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Juan Cabrera

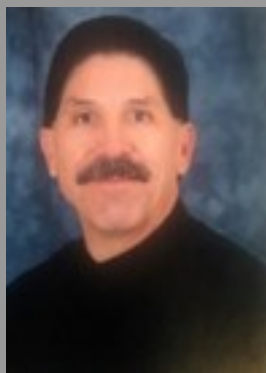
We just concluded our Fall Operation, which focused on traffic violations, business contacts, and pedestrians lingering on medians. We are now going to roll into our Thanksgiving and Christmas initiatives. This will include maximum police presence at our businesses. We will always continue to tackle the issues of traffic, but we are going to put extra focuses on our businesses to keep the businesses and shoppers safe the next couple months.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II ACT. LIEUTENANT Jeremy Lujan

The swing shift officers has upped presence in the cottonwood area regarding shoplifting. This includes business contacts to pinpoint hotspot areas and concerns. Swing and PRT will be starting the holiday tac plan after thanksgiving to initiate a proactive approach in Holiday shoplifting.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

November has come and gone quickly. Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Northwest grave officers have been busy working different tactical plans throughout the area command, as well as staying proactive by patrolling the neighborhoods, businesses, and conducting traffic stops when not responding to calls. Now, with holiday shopping in full force and the abundance of packages being shipped to your houses, keep an eye out for any Grinch that might be lurking in the area, trying to take your packages.



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Crime Prevention Corner

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips While Shopping

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- If you carry a purse, place the straps around your shoulders.
- Be alert that criminals look for the “high dollar” shopping bags.
- Don’t overburden yourself with too many packages. Use store’s package pick-up.
- Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- If you do return to your vehicle to unload purchases, hide the packages or place them in the trunk of the vehicle

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips In Parking Lots:

- Shop early and leave early to avoid evening darkness.
- Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting in case you leave during hours of darkness.
- Prior to arriving at the shopping center, lock all your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Watch for people who may be following you. This can occur inside as well as outside. If you suspect someone following you, report it to the Albuquerque Police Department at 242-COPS (2677).



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



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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):

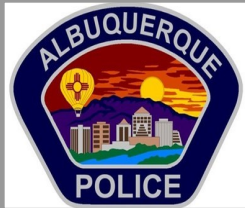
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and/or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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



Chief Harold Medina Corner



Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone enjoyed a spook-tacular Halloween.

Homicides in Albuquerque have dropped 32% through October 2025, with 58 murders reported compared to 85 in 2024. APD homicide detectives have solved 84% of this year's cases, along with 25 from previous years, bringing the clearance rate to 132%. So far, 114 suspects have been charged, arrested, or are deceased, including a woman wanted for a 2019 murder that was solved earlier this year.

I would like to thank the homicide detectives who have worked tirelessly to bring justice to victims and their families, recognizing their dedication and hard work in solving these difficult cases.



We hosted the 2nd Annual Dunkin' Donuts Cruiser event in celebration of National First Responders Day. We were joined by our officers, Albuquerque Fire Rescue, and Albuquerque Community Safety. More than 200 community members participated, including students from the Albuquerque Institute of Math & Science Charter School. We're excited to continue growing this event next year.

For any community inquiries or to invite us to your next events, contact, Angelina Navarro, at angelinanavarro@cabq.gov



The 31st Annual Cops for Kids is back, and fundraising for this year's event has officially begun! This heartwarming event brings gifts and holiday cheer to underprivileged children in our community, helping make their season a little brighter.

If you'd like to spread some joy, donations can be made through the APD Chaplains Fund Unit using the QR code. For a donation letter or more information, email us at copsforkids@cabq.gov.



-Chief Harold Medina

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