



Northwest Area Command Acting Commander Saladin Corner

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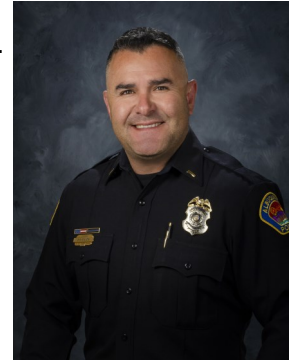
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Greetings Northwest, I have some updates. Since our last newsletter, I was officially promoted to the rank of Commander and I am happy to say I will continue to oversee the Northwest Area Command. The Department recognizes the issue with retail crime in the area and we have our Holiday Tact Plan up and running. Beyond that, the Northwest Proactive Response Team has built solid partnerships with local and national businesses which have led to quality communication and a huge increase in arrests. On a sad note, we lost Lieutenant Sedler to an investigative assignment. She oversaw Watch II for the last two bids and was nothing short of phenomenal. We also lost Lt. Abernathy from Watch I, who retired after a decorated 25 year career. We did, however, gain two newly promoted and motivated lieutenants. Lieutenant Charles Crook will take over the graveyard shift and Acting Lieutenant Josh Richards will be on dayshift. Lt. Crook promoted out of the Crisis Intervention Unit and brings with him vast experience in both behavioral health and de-escalation. Lt. Richards has experience in both tactical operations and investigations. Both Watches are in good hands. Please pay attention to Pete Gelabert's portions of the newsletter for tips on protecting yourselves and your property during the holiday season. As always, I appreciate your support and I encourage all of you to participate with the Northwest Community Policing Council, your local Neighborhood Associations and Business Coalitions. Now, more than ever, we need to work together to fight crime and increase quality of life within the area command.



Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT CHARLES CROOK

December newsletter will have update information from Lieutenant Charles Crook, recently, assigned to the NW Area Command, Graveyard Watch 1



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II ACTING LIEUTENANT JOSHUA RICHARDS

December newsletter will have update information from Acting Lieutenant Joshua Richards , recently assigned to the NW Area Command, Graveyard Watch 2

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LT. BRIAN PITZER

The Northwest Area Command Proactive Response Team (PRT) continues high visibility enforcement in the cottonwood area. Over the last few weeks PRT has made numerous arrests in the area while also addressing quality of life issues. We will be rolling out our Holiday tact plan soon and will have our mobile substation parked at the Cottonwood mall. We are also placing two digital billboards in the area in order to deter crime in the area. Our goal is to make this holiday shopping season safe and secure for not only the shoppers but the workers as well. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to by email at bpitzer@cabq.gov.



Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The Northwest PRT Team has been focusing on organized retail theft and the safety of citizens in the Northwest shopping areas during the Holiday Season. From November 25th (Black Friday) through December 11th, 2022, the members of the NW PRT Team have arrested over 13 Felony Offenders, cleared 17 Felony Warrants, arrested 15 misdemeanor offenders, cleared 6 misdemeanor warrants, recovered over \$15,000.00 in stolen merchandise, recovered 2 firearms (used in crime), and recovered 2 stolen vehicles. Along with aggressive enforcement, NW PRT members have collaborated with elementary schools within the area command to ensure that the community youth know how and when to contact law enforcement.

We want to hear from you about all your concerns. If you see something....say something.
“Here to Help!”



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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Holiday Shopping Tips

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



Council Chair:

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- Racheal Donovan
- Dr. Stephanie Coleman Mack
- Tom Borst
- Jeff Miller
- Chanda Vigil
- 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

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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.

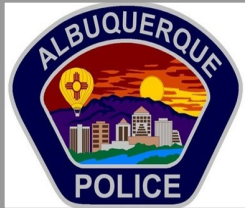
ADAPT Program (Abandoned & Dilapidated Abatement Property Team):

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.



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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

Holiday safety training for the Cottonwood Mall Businesses



Cottonwood Business Coalition De-Escalation training



Northwest Area Command February Calendar of Events Corner

◀ November 2022	November 2022						November 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 5:30pm Rancho Encantado H.O.A. zoom meeting 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting. 1 st Wednesday of every month.	3 5:00pm Las Lomitas N.A. annual meeting. Taylor Ranch Community Center	4	5	
6	7	8	9 9:00am to 11:00am Cottonwood Business Coalition meeting. De-Escalation training	10 8:00am to 9:30am Holiday safety meeting. Cottonwood Mall, movie theater.	11	12	
13	14	15 5:00pm Tuscany N.A. Annual meeting at the NW Area Command Substation	16 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23 6:00pm CPC (zoom) meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month	24	25	26	
27	28 5:00pm Crime Prevention Safety information. 812 Edith NW, Presbyterian Church.	29	30				



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RADIO ENCRYPTION INFORMATION

Police radio transmissions are law enforcement tools that provide secure communication between emergency dispatchers and police officers.

Unfortunately, some individuals publish or broadcast sensitive, investigative details obtained through scanners that monitor the radio transmissions. In some cases, the information is published online, without verification or regard for the potential impact on an investigation. Social media and the instant access to information through smart phones dramatically increase the possibility that suspects can access information about police investigations in real time. This is especially concerning during critical incidents, like active shootings and mass casualty events, but also during the immediate aftermath of a homicide.

As a result of these concerns, the Albuquerque Police Department has encrypted its area command channels to ensure efficient and effective communication.

The Department will allow access to police radio transmissions to news media outlets on a case-by-case basis.

