



Northwest Area Command Newsletter

Interim Commander Peter Silva Corner

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Greetings, Northwest Area Command! School is back in session and the “hottest” days of summer are slowly, but surely, ending. Please remember to plan accordingly because traffic will certainly slow you down now that school zones will be active during the morning and afternoon hours. That being said, many schools are beginning to implement “walking school bus” programs, which means groups of kids and parents will be gathering to walk to and from school. Therefore, it will be even more important to keep an eye out for children as you drive. A few reminders, put cell phones away, plot your route before you leave, give yourself plenty of time to arrive at your destination, avoid conflicts with other motorists, and report aggressive driving to APD. Let us all do our part to keep dangerous drivers out of the Northwest Area Command!

As far as crime in the Northwest goes, we continue to see reductions in crime across the board in all major categories. This is only possible due to the hard work of our officers and because of the cooperation from our residents of the Northwest! Although crime continues to trend downward, it is important to remember that if you see a crime or suspicious behavior you should call it in to 242-COPS or 911 for emergencies. Oftentimes I see emails and receive text messages about crime issues, but a call was never made. APD uses call-data to ensure our officers are aware of any developing trends and to justify requests for more officers or technology to help reduce crime. I encourage you to reach out to your City Councilors, others, or me by email, text, and phone because we value the communication but do not forget to place a call to 242-COPS (242-2677) as well so we can capture the data and use it to improve our responses to crime trends.

Thank you and I hope your summer has been fun and refreshing!

Sincerely,

Peter Silva

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Lieutenant's Corner

Northwest Area Command Lieutenant Charles Cook Watch I

Day shift officers posted solid reductions across several key categories in August. Auto theft dropped from 14 to 10 (down 4 for the month, down 7 from last year), shoplifting fell from 19 to 13 (down 6 for the month, down 26 from last year), and auto burglary dropped from 9 to 4 (down 5) — continued proof that visibility and proactive contacts are paying off. Criminal damage rose from 12 to 16 incidents, with felony-level damage climbing from 4 to 6. We are watching this closely, particularly the shopping center near Golden Corral, where metal theft activity has been flagged for continued monitoring. Warrant service saw a major jump: 19 felony and 9 misdemeanor warrants cleared in August, up from 9 felony and 11 misdemeanor in July — strong work getting wanted subjects off the street, particularly by the PRT Team. Domestic violence remains a command priority. Battery against a household member/DV held steady at 8 incidents both months, but it continues to be a significant driver behind our aggravated assault (2 to 3) and aggravated battery (steady at 2) numbers. Dayshift is increasing targeted enforcement on domestic violence calls to get ahead of these more serious downstream offenses. Speed trailers were redeployed to new locations this month, and shoplifting/median enforcement remains an ongoing focus heading into fall.

Northwest Area Command Watch II New Swing Shift Lieutenant assigned.

Northwest Area Command Watch III Lieutenant Phil Block

The ShotSpotter POP Project continues into its second quarter with strong first-quarter results and new visible enforcement tools on the street. From May through July, the Northwest Area Command recorded a **41% reduction** in activations compared to 2024 and a **50% reduction** compared to 2025. In the targeted beats (634, 635, 638, and 639), reductions reached **50% and 51%** against those same prior years.

Officers logged approximately **25 person-hours** of proactive patrol in the target beats, **331 proactive patrols**, and **more than 300 periodic watches** since May 1. The video trailer at West Bluff Park remains in place to support deterrence in Beat 635.

This month we also placed more than a dozen NBIN Unit ShotSpotter signs in high-activation areas and parks. This signage increases visibility, supports deterrence, and reinforces that these locations are actively monitored.

Our results reflect the consistent work of Watch I and supporting units. Keep the pressure on the southern-border corridors and targeted beats as we move through August. We are seeing particularly high activations in beats 634 and 639, so please keep extra watch in the parks and open spaces in these beats. Outstanding effort — let us stay on it.



Crime Prevention Corner



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Student Safety Tips / Stranger Danger Don't talk to strangers.

- Do not take anything from strangers.
- Do not go anywhere with someone you do not know.
- Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system and avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Review contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."
- Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.



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 NWCPCC 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.

[Join the Zoom meeting](#)

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Community Partnership and Outreach Corner

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.

NW Area Command, “Adopt a Business” The NW Area Command will be implementing the “Adopt a Business”. Officers assigned to a local business to serve as a direct liaison between APD and the business. Officers will be required to check in with their assigned business each month, in person, and telephone or e mail as a secondary if they are unable to make an in person contact for a specific reason. Officers will check with the business to see if they have any concerns.



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 do not want 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: dial 988 or visit the [988 Lifeline website](#).
- Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST): 505-924-6000
- Abandoned and Dilapidated Abatement Property Team ADAPT Program: A.F.D. 505-833-7300



Albuquerque Community Safety

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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Northwest Area Command Photos

Cottonwood Mall 30 years anniversary



Coffee with a cop at the Golden Corral Restaurant



Pizza with the police, Dion's Pizza 4200 Montano NW



Northwest Area Command

Northwest Area Command Mid-Year Crime Stats, Jan.-June 2025 and 2026.

Crime	Jan.-June 2025	Jan.-June 2026	% Change
Aggravated Assault	168	155	-8%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	187	100	-47%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	451	299	-34%
Driving Under the Influence	84	94	12%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	49	71	45%
Homicide Offenses	2	1	-50%
Shoplifting	705	661	-6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	199	118	-41%
Rape	14	10	-29%
Robbery	28	19	-32%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	198	139	-30%
Trespass of Real Property	72	45	-38%
Weapons Law Violations	79	65	-18%