



Northwest Area Command Newsletter

Interim Commander Peter Silva Corner

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Greetings NW Area Command! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July. This is always a difficult month for first responders as we try to balance labor with the need to enforce firework regulations. This year, as with previous years, APD collaborated with AFR to respond to Citywide requests about illegal fireworks on the 3rd and 4th of July. Albuquerque Fire Marshalls issued several hundred “cease and desist” orders. APD Officers supported this operation by providing law enforcement presence and security to our firefighters while they interacted with celebrants. I want to thank all of our fire fighters and officers that had to work on the 4th and sacrifice their holiday to keep the City safe! No major incidents were reported in the NW Area because of their hard work! As we end our 4th of July, I’d like to remind everyone that school will be resuming very soon so expect morning traffic to increase and please slowdown in your school zones. Before you know it, summer will soon come to a close and we will be entering the winter holiday season! We continue to see decreased crime as compared to the previous year so we are on the right path as this year moves along! Please stay safe and enjoy the rest of this (hot hot) summer!

Sincerely,

Peter Silva

I/Commander, Northwest Area Command

Please feel free to email me at Psilva@cabq.gov anytime!



Lieutenant's Corner

Northwest Area Command Watch I

Lieutenant Juan Cabrera

Lieutenant Cabrera is out of town for the month of July 2026.

Northwest Area Command Watch II

Lieutenant Charles Cook

Northwest Swing shift continued to handle a high call volume in July, with officers making several felony arrests. Simple assault calls decreased significantly, from 57 to 37 — a 35% reduction. Shoplifting calls also declined sharply, down from 54 to 31, a 43% decrease. We did see a slight uptick in aggravated assaults and auto thefts this month. In response, a tactical plan to address aggravated assaults is currently under consideration, and we will consult with the auto theft unit to develop a plan targeting trends in the area. The team also continues to build relationships with local businesses through expanded contacts, and our burglary tactical plan remains in effect, with results pending.

Northwest Area Command Watch III

Lieutenant Phil Block

The ShotSpotter POP Project continues to deliver strong, measurable results through July 2026. For the full project period (May through July 2026), ShotSpotter activations have been reduced by **41% compared to 2024** and **50% compared to 2025**. In our targeted beats (635, 635, 638, 639) the reductions are even more pronounced — **50% reduction from 2024** and **51% reduction from 2025**.

To date, Watch I Officers have recorded over **25 person-hours** of proactive patrols in the targeted beats despite the heavier summer call volume. Across the Northwest Area Command watches, officers have logged an incredible **331 proactive patrols** (31S and 25 CFS) and **well over 300 periodic watches** in the same-targeted beats. In addition, we were extremely fortunate to receive placement of an RTCC camera trailer at West Bluff Park last week and I believe this will have a considerable impact on our ShotSpotter activations and criminal activities in the area.

The significant and sustained reduction in ShotSpotter activations - particularly in the focused hot-spot beats - is a clear testament to the hard work and consistent effort of the entire Northwest Area Command. Outstanding work! Keep the pressure on and let us carry this momentum into August! Remember, a reduction in ShotSpotter activations theoretically translates into an overall reduction in violent crime.



Crime Prevention Corner



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When is National Night Out?

The 2026 National Night Out takes place Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026.

If there is any event that a neighborhood or block should organize, this is it!



[Register for 2026 National Night Out](#)

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors on your block, so don't hesitate to throw together a potluck in someone's driveway so you can start building those relationships!

If you are organizing an event, complete the [2026 National Night Out Registration Form](#)

Deadline to register is July 30.



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](#)

E-mail the CPC Board at NorthwestCPC@cabq.gov.

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Community Partnership and Outreach Corner

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 be-come 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.



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

Pizza with the Police, Dions, 4200 Montano NW.



Coffee with a Cop Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, 3709 Ellison NW.

