

Northwest Area Command Newsletter

Interim Commander Peter Silva Corner

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Hello Northwest Area Command! Balloon Fiesta is officially over and I am happy to report that things are looking great! Balloon Fiesta attracts a large tourist population, which, in turn, often causes an increase in theft around the City as suspects attempt to steal cameras, luggage, and other valuables left in cars. We worked a number of operations around the City with the goal of keeping thefts like these to a minimum during Fiesta. Preliminary reports look promising and to my knowledge, we did not have any balloon trailers stolen this year, which has historically been a huge problem in years past! Our officers worked long hours and sacrificed a lot of their time and sleep in order to make the Fiesta a fun and safe event. Now that Fiesta is over, the officers we dedicated to assist with the event will be returning to their normal shifts and be back on patrol in your community.

Overall, the Northwest Area Command is looking excellent as we edge closer to the end of the year. Statistically, we have the lowest crime in the City and I want to continue that momentum through the end of the year. You can help us by continuing to report suspicious persons and areas that need more attention. As our community members, you are our "eyes and ears'! My hope is to get ahead of trends before they develop into problems.

Thank you!

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 Day Shift Watch
Lieutenant Charles Cook

From 9/19 to 10/19, we saw encouraging results: simple assaults dropped by 10, aggravated assaults by 5, and robberies fell from 4 to 0, with none occurring during day shift hours (7 a.m.-5 p.m.). Burglary and auto theft numbers held steady.

Even with most numbers trending the right way, we are not easing off. Patrols will increase in higher-volume areas, including Vista Arroyo, where evening officers will focus on illegal target shooting and racing. Day shift officers will also check the area regularly as an early deterrent. With the holidays approaching, we are also collaborating with local businesses to develop theft and shoplifting prevention plans.

Watch the city website for upcoming Coffee with Cop meetings. Come have a face-to-face conversation with our officers so we can better serve your neighborhood.

Northwest Area Command Swing Shift Watch
Lieutenant Jeremy Lujan, new Lieutenant assigned to the swing shift

Northwest Area Command Grave Yard Watch
Lieutenant Phil Block

. The Northwest Oasis Tact Plan was implemented to address a sustained increase in late-night violence, gunshot activity, fights, and disorder around the Oasis/Salt Yard West nightclub at 3700 Ellison Dr. NW in beats 611, 612, 614, and 615, including a homicide, a 27-4 on the lot, multiple ShotSpotter activations, and repeated quality-of-life issues tied to club events. On four targeted nights (2, 9, 10, and 16 October 2026), a three-officer team (and an assigned supervisor) saturated the area and its primary egress routes from 0000–0400 hours, enforcing traffic, loud-vehicle, trespass, and other violations while coordinating with the event security and ownership; on 9 October the team also assisted the Fire Marshal in shutting down an over-capacity event and dispersing an estimated 1,500 people without uses of force or criminal activity. Compared with the prior 24-day period that produced 10 ShotSpotter activations (concentrated 0100–0300 hours), the post-review window of 10/01–10/24 recorded only a single activation. Late-night activity immediately around Oasis declined markedly, and the four assigned nights themselves generated only one aggravated assault report, two false alarms, and one aggressive-driver BOLO, with no fights, shots fired, batteries, disorderly conduct, or property crimes. We extend special thanks to Officer Arthur Acosta and Lt Jeremy Lujan for organizing and conducting the tact plan, as well as Teams 7 and 8 for their efforts and support.



Crime Prevention Corner

Crime Prevention



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How to Avoid Warm-Up Theft This Winter

As temperatures drop in the winter, drivers may be tempted to stay inside and keep warm while they wait for their cars to warm up.

However, car owners may want to think twice before they leave their cars running, unlocked and unattended.

Car thieves are on the lookout for these vehicles warming up in driveways.

Here are some tips from to avoid becoming a victim of warm-up thefts:

- Never leave your vehicle running or leave the keys in the ignition when the vehicle isn't within eyesight. Not even for "just a minute."
- Keep your valuables such as purses, credit cards and cell phones out of sight or in the trunk.
- Roll up the windows and lock the car.
- Do not leave the registration or title in the car. This makes it easier for thieves to dispose of your vehicle and it also makes you a target for identity theft.
- Stay alert when approaching the vehicle. Check around the car for thieves and suspicious persons. Leave as soon as you are concerned for your safety.
- Install a mechanical locking device that locks to the steering wheel, column or brake. These devices are known as clubs. Use alarms or anti-theft devices if your vehicle has one.



Community Policing Council Corner

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CPC meeting, 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Taylor Ranch Community Center or zoom.

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The goal of each Community Policing Council is to engage in andid, 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.

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 stake holders 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

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Grand Opening Big O Tires, 3130 Coors NW



