



Northwest Area Command Newsletter

Interim Commander Peter Silva Corner

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It has been a HOT September, but temperatures are finally starting to cool off and the Holiday Season will very quickly be upon us! I hope everyone stopped by the State Fair to enjoy some fun rides and NM Culture! Crime continues to trend downward and our Northwest Officers are doing their best to keep it that way. Soon the leaves will begin to change and as we look ahead, please prepare yourselves for the International Balloon Fiesta, which starts October 3 and concludes on October 11. Traffic will be heavy as hundreds of thousands of visitors attend the various Balloon Fiesta events. Remember to leave a bit earlier and keep your eyes on the road. It will be tempting to look up rather than forward but this is a time where we always see an increase in vehicle crashes as folks try to get a glimpse of balloons as they travel in their vehicles. We each need to do our part in reducing automobile collisions by remaining focused and leaving early enough so we do not have to speed to get to our destinations on time. Cottonwood Mall will be a “Park and Ride” location, and officers will be patrolling this area heavily to prevent vehicle theft and enforce traffic laws. As you see your area command officers, please say hello and thank them for their hard work. Without our patrol officers, this Area Command would not be the best in the City!

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 Charles Cook

This month's data shows encouraging progress across several categories: aggravated assault, simple assault, and vandalism each dropped by 6 incidents, shoplifting fell by 8, and auto theft decreased by 2. Burglary and trespass saw a slight uptick of 2 incidents each; officers will be briefed on these increases so patrols can target the specific locations involved. **Looking at the bigger picture, year-over-year numbers show gains that are even more significant: shoplifting dropped from 33 incidents last year to just 7 this year, and auto theft fell from 17 to 3.** One additional robbery occurred this month, involving a known offender who was taken into custody and remains in jail. The Coors and Quail NW area saw a significant drop in criminal activity. The Cottonwood area remains a higher-volume location and will see increased patrols, especially during Balloon Fiesta, with concentrated coverage at Park and Ride locations to keep festival-goers safe.

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

Northwest Area Command Watch III Lieutenant Phil Block

Northwest grave shift officers (and swing shift who helps us out!) have been running the ShotSpotter Tact Plan for 5 months now; we're getting close to finishing out the first half of the bid. Our officers' hard work continues to shine and show up in the numbers. The four Tact Plan target beats - Beats 634, 635, 638, and 639 - were the original focus of this plan. They were chosen based on the historically high activations in these beats compared to the other beats in the area command. ShotSpotter activations in those target beats are down **more than 50 percent** from the same periods in both 2024 and 2025, which is an impressive achievement. That drop is quite a bit larger for the targeted beats than the rest of the area command, which is only down about 30 to 40 percent over the same years. We credit the difference to the work on the ground: proactive patrols, business contacts, and saturation of the target beats during the late-night hours when most activations occur. The camera trailer in Beat 635 also added a visible presence at West Bluff Park and helped hold that beat down after it had been one of the highest-activation locations in the command. As of this month, it has the lowest activations of all the targeted beats, only showing half-dozen true activations in the last couple months. This demonstrates the power of police presence and proactivity. In addition, Special NBIN signage strategically placed near parks and common areas in the targeted beats may have helped as well.

We are happy to report a statistical first for the Tact Plan! In September 2026, the entire Northwest Area Command went nearly a week with no ShotSpotter activations. That has not occurred since the Tact Plan began and is an extremely satisfying result. It is the clearest short-term marker of how much quieter the command can be when the extra patrols stay in place.



Crime Prevention Corner

HALLOWEEN SAFETY



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Halloween is a wonderful part of the changing seasons and we should do everything possible to ensure the night remains a wonderful experience for our children. Most folks are aware of the need for cautionary steps on this haunted evening, particularly about altered treats and safety. Unfortunately, there are dangers associated with this annual goblin festival. The following tips listed for all adults and children as a guide to protect them during a night of trick-or-treating.

For Parents:

- The safest place is a sponsored event at a mall, school, church or neighborhood event.
- Accompany young children on the route.
- Agree to the route and an expected arrival time prior to departure.
- Always check your children's treats prior to consumption.
- If you are driving, be extra careful with kids on your street. Drive slow!

For Children and Parents:

- Wear light-colored clothing or costumes.
- Use make-up instead of a mask for better visibility.
- Make a map of the route for you and your parents.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick.
- Stay in your own neighborhood.
- Be respectful of other people and their property.
- Stop only at well-lighted houses.
- Have a parent check the treats before you eat them.
- Start early and end early.



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 NWPCPC 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

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.



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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