

Northwest Area Command Acting Commander Saladin Corner

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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I would like to wish you all a happy New Year. The Northwest Area Command lost a valuable asset and leader when Commander Arturo Sanchez retired last month. Commander Sanchez served the citizens of Albuquerque for the last 21 years and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. I, in particular, valued his guidance and mentorship over the last few months. With that said, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is David Saladin; I am now the Acting Commander for the Northwest Area Command. I joined the Albuquerque Police Department in 2001. I have served in Field Services, Impact, Narcotics, Advanced Training, Violent Crimes and most recently, Basic Training. My philosophy does not differ from that of Commander Sanchez. I truly believe it requires trust and a partnership between the Community and the Police Department to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in Albuquerque. As Commander Sanchez mentioned last month, we saw an increase in violent crimes, robberies in particular, and a reduction in property crimes. This trend continued for December and I am working with the Armed Robbery Unit and Crimes Stoppers to address the issue. A bit of good news, the Impact Teams who were previously centralized have been reassigned to the area commands. This means the Northwest and Southwest Area Commands now have 8 shared detectives and a detective sergeant at their disposal. Another point Commander Sanchez made that I would like to echo is please participate in the Community Policing Council. So much can be accomplished when we have those conversations. I appreciate those of you who already participate and I humbly request that you recruit more participants. I am excited to take over the Northwest Area Command and I look forward to working with each of you to make this a better place for all of us.





**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I
VACANT**



Our night shift in the Northwest Area Command has been dealing with low manpower levels but in December we got good news that will help us moving forward. First, we were able to fill a vacant sergeant position with Sergeant Michael Hernandez, a highly experienced supervisor who has served in our Department's elite K9 unit for eleven years and brings with him a great amount of expertise in handling critical incidents. And secondly, our multiple Field Training Officers on the Watch have been training a highly-motivated new batch of recent graduates from the APD Academy. We are very much looking forward to having them up and running as beat officers in the near future. I would personally like to thank everyone in the community who showed kindness and generosity to our officers during the Christmas season, and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II
LT. Amy Sedler**

As the Holidays have come to a close for 2021 we here at the northwest substation and all officers within the northwest area command hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We ended the Christmas season with participating in the Cops for Kids event mid-December. Although the holiday tact plan has come to an end, northwest day shift officers will continue to direct their proactive active response on local businesses in the northwest area command. These businesses will primarily involve the cottonwood area as well as the large retailer stores in the area of Coors Blvd. and I-40 NW. Criminals often times look for crimes of opportunity; with the help of local residents we can help deter such incidents. Remember to lock your vehicle doors, purses in your vehicle where visible, park in well-lit areas, and stay aware of your surroundings. If you "see something, say something". Being a good witness can assist police in capturing criminals but also provide you safety without getting involved. Please, stay safe and we look forward to serving you.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III
ACTING LT. CHRISTOPHER ROMERO**

Happy New Year!! The Northwest area command has been working harder than ever during this holiday season to keep crime down. Our Officers worked tirelessly to keep Albuquerque safe while they did the Holiday operational plan. This time of year is the cold season which is the time to warm up our vehicles before we head out in to the day. I want to make sure that we are all aware that criminals know that this happens and are looking for a crime of opportunity in where they can take a vehicle with minimal effort. I would like to remind all that if you are going to warm up your vehicle do not leave it unattended while the keys are in it. This season also brings rain and snow which makes for adverse driving conditions. Please drive to the conditions of the roadways and give extra time to make it to your destination safely. Please stay safe and thank you for the opportunity to serve you all.



Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



How to Start A Neighborhood Watch



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Welcome to the New Year. The Crime Prevention Unit is working very hard to continue to recruit new Neighborhood Watch programs. If you know of anyone who is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program please contact Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist for the NW Area Command at, 505-768-4873 and or e mail Pete at pgelabert@cabq.gov.

1. You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.
2. Whoever is going to host the meeting calls Pete Gelabert, NW Area Command Crime Prevention Specialist at, 505-768-4873, and or E mail Pete at pgelabert@cabq.gov, to provide their name, address and telephone number. Pete Gelabert will send a starter packet to you.
3. The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form.
4. The host then sends the completed neighborhood list back to Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist..
5. Crime Prevention Specialist, Pete Gelabert will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.
6. At the meeting, the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
7. The Crime Prevention Specialist will conduct the meeting and towards the end, facilitate the group's selection of a Block Captain who will function as the neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.
8. The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain replacement, etc.).
10. The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



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every month. Link.
[https://cabq.zoom.us/
webinar/register/
WN_ZH3iX6nRSOmGbBA](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZH3iX6nRSOmGbBA)

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

E-mail contact information for the CPC Board is;

NorthwestCPC@cabq.gov.



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.



Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The Northwest Problem Response Team is constantly working to build positive relationships with the community through community outreach, tac plans with local businesses, and events with youth centers and schools.

The PRT currently includes Officer Brandon Forsberg, Officer Sean Morper, Officer Patrick Garcia, and has been supervised by Sergeant George Gabaldon. Sergeant Gabaldon has been with the Albuquerque Police Department since June of 2004 and has served in the Field Services Bureau, Open Space Unit, General Crimes Investigations, the Downtown Community Policing Unit and now is the Sergeant for NW PRT. Sergeant Gabaldon is retiring this December after a fulfilling career in the APD. His supervision, experience, positive outlook and sense of humor will be missed!

During the month of December, the NW PRT has been focusing heavily on having a presence in the large retail centers within the NW Area Command. By coordinating with the managers of retail businesses, loss prevention associates and a presence of marked patrol vehicles, it is the goal to deter shoplifting along with creating a safe environment during the busiest shopping season of the year.

To further the partnerships with businesses within the NW Area Command, PRT units have been working hand in hand with Walgreens to stop the frequent shoplifting and allow the workers and customers to feel safer in the stores. PRT units are working to become on a first name basis with the employees of the Walgreens within the NW area command and increase our presence in and around these retail stores.

To help with these efforts, two Officers have been allowed to be temporarily assigned to the NW PRT. Officers Arthur Acosta and Ricky Copeland have spent 2 weeks respectfully, assigned to the NW PRT. These additional resources have been greatly appreciated. To further the use of resources, the use of bike patrols will be used around the Cottonwood Mall area for an increased police presence.

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Northwest Area Command December Calendar of Events Corner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3	4	5 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13 5:00pm Multi Crime Free Housing Safety Training at the Eagle Ranch Apartments.	14	15	
16	17	18 6:30pm Tres Volcanes N.A. zoom meeting	19 6:00pm CPC (zoom) meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						