

Northwest Area Command

Acting Commander Bonnie Briones Corner

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As the holiday season approaches, our shopping centers, parking lots, and delivery routes get busier than ever. While this is a time of celebration, it's also a time to stay alert and keep yourself and your belongings safe. Here are some important reminders to help you shop safely this season:

In Stores

- **Stay Aware:** Keep your purse or wallet secure and close to your body. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
 - **Park Smart:** Choose well-lit areas close to entrances and lock your vehicle every time you exit.
 - **Hide Your Purchases:** Keep shopping bags and gifts out of sight—preferably locked in the trunk.
- Buddy Up:** Shopping with friends or family not only makes it more enjoyable but also safer.

Online Shopping

- **Use Trusted Websites:** Only buy from secure, reputable retailers (look for “https://” and a lock symbol in the address bar).
 - **Avoid Public Wi-Fi:** Do not make purchases while connected to public or unsecured Wi-Fi networks.
- Track Deliveries:** Use package tracking and delivery alerts, and request packages be placed in less visible areas.

In Parking Lots

- **Stay Alert:** Avoid distractions such as texting or talking on the phone while walking to or from your car.
 - **Have Keys Ready:** Keep your keys in hand and check your surroundings before entering your vehicle.
- Report Suspicious Behavior:** If you see something unusual, say something—contact APD’s non-emergency line or call 911 if it’s urgent.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Juan Cabrera

We have started our "Fall Operation" in which Day Shift Northwest Officers are focusing on our businesses, parks, and traffic/walk routes. We want to ensure we have a strong presence in these areas. We want businesses to conduct their business feeling secure to do so. We want our communities to enjoy Northwest parks, feeling safe and concentrating on their joy of the park. We want to keep our streets and walkways safe and clear so folks can travel via vehicle, bike, and walk without hassle. We are doing numerous traffic tact plans and ensuring folks stay off our small medians. This Fall season is great for our city, and we want to ensure that it stays that way.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II ACT. LIEUTENANT Jeremy Lujan

New Acting Lieutenant, Jeremy Lujan assigned to the NW Area Command.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II1 LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

Well with October past us, I hope everyone had a wonderful month and enjoyed Halloween. Northwest grave officers have been busy responding to calls and being proactive throughout the night to help curb crime in the area. With November ahead of us and colder temperatures, I want to remind everyone again to be smart when warming your vehicles in the mornings. Auto theft suspects are looking for vehicles warming up as an easy opportunity to take your car. Don't be an easy victim. With the holiday shopping season approaching, be aware of your surroundings and try not to leave valuables in your car. Also, with the uptick in online shopping and packages being delivered to your residence, keep an eye out for suspicious activity.



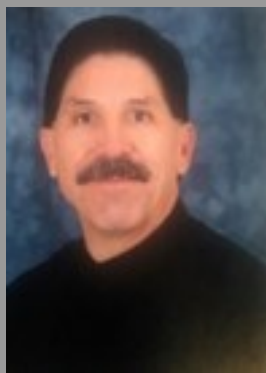
Crime Prevention Corner

How to Avoid Warm-Up Auto 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,

- 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.
- Park your car in busy areas that are properly lit.
- Install a mechanical locking device that locks to the steering wheel, column or brake. These devices are known as clubs, collars or J-bars.
- Use alarms or anti-theft devices if your vehicle has one.



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Northwest Area Command 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 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.

The zoom meeting link is;

https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCW

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Northwest Area Command Community Partnership and Outreach Corner



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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):

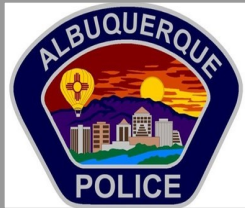
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and/or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and 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 Community Outreach

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 are not wanting 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: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) <https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org> .

Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST): 505-924-6000

Abandoned and Dilapidated Abatement Property Team ADAPT Program: A.F.D. 505-833-7300



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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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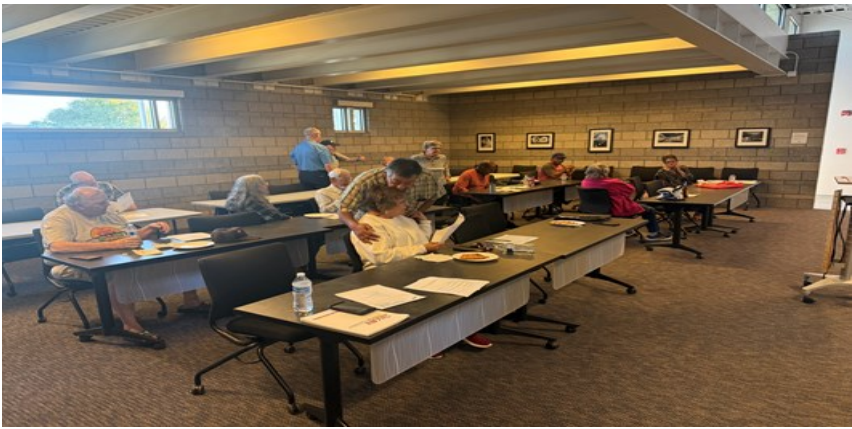




Pizza with a Cop hosted by the Cottonwood Mall Management



Tuscany Neighborhood Association annual meeting





Chief Harold Medina Corner



Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! It's my favorite time of year in our community when chile is roasting and Balloon Fiesta is under way!

If you haven't yet made it out to Balloon Fiesta and you see our Horse Mounted Unit on the field, please say hello! We have a new horse Scottie, and this is his first Balloon Fiesta he's working.

We officially launched a cutting-edge Drone Program to boost crime-fighting and community safety. Since August, the drones have completed more than 200 flights and assisted in four arrests. Housed in rooftop "hives" across the city, the drones can deploy within seconds, providing officers with real-time intelligence and video before they arrive on scene. The program is already proving to be a game-changer—enhancing officer safety, gathering key evidence, and responding to incidents like ShotSpotter alerts within 90 seconds.



I want to extend a big thank you to our community for coming out to National Coffee with a Cop Day!

We had events at locations all throughout the city and had a great turnout and meaningful conversations with our officers.

I know you all took time out of your busy lives to spend time with us and we appreciate it!



-Chief Harold Medina

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