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Greetings Northwest, the summer months are behind us and school is back in session. As the weather changes, I anticipate a decrease in call volume, but we shall see. Just a few updates, Northwest Proactive Response Team (PRT) lost an officer to promotion, but we retained him as a supervisor for one of our swing shift teams. Also, we were able to fill two of our three vacant PRT officer positions.



The Department is preparing for Balloon Fiesta with a variety of operations from increased enforcement to outreach. When it comes to crime statistics, we are looking great. We are down in robberies, burglaries and shootings compared to this time last year. We continue to partner with the Traffic Unit and deploy our officers based on your tips to address the speeding and other traffic related issues. Please allow me to reiterate, we know the major thoroughfares and intersections that cause issues, but we depend on tips from the public to find the lesser known problem areas. Please continue to e-mail Pete Gelabert and me with any issues you have identified. I would like to thank those Neighborhood Associations and businesses within the Northwest who contributed to our Officer Appreciation Day. I cannot tell you how much the support means to the officers. I would also like to thank those of you who attended our Coffee with a Cop and other community partnership events. Please check our website for upcoming opportunities to have conversations with officers. As always, I encourage everyone to participate in your Neighborhood Association, Business Coalition and the Northwest Community Policing Council.





# Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I ACTING LT. LARRY MIDDLETON



Northwest graveyard continues to patrol businesses at night in an attempt to reduce commercial burglaries. Northwest graveyard continues to conduct on-site activity resulting in 9 felony arrest this month. The graveyard officers also made 3 misdemeanor arrest.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LT. Amy Sedler

The cool weather is approaching and the holiday season is just around the corner. The Northwest area command would like to remind all citizens that Auto Burglaries and thefts will be on the rise. It is imperative to stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings. If you see any criminal activity in your area please call it into police. Remain in a safe place and provide a detailed description of any person or vehicle involved. We strive to keep our community safe and we can't do it without you. During the month of September we increased our traffic enforcement along Westside and Sierreta NW and Eagle Ranch and Coors Blvd. We hope this increase and officer presence will deter unsafe driving and deter crime within the area command. It is the goal of the Albuquerque Police Department and the northwest area command to provide quality service to the community while creating positive partnerships with stakeholders. As always, please stay safe. We all here at the Northwest Sub Station look forward to serving you.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LT. BRIAN PITZER

And just like that we are into the fall season which typically last two weeks here in New Mexico. As we enjoy the balloons and the pumpkin spice lattes I would like to remind everyone to remove valuables and belongings from their vehicles. We are seeing an up-tick in vehicle break in within the area command. This is typically a very busy time department wide through the holiday season. We are working on our holiday tact plan in order to provide a safe shopping and holiday season. The Proactive Response Team (PRT) will be working hand in hand with the stakeholders and business owners in order to address any concerns they may have moving forward. Please feel to reach out to myself at [bpitzer@cabq.gov](mailto:bpitzer@cabq.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.



# Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The Northwest PRT Team has been focusing on community outreach, attending more than seven community events this month alone. We have additionally concentrated on mandatory and specialized training that significantly increases our capabilities and capacity through technology, including aerial surveillance and a collaborative and integrated online platform that tracks organized crime offenders by methodology, location, and product. Through these technologies, we are extending the influence of law enforcement within the area command and increasing the efficiency of policing strategies already in place. The NW PRT Team also bolstered their unit with the addition of an additional Officer. We are pleased to announce that Officer Diomedes Cordoba will bring his years of knowledge and experience to the NW Area Command within the next week.

As a Team, we strive to hold criminals accountable by using a collaborative strategy and internal and external enablers to identify, track, and apprehend violent and repeat organized crime offenders. NW PRT aggressively and proactively addresses the community's concern by using effective communication, enabling community partners, outreach, and aggressive enforcement of ALL Felony Crimes.

We want to hear from you about all your concerns.

“Here to Help!”



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# Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



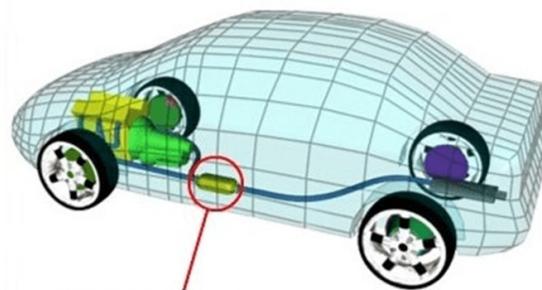
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## Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention

- Install an alarm/safety camera system.
- Paint your catalytic converter bright colors.
- Etch your VIN on your catalytic converter.
- Make sure your converter is covered by your Insurance.
- Speak to your mechanic about bolting the catalytic converter, cage clamp or sensor that can activate an alarm.
- Make your car a difficult target. Park your car in the garage.

Thieves target catalytic converters because they contain valuable precious metals like platinum, palladium or rhodium. The thieves may sell the metals which, according to experts can sell for several hundred dollars.



Catalytic Converter



# Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



## Council Chair:

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CPC (zoom) meeting ,  
3rd Wednesday of  
every month. Link.  
[https://cabq.zoom.us/  
webinar/register/](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/)

## 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](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZH3iX6nRSOmGbBA)

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# 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:**

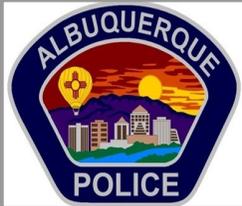
The NW Area Command has over 100 neighborhood watch programs and block captains. We have established an excellent rapport and understanding of the needs and concerns of the neighborhoods and block captains within their respected neighborhoods. The block captain/officer initiative program strengthens 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.



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## 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 eviction)



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# Northwest Area Command Photos

**NW Area Command Officer Appreciation Day**



**National Coffee with a Cop Day**



**Santa Fe Village N.A. Night Out**



# Northwest Area Command February Calendar of Events Corner

◀ October 2022	October 2022						October 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
30	31					1 12:00pm NW Area Command Officer Appreciation Event at the NW Substation	
2	3	4	5 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	6	7	8	
9	10	11 6:30pm SRMNA annual meeting. Loca- tion to be an- nounced	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19 6:00pm CPC (zoom) meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month	20	21	22 8:00am A.P.D. Academy city wide Block Captains meet- ing	
23	24	25 6:30pm Petroglyphs H.O.A. (zoom) meeting	26 6:00pm La Luz H.O.A. annual meeting at the Bosque School	27	28	29	
							



# Northwest Area Command

## RADIO ENCRYPTION INFORMATION

Police radio transmissions are law enforcement tools that provide secure communication between emergency dispatchers and police officers.

Unfortunately, some individuals publish or broadcast sensitive, investigative details obtained through scanners that monitor the radio transmissions. In some cases, the information is published online, without verification or regard for the potential impact on an investigation. Social media and the instant access to information through smart phones dramatically increase the possibility that suspects can access information about police investigations in real time. This is especially concerning during critical incidents, like active shootings and mass casualty events, but also during the immediate aftermath of a homicide.

As a result of these concerns, the Albuquerque Police Department has encrypted its area command channels to ensure efficient and effective communication.

The Department will allow access to police radio transmissions to news media outlets on a case-by-case basis.

