

Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Good Day to all our Northwest Residents and Visitors. We want to remind everyone that with school in session to please slow down and watch out for our young ones on their way to school.. Northwest officers and officers from our Traffic division will be out in force to make sure we can keep the streets calm and safe for our kiddos. We will be doing a month long Operation at Mariposa Park to address some crime and other issues out there. If you see officers or Police Service Aides out and about please feel free to say hi and let them know any issues that you see out there. We want to make sure that we are keeping things safe for our youth. We will have a follow on Operation in West Bluff Park in the future to address similar issues there as well.





NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Bonnie Briones

Evening Safety Tips: Walking to Your Car After Dark

As the nights grow longer, take a few simple steps to stay safe when walking to and from your vehicle:

- **Stay Alert:** Keep your head up, put away your phone, and scan your surroundings.
- **Park Smart:** Choose well-lit areas close to entrances whenever possible.
- **Buddy System:** Walk with a friend or coworker if you can.
- **Have Keys Ready:** Hold your keys in hand before leaving the building to avoid fumbling.
- **Trust Your Instincts:** If something feels off, return inside and ask for help or wait until the area feels safe.
- **Lock Up Quickly:** Once inside your vehicle, lock the doors immediately.

Report Concerns: Notify security or call non-emergency police if you see suspicious activity. Your safety is a priority—small steps make a big difference!

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II ACT. LIEUTENANT Jeremy Lujan

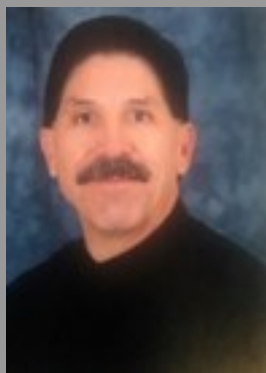
New Acting Lieutenant, Jeremy Lujan assigned to the NW Area Command.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

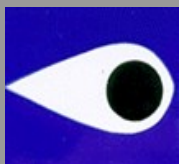
Northwest Area officers have been busy this month with responding to calls for service, being proactive and patrolling targeted areas throughout the Northwest Area Command, and conducting traffic stops. They have conducted over 200 traffic stops throughout the month. On another note, Fall is here, and the weather is starting to cool down in the mornings. As an early reminder, leaving your car unattended and warming it up in the mornings is an easy way for thieves to steal your car. Let's not make it easier for them. As always, if you see something, call it in.



Crime Prevention Corner



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Student Safety Tips / Stranger Danger

Don't talk to strangers.

- Don't take anything from strangers.
- Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know.
- Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Review contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."
- Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.



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):

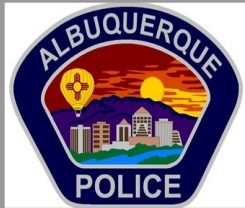
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and/or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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



Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoyed their summer. With a new school-year underway, I wanted to remind the community of our Campus Crime Stoppers partnership. This has created a safe anonymous outlet for our students, school faculty and parents to report any suspicious or criminal activity. It's as simple as a text of "ABQCS" to 738477. The stickers to the right are ahaned out in most APS schools and the QR code takes you to more ways to report.



APD and the One Albuquerque Fund recently hosted a 300+ person conference. It was an honor to be the first U.S. city to host the annual Safety of Our Cities Conference which first originated in Canada. Police Chief's from across the U.S. and Canada as well as professionals from the tech industry and alternative response entities like the Albuquerque Community Safety Department, came together for an innovative 3-day conference. The panel discussions and presentations all focused on how all three industries can work together to make our communities

safer.

As we've shared this year we are down in all major crime categories, we have also seen a significant decrease over the last three years in homicides. This year, homicide detectives have solved 40 of 48 cases, in addition to 22 cases from previous years, bringing the homicide clearance rate to 129%.

As we can only imagine what families in our community impacted by these crimes have experienced, we hope that this sends a clear message that if you attempt to commit a crime in our community, especially of this magnitude, there is a very high likely you will be caught.



And a big congratulations to Cadet Class 132! 13 new officers just graduated and are currently on On The Job Training before they are assigned their official area commands.

APD now hold four academies a year which allows for officers to be out on our streets working quicker from the previous format of only two academies a year.

With both the pre-hire program and the L.E.A.P. program, we are making it easier for qualified candidates to get hired. Anyone interested in applying can do so at apply.apdonline.com.



-Chief Harold Medina

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