



# Northwest Area Command Acting Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Good Day to our residents here in the Northwest Area Command. I wanted to start by thanking all of you for your support, conversations and issues and concerns raised during the National Night Out (NNO) at the beginning of the month. It was a lot of fun getting out to mingle and talk with all of our families and community members during that night. We are continuing to work on the traffic enforcement issue across the area command that was brought up during NNO and I am happy to report as many of you saw we had the Traffic Unit in force on Coors Blvd and several of the side streets during the middle of August and they were very effective at dealing with our speeding issues that coupled with our own Area Command Traffic Operation we hope to see a continued slowdown on our streets and in our neighborhoods. Our officers are already making plans to address the holiday shopping period here in the Northwest in an effort to make your shopping experience an enjoyable and safe outing. Also, as we draw nearer to fall we want to remind you all to make preparations in your travel plans with the State Fair and Balloon Fiesta right around the corner those always seem to congest our roads just a little bit more than usual. Lastly, if you see some new faces out there responding to your police requests or just out and about patrolling there are 36 new officers on the streets working on their 17 weeks of On the Job Training which once completed those officers will be distributed across the city to bolster our ranks in the field. Until next time stay safe and vigilant.





# Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER RODY

Hello everyone, I would like to start by introducing myself since this is my first month in the Northwest Area Command. I am Chris Rody and I have been with the police department for over 15 years. I spent 9 years of my career with Field Services and 6 years in different capacities with the Traffic Division. I was recently promoted and I am looking forward to working here in the Northwest.

I want to remind everyone that school has now started, so we need to make sure we pay attention on the roadways and know where the school zones are during your daily commutes. This is something that gets addressed during the entire school year with the traffic officers, and I will make sure the officers here in the northwest are addressing the school zones in their beats. Not only do we want to promote safe driving in school zones, we also want to make sure students are crossing streets safely and using crosswalks. According to Albuquerque Public Schools (APS), they have 176 schools and just over 81,700 students. Knowing there are this many schools throughout the city, you can help the officers in the northwest by reporting school zones that are in need of enforcement. If you see these issues in your area, please report it with the specific times and locations where the issues are occurring. We want our students to be able to get to and from school safely.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT ANDREW QUILLMAN

Your swing shift officers have been working hard to ensure drivers are safe on the roads and families can enjoy their time in the area parks. Of course we are also working hard to respond quickly to your calls for service and to handle those calls professionally and efficiently. Our area command has seen a number of auto burglaries during the summer. An identified trend in these auto burglaries shows that the drivers left items on the seats and floorboards which were visible from outside the vehicle. Unfortunately these items are often less costly than the damage caused by the offender breaking into the vehicle. Keep items in your vehicle out of sight and keep your doors locked! Enjoy the rest of your summer and please keep in mind how important it is to report crime and suspicious activity when you see it.

## NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT THOMAS IVIE

My name is Lieutenant Thomas Ivie. I started with APD in 2005 as a Police Service Aide. I went to the police academy in 2007 and graduated May 2008. I spent a majority of my career in Field Services Bureau, including additional duties such as Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Field Training Officer (FTO). I promoted to Sergeant in November 2016 continuing my additional duties with ERT and as an FTO. In December 2018 I transferred to APD'S Horse Mounted Unit where I stayed until February 2023. That same year I transferred to the Compliance Division where I worked for almost two years. I was promoted to Lieutenant in June 2024 and came to the Northwest Area Command on Graveyard shift in July 2024.





# Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

## Crime Prevention



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### Atlas One platform, enhancing capabilities to connect to the public.

Through Atlas One, APD has launched the My ABQPD app which is a communications platform that helps public safety agencies modernize the way they connect and interact with its residents and visitors.

Once the app has been downloaded, alerts can be catered to an individual's preferences whether that be for minor, up to extreme alerts.

Through the app, APD will send push alerts for incidents such as missing persons flyers, wanted posters, traffic incidents causing road closures and school related incidents that APD is assisting with.

The alert system will not only come through the app on your mobile device, but it will also be posted

to APD's Twitter accounts.

The Atlas One app can be downloaded on both the Apple App store and on Google Play. If you have the old version of the APD app please remove from your devices.



We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

The Atlas One app will automatically send you an alert when a public safety issue occurs near your current location, or places you care about, such as your home, school, or office.

Stay Informed of Issues Around You

Receive Personalized Safety Alerts

Explore nearby events, incidents, places, and alerts

You can download the app for iOS and Android devices today!  
Scan QR Code to download.






# 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/regar/WN\\_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCW](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/regar/WN_V5qbQrtfTha7RkMTDxTDCW)

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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):

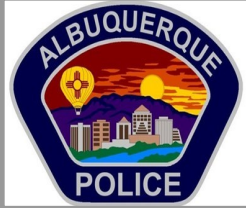
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and welfare of the buildings and the community. Through community policing we will reduce crime and increase quality of life in the area.





# 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





## 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

## Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks McMahan NW & Unser NW







I hope everyone is enjoying the end of the summer. We are gearing up for National Night Out 2024 which helps promote police and community partnerships while showcasing neighborhood comradery.

I encourage you to attend one of the nearly 100 gatherings scheduled throughout the city and enjoy an evening with your community. The full list of locations can be found at <https://www.cabq.gov/national-night-out>.



As for crime fighting we've had several successful operations throughout the city from bus stops, to warrant roundups and bait cars.



Our Proactive Response Officers have been doing a great job tackling ongoing issues in different areas of the city, locating repeat offenders and are putting together operational plans to address crimes trends they are seeing in specific locations.

As a department, we are also putting a strong focus on crime prevention events throughout the community. We've now held two Crime Prevention Pop-Up events in the SE and SW where we hand out wheel locks, complete VIN etching on vehicles and provide helpful crime prevention tips. There will be two more events before the end of summer so stay tuned for more info!

We also held a bike path safety event this month to address concerns on city bike paths were residents could speak directly with officers about issues they have, and how to address them.

Coming up on August 17th from 6-8:00P.M. we hope you'll come out for a fun night at the Zoo to celebrate the State of the City. This is a great time to celebrate the many successes and future plans for our community. I hope to see you there!



A big thanks to all those who provide us support on a regular basis, we so appreciate it.

Stay safe Albuquerque!



-Chief Harold Medina

August 2024

