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Happy New Year to our residents of the Northwest. I hope that you and your families had a Merry Christmas and spent your holidays making great memories. We also hope that you all have a safe and responsible New Year's celebrations. Please remember to have a designated driver if you choose to drink this New Years and also remember that shooting guns within the City Limit's is not only Illegal but it is extremely dangerous as those bullets come down somewhere. We will have officers working hard to make sure everyone is safe this New Years. Please help us to make sure every starts the New Year safely.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER RODY

As we enter the holiday season, I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who lives in the Northwest for your continued support. I also want to give you a couple of reminders as the holiday shopping season is upon us. Please make sure you are doing everything you can to try and ensure your safety. Secure your homes and use timers for your lights so you can keep your property well lit. Keep your personal belongings (purse/bags) close to you and make sure you are locking valuable items in the trunk or glove box if possible. Let's start the holiday season with a great Thanksgiving! Go Lions!

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT BONNIE BRIONES

New Lieutenant Bonnie Briones assigned to the NW Area Command.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT TRACY DRAGER

I was born and raised in Albuquerque, graduating from Sandia High School in 1994. I obtained a Bachelor's of Science in Communications from Eastern New Mexico University with a minor in Computer Information Systems. Then I moved to Denver and obtained a Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver. Prior to entering APD, I was a District Attorney for Bernalillo County for five years.

I have been with the department for eleven years. Previous assignments include 4 years in the Operations Review Unit and one year with the Level 1 Force Team. I have worked in the Foot-hills, Valley, and now the Northwest Area Commands. I was on the Crisis Negotiation Team for three years and have been an CIT officer since the program began. I teach legal related topics to our newly graduated officers and frequently work with officers before they go to court to prosecute their misdemeanor cases. I volunteer with MADD - Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and am a frequent speaker at their monthly Victim Impact Panels. I love to travel, having visited 40 of 50 States, and many countries. I home schooled my one child, who graduated last May.

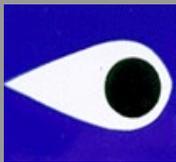




Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Crime Prevention

How to Start A Neighborhood Watch

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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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

E-mail contact information for the CPC Board is;
NorthwestCPC@cabq.gov.

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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):

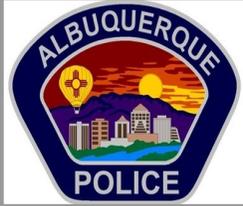
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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





Northwest Area Command Albuquerque Community Safety

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

Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and gearing up for the holiday season.

I'd like to start off by sending a big thank you to all of our officers who have stepped up to the plate the last few months assisting with many events like the State Fair, Balloon Fiesta, protests and political rallies. There has been a lot going on in our community and it's the support from our officers that allow these events to run smoothly, and I truly appreciate each and every one of you.



I'd also like to make the community aware of operations our department has conducted along the Central corridor in regards to open-air drug use and the trafficking of Fentanyl in the area. Over a two-day period, officers arrested 109 people who were using or selling Fentanyl.

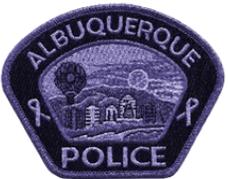
In total, the operation resulted in the following:

- 147 on site generated calls
 - 109 total arrests and warrants cleared
 - 1 firearm recovered
- 10 traffic citations

We recently hosted a Domestic Violence Awareness seminar in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month. As a department we wanted to raise awareness for survivors and those possibly experiencing domestic violence that there are resources and here to help.



Victims we are



We encourage anyone in need of assistance or who may be looking for resources to contact the Family Advocacy Center at (505)-243-2333 or APD's Victim's Assistance Unit at (505)924-6059 or via email at vau.cabq.gov.

Lastly, as we gear up for the holidays, we are preparing for our 30th annual Cops for Kids event providing a special day to underprivileged children in our community. If you have the means and are willing to donate to this great cause, use the QR code below or please visit, crimestoppersnm.com and hit the DONATE button and select "Cops for Kids".

Every cent counts and we appreciate the support!



-Chief Harold Medina



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