



Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Good day to all our residents here in the Northwest. I would like to start this message by thanking all of our officers for their hard work as this Patrol Bid comes to a close. In case you were unaware every year the officers and supervisors get the opportunity to “bid” or choose their shifts, work areas and days off that they will work for the next year. We are lucky in that over 80% of our officers and supervisors are returning to work here. That is of huge importance as those officers know the areas, the issues and the community here in the Northwest and we can continue to make strides and improve the quality of life we all share here in the Northwest. Thank you for your service and for returning to work here for another year.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Bonnie Briones

I wanted to share a great resource: [FindHelp.org](https://www.findhelp.org). This site allows you to enter a zip code and search for assistance based on specific needs. You can browse by category or do a free-hand search to find services like housing, food assistance, mental health support, and more.

Please take a moment to check it out and save the link.
Stay safe and take care!

Lieutenant Bonnie Briones
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Northwest Area Command, Watch II

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT

New Lieutenant to be assigned in the NW Area Command.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Tracey Drager

To everyone I met, I really enjoyed working in the Northwest! I'll be moving to the Foothills on March 1st for the upcoming year. One of the most incredible parts of Northwest has been the people – I am impressed how many of you look out for your neighbors and call when you see something that “isn't right”. Your neighbors are your first line of protection – so as the temperatures warm up, go offer a warm handshake and become friends. Those watchful neighbors can help us catch burglars in the act, prevent car thefts, pick up your mail/packages before they can be stolen, or provide excellent video footage when things happen in the dark of night. If your neighbor knocks on your door and asks you to turn your music down – do so graciously and thank them for looking out for the neighborhood. Keep up the good work and thank you for everything you do to help keep each other safe.

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Crime Prevention Tips for Runners and Walkers

Each year more and more people take up running and walking because it is a quick, inexpensive way to stay fit. If you travel often, running or walking is an excellent way to maintain your exercise regimen. Here are few pointers to help you keep safe when you hit the road.

Before you leave:

- Plan your outing. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Tell friends and family of your favorite exercise routes. Take a phone with you in case you need to call for help. Wear an identification tag or carry a driver's license. Include any medical information.

On the road:

- Wear reflective material.
- Stay alert at all times.
- Run or walk with a partner or a dog.
- Exercise in familiar areas.
- Vary your route.
- Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets, and overgrown trails. Especially avoid poorly lighted areas at night.
- Run clear of parked cars or bushes.
- Trust your intuition about a person or an area. React based on that intuition and avoid areas you feel unsure about.
- Have your door key ready before you reach your vehicle or home.



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

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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):

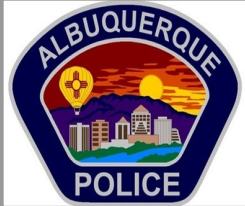
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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

West Bluff Business Coalition Meeting



PRT officers attending a Milk and Cookies with a Cop



Chief Harold Medina Corner

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



Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well! I can't believe we're already into February, but we have so much planned for the year ahead. I've been spending time at the Roundhouse with the ongoing Legislative Session advocating for several bills we have put forth.

Operations on Central Avenue continue as we now have a dedicated Major over this effort to help clean up the area while providing individuals much needed resources.

From our Traffic Division enforcing speeding and other roadway violations, to our specialty units checking on individuals and criminal activity, to our High Risk Victims Unit (HRVU) assisting individuals and investigating human trafficking, the initiative is a department wide effort.



We have an exciting announcement for our community in the Southeast, with the grand re-opening of the Phil Chacon Memorial Substation. The new substation has been a long time coming and now has amenities for community members and our officers.

The 21,000 square foot facility is made up of three different zones, with a secured booking area and holding cells, as well as evidence storage. The substation also houses a new community room that can fit up to 100 people.



As a way to better connect with the community, we are putting more focus into Nextdoor. We will continue using our page to share proactive information, including upcoming community events, crime data, operation results, safety tips and important community updates. We have also created another account, @APDInfo, to allow us to share, interact and post in some of the neighborhoods across the city.



'Gotta catch 'em all!'



In Old Town this past weekend, we hosted our first Cops vs. Kids event in partnership with Old Town Hobbies and Games. There was a great turnout and we received significant feedback from kids and parents that they'd like more events like this.

We will continue to find more ways to engage with the community, and I encourage you to reach out, and get in touch with us if you have ideas to partner in your community or at your business. Please contact our Community Engagement Manager at Angelinanavarro@cabq.gov.



-Chief Harold Medina

