



Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Happy 2025 to our residents here in the Northwest Area Command. We ended 2024 with a lot of crime reductions City Wide but specifically here in the Northwest we saw significant reductions in robberies (24%), auto burglaries (21%) and burglaries (4%). While these numbers are not final yet they do show significant reductions which should remain similar to the final amounts. Our goal this year is to continue those efforts and further expand on our successes in this coming year. We have a new field officer bid slated to begin in March so you may see some new faces in the area command and hopefully the majority of our officers continue to work here in the Northwest. As always stay safe and if you get the chance to join us for a Coffee with a Cop or other event please stop by.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LIEUTENANT Bonnie Briones

With the holiday season coming to a close, some may feel the isolation of being alone, away from family members and gatherings that were prevalent over the last couple months. I just wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the community resources available. Call, Text, or Chat with the Helpline M-F 10am to 10pm at 1(800) 950-6264 or text the "helpline" at 62640. The crisis call or text line is also available 24/7 at 988.

If someone you know or yourself is thinking about completing suicide or harming others please call 911 immediately. In most cases an CIT certified officer will be dispatched to speak with you. You can also request a Mobile Crisis Team commonly referred to as MCT, which is an officer and clinician team, to also respond.

Wishing everyone a bright start to a new year!

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Armando Hernandez

New Lieutenant, Armando Hernandez promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in December 2024 and assigned to the Northwest Area Command, Watch III. He began his career with the Albuquerque Police Department in 2008, initially working the first four years in the Field Services Bureau. In 2013, Armando directed his career towards detective work under the Property Crimes Division as an Auto Theft Detective, where he spent seven years there working proactive operations, and follow-up investigations related to auto theft crimes. He promoted to Sergeant in 2019, where he lead the Mayor's Proactive Initiative team, the Street Crimes Unit. In 2021, he returned to the Auto Theft Unit as the teams Sergeant until recently promoted to Lieutenant. Outside of law enforcement, Armando is a business owner. He is married with three children. He also comes from a family of law enforcement officers, working along with three brothers with APD.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Tracey Drager

Graveyard shift rang in the New Year with lots of calls keeping us running. One of our community members was struck by a bullet flying into his house. Thankfully the injury was not life threatening, but it is a great reminder that what goes up must come down! Firearms are a dangerous way to celebrate holidays! We also had one of the DWI arrests for the night. Please plan ahead with Uber, Lyft and designated drivers to keep everyone on our roads safe. Graveyard officers also deal with a surprising number of very serious crashes – usually related to speed. It is easy to let your foot press the gas a bit more when the roads are empty, but that reduces your reaction time for cars turning in front of you. Slowing down will also help avoid those pricey speeding tickets. Together, we can make 2025 a safer year in our area command.





Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

Crime Prevention

Auto Burglary Prevention

The New Year has arrived and residence will be going to the gyms to work out. During this time of year we see an increase in auto burglaries in the parking lot of the gyms.

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity; vehicles are easy targets and often contain property that is attractive to thieves. Large parking lots and neighborhoods with a lot of on-street parking can be prime targets for theft. Use the easy, inexpensive tips below to reduce your risk.

Precautions:

- Leave nothing in plain-view inside your vehicle.
- Park in visible, well-lit areas.
- Roll up windows and lock doors.
- Place items in your trunk before reaching your destination.

Remove These Items:

- Garage door openers
- Electronic items (laptops, cell phones)
- Cash
- Firearms
- Mail
- Wallets/Purses



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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):

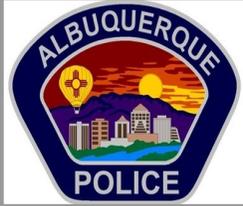
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and 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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Coffee with a Cop at the Donut Mart 3301 Coors NW





Chief Harold Medina Corner

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



Hello Albuquerque, and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season enjoying some time off with family and friends.

We are looking forward to 2025 after finishing out the year strong. Our Traffic Division continues to do great work in the field. For the New Year's Eve holiday we partnered with several other agencies to enforce DWI throughout the city.



As for our Criminal Investigations Division, in 2024, APD detectives solved 79 homicide cases.

A total of 125 murder suspects were arrested, a 6% increase from 2023 and the most in the history of the department. APD's homicide solve rate was also above 90% for the third straight year.

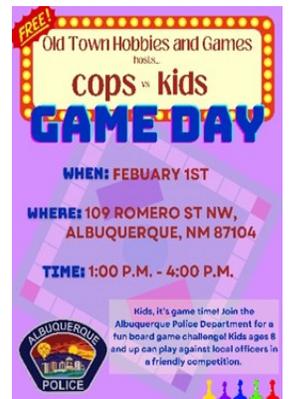
As we just wrapped up our Holiday Enforcement Plan, we will be making a public announcement with the results and highlighting some key individuals who were arrested multiple times during the operations.

I'm proud of our officers who have been working hard to make our shopping districts safer and for addressing these quality of life issues.

Additionally, we have increased enforcement to a historic part of our city that had experienced more crime this year.

As we have seen improvements, we continue to address the concerns and will be holding an event next month at Old Town Hobbies and Games, hosting Cops vs. Kids Game Day.

The event geared toward kids ages 8 and up will be on February 1, from 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. We hope to see you there!



Thank you to our community for your continued support, we look forward to another great year ahead.

-Chief Harold Medina

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