



Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Happy Spring Everyone!! It's that time of year where we get some nice warm days and everyone tries to get out and enjoy the sun before the winds pick up in the afternoon and kids sports are in full swing. We ask all our residents to please watch their speeds as our kiddos are out enjoying the sun and people take their dogs for walks. We will be working hard to keep our residential streets safe. Also a friendly reminder that UTVs/Side by Sides or other off road vehicles are just that, off road vehicles. You can and will be cited and your vehicle towed if you are driving on a roadway here in Albuquerque. Please trailer your off road vehicles. Thank you all and stay safe.





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!

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT Lt. Renee Ollquist

.Lieutenant Ollquist is on family leave.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LIEUTENANT Ross Vanderlip

Hello to everyone in the Northwest Area Command. I would like to start by introducing myself. I am Ross Vanderlip and I have been with the Albuquerque Police Department for about 19 years. I spent 13 years of my career in the Field Services and 6 years assigned to the Crime Lab. I have worked here in the Northwest Area Command for multiple years throughout my career as an officer, sergeant, and now as the Lieutenant on the night shift. I am excited to be back up here and working with all of the citizens and businesses in the area. We just started a new bid, so there are some new officers, but for the most part, a lot of officers stayed in the area command. We look forward to serving everyone in the area command and keeping you safe at night.





Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

Crime Prevention Corner

How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Program



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You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Whoever is going to host the meeting calls Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist, at 768-4873, and or E mail at pgelabert@cabq.gov to provide their name, address and phone number. Pete Gelabert will send a “starter packet” that will include, among other items, a form to collect information from your neighbors.

The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form.

Crime Prevention Specialist, Pete Gelabert will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

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.

The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain Replacement).

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 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;
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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):

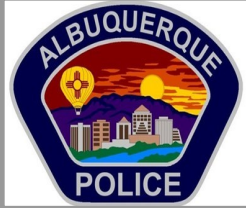
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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

acs@cabq.gov

Administrative Office: 505-768-4227





Northwest Area Command Photos

Personal safety meeting at the Four Hills Country Club, Ladies Luncheon



Coffee with a Cop at the Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, 3709 Ellison NW



Chief Harold Medina Corner

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Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well! Wanted to kick off with some positive news regarding our Auto Theft statistics. In the first two months of this year, we have seen a 40% decrease in auto thefts compared to the same time frame last year. This is a significant decrease, and one of the biggest I've seen in my years with the department.

There is a lot that we can attribute that decrease to including a successful Bait Car Program, more awareness to auto theft, making significant auto theft arrests, and vigilance from the community as more people are safely securing their vehicles.

We recently saw a slight uptick in thefts of specific Honda models in our Northeast and Foothills area commands, so we are urging the public to please take extra precaution in helping us prevent theft.



Our Central Corridor Operations continue to be a success. During a three week period, our officers arrested 112 people. APD's GANGS, FAST and Narcotics units conducted a proactive operation with the assistance of the Field Services Bureau Proactive Response Teams (PRT). In addition to the 112 arrests, officers cleared 106 felony warrants and 38 misdemeanor warrants. The operation focused on open air drug use, drug trafficking, warrants and maintaining a visual presence along the Central Avenue corridor.



Our Criminal Investigation Division recently wrapped up a Missing Persons Operation in an attempt to locate as many missing people as possible during a one-day operation. Out of 129 cases, officers, detectives and professional staff located 55 people. Of those, 14 were juveniles and the division was able to successfully resolve 46 cases. I'm very proud of the work of this division and am looking forward to the success of more future operations to come.

On our Community Engagement side of the department, we are looking forward to an event next month and hope you'll spread the word with your family and friends.

On April 5, from 12:00-3:00p.m. APD and Mrs. Sprinkles Ice Cream Parlor will be hosting Cops, Cones and Clue. We will have officers there participating in the event and are expecting Animal Welfare to host an adoption event as well.

We hope to see you there, and please reach out to our Community Engagement Manager at Angelinanavarro@cabq.gov if you'd be interested in hosting a community event.



-Chief Harold Medina



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