

# Northwest Area Command Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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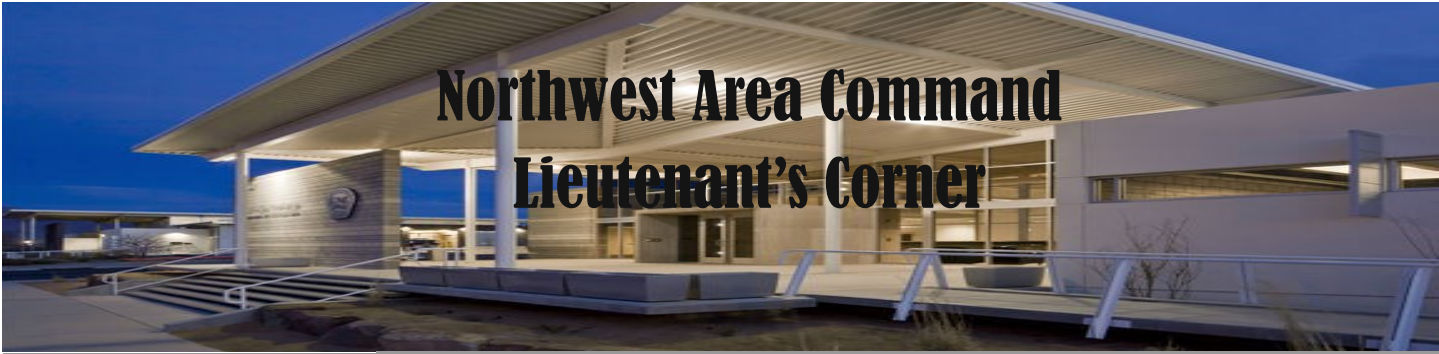
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I want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season from myself and the officers working in the Northwest Area Command. Our officers are busy working hard around our three main shopping districts to catch any thieves and shoplifters who may be prowling around trying take advantage of the hustle and bustle of the busy holiday season. We have had great success in catching small time and prolific offenders in those areas. We are also working to patrol our neighborhoods with officers and PSA's to help safeguard all those packages that will be coming to our homes with the on line holiday shopping. Please help us by making connections with your neighbors to hold onto those packages if you are out and about until you get home. As always with the family gatherings and company parties please be responsible and not drink and drive so we can all enjoy a safe holiday season.





# 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

## Crime Prevention



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**With the holidays here please see the below crime prevention safety information on auto burglary.**

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity; vehicles are easy targets and often contain property that is attractive to thieves during the holidays. Restaurants, Shopping Malls, Department Stores (big box stores). Large parking lots and neighborhoods with a lot of on street parking can be prime targets for theft. The majority of auto burglaries take place at night or in the early morning hours, and half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes. Please use the tips below to reduce the risk.

- **Leave nothing in plain-view inside your vehicle.**
- **Park in visible, well - lit areas.**
- **Lock your doors.**
- **Place items in your trunk or take them inside your 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](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):

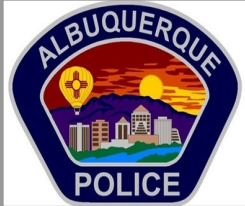
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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





# 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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# Northwest Area Command Photos

**Holiday Safety presentation for the Cottonwood Mall businesses.**



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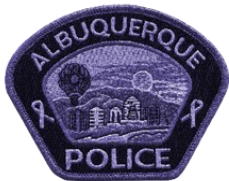
Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and gearing up for the holiday season.

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 we are here to help.

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](mailto:vau.cabq.gov).

Lastly, as we gear up for the holidays, we are preparing for our 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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