



Northwest Area Command Acting Commander Chris Patterson Corner

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Happy fall to our residents of the Northwest Area Command. It's that wonderful time of year when we see the leaves change and we get those nice crisp mornings and a little bit of frost starting to develop on our windows of our cars. We typically see an increase in auto thefts this time of year as people go to warm up their cars and then run back in to top off their coffee cups before heading out. BEWARE there are people out prowling the streets looking for these cars for a quick and easy auto theft. Please help us to prevent this from happening either by getting a remote start installed in your vehicle or don't leave it running. Also a friendly reminder as you start to work on those long shopping lists please don't leave your valuables in your car for a potential thief to see and take. Locking them in your trunk is better but taking them inside is best. Lastly, we have two new Lieutenants here in the Northwest. Lt. Bonnie Briones has taken over the Swing shift watch as Lieutenant Quillmann has retired after 23 years of service and Lieutenant Tracy Drager has taken over our graveyard watch. I want to thank Lt. Quillmann for his many years of service to our city. He will be missed and I would like to welcome aboard Lieutenants Briones and Drager to the area command. Both of them have hit the ground running and are ready to keep working to keep this the best area command to live and work in.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER RODY

Happy October Northwest family! Halloween is just around the corner, and I will have my officers driving through your neighborhoods to help ensure that everyone enjoys a safe night. I will be asking officers, time permitting, to drive through the residential areas and patrol during the trick-or-treat hours. Our commitment to protecting and serving the residents and businesses of the Northwest Area Command is strengthened by our teamwork and the trust we build with the community. Let's make October a productive and safe month for everyone!

Respectfully,
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NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT ANDREW QUILLMAN

Albuquerque residents and drivers enjoyed another wonderful Balloon Fiesta. I hope you all enjoyed the balloons and the great photo opportunities they provide. Here on the west side of town you may have gotten lucky and witnessed a balloon pilot briefly skim the Rio Grande with their gondola. Your Northwest officers and Traffic Unit officers did their best to make sure the streets were safe during the fiesta. I'd like to offer a few reminders as we head into the fall season. Please remember not to leave your vehicle running unattended as it warms up in the morning. Our city usually see an uptick in stolen vehicles this time of year due to the ease of stealing a vehicle that is already running. Also remember to remove visible property from your vehicle before parking it at home or around town. Don't tempt thieves to break your window just for some loose change, a phone charger, or anything they feel might be of value. As always, please keep in mind how important it is to report crime and suspicious activity when you see it. This helps us track where we need to apply our resources.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II1

New assigned Lieutenant to be announced.





Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

Crime Prevention

How to Avoid Warm-Up Theft This Winter



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As temperatures drop in the winter, drivers may be tempted to stay inside and keep warm while they wait for their cars to warm up.

However, car owners may want to think twice before they leave their cars running, unlocked and unattended.

Car thieves are on the lookout for these vehicles warming up in driveways.

Here are some tips from to avoid becoming a victim of warm-up thefts:

- Never leave your vehicle running or leave the keys in the ignition when the vehicle isn't within eyesight. Not even for "just a minute."
- Keep your valuables such as purses, credit cards and cell phones out of sight or in the trunk.
- Roll up the windows and lock the car.
- Do not leave the registration or title in the car. This makes it easier for thieves to dispose of your vehicle and it also makes you a target for identity theft.
- Stay alert when approaching the vehicle. Check around the car for thieves and suspicious persons. Leave as soon as you are concerned for your safety.
- Install a mechanical locking device that locks to the steering wheel, column or brake. These devices are known as clubs. Use alarms or anti-theft devices if your vehicle has one.



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):

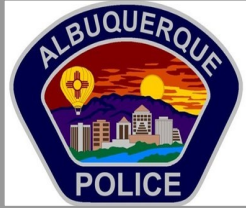
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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





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

National Coffee with a cop at the Donut Mart



Holiday Safety presentation for the Cottonwood Mall businesses.





Hello Albuquerque! The fall season is upon us and Balloon Fiesta is right around the corner. We have plans in place to help keep the park safe as well as all those attend both near and far.

I hear there are some new balloons this year as well as improvements to the park itself, so I hope everyone takes some time to get out and enjoy our city's largest event.

I would like to share more about an announcement regarding Campus Crime Stoppers getting back into the school system. Our Crime Stoppers Liaison was a driving force in getting this partnership with APS back up and running, and we are grateful for the district allowing students to have a tool at their fingertips to be able to report crime anonymously.

Students are able to report either on the website at p3tips.com or they can also text "ABQCS" to 738477. More on this announcement will be coming soon!



We recently announced some promising news over our efforts on shoplifting across our city, specifically the Northeast and Northwest Area Commands as they are home to our largest shopping districts.

2024 SHOPLIFTING OFFENSES									
	Southwest	Valley	Southwest	Northwest	FootHills	Northwest	University	NALWOOD	Total
Jan	29	30	5	445	191	163	13	8	884
Feb	19	24	8	342	143	157	14	7	714
Mar	21	25	6	245	150	167	6	11	631
Apr	15	20	5	300	126	187	28	12	693
May	11	19	5	299	139	139	14	9	655
Jun	12	16	3	263	100	136	22	4	556
Jul	11	28	1	229	73	119	15	13	489
Aug	19	31	2	213	44	97	23	15	444
Total	136	193	35	2,336	886	1,165	135	80	5,566

APD Proactive Response Team officers in the Northeast and Northwest Area commands have shifted focus to property crimes, specifically shoplifting, in the areas of Cottonwood Mall, Coronado Shopping Center and Uptown. APD has seen a decrease in citywide shoplifting from 884 reported incidents in January 2024 compared to 444 incidents in August 2024. PRT officers and Organized Crime Unit detectives have worked joint operations in the busier shopping districts, identifying and arresting repeat known offenders.

Business owners throughout the city are encouraged to join the Albuquerque Retail Assets Protection Association (ARAPA) to connect with local law enforcement and share trends, help identify repeat offenders and build lines of communication. Businesses can register [here](#).

I want to thank our community for your continued support. Every day we strive to be a stronger and better agency to serve you.



-Chief Harold Medina

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