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Good Day yet again to all of our residents here in the Northwest Area Command. It's that lovely time of year when the weather starts getting a little colder and we see the skies light up with colorful balloons and the leaves start to change. As far as the balloons go please remember to plan for road closures on the other side of the river especially around Balloon Fiesta Park but be aware of increased traffic. Add time to your departure and take a breath if there are aggressive drivers who didn't plan accordingly for their travels. We will continue to have officers working to address speeding and other aggressive driver habits across the command. Lastly, while tempting it is to turn your car on in the cold of the morning to warm it up I caution all of you to not make your cars a tempting target for car thieves who like to steal cars that are warming up. If you prefer a toasty car before you enter I suggest getting a remote start installed by a local car accessory store that that the keys are not in the car and it cannot be stolen while you get that last cup of joe for your drive to work or school. Until next month stay safe and enjoy the skies.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner



NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER RODY

Happy September! I want to take a minute for everyone to remember that the weather will be changing and it has already been getting cooler in the mornings, fall is upon us. I want to give you a friendly reminder that while warming your car up in the morning seems like a good idea, it is an easy way for car thieves to steal your car. According to Carfax, some experts recommend only needing about 30 seconds to warm up a vehicle before you leave for your morning commute. Anything over that, they say, is just wasting gas. But not only that, when you leave it running for extended periods of time it allows car thieves the opportunity to steal your vehicle. Please stay safe and make sure that you are reporting an issues in your neighborhood so the NW officers can address those issues.

Respectfully,
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NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LIEUTENANT ANDREW QUILLMAN

As always your swing shift officers are working hard to respond to your calls for service in a timely manner. They do this while also making sure to proactively patrol neighborhoods and making sure drivers are following traffic laws. Last month, we had a slight increase in residential, auto and commercial burglaries. Due to hard work by Northwest officers and APD's Burglary Unit, the numbers are trending downward again. To help deter burglaries, please remember to keep your home's doors and windows secure. A vehicle with no items visible from the outside is less likely to be broken into. Remember to remove purses, wallets, and house keys when leaving your vehicle unattended. Officers are taking higher numbers of offenders off the street and through proactive contacts with individuals, they are identifying and arresting numerous individuals with outstanding warrants. 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 LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant to be announced in the near future.





Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner

Crime Prevention

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is a wonderful part of the changing seasons and we should do every thing possible to ensure the night remains a wonderful experience for our children. Most folks are aware of the need for cautionary steps on this haunted evening, particularly in regard to altered treats and safety. Unfortunately, there are dangers associated with this annual goblin festival. The following tips should be considered by all adults and children as a guide to protect them during a night of trick-or-treating.

For Parents:

- The safest place is a sponsored event at a mall, school, church or neighborhood event.
- Accompany young children on the route.
- Agree to the route and an expected arrival time prior to departure.
- Always check your children's treats prior to consumption.
- If your driving be extra careful with kids on your street. Drive slow!

For Children and Parents:

- Wear light-colored clothing or costumes.
- Use make-up instead of a mask for better visibility.
- Make a map of the route for you and your parents.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick.
- Stay in your own neighborhood.
- Be respectful of other people and their property.
- Stop only at well-lighted houses.
- Have a parent check the treats before you eat them.
- Start early and end early.



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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):

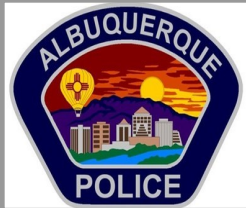
The program identifies and addresses abandoned and /or dilapidated properties that become public nuisance because they have a pattern of calls for service, serious criminal activity or because they pose a public safety threat. The goal is to work with property owners to increase the health, safety, and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



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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

Pizza with Police at Dion's Pizza, 4200 Montano NW





Message from Chief Medina:

Hello Albuquerque! It's my favorite time of year, as football season is upon us! This time of year also comes with back to school and I'm sure many parents are getting back into the swing of things.

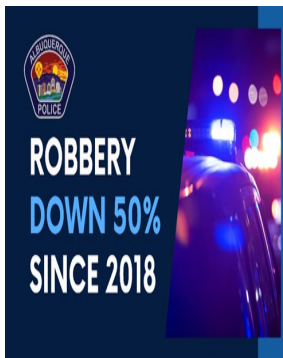
We are doing a lot of work getting involved with the school district and helping provide additional ways for students, faculty and parents to report. We hope to have more information on this soon that we will be sure to share with the community.

I would also like to acknowledge, our department has had a challenging month as we lost an officer from our agency. Officer Bianca Quintana had been with APD for two years and worked out of the Foothills Area Command. Bianca was a mother to two boys, a wife, daughter, and sister and we are doing everything we can to support her family during this time.

Bianca's funeral services have been set for September 9, at 10:30a.m. at Legacy Church, located at 7201 Central Avenue N.W. The family welcomes the community to honor her, during a celebration of life.



As for our crime fighting efforts, we continue to have an increased presence of officer's downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. We know this area is of concern and we have made it a priority.



We recently announced robberies are down 50% since 2018 and this goes to show the progress we are making as a department in terms of tackling crime.

We have a robust DIVRT team made up of mostly civilian staff members focused on retrieving video surveillance footage and other digital evidence that assists sworn personnel in their investigations.

By having this civilian team, it frees up time for officers and detectives to focus on their case-loads. Crime Stoppers, APD's detective academy, and internal information sharing amongst divisions have had the strongest impact in identifying and charging repeat or violent offenders, such as those committing robberies.



-Chief Harold Medina

And to kick off the month, we have an exciting community event coming up. This will be a largescale Coffee with a Cop event partnering with the Dunkin' Community Cruiser. The event will be held on September 10, at the University Substation from 8-11:00a.m., and there will be FREE coffee and donuts.



We hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support!

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