

Northwest Area Command

Acting Commander Saladin Corner

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Greetings Northwest, Spring is here and the weather is finally warming up. With the season change, we always anticipate an increase in calls for service, but we also plan more community events. Our Coffee with a Cop this month was a huge success, due in large part, to your participation. City Councilor Louie Sanchez and State Senator Harold Pope also attended and mingled with the public. With the support of our representatives, coupled with the support of the community, we are headed in the right direction.



The most common issue brought to my attention is speeding within the Northwest. All three of our speed trailers are functional and I welcome your suggestions for locations. Field Services has collaborated with the Motors Unit to conduct traffic enforcement throughout the City. If you have not already, you should see a huge presence and many traffic stops. I encourage you to reach out to Pete Gelabert or me with any areas you would like to see increased enforcement.

Last month I mentioned a citywide increase in armed robberies and auto thefts. I am happy to report both crime categories are rapidly decreasing. This result can be attributed to public awareness, the efforts of the Auto Theft and Armed Robbery Units and our federal partners.

As always, I encourage everyone to participate in the Northwest Community Policing Council, Cop on a Corner and Coffee with a Cop. Open dialogue and communication are key to our success. Please keep an eye on the Northwest Area Command website for upcoming events.





Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LT. JEFF ABERNATHY



Let me very briefly start by introducing myself, since most of you all do not know me. I have been with the Albuquerque Police Department since 1997 and have worked in many different areas of the Department over my career, with my last assignment being in Internal Affairs Professional Standards (IAPS). With that, I am glad to be here in the Northwest and look forward to working for you and alongside you. I will do my best to make night shift as enjoyable a place to work. While ensuring we are doing our part to help our team (NW Area Command) succeed, in both in the direction the department is trying to go, and while meeting the needs of our community. I know working this shift is difficult and challenging, especially with the manpower issues added into it. However, we can be proactive with the time we have to help focus on problem areas such as traffic, violent crimes, Property crimes and homeless issues. So please don't be surprised to see more directed patrol activities coming soon.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LT. Amy Sedler

Greetings Northwest, we are one month into our new bid for 2022. As many of you know at this time, you will see some new faces patrolling your neighborhoods and local business. I have remained within the command and look forward to continuing my service to you. We continue to work hard to fight crime in target rich areas and provide increased patrol in neighborhood settings. Please note, we continue to see a rise in Robberies and Auto Thefts within the command. We are working diligently with our Armed Robbery unit and Auto Theft unit to deter and apprehend these criminals in the act. Please be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity. "If you see something, say something" We can't fight crime without you. This is a joint effort, and a partnership. Thank you, and stay safe out there.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LT. BRIAN PITZER

As we move into spring and settle into the new bid I look forward to coordinating with PRT, Impact and other investigative units to address crime trends in the area command. Operations are being conducted by the following units: Auto theft, AG's office, PRT, OCU, Impact and U.S. Marshal's office which are yielding some positive results. These collaborative efforts will continue in order to reduce crime, and enhance the safety of the public. Here are the stats from one of the joint operations which was conducted on February 4th, and 5th:

(FEB 4 & 5) Conducted TACPLAN Home Depot (OCU / NMAG / ATF)

- 17 Felony Arrests
- 5 Felony Warrants
- 3 Stolen Vehicles Recovered
- 1 Gun & 1 Bullet Proof Vest Recovered



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Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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TEN TIPS FOR FIREARM SAFETY IN YOUR HOME

- Always keep the firearm's muzzle pointed in a safe direction. A "safe direction" means that the gun is pointed so that even if an accidental discharge occurred, it would not result in injury.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you actually intend to shoot. When handling a gun, rest your finger outside the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Don't touch the trigger until you are actually ready to fire.
- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use. Whenever you pick up a gun, such as when removing it from or returning it to storage, remember to point it in a safe direction and make sure it is unloaded.
- Be sure you know how your firearm operates: read the manual on your firearm, know how to safely open and close the action of the firearm and know how to safely remove any ammunition from the firearm and its magazine.
- Store your firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case when not in use, ensuring they are in a location inaccessible by children and cannot be handled by anyone without your permission.
- Store your ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.
- Use a gun locking device that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use. A gun lock should be used as an additional safety precaution and not as a substitute for secure storage.
- Make sure young people in your home are aware of and understand the safety guidelines concerning firearms. A reminder that if they find an unattended firearm in their home or a neighbor's to not touch it, and tell an adult.
- Always unload, clean and place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after returning from a hunting trip or a day at the range.
- Educate everyone in your family about firearms safety.



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



Council Chair:

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Other Members:

- Karen Schwartz
- Racheal Donovan
- Dr. Stephanie Coleman Mack
- Tom Borst
- Jeff Miller
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and or

CPC (zoom) meeting ,
3rd Wednesday of
every month. Link.
[https://cabq.zoom.us/
webinar/register/](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/)

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

Each of the six Community Policing Councils is 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/register/WN_ZH3iX6nRSOmGbBA

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.

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Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The Northwest Problem Response Team currently consists of 2 full-time sworn Police Officers, Officer Brandon Forsberg, Officer Patrick Garcia, and 1 supervisor, Sergeant Chris Poccia. We are committed to reducing crime and the fear of crime within the area command. In the month of February of 2022, NW PRT has taken on some new engagements within the area command. We have collaborated with internal and external enablers to coordinate Tactical Operational Plans in identifying, tracking, and apprehending violent offenders and repeat organized property crime offenders. The use of these enablers, including private enterprises, municipal, state, and federal law enforcement partners, has allowed NW PRT Officers to identify and apprehend scores of Felony Offenders.

In the Month of February alone, NW PRT arrested 35 Felony Offenders, recovered 6 firearms involved in criminal activity, recovered 4 Stolen Vehicles (with Offenders) and evicted 2 homes in the NW Area Command that were actively involved in Felony Drug Trafficking and Distribution.

NW PRT continues to achieve the goal of proactively addressing crime, as well as the fear of crime in our area command using adoptive and affirmed community policing strategies of Problem Solving, Community Partnerships, and Organizational Transformation as the critical components in effectively and constitutionally addressing the community's concerns.

We strive to achieve our objectives through communication, enabling community partners, outreach, and proactive enforcement of ALL Felony crimes.
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Northwest Area Command Event Photos

Cottonwood Mall community business engagement meeting



Coffee with a Cop at Donut Mart



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Coffee with a Cop at Donut Mart



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February Calendar of Events Corner

March 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6:00pm CPC (zoom) meeting. The 3rd Wednesday of every month	17	18	29
20	21	22 9:00am Coffee with a Cop at the Donut Mart 3301 Coors NW	23 6:00pm Taylor Ranch N.A. zoom meeting.	24	25	26
27	28	29 6:30pm Petroglyphs H.O.A annual (zoom) meeting.	30	31		
						