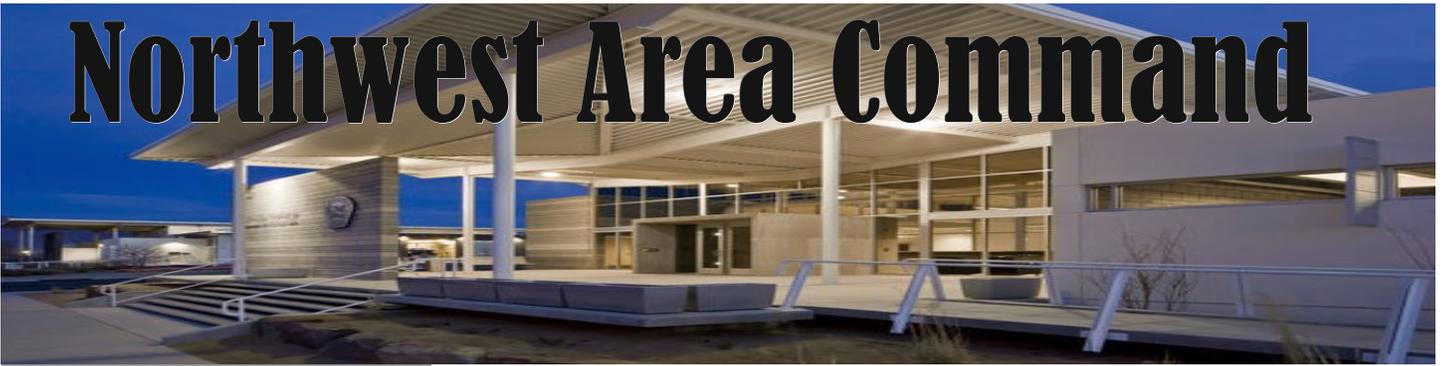


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COMMANDER ARTURO SANCHEZ

First, I would like to say I am glad to be the commander for the Northwest Area Command, and thank you for the support you have provided to the area command and officers. A little about me, I started with the Albuquerque Police Department in 2001 after serving two years as an officer in Roanoke City, Virginia, where I started my law enforcement career. Over the course of my career at APD I worked as an officer in Field Services Bureau (FSB) until 2008 in Southeast, Valley, Foothills and Southwest Area Commands. I was promoted to sergeant in 2008 and to lieutenant in 2014, where I supervised teams in FSB in multiple area commands. In 2018 I was promoted to commander and spent the last three years in the Special Operations Division (SOD).



We have made it through the first quarter of the year and spring is upon us. As the days begin to get warmer we will see more people out in the community. That means that individuals who are looking for potential victims will also be out. It is important to stay vigilant and be aware of your surroundings. Make sure that you lock your homes and vehicles, don't leave valuables in plain sight, and take steps to prevent becoming a victim.

In 2020 we faced many challenges as a community and as a Department. We experienced a pandemic that changed the way we live our lives, and there was social unrest during the summer with a call for social justice. The reform efforts under the Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) continued with some good strides made in certain areas of the agreement but also challenges in others. With these challenges the resiliency by our community and Department personnel was extraordinary. They showed us that when we stand together we can overcome anything. As a Department we found new ways to engage with the community. We used technology to reach more people than ever before. This will certainly be something that will be part of how we operate moving forward even after the public health order restrictions are lifted.

I look forward to working with all of you. Please reach out to me or my staff with any questions or concerns.



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NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LT. RUBEN VALDEZ



Watch I (Watch I (10pm-8am) is and will continue to direct officers to proactively patrol the areas in the Northwest Area Command which have been identified as “hot spots” for property crimes. On top of responding to calls for service Watch I teams have been conducting foot patrols, traffic enforcement and periodic watches in your neighborhoods as time permits. First quarter of 2021 has shown a steady decrease in property crimes, in the NW, in comparison to 2020. I would like to enlist everyone’s help by asking you to secure your valuables out of sight, lock your doors and also by turning on your outdoor lights at night. Several burglars have been arrested, over the past several months, largely in part from citizens calling in crimes in progress and providing good descriptions of offenders to our dispatchers. If you see suspicious activity do not hesitate to call 242-COPS for non emergencies and 911 for emergencies.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LT. Jim Edison

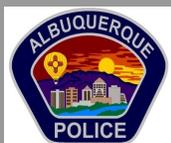
Acting Lieutenant Pitzer and the rest of the day shift Sergeants have been working hard and doing a great job these last few months. For the next few months, I will continue with the POP project they have already started. The results look good and property crimes continue to decrease. Remember to lock up your valuables instead of leaving inside your vehicles, especially your firearms. As a responsible gun owner, your firearm should always be safely secured. Inside your vehicle is not good enough; locked storage is required to keep us all safe.

Soon, I will begin to direct the teams to work the intersections (traffic enforcement), which historically show the greatest number of vehicle crashes and DWI’s. This is called DDACTS, follow this link for information on this important crime fighting initiative: <https://one.nhtsa.gov/Driving-Safety/Enforcement-&-Justice-Services/Data%E2%80%9393Driven-Approaches-to>

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III ACTING LT. MATHEW CHAVEZ

Watch III (Swing shift) has been working a project in the northern area of the NW area command particularly in the area of Coors and Ellison NW to Coors and Paseo NW and surrounding areas. The goal of this project has been to reduce violent crimes and property crimes during afternoon and evening hours by proactively conducting traffic stops within the area, meeting with business owners, apartment management, and conducting briefings in areas we see a rise in crime or areas that are brought to our attention by business or homeowners in the area during our briefings and contacts made.

Watch III has also been tasked with the heaviest call volume of the area command and officers are working hard each days to address issues throughout the area command to the best of their abilities by employing respect, fairness, pride and respect. The NW Area Command also asks to call in to 242-COPS if they see criminal/suspicious activity within the area, so that we could use the data generated from these calls by providing areas of concern for us focus our attention, and so we could dispatch officers to these areas so they could gain more knowledge as to where to focus their attention."



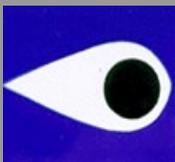
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Crime Prevention Corner



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Implementing crime prevention safety procedures

Spring is here and school is out for the summer. Please see the walking safety tips while at the park or walking path.

- Always roll up your car windows, lock the doors and hide any valuable, even if you will only be walking for a short time
- Always stay alert to your surroundings at all times and be observant and do not become distracted on your mobile phone while listening to music, talking, or texting.
- Always be aware of where you are so that if you have to call the police for assistance you can quickly provide accurate information as to your location
- Report suspicious persons seen wandering around in parking lots or looking into cars. You can call the Albuquerque Police Department at 242-COPS (2677) or 911 if you see a burglary in progress.

The Albuquerque Police Department is committed to making our community a safe environment for us to enjoy. Through community policing we will reduce crime and increase quality of life in your area. Together we will make our community a safer place to live.



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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 eviction)



Northwest Area Command



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- Annie Cook
- Rachel Donovan
- Dr. Stephanie Mack
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Zoom meetings

Meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on
the **third** Wednesday of
every month

Community Policing Council

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.

