

Northwest Area Command Commander Sanchez Corner



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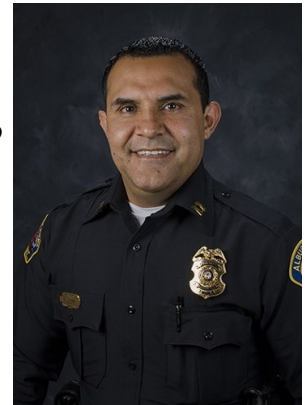
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I hope that everyone enjoyed the first full month of fall. We continued to conduct “Cop on a Corner” briefings throughout the area command. Although we have seen some involvement from the community we would like to see more of you come out to meet our officers. These events will give you the opportunity to attend police field briefings where you can interact with the officers assigned to your neighborhoods and provide in part information and ask questions. The briefings will serve as a way to exchange information. It is also an opportunity for officers to provide you with crime prevention tips and tools. We will be sending out flyers with the locations and times of our next two events.



During the month of October we saw some decrease on our aggravated assaults from our previous month, however, our robberies do continue to rise. Overall we do continue to see increases in our violent crimes. However, we also had another decrease on our overall numbers for property crimes. We saw an increase in burglaries of storage units and are working on operations to address those.

On the last weekend of October, we unfortunately had yet another shooting in one of our neighborhoods which occurred as a result of a large party where numerous rounds were fired and several homes and vehicles were struck. Four individuals were injured and luckily no one was killed. I would like to remind everyone that you need to be very vigilant if you are going to host any kind of party. I want to stress this again, we are going to hold those homeowners who create an environment that will lead to violence accountable. We will be doing outreach throughout the area command with parents and youth alike. We do not want to discourage people from having a good time with friends and family, but please do it responsibly. If you do plan to host a party remember that you could possibly be held liable for what happens at those parties. Do not allow underage drinking, do not allow individuals who are armed into your party, and ensure that you know who is attending. Again we do not want to discourage or encourage people to have parties. We just want everyone to be responsible and to stay safe.

I would like to please encourage everyone to take part in the Community Policing Council (CPC) and your neighborhood associations. As always please contact us with any questions, concerns, or information that can help us improve the safety in our community. I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving.



Northwest Area Command Lieutenant's Corner

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH I LT. JIM EDISON



October saw the continuation of a disturbing trend across the city on graveyard shift, including in the Northwest Area Command. Armed, uninvited subjects were appearing at house parties thrown by juveniles and young adults, initiating fights with the other party-goers, and then shooting at the dwellings while fleeing the scene. In the Northwest, this scenario played out in two otherwise quiet neighborhoods. The incidents are currently under investigation and it has not been determined whether they are related. For safety and crime prevention, as well as personal liability, it is highly recommended that all citizens refrain from making "open invitations" to parties online through social media, snapchat, etc and only allow people they know and trust inside their homes at any time.

In better news, the International Balloon Fiesta resumed for 2021! For Watch I, this included continuing our efforts to discourage auto thefts and burglaries while our many out-of-town guests were enjoying their stay in Albuquerque. These efforts appeared to pay off, as we did not see the dramatic spike in auto thefts and burglaries that have sometimes occurred in the past during the Fiesta.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II LT. Kevin Napoleone

October was a very productive month for the NW area command and the department. We successfully navigated through Balloon Fiesta and the increased traffic it brings to our city. Northwest dayshift Officers successfully conducted periodic watches to protect vehicles and patrons at the park and ride for the fiesta. Officers on watch II (dayshift) will continue with the POP plan initiated last bid at the West Bluff business area. Although Officers on watch II have been directed to continue the enforcement and proactivity in the West Bluff Area, they are also continuing enforcement throughout the entire area command. Several felony arrests were made in the month of October in the West Bluff area. From auto thefts to robberies, our officers were able to take these perpetrators off the street. I am proud of the Officers and Sergeants who work for me and look forward to making this city safer every day.

With the upcoming cold weather comes the increase of vehicles being stolen while warming up. Please do not leave your vehicle running with no one in it, this makes an easy target for thieves looking to steal vehicles.

NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III LT. Amy Sedler

The month of October brought cooler weather, changing leaves, and balloon filled skies. Northwest Officers participated in Coffee with a Cop, Cop on the Corner, and a 9/11 flag dedication presented by Woodmen Financial at the Northwest Substation. During this month and into the holiday season Northwest swing shift officers will direct their proactive activity on local businesses in the northwest area command. These businesses will primarily involve the Cottonwood area but will venture out as needs arise. Criminals often times look for crimes of opportunity; with the help of local residents we can deter such incidents. Remember to lock your vehicle doors, don't leave holiday packages or purses in your vehicle where visible, park in well-lit areas, and stay aware of your surroundings. If you "see something, say something". Being a good witness can assist police in capturing criminals but also provide you safety without getting involved. Please, stay safe and we look forward to serving you.



Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Holiday Crime Prevention Tips While Shopping

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- If you carry a purse, place the straps around your shoulders.
- Be alert that crooks look for the “high dollar” shopping bags.
- Don’t overburden yourself with too many packages. Use store’s package pick-up.
- Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- If you do return to your vehicle to unload purchases, place them in the trunk of the vehicle.
- Educate your children about what to do if they are lost as well as “Stranger Danger”.

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips In Parking Lots:

- Shop early and leave early to avoid evening darkness.
- Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting in case you leave during hours of darkness.
- Prior to arriving at the shopping center, lock all your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle.
- (Watch for people who may be following you. This can occur inside as well as outside. If you suspect someone following you, report it to the Albuquerque Police Department at 242-COPS (2677).



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



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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 Outreach Corner



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.

Cop on the Corner Event:

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 held briefings at two neighborhood parks.

The day shift briefing was held on October 20, 2021 at 7:00am. The briefing was held at the East Atrisco Park, in the S.R. Marmon neighborhood.

The swing shift briefing was held on October 20, 2021 at 2:30pm. The briefing was held at the Shawn McWethy Park, in the Tres Vocanes neighborhood.

Business Coalition meetings:

We have three community business locations. The Westside area businesses, Riverside area businesses and the Cottonwood area businesses. The meetings were held in August, September and October. 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.

The West Bluff business coalition was held on October 27, 2021, at the Ladera Golf Course meeting room.

Crime Prevention:

Establish neighborhood watch programs in the NW Area Command. A block captain will be assigned and function as the neighborhood leader. Each neighborhood watch block captain will have a police officer assigned to them.

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. Making our community a safe environment for us to enjoy. Through community policing we will reduce crime and increase quality of life in the area.



Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The Northwest Problem Response Team is constantly working to build positive relationships with the community through community outreach, tac plans with local businesses, and events with youth centers and schools.

In the month of October, Officers Sean Morper and Patrick Garcia attended a week long internationally recognized bike class. The bikes were purchased for the NW PRT by the office of City Councilor Sena. The advantages of the officers being able to patrol areas within the NW area command on a bike will be greatly recognized leading into the holiday shopping season. The presence of officers in shopping areas will not only increase a police presence but will also make the officers more approachable to the public.

Within certain areas of the NW area command, there have been growing concerns with interactions involving the homeless community. NW PRT officers have addressed these issues with several community meetings both between business owners as well as residents in the area command. A number of resources have been brought into the area by the NW PRT both to assist individuals that are in need of resources and at the same time addressing the concerns of the residents in the area. These operations are ongoing as the needs of the community change over time.

With the Holiday Season approaching, the PRT has started making plans to get ahead of issues and concerns that historically are likely to see in the high shopping areas within the NW Area Command. The planned increase of patrols utilizing the new bikes will be instrumental in these plans and continue to provide a safe environment throughout the NW Area Command.

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West Bluff Business Coalition meeting, October 27, 2021



Northwest Area Command October Calendar of Events Corner

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 6pm Westside Coalition (zoom) meeting 1st Wednesday of every month	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17 7am Cop on the Corner at Mariposa Basin Park 2:30pm Cop on the Corner at Ventana Park 6pmCPC (zoom) meet- ing. The 3rd Wednes- day of every month	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30					
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