

Northwest Area Command Acting Commander Saladin Corner

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Greetings Northwest, we are a month into 2022 and I am happy to report some exciting news. The 2022 APD Field Services Bid will take effect on February 12, 2022. The new bid brings with it an increase in lieutenants, sergeants and officers for the Northwest Area Command. During this bid, officers will switch from 8-hour shifts to 12-hour shifts. This schedule will provide greater coverage and overlap.



We did lose two quality leaders recently to retirement, Sergeant George Gabaldon from the Proactive Response Team (PRT) and Sergeant Cody Holmes from the Westside Impact Team. However, we gained two strong replacements in Sergeant Chris Poccia for PRT and Sergeant Marc Clingenpeel for Impact.

Sgt. Poccia has already organized an operation to address the crime concentrated in the West Bluff and Cottonwood retail areas. The operation was a collaboration of local retailers, PRT, Impact, the Organized Crime Unit, the ATF and the Attorney General's Office. By working together, this two-day operation resulted in arrests of 15 repeat felony offenders, recovery of more than \$5000.00 in merchandise, three recovered stolen vehicles and a recovered firearm. This operation was the first of many to come.

We are unfortunately still seeing an increase in robberies and stolen vehicles so please pay attention to Pete Gelabert's advice when it comes to making yourself and your property less desirable targets to criminals. We are working with the Armed Robbery Unit, the Auto Theft Unit and the ATF to address these issues. Outside of these two categories, crime is down across the board.

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 WATCH I
ACTING LT. PAUL MARTIN**



In December 2021-January 2022, we observed the highest numbers of auto thefts in Sector 62 in the past year. All citizens are reminded to take precautions such as not leaving vehicles unattended while warming up, utilizing anti-theft devices, and for those who have a garage available to take advantage of it. Particularly useful for law enforcement are vehicle tracking systems that provide us the location of a vehicle even after it is stolen.

Northwest Graveyard officers continued our Problem-Oriented Policing project in Sector 62, using increased patrols and periodic watches on frequently-targeted areas to reduce property crimes.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH II
LT. Amy Sedler**

2021 has come to an end but we are excited for a new year and, a new bid. Due to low manning levels field officers will be moving to 12 hour shifts to provide sufficient coverage for calls for service. This includes filling vacant sergeant positions within the command. I am happy to say I have stayed in the northwest area command and will remain on day shift. I have enjoyed my time here and look forward to further engagement with the northwest community. All holiday operations have come to an end. With that said, we will continue to be proactive and direct special attention to area's seeing a spike in crime. Armed Robberies have increased throughout the city. Please be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity. We can't fight crime without you. This is a joint effort and we all must do our part. I look forward to continuing our partnership and working with you over this upcoming bid.

**NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND WATCH III
LT. BRIAN PITZER**

I would like to start out by saying it's great to be back in the Northwest Area Command. I have worked this area command for the last three bids as a field sergeant so I know the challenges we face. During the swing shift hours we often see numerous traffic accidents during rush hour. I would like to remind everyone the posted speed limit on Coors Blvd is 45mph, not 65. During this bid I have been assigned our West Side Impact team and the Proactive Response team (PRT) on top of the two swing shift squads. During the first week of February the Organized Crime unit, Impact unit, NW PRT, AG's and Marshals office ran a two day operation plan aimed at targeting shoplifters at the Home Depot south and north. This operation was very successful as 15 arrests were made, 3 stolen vehicles were recovered, and one firearm and body armor were recovered. This was just the first of many we will conduct in the northwest area command this bid. I believe in units working together, collaborating and consolidating our efforts to tackle crime. Thank you and stay safe.



Northwest Area Command Crime Prevention Corner



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Crime Prevention Tips for Runners and Walkers

Each year more and more people take up running and walking because it is a quick, inexpensive way to stay fit. If you travel often, running or walking is an excellent way to maintain your exercise regimen. Here are few pointers to help you keep safe when you hit the road.

Before you leave:

- Plan your outing. Always tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Tell friends and family of your favorite exercise routes. If possible, take a phone with you in case you need to call for help.
- Wear an identification tag or carry a driver's license. Include any medical information.

On the road:

- Wear reflective material.
- Stay alert at all times.
- Run or walk with a partner or a dog.
- Consider carrying a cellular phone.
- Exercise in familiar areas. Know which businesses or stores are open.
- Vary your route.
- Avoid unpopulated areas, deserted streets, and overgrown trails. Especially avoid poorly lighted areas at night.
- Run clear of parked cars or bushes.
- Trust your intuition about a person or an area. React based on that intuition and avoid areas you feel unsure about.
- Have your door key ready before you reach your vehicle or home.



Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council Corner



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- Racheal Donovan
- Dr. Stephanie Coleman Mack
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CPC (zoom) meeting ,
3rd Wednesday of
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[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.



Northwest Area Command Problem Response Team Corner



The Northwest Problem Response Team currently consists of 3 full-time sworn officers, Officer Brandon Forsberg, Officer Sean Morper, Officer Patrick Garcia, and 1 supervisor, Sergeant Chris Poccia. They are committed to reducing crime and the fear of crime within the area command. Sergeant Poccia has been with the Department for 13 years and has extensive knowledge working within the NW area command as a PRT Officer and Field Service Bureau Supervisor.

During January, 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, allows NW PRT Officers to bring more robust cases to trial. Businesses and communities within the area command will see a more prominent police presence with these efforts.

We are proactively working on further outreach with our unsheltered population. We have made positive strides in building a rapport with this population to curb unsheltered-related misdemeanor periphery crimes, and continue to work with city leadership, and non-governmental organizations in providing resources for this vulnerable population.

The PRT officers has also increased our outreach efforts within the schools by supporting the School Resource Officers, school administrators, and our Crime Prevention Analysts in their endeavors in keeping our schools and our children safe.

The NW Problem Response Team strives every day to improve the quality of life for all residents within our community. Our goal is to reduce crime and the fear of crime by 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.



Northwest Area Command Event Photos

**Chick-fil-A Special Olympics Community Event located at 4001 Coors NW
February 1st, 2022**



February 2022

Northwest Area Command February Calendar of Events Corner

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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	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28						
							