

# Northwest Area Command

Michael R. King and Richard W. Smith Jr. Memorial Substation

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## From the Commander's Desk

Hello Everyone,

August was a busy month with National Night Out held on August 4th and all of the kiddos going back to school. In an effort to curb speeding on the Westside we increased traffic patrol in and around our hotspots, to include all of our major thoroughfares. With our kids back in school it was important to slow people down.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in National Night Out. I have to brag about the Northwest a little bit because we have some of the best Neighborhood Associations, Block Captains and Neighborhood Watch programs in all of Albuquerque. Thanks to their diligence we continue to have some of the safest neighborhoods in all of Albuquerque, so THANK YOU! It was such a pleasure getting to meet each and every one of you

throughout the night and others throughout the week. All of you were so gracious, supportive and wonderful. I appreciate everyone who helped make the event such a success!

A hot topic for the month has been mail theft/ vandalism. The Westside Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA) has been working with Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham's office in an effort to get better response from the Postmaster. As many of you may know the Postal Inspectors are the person's responsible for investigating crimes related to mail and/or mailboxes, to include theft and vandalism; however, APD will always respond to suspicious persons/ vehicles in the area so remember to call 242-COPS in any non-emergency situation where something just does not seem right. Also, give as much information as you can about the vehicle/ person as well as what is suspicious

about them. Any information provided is beneficial.

Don't forget the Officer Appreciation Barbeque to be held on October 2, 2015, from 11:30am-4:30pm, here at the Northwest Substation. This year marks the 10 year memorial for Michael R. King and Richard W. Smith Jr. whom our Substation was dedicated to in 2005. Please make sure and join on this special day to share in a meal with some of Albuquerque's finest men and women in blue! This is a free event so please come join us. Feel free to contact Eleanor Griggs-Anaya with any questions/concerns regarding the event, at 505-768-4874. We look forward to seeing you!

Lastly, I must end in an all too familiar saying.....If you see something say something!! Together we can make a difference. Don't forget to get out to the State Fair! Have a happy and safe September.



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# APD 2015 Northwest Officer Appreciation Barbeque

Albuquerque Police Department Commander Dodi Camacho and the staff at the Michael R. King and Richard W. Smith Jr. Memorial Substation (Northwest Substation) will be hosting the APD 2015 Northwest Officer Appreciation



Barbeque. The event is scheduled for **October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Northwest Substation.**

Please join Commander Camacho in showing appreciation for the APD Northwest Area Command Officers and all of the APD men and women in blue! In the past, several organizations have contacted the substation to donate items. If you are interested in donating, or would like to RSVP, please contact Eleanor Griggs-Anaya at 768-4874, or email her at [egriggs-anaya@cabq.gov](mailto:egriggs-anaya@cabq.gov) for more information



## Watch I Lieutenant L. Pocci

Police officers come across a variety of situations in the course of a night's work and some of those situations can put a great deal of stress on the officers and on the victims. One such incident happened on August 19th. Officers were sent to a domestic dispute where an elderly lady's son and grandson were in a violent fight that involved weapons. Officers arrived quickly, diffused the situation and made an arrest. A search warrant was needed to retrieve evidence from the residence so the residence had to be cleared. The elderly lady had to leave the residence so she went to her vehicle. She has cancer

and needed her rest so she tried to sleep in her vehicle. One of the officers noticed her trying to sleep in her vehicle and decided that was inappropriate. He took it upon himself to take her to a hotel and pay for her to stay there out of his own pocket. This was a very nice humanitarian gesture on the officer's part.

## Watch II Lieutenant T. Espinosa

Well we are into the swing of another school year and things seem to be going relatively smooth at our school. We have focused efforts on our school zones during the morning and afternoon to try and deter the erratic driving and speeders. If there is a specific school zone any one knows that needs some extra attention please let us know. Our major thoroughfares (Coors and Unser) are still being monitored and patrolled by our dayshift officers. Now that the construction on Coors and I40 is complete it appears that a lot of the rush hours backups have been alleviated.

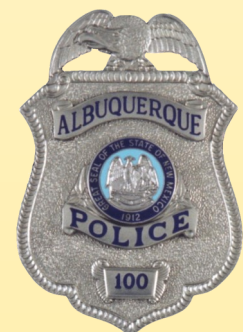
We have noticed a significant increase in auto burglaries in the northern portion of our area. Specifically, the Cottonwood Mall area extending to McMahan and Unser. It appears that the majority of these have been happening during the daytime. I am working with my officer to formulate tactical operations in these areas. Make sure to keep an eye on each other and to lock your doors.

As you all are aware from the Commander we have Officer appreciate coming up Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. I look forward to seeing everyone at the event and thank you already to those who have donated to this awesome event.



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Watch III

Lieutenant D. Sedillo

With school back in session swing shift Officers have been very busy in the hours when class lets out. Officers have been working hard in and around school zones enforcing traffic laws. It is very important that we all remember to slow down especially in these areas. If you see an area of concern please report it.

Recently we have seen an increase in Auto Burglaries in the Northwest. Please remember to remove all valuables from your vehicle, even during short stops at the store.

As always thank you for your continued support.

## Crime Prevention Corner by Pete Gelabert

### Student Safety Tips / Stranger Danger

Don't talk to strangers.

- Don't take anything from strangers.
- Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know.
- Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Review contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."
- Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.



*APD's Northwest Area Command Headquarters is Albuquerque Police Department's first LEED Gold Certified facility. Also the city's largest substation, it commemorates fallen officers Michael R. King & Richard W. Smith Jr. Giving the officers of Albuquerque's NW quadrant a much needed presence in the community.*

## Crime Prevention Corner (Continued)

### **IDENTITY THEFT CRIME PREVENTION TIP**

**The Postal Service is experiencing an increase in mail theft and mail boxes being vandalized. This is occurring across the city and in Rio Rancho.**

#### **Protecting your mail:**

Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight.

If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.

If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail your expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.

Don't send cash in the mail.

Report all suspected mail theft to the Post Office, Postal Inspector.

Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. You can watch each others mailboxes.

Be observant of activities on your street.

**If you see a mail thief at work, or if you believe your mail was stolen, call police immediately, call 242-COPS (2677), then call the Post Office Postal Inspectors.**

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