

WESTSIDE AREA COMMAND DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS



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Special Notes Of Interest

1. The number one "Top-Ten List" Calls For Service 01/01/07 thru 06/30/07 2600 Americare Ct. NW Calls recieved 392 projected calls for the end of this year approximately 600 calls.

2. Officers Appreciation Day will be held at the Shawn McWethy Substation on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 11:30am to 3:00pm. The Westside community is invited to attend.



FROM CAPTAIN CANDELARIA

"Crime Fighting Partners," I hope this newsletter finds each of you in great health as we approach another holiday season and my fourth anniversary as your Westside Commander. For me, the past four years have gone by at an accelerated rate. In that time period, the Westside Command has made great strides toward maintaining a valuable "quality of life" for the citizens of the Westside Community. Instrumental in this and our other successes are the extraordinary partnerships that have developed. Despite the size of the Westside area and its expanding, geographically dispersed population, these community partners have enabled the dedicated officers and exceptional civilian staff of the Westside Command to respond effectively to the Westside calls for service. My watch commanders and I have a slogan that characterizes our desire to serve. It is "we respond to every request for help from our Westside residents, regardless".

To adequately respond to the very large number of requests from the Westside Community, I continue to rely on a strategy called the "Top-Ten". The "Top-Ten" is a list of locations. The top-ten on the list generate the most calls for service at individual locations. The list is a dynamic document because it is in a constant state of adjustment. When a location is placed on the list, the Westside Command and its partners engage in problem solving to reduce the calls for service at that location. As soon as success is achieved at that location, it drops out of the "Top-Ten" to its new, lower volume of calls for service, and the list is adjusted to reflect the new ordering of locations by calls for service. From the strategy's implementation to the present, the average volume of calls that placed a location on the "Top-Ten" has decreased from more than 900 to



Westside Area Command Civilian Personnel

Capt. Candalaria, Lt. Rod Sandoval
Carolynn Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant
Denise Hovey-Thomas, Criminal Nuisance Abatement Inspector
Michelle Romero, Court Services
William Jackson, Crime Prevention Specialist
Ron Kohler, Community Service Assistant
Pete Gelabert, Crime Prevention Specialist

between 500 and 600 calls for service. In my view, 500+ calls for service at one location is still too many and problem-solving will be initiated to reduce it. However, the approximately fifty percent decrease in the "Top-Ten" range is quite a success and should be celebrated.

The benefits of the successful change in status for a "Top-Ten" location are: reduction in criminal activity, increased personal safety, lower incidences of nuisance activities, and, importantly, an improved quality of life shared by all. Another gain that I believe is the most significant is the synergy achieved through community partnerships. This synergy is essential to optimize the problem solving approach. I agree with many law enforcement scholars that traditional enforcement cannot be used in isolation to effect long-term change. Instead, the police and the community must work together to achieve their

common goal. As I begin my fifth year as your Westside Area Commander, I guarantee that I will continue to embrace our partnership as the means to achieve an enhanced quality of life for our community.

**Captain Conrad E..
Candelaria
Westside Area
Commander**

CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST



My name is Pete Gelabert and I have been selected as the new Crime Prevention Specialist for the Westside Area Command. I have approximately thirty years in law enforcement.

I was a police officer with the Albuquerque Police Department and retired after working twenty years with the department.

As a police officer I worked the Background Unit and specialized in doing background investigations for police applicants.

I was the Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers Coordinator and worked closely with the Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers Board of Directors and the news media. The Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers Unit was responsible to identify and locate wanted fugitives and receive information from the community on unsolved crimes.

I was assigned to the Albuquerque Police Department Gang Unit and specialized in investigating gang related crimes. I taught gang identification classes to

neighborhood watch associations, businesses, civic organizations, school administrators, teachers and parents.

I worked the Cold Case Unit with the Albuquerque Police Department investigating unsolved homicides that occurred in Albuquerque.

As a police officer, I enjoyed working with the community, neighborhood watch associations and the neighborhood block captain, civic organizations and businesses. I am looking forward to working with all of you again.

You can contact me at 839-6400 or by email at pgelabert@cabq.gov.

Pete Gelabert
Crime Prevention Specialist
Westside Area Command

Administrative Assistant

The Westside Area Command has a new Administrative Assistant by the name of Carolynn Gutierrez.

Carolynn has been working at the Westside Area Command for three months. Carolynn worked for Ethicon Endo Surgery for ten years processing orders for doctors, data entry, investigations and archiving.

Carolynn enjoys working at the Westside Area Command assisting all the officers, supervisors and Captain Candelaria. Carolynn also assist the people coming into the Westside Area Command wanting to get copies of police reports.



Albuquerque Police Department

Monthly Statistics from January thru September 2007

Graffiti Referrals: 5,858

Felony Arrest: 3,193

Misd. Arrest: 6,936

D.W.I. Arrest: 2,315

Littering Calls: 468

Moving Cit. 67,036

The Westside Area Command Hours.
Monday thru Friday
8:00am to 6:00 pm.

Cottonwood Mall Substation Hours.
10:00am to 8:30 pm

IMPACT

Hello, Sgt. Reed here again. During our weekly operations we have noticed an increase in drug activities on Central between 47th and Coors. On Wednesday, September 26th we conducted a tactical plan in the aforementioned area with the Westside Narcotics Unit. We believe we deterred many narcotics offenders in this area. Additionally, we made two arrests for narcotics violations. This was phase one of a three-prong operation to be conducted in this area. On Tuesday, October 2nd, we conducted another tactical plan in the same area. This time we utilized officers from the traffic

unit to write citations in the area of 47th and Central to Coors and Central. As many of you know traffic violations such as "Obstructing Traffic" go hand and hand with narcotics activities. Seventeen traffic citations were issued in a four-hour period, and one vehicle was towed. My team assist with a citywide armed robbery tactical plan. There has been an increase in armed robberies citywide. Let me just add something about these robberies. Some of you may have been the victim of a robbery in the past, or could be in the future. For the most part my recommendation

to folks is to **do what the offender says! No amount of money is worth your life. Possessions can be replaced. Lives cannot!** This is especially true if you are an employee at an establishment that gets robbed. Be Safe!

Sgt. Gary Reed
Westside Impact Team
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ABATING NUISANCE

The Westside Area Command has a new Criminal Nuisance, Inspector by the name of Denise Hovey-Thomas. Denise has worked for the City of Albuquerque for approximately fifteen years. The majority of those years she spent working at the Albuquerque Housing Services as a Housing Inspector.

Denise is very excited to be working at the Westside Area Command. If you have any information regarding any nuisance property or need help with anything, please call her at 839-6400 or by e-mail at dhoveythomas@cabq.gov. Denise will be working with the detectives assigned to the Criminal Nuisance

Abatement Unit, investigating any issues or concerns with nuisance property.
Det. Dennis Barela
Denise Hovey-Thomas
Inspector
Criminal Nuisance
Abatement Unit
Westside Area Command

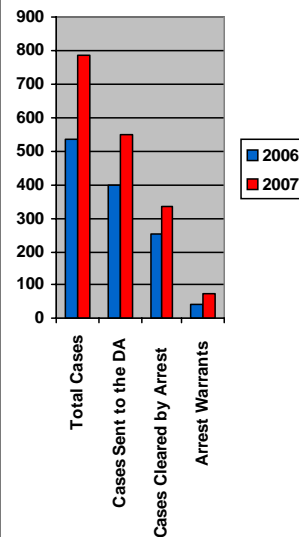
CRIME PREVENTION CORNER

The Department was gracious and sent me to the 8th National Crime Prevention Conference in Atlanta, Ga. October 2nd thru 5th. It was an enjoyable time and I was able to interact with a bunch of out of state officers all involved in Crime Prevention programs. Albuquerque, New Mexico has one of the most progressive and

involved crime prevention programs in the country. Our involvement in Neighborhood Watch Programs, Crime Free Housing and Crime Free Business Programs stands as an example for any agency to follow. I was very proud at the end of the conference to tell people that I was from Albuquerque, New Mexico and worked for the Westside

Area Command. What made me the proudest though was being told by other agencies that their citizens do not get half as involved in their programs as they do in Albuquerque and on the west side.
William P. Jackson
Crime Prevention
Specialist
Westside Area Command

The following is a year-to-year comparison of the Westside Impact Teams caseload. The time-frames compared are 2006 and 2007 from January thru September. From 2006 to 2007 we have tracked a 32% increase in caseload to date. In 2006 we had a 75% clearance rate on our cases. With a 32% increase in total cases for 2007 we have maintained a 70% clearance rate. Additionally, we have obtained 43% more arrest warrants in 2007 than we did in 2006.



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Albuquerque Police Department
In Step With Our Community

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About Us...

The Westside Area Command is one of five Area Commands of the Albuquerque Police Department. It boasts the largest geographical boundaries with approximately 75 square miles of residential and business districts. The Westside Area Command houses the Impact, Criminal Nuisance Abatement, Crime Prevention, and Field Services units for the Westside citizens, with many more services available.

With more than one hundred officers, Captain Conrad E. Candelaria took command of the Westside Area in October of 2003. He has more than 20 years of experience as a member of the Albuquerque Police Department.

Pete Gelabert

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Crime Fighting Partners, our mission is to keep our community safe through traditional enforcement and community oriented practices. To proactively respond to current challenges, the Westside Command will aggressively kick-off an initiative that will focus on achieving an improved quality of life for our community. To this end, we must forge a partnership in an effort to increase the number of Westside neighborhoods to become active with the Albuquerque Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Program. Our success hinges on one major factor, the cooperation and participation of members of our Westside Community.

I am writing to ask each president of the sixty-six (66) Westside Neighborhood Associations to take a leading role in the promotion of this initiative. As each of you are well aware, success in public safety is only achieved through commitment, collaboration, and equal partnership. The members of the Westside Area Command are committed to making a positive difference in our community. I am confident that I can rely on each of you to commit and engender commitment so that together we can succeed.

Neighborhood Associations/Neighborhood Watches: A concentrated effort will be made to make the associations in existence more active and to recruit more persons to become involved in forming new neighborhood watch groups. Representatives from each of the neighborhood associations will be contacted and asked to provide names of those citizens that are interested in becoming a neighborhood watch block captain. Westside Crime Prevention Specialists will organize and facilitate meetings with assistance from the Albuquerque Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. **Goals: The activation of an additional sixty-six neighborhood watch groups. This will be in addition to the 215 neighborhood watch groups already in operation on the Westside Community.**

Current Initiatives

- Albuquerque Crime Alert System Reactivate
- News Letter Reactivate
- Top-Ten Property Identification
- Quality of Life Initiative

