

NORTHEAST AREA COMMAND

Quarterly Newsletter

Hello everyone,

My name is Beth Paiz and I am the newly appointed Area Commander for the Northeast Area Command. If you have not heard, Commander Bill Henz retired in March of 2009 and is enjoying his new career as a law enforcement instructor in Socorro, NM. I am honored to take his place and I know I have some big shoes to fill. I have been trying to get out to each and every neighborhood association meeting to introduce myself, so if I have not been to your neighborhood association meeting, please send me an e-mail with the date and time of your next meeting.

As this is my inaugural newsletter, I wanted to take this opportunity to explain the geographical boundaries of the Northeast Area Command. The Police Department subdivides the city into six area commands. The Northeast Area Command's Southern boarder is I-40 and extends to the tribal lands to the north. The Eastern most boundary is Eubank and the Western boundary is I-25. We have 85 officers, 10 Sergeants, 3 Lieutenants, 5 detectives and 2 civilian staff members. The officers who work in your neighborhoods are the ones in the marked police cars and respond to all calls for service (911 and 242-COPS types of calls). The detectives drive unmarked cars and in civilian attire. They conduct investigations into the felony crimes reported to the uniformed officers. Your Northeast Police station is located at 8201 Osuna Rd. NE and is open Monday – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm.

It is important to note in April of 2009, the Albuquerque Police Department's officer participated in a "bid" process, where the officers had an opportunity to switch assignments. Therefore, you may see new faces in the patrol cars in your neighborhood. My Command Staff has changed as well, and I have 2 different lieutenants working with me in the Northeast. They will introduce themselves in the segments to follow.

Thank you to those who have extended a very warm welcome to me as the new Area Commander. I look forward to partnering with you in addressing the concerns in your respective neighborhoods.

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GRAVEYARD

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With the fast approach of summer, the resulting nice weather and school soon to be out, police officers always see an increase in calls for service. There are good staffing levels for Northeast graveyard shifts and I anticipate our ability to be proactive to a myriad of crime concerns. I strongly encourage your assistance by providing us with information on any criminal and/or suspicious activity.

Northeast graveyard officers will be monitoring the thoroughfares with many traffic enforcement plans. In March, we issued almost 1200 citations for traffic violations, towed 240 vehicles and made 182 driving while intoxicated arrests. The DWI arrests are some of the highest in the City. It is expected that higher citation numbers and arrests will be seen during the summer months. All this effort is to help maintain safe driving conditions on our public streets.

Additionally, Northeast graveyard officers spent plenty of time watching our many apartment complexes and business parking lots where we see too many instances of property crimes in the forms of automobile burglaries, larceny and vandalism. Please do not keep anything visible in your vehicle that would catch a thief's eye, try to park in well lit areas and keep your vehicle locked. Again, any suspicious/criminal activity should be immediately reported to police.

DAYSHIFT

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I would like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Brian Carr and I have been with the Albuquerque Police Department for nineteen years. My entire career has been dedicated to field services and I have spent the majority of it working graveyard hours. I am looking forward to working with you all, and seeing the sun.

With schools finishing up for the summer, I want to remind you all to drive safely and watch out for our children. Please use a hands-free cellular device or wait until your destination before you make that phone call. Drop your children off in designated areas and encourage them to cross at intersections where they can be seen. We will be enforcing all traffic laws with special attention paid to areas near parks, pools, malls, and schools still in session. Officers continue to focus on reducing property crimes and you can help us by remaining vigilant and reporting suspicious activity via the proper dispatch numbers for emergency response – 911, or non-emergency response – 242-cops (242-2677). Be a good witness and don't place yourself in harms way.

My sergeants: Jeff McDonald, Jim Fox, Suzanne Ratchner, Rex Green and I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

SWING SHIFT

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I'll start with a brief introduction. I am Lieutenant Cliff Saylor and work what is generally referred to as "Swing Shift" or 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. I have worked these hours for the majority of my 18 years with the Albuquerque Police Department. I have worked patrol, tactical, and investigations.

As a watch, Swing shift is the busiest shift in any police department. The calls for service, traffic issues, and critical incidents tend to run the officers ragged. We have 33 officers, 3 sergeants and 1 managing the area command. We have been gearing up for the summer during this past month. We are doing heavy traffic enforcement, in between calls for service, on Montgomery Boulevard from Carlisle Boulevard to Eubank Boulevard. We know that with school ending we will see a dramatic increase in cruising and with it the problems associated. Enforcement is focused on speeding, drag racing, loud music, loud exhaust, and aggressive driving.

I have 6 bicycle officers and use them in shopping centers, neighborhoods and the numerous bike paths. The bike officers are extremely effective in densely populated areas and have many methods of addressing problems. I have received several complaints of transients living or lingering on the trail systems. The bike officers are best suited to locate these persons and bring available services to assist. We look to join the person in need with organizations designed to assist them with services. Feel free to contact me directly if I can be of assistance.

NORTHEAST AREA COMMAND SERGEANTS

GRAVEYARD

Sergeant Paul Heh
Team 7
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Days Off: Sat, Sun & Monday

Sergeant Cecil Knox
Team 8
Hours: 2200-0800
Days Off: Thursday - Tues, Wed & Thurs

Sergeant Zach Wesley
Team 9
Hours: 2200-0800
Days Off: Wed, Thurs & Fri

DAYSHIFT

Sergeant Jeff McDonald
Team 1
Hours: 0730-1530
Days Off: Saturday - Sunday

Sergeant Jim Fox
Team 2
Hours: 0730-1530
Days Off: Monday - Tuesday

Sergeant Suzanne Ratchner
Team 3
Hours: 0730-1530
Days Off: Wednesday - Thursday

SWING SHIFT

Sergeant Randy Remiker
Team 4
Hours: 1500-2300
Days Off: Saturday - Sunday

Sergeant Eric Jordan
Team 5
Hours: 1500-2300
Days Off: Monday - Tuesday

Sergeant Arturo Sanchez
Team 6
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Days Off: Wednesday - Thursday

NORTHEAST IMPACT TEAM

Part 2

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These last few months, Northeast Impact Detectives have been somewhat busy. We have made over 40 arrests and written over 50 arrest/search warrants in the Northeast Area Command.

Some of the cases we have investigated and made arrests on are:

Detective Alvarado served a search warrant in the Northeast and recovered over 5 ounces of methamphetamine, 7 pounds of marijuana, 6 guns (2 of which were stolen) and seventeen thousand dollars in cash and several “BB’s” of heroin. This residence was posted as substandard by the Northeast CNAU Team.

Detective Duran investigated a forgery at Wells Fargo Bank. A male was attempting to cash a check for \$4000 dollars. The offender had done this at three other banks in the past three days. Offender was caught. He also had 3 outstanding felony warrants. On another forgery at NM Bank and Trust, Detective Duran made an arrest of a male subject trying to cash a forged check. The subject was also in a stolen vehicle and had 4 outstanding warrants.

Detective Baker investigated a case where numerous different ID's were found in a vehicle on a simple traffic stop. This investigation cleared 7 other vehicle burglaries. Also, Baker completed 4 cases on one other offender for auto burglary. He wrote 3 different warrants on this one offender. Three days later, NE Impact Detectives arrested the offender.

Detective Hilger investigated criminal damage to a Walmart under construction at Wyoming and Menaul. The construction foreman estimates approximately fifteen thousand dollars in damage was done to the construction site. Detective Hilger identified and arrested 2 juveniles, who were responsible for the crime.

As always, the Northeast Impact team continues to do in-depth investigations behind the scenes and prepare solid cases for prosecution.

Thanks,

Rex Green

Sergeant, Northeast Impact