

Our Successes

Since Mayor Keller launched the Metro Crime Initiative in 2021, MCI has brought key players in the criminal justice system together to deliver action that had been put aside for too long. Last year's successes include:

- ☑ Strengthened penalties for gun crimes
- ☑ Expanded Albuquerque's Violence Intervention Program (VIP) throughout the state
- ☑ Gave police power to crack down on auto theft chop shops
- ☑ Secured funding to add new judges, court staff, and more

These were important steps, but there is still a long way to go to build a criminal justice system that can protect New Mexico. MCI continues to pursue standing action items, while identifying new areas of needed progress.

Read the full checklist from the 2021 MCI at, cabq.gov/mci.



THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Metro Crime Initiative 2023

Action we can take to fight crime in Albuquerque



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Building safe communities and fighting crime are the top priorities for Albuquerque, but the change we need cannot be created by the City acting alone. It will take every level of government and our community working together to fix gaps in a broken criminal justice system.

Through the second Albuquerque Metro Crime Initiative (MCI), we are pursuing concrete actions in the legislature and between government and law enforcement agencies to make our communities safer now.

Actions We Can Take Now To Make The Metro Safer

The change we are pursuing comes from the real-world experience of police officers, reflecting the tools they need to solve problems they face daily.

FIXING THE WARRANT BACKLOG

There is a backlog of nearly 5,000 active felony warrants and 62,000 misdemeanor warrants in Bernalillo country right now.

This staggering backlog represents a clear danger to New Mexicans, but it is an area where, with legislative support and funding, we have the power to make change.

APD's recent proactive warrant operations cleared 280 felony warrants in a matter of weeks, but it took resources and cannot be sustained without additional support.

We also need a fully equipped criminal justice system to manage the caseload.

That is why MCI is again supporting requests for full funding across the justice system and is committed to reducing the backlog together.

CHECKLIST KEY

- Action item for the State Legislature
- Action item for APD

- Create a \$10 million multi-agency Warrant Backlog Overtime Fund
- Create and fund an in-depth study of warrants in Bernalillo County and the impact on public safety
- Procedures to stop revolving door
- Fund positions to ensure warrants are entered into the court system in a timely manner

FREE UP SWORN OFFICERS TO FOCUS ON CRIME

- Contract to transport inmates to jail
- Contract to guard suspects in the hospital

STRONGER PENALTIES FOR GUN CRIMES

- Stronger penalties for possessing firearms in drug distribution crimes
- New charges for the random firing of a gun in public



- New charges for carrying a firearm while intoxicated

CRACKING DOWN ON RETAIL CRIME

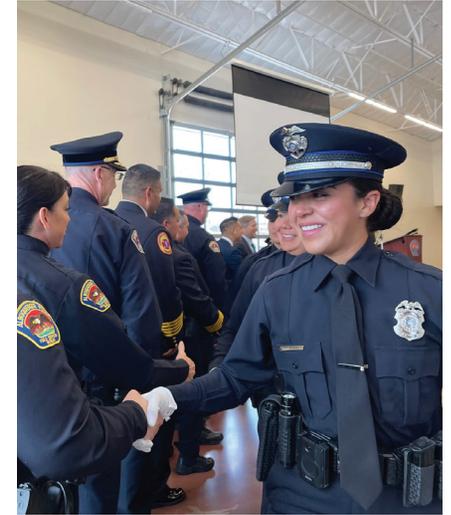
- Fund new tools to prosecute organized or repeat retail thieves through the racketeering act

OFFICER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- Create and fund new incentives to recruit out-of-state experienced officers
- Improve benefits statewide for those who serve for 25 years

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND FIREARM SAFETY

- Pass 'Bennie Hargrove Act' requiring that firearms are secured and out of reach from children
- Close loopholes in Red Flag Law



- Permanently establish and fund the New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention

CONFRONTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Expand APD's 'Domestic Abuse Response Team' (DART) to help victims escape abusive situations
- Increase state funding for sexual assault programs, creating a statewide hotline

NARCOTICS EDUCATION & CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

- Fix the 'asset forfeiture' law to increase funding for public education on dangers of narcotics and support drug trafficking investigations