

# Albuquerque Metro Crime Initiative

*Actions we can take now to lower crime and make the metro safer*



**Intensify our crime fighting efforts by recruiting more officers, coordinating among law enforcement agencies, using proven technologies and deepening our understanding of how crime impacts the community.**

- Create task force to examine officer retention and lateral recruitment programs for all police agencies in NM
- State fund for more cops
- Create advertising campaign for out-of-state police recruitment similar to NMTrue initiative
- Change the administrative code to modify the requirements to become a police officer. Classes at facilities, such as at CNM, could take the place of some of the classes required at police academies, online delivery, modular delivery, etc.
- Expand network of shot detection and license plate readers, including expansion of broadband infrastructure related to these technologies
- Continued warrant sweeps with State
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) fund to make grants to businesses for cameras that tie into the Real Time Crime Center, fencing, lighting and similar improvements
- Joint Task Force auto theft operations
- Invest in a data platform that allows law enforcement, prosecutors, public defenders and courts to track a case from beginning to end and to track an offender through the system
- Create/fund think tank to examine gun violence as a public health issue
- Invest in mobile speed enforcement to free up officers while combatting the scourge of dangerous driving

**Close loopholes in state law that make it harder to combat gun violence and chronic crime.**

- Pass a law that makes owning, operating, or doing business with a “chop shop” a crime
- Require gun owners to secure weapons, provide penalties for unsecured weapons unauthorized use to commit crime
- Penalty enhancements and/or mandatory minimums for felons in possession and use of a firearm in commission of a crime, when the offender has extended magazine capacity
- Pre-trial presumption of dangerousness when an offender uses, brandishes, or is in possession of a firearm during a violent, drug, or property crime
- Prohibit the firearm enhancement statute from being plead out in criminal cases (a charge that a firearm was used in the commission of a felony cannot be plead below the mandatory minimum set forth in NMSA 31-18-16)
- Increase the minimum time to be served in the enhancement statute when a gun is used in commission of a crime
- Close loopholes in Extreme Risk Protection Order re (1) required sworn statements for victims, (2) adding 24-7 on-call and (3) allowing law enforcement to file their own ERPO petitions



- Campaign to get gun owners to record the serial number of their own weapons
- Require coordination among law enforcement agencies to identify statewide drivers of violent crime

**End the revolving door that puts dangerous offenders on the streets again and again.**

- Adequately fund 24/7 pre-trial monitoring services
- Increase Competency Evaluation staffing at Metro Court and District Court
- Increase grand jury time for District Attorney to address the COVID backlog of cases and prevent the re-traumatization of sexual assault and child victims through repeated demands to testify
- Limit case management order to those cases where defendant is detained

**Prioritize proven Violence Intervention Programs that identify drivers of violent crime to help them change their path or face the consequences.**

- Create a statewide Violence Intervention Program (VIP) through enabling legislation
- Fund CABQ Violence Intervention Program
- Create restorative justice programs in schools

**Rebuild our behavioral health system to stop the cycle of trauma, poverty and addiction turning into criminal justice problems.**

- Develop incentives for providers to locate or startup services
- Build programs for peer support workers
- 24/7 sobering center
- Expansion of Turquoise Lodge; dedication of beds for criminal justice system
- Increase capacity of addiction treatment providers, including through federal funding

- Build incentive programs for social work and behavioral health careers, pay for education in exchange for in-state employment commitments
- Partnership between APS and local, state government in developing an initiative to connect underserved/at-risk youth with career training

**Create and support meaningful pathways out of the criminal justice system through diversion and specialty courts.**

- Fund Assisted Outpatient Treatment expansion (\$1.5M/year)
- Increase pre-arrest diversion offers
- Fund indigent copays for drug testing for pre-prosecution diversion programs
- Increase pre-prosecution diversion offer acceptance
- Increase funding and capacity for young adult courts
- Increase funding and capacity for drug, homeless and other specialty courts

