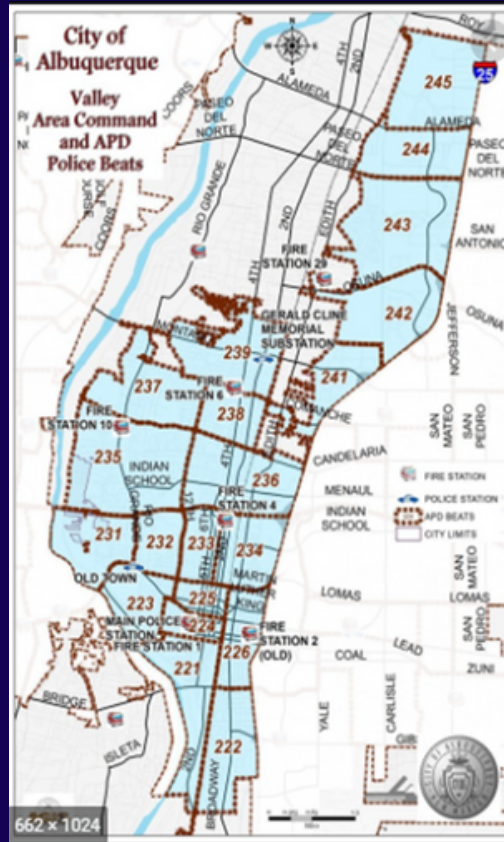


VALLEY

AREA COMMAND



**THE VALLEY AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY
COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ**

**GERALD CLINE SUBSTATION
5408 2ND ST NW**

April 2025





Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! We are gearing up for the summer months which are right around the corner.

I'm pleased to share with our community an exciting project through our partnership with Sandia National Labs.

A team of volunteers from the labs created an innovative model to determine where to use surveillance cameras to combat crime. The model that Sandia volunteers created, was based on 5 years of crime data. It shows the City exactly where a camera should be placed, at what height, and at what direction to most effectively capture a crime on camera. The model also is assisting the City in modifying placement of existing cameras.



I'm also pleased to share with you all that I was recently elected the President of the Major Cities Chief's Association (MCCA). This is a true honor as I am the first New Mexico Chief to hold this position.

The MCCA is an organization comprised of police executives from across the United States and Canada representing the largest cities. MCCA provides a forum for chiefs from urban cities, sheriffs and other law enforcement leaders to share ideas, strategies and experiences.

I want to thank the entire APD team for a very productive 1st quarter when it comes to crime stats. While we wait for final reports to come in, we can say we ended the first three months with a 12% increase in felony arrests (new charges), and a 9% increase in felony warrant arrests. The increased enforcement over the past three years is playing a role in the decrease for many crime categories. Most notably, homicides were down 48% for the first quarter, compared to last year, and shootings with injury were down 43%. We will report all other categories in the next newsletter.



In the coming weeks our Auto Theft Unit will be hosting a VIN etching event which is open to the public.

WHEN: April 15, from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

WHERE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District (4101 Jefferson Plaza NE)

I encourage you to come out and get your vehicle VIN etched as it's a great tool that can assist our investigators if a car is ever stolen. Thank you and as always, I appreciate your continued support.



-Chief Harold Medina



COMMANDER'S CORNER

APRIL 2025

COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ



Hello Everyone, I hope this message finds you well. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for coming together to make something truly special happen: a well-deserved family day for our Valley Area Command officers.

Thanks to the generous contributions from our community members, local businesses, and neighborhood associations, these officers will have the opportunity to spend quality time with their families while enjoying an evening out at an Albuquerque Isotopes baseball game. It's moments like these that remind us of the strength and kindness within our community.

This family day is not just a chance for our officers to relax and bond with their loved ones, but it's also a reflection of the incredible support and appreciation they receive from all of you. Your thoughtfulness helps foster a sense of connection and gratitude among those who work tirelessly to keep our neighborhoods safe. Let's continue to support one another and celebrate the positive impact we can create together. On behalf of the entire Valley Area Command, thank you once again for your support and community spirit. Thank you as always for being with us.



VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT PRESENTS **VIOLENT CRIME CASE UPDATE EVENT**

It is National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2025, APD's Victim Assistance Unit is hosting this FREE event. Families of victims of homicide and victims of a violent crime are invited to attend and receive a case update. APD detectives will be available to provide an update, answer any questions and connect you to resources. Join us for this event to provide support for victims and survivors of crime.

WHEN:

Thursday, April 10, 2025

TIME:

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

WHERE:

Los Duranes Community
Center
2920 Leopoldo Rd NW,
Albuquerque, NM 87104

**Resources will also be available at this
event. Some of our partners include:**

- Office of the District Attorney
- NM Crime Victim Reparations Commission
- New Mexico Crusaders for Justice
- Office of the Medical Investigators Grief Services Program
- New Mexico Resources for Victims of Violent Crime
- NM Victim's Rights Project

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE UNIT**



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**NATIONAL PROTECTION
PERSONNEL
PRESENTS**



EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

FOOD - VENDORS - MUSIC

APRIL 19TH 2025

11am - 4pm

TIGUEX PARK

1800 Mountain Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

**Come enjoy Easter Egg hunts for all ages,
Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Food
Trucks, Vendors and more.**

**This event is FREE to attend and open to
the public**

Valley Community Policing Council (CPC)

The idea is simple: Build relationships and work with communities to address their concerns and priorities.

We are successfully fighting crime when we work hand-in-hand with communities to implement solutions that keep people safe. Our officers are working with neighborhoods, business owners, faith-based organizations, schools, and more to tailor proven public safety strategies to meet the needs of specific areas. APD Community Policing comprises three key components: Problem Solving, Community Partnerships and Organizational Transformation.

Problem Solving: Solving problems means, first, identifying issues that need to be addressed and then determining resolutions and devoting effort to meeting needs for a successful outcome. The SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment) model is one of the most familiar processes for problem-oriented policing (POP). APD is using this model.

Community Partnerships: Partnerships between law enforcement and the individuals and organization: they serve to develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police. APD will focus on creating partnerships with a diverse section of the Albuquerque community and will work with key community stakeholders including, but not limited to:

- Other law enforcement agencies
- Social service providers
- Business community
- Educational institutes
- Local prosecutors
- Faith-based organizations
- Neighborhood interest groups
- Youth organizations

Valley Command Meetings

Meeting times: Meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Meeting information: Los Duranes Community Center 2920 Leopoldo Rd NW,
Albuquerque, NM 87104

For more information please visit:
<https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/community-policing-council>

March 2025 Valley Community Policing Council

After beginning our meetings, we begin with community concerns. A resident downtown, presented the issue of scooters left blocking sidewalks, and not being cleared in a timely manner. This was discussed at length, and a representative of Mayor Keller's office took the information.

Chief of Police Harold Medina presented his Spring outline of the state of APD. There were four topics. Recruiting is going well, and the department may pass the 1,000 officer level by summer. Regarding Community Engagement, he stated that the DWI situation requires transparency and a proactive response. The department has placed a public facing dashboard in their CABQ website, about which the chief notes that more cases continue to be brought than proceed to trial, with dismissals for various reasons noted chronically. The COP does not believe other areas of law enforcement face the same risks of misconduct. Regarding crime and public safety in ABQ, traffic citations continue to rise, felony arrests and clearance of warrants are very high. Fourth, regarding the CASA he expects the final paragraphs to clear review later this year. We asked why the 6 month reviews of Officer Involved Shootings begun by Chief Medina and led by DC Cori Lowe in 2023 were suspended; he suggested such shootings are now reviewed monthly on the APD website.

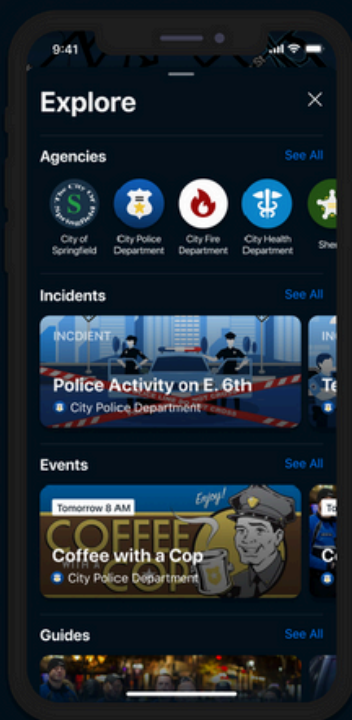
Markela Clinton, Field Representative for Mayor Keller presented the Metro Homelessness Initiative. They have openings for volunteers to help in this work. Gateway Shelters provide transition off the streets, and are both filled and expanding across the city, including the Gateway Sobering Center, upcoming family shelter, and Gateway Young Adult Shelter. Both APD and Solid Waste work to clear encampments and offer places to stay. Of the 5,000 people on our city streets, probably 1,000 are chronic homeless often with support groups with whom they camp. The city sees more than 2,000 new housing units becoming available this year, in addition to hotel conversions. There are also some 450 landlords working with the Coalition to End Homelessness to provide housing for those who need assistance affording housing. Finally, the city is creating a dashboard so that public service agencies and private agencies can see availability at all times. Philip Jameson, Chair of Valley Command CPC pjameson5@comcast.net



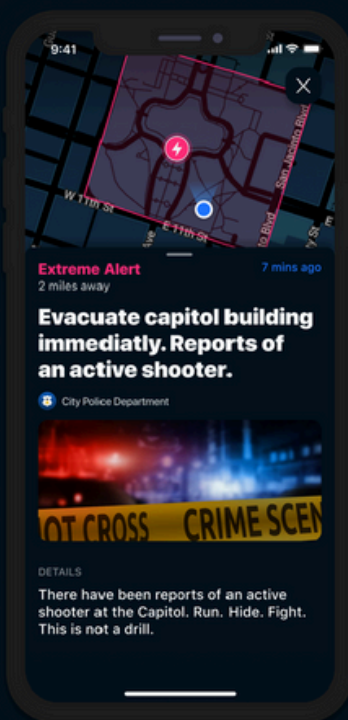
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

The Atlas One app will automatically send you an alert when a public safety issue occurs near your current location, or places you care about, such as your home, school, or office.

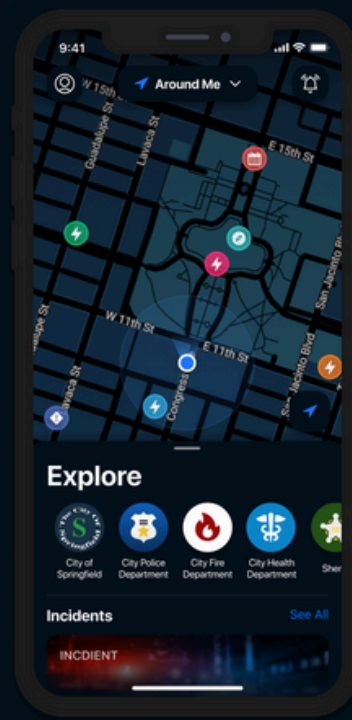
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



Receive Personalized Safety Alerts



Explore nearby events, incidents, places, and alerts



You can download the app for iOS and Android devices today!
Scan QR Code to download.



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