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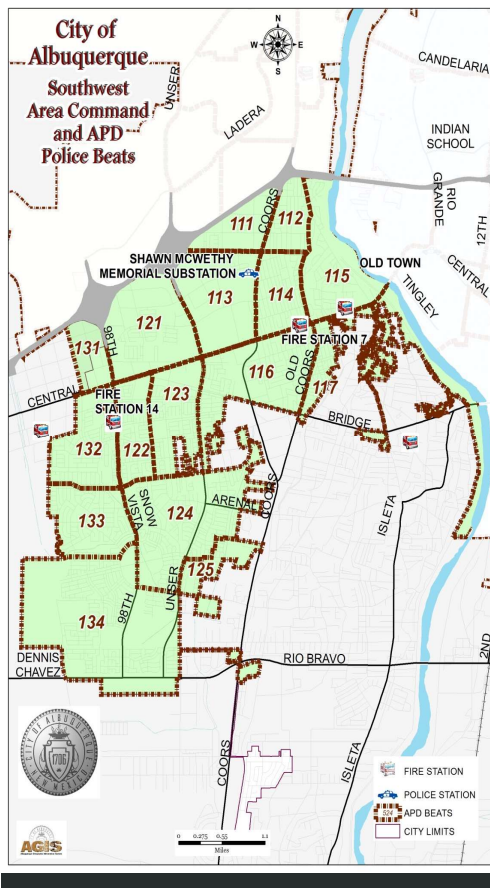
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The Southwest borders the Northwest and Valley area commands. Our border lines are as follows: Interstate 40 to the south, Rio Grande River to the west, and Albuquerque city limits to the west and south.

SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND NEWSLETTER



The Southwest Area Command is overseen by A/Commander René Barraza.



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Commander's Corner



Greetings.

The Southwest Area Command continues to strive to provide the highest level of law enforcement services to our community members. Southwest officers continue to dedicate themselves in building partnerships with our communities, lowering crime rates and they work hard every shift in making the area command a safer place for everyone.

As we enter the shopping holidays we are hopeful everyone is safe and everyone has a joyful season celebrating with friends and family. Support your local businesses and restaurants. Unfortunately when we are out and about preparing for the holidays our vehicles and persons become vulnerable targets.

Holiday Safety and Crime Prevention Tips

Safety begins at home:

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, dowels, etc.) and use them!
- Don't hide spare keys in mailboxes or planters, or under doormats.
- Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are activated by sensors.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Remember, overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Consider safe deposit boxes for coin and stamp collections, seldom-worn jewelry, stock bonds, etc.
- Be sure to mail cards, checks or gift certificates from the Post Office or at a blue U.S. Postal Service collection box.
- Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. Yes, even in your driveway.
- **Do not warm up your car and re-enter your home leaving your car running. Avoid stolen warm up vehicles by NOT leaving your vehicle running and unattended.**



DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

Youth Outreach

On Wednesday December 7, 2022 Southwest Officers and PSAs partner with Helen Cordero Elementary School to brighten lil hearts and provide them with safety tips ending with a badging presentation of 150 children.



Southwest Area Command Crime Statistics

Definitions

Burglary – Unauthorized entry of any vehicle, watercraft, aircraft, dwelling or other structure, moveable or immovable, with the intent to commit a felony or theft therein.

Robbery – Consists of the theft of anything of value from the person of another or from the immediate control of another, by use or threatened use of force or violence.

Motor Vehicle Theft – Consists of a person taking any vehicle or motor vehicle intentionally and without consent of the owner.

Property Crime activity for November 2022

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 12

- Seven south of Bridge Blvd SW

AUTO BURGLARY = 17

- No repeat locations

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 3

- Two on 98TH St. south of Central

AUTO THEFT = 65

- Business parking lots being targeted

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLES = 32

- No repeat locations

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY = 42

- No repeat locations

COMMERCIAL ROBBERY = 11

- Businesses along Coors

All attached crime numbers are preliminary numbers based on calls for service and pulled directly from the CADS system.



Crime Trends

On the crime mapping website you can run any crimes that you would like to look at in your neighborhood or throughout the city of Albuquerque. You can also sign up to receive alerts in your specific area. Crimemapping.com

Crime Trends

The Albuquerque Police Department Southwest Area Command uses the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data to determine crime trends in the area. When a response is indicated, the information received from the caller will be entered into the CAD for a response. The information from the caller allows ECC staff to determine the priority of the call, how many officers to dispatch, and it provides the officers with vital information so they can determine what action to take as they respond to a call for service.

Residential Burglaries

There has been a slight increase of Residential burglaries in May 2022. It is always good practice to make it look like someone is home at all times. Turn a radio on to a talk show station when you are gone, this will make it appear that someone is inside of your home.

Commercial Burglaries

The Commercial burglaries have stayed the same in May 2022. If your business is closed, we recommend that you check your property periodically, be sure to leave lights on and clean up any debris or growth around the property. These small steps may deter a criminal.

Auto Burglaries

There has been an increase of auto burglaries in May 2022. Be sure you are keeping your belongings out of site and remove anything of value. It is a great idea to pack a bag with items you need for the day and take it with you when you get out of the vehicle.

Stolen Vehicles

There has been a slight increase of auto thefts in May 2022. Using devices such as kill switches, alarms, clubs and locking doors and windows, also try to park in an area with good lighting to try to deter a criminal.

Carjacking

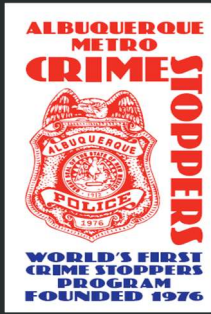
There has been no change in carjacking's in May 2022, they are very low. Always be aware of your surroundings. Pay special attention when you are at a standstill such as when you are at a stop light or in a parking lot. Keep doors locked, roll up your windows and notice who is in the immediate area.

Robbery to an Individual

There were no reported robberies to an individual for May 2022. Use situational awareness, look around, walk with confidence, make eye contact and read peoples body language. If you do find yourself in this situation give them whatever possession they are demanding, remember, possessions can always be replaced – you, cannot.

Commercial Robbery

There has been an increase of commercial robberies in May 2022. Train your employees to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior and report it immediately. Start training your brain to make note of how someone looks and what they are wearing, including their shoes. Many criminals will change their clothing but they will not change their shoes.



Robbery By Gunpoint

There has been an increase of robbery by gunpoint in May 2022. After the robbery occurs call 911 and lock your doors. If there are witnesses ask if they can stay to give a description of the offender. Do not discuss what you saw with others, wait to give a description to the officer.

Residential Robbery

There has been a decrease of residential robberies in May 2022. Always identify who is at the door before opening it. Keep doors locked at all times. Keep an eye out for suspicious persons/vehicles in the neighborhood.

ALBUQUERQUE METRO CRIME STOPPERS

WAYS TO REPORT AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- 1) Call (505) 843-STDP
- 2) Online Tip crimestoppersnm.com
- 3) P3 Mobile app
- 4) P3tips.com

You can earn up to \$1,000
Remain Completely Anonymous

CrimeStoppersnm.com

WORLD'S FIRST CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM FOUNDED 1976

Crime Prevention Corner

The Crime Prevention Specialist is here to help you to try to deter crime and educate you on various topics.

Services Offered

There are many resources which we can provide to you, such as, informational pamphlets, training on topics such as personal safety, scams, anti-bullying etc., CPTEDs (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), starting a Neighborhood Watch, CFMH (Crime Free Multi-Housing) and we can take McGruff to your public event or school or set up a table with informational pamphlets and promotional items. All of these services are free of charge. Please call Ron Kemp at the SW Sub for more info.

Myths about Guns:

- Some parents believe that hiding their guns will prevent children from accessing them. However, 75% of children who live in homes with guns know where they are stored.
- Many parents think their children are not capable of firing a gun. However, children as young as 3 years old may be strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun.
- Parents believe their children know the difference between real guns and toy guns, but in 16% of unintentional firearm deaths among children younger than 13 years of age, the gun was mistaken for a toy.
- Parents often believe their child would not touch a gun because "he knows better." However, studies have found that most children will handle a gun if they find one, even if they have been taught not to.

Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives from justice.



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- Some parents consider non-powder guns, like BB, pellet, and paintball guns, to be toys. These guns, which can fire at the speed of traditional guns, lead to nearly 22,000 injuries each year, especially eye injuries.

Gun Safety Tips

- The best way to keep your children safe from guns is to remove all guns from the home, and never leave children unsupervised in a home with a gun. If a gun is in the house, always keep it unloaded and locked. It should be out of reach and sight of children. Keep ammunition and guns locked in separate locations, not together.
- Safety devices, including gun locks, lock boxes and gun safes, should be used for every gun in the house.
- Storage keys and lock combinations should be hidden from children.
- Before visiting friends and relatives, ask if they have guns in their homes. If so, make sure they keep their guns unloaded and locked as well.

Remember if you see something say something!



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“Save 2 Casings” to help Track and Trace Lost and Stolen Firearms

ALBUQUERQUE – The Albuquerque Police Department has launched a new program in late July 2022 to help track and trace lost and stolen firearms.



The project, titled “Save 2 Casings” was created with responsible firearm owners in mind. This is a community effort and partnership with local law enforcement to help law enforcement track a firearm after it is lost or stolen.



The program meets one of the goals of Mayor Tim Keller’s Metro Crime Initiative. Community leaders recommended several solutions to fighting crime, including an effort to urge gun owners to self-record serial numbers.

The Save 2 Casings process is simple. A gun owner places two spent casings inside an envelope provided by APD. On that envelope, the owner will write down the make, model, caliber and serial number of their firearm. If the firearm is ever lost or stolen, while filing a police report a gun owner can provide officers with the two spent casings. If the gun is ever used in the commission of a crime after it’s lost or stolen, it better helps law enforcement track that weapon.

“We have seen a high volume of firearms getting into the wrong hands across Albuquerque, and used in violent crimes,” said Chief Harold Medina. “We hope the community will partner with us and use this program as a preventative measure to help keep our community safe.”

When officers are provided the spent casings, they will be entered into NIBIN, the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. NIBIN only captures and stores firearms evidence from fired ammunition components as part of a criminal investigation.

Informational flyers and the envelopes to store the two spent casings are in each area command’s sub stations. APD has also partnered with several local gun ranges and firearm retailers to spread the word and teamed up for this program.

There is no cost associated with this program and participation is completely voluntary but strongly encouraged.

For more information about “Save 2 Casings” please visit any police substation. You can also find helpful information in a video found below- www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhGalvsvHuY&t=55s

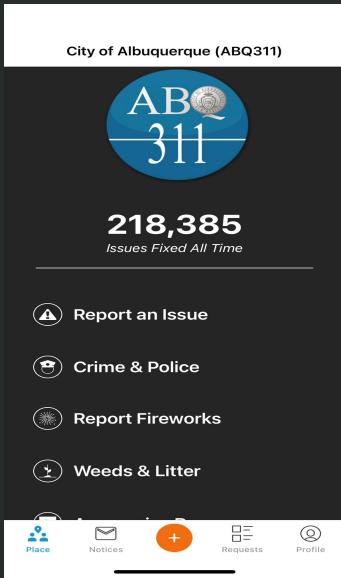


File a Report

Online Report:
cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online

(TRU)Telephone
Reporting Unit
242-2677 (COPS)

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓



Substation Hours

All police substations are open to the public the hours of operation are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If you need an Accident Report form or a copy of an Accident Report you can call with your case number to have it mailed to you via US Mail they are not provided through email. When you come in to get a report make sure to bring in your ID and Case #. For any other report call the substation to make sure it is available before coming by 761-8800.

The Old Town Substation is now open Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Friday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and on weekends from 11:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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In Progress Reports? Use APD Police Mobile



Other Services:

Needles/Sharps Containers/Drug Disposal

Please be advised large quantities of used needles and/or full sharps containers are not accepted at the Substations. We have a small container located in the lobby. If you have more than a few needles the closest drop-off location is the North Valley Public Health Office located at 7704 2nd St NW. Call the substation nearest you to see if they accept needles/sharps. Pills are accepted at all substations (**No liquids accepted**).

Sharps Disposal (Needles) – 311

<https://www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/sharps-disposal>

Albuquerque Community Safety Administration (ACS) – 768-4227

acs@cabq.gov –

- ACS sends trained professionals to non-violent and non-medical 911 calls for service involving issues such as mental/behavioral health, homelessness, and addiction as well as non-behavioral issues such as abandoned vehicles and needle pick-ups.

Homeless Encampments/Services

You can report homeless encampments by calling 311 or through the solid waste email: sw-encampments@cabq.gov

To get more information on homeless assistance go to:

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/services/homeless-services>

For more information visit: cabq.gov/police

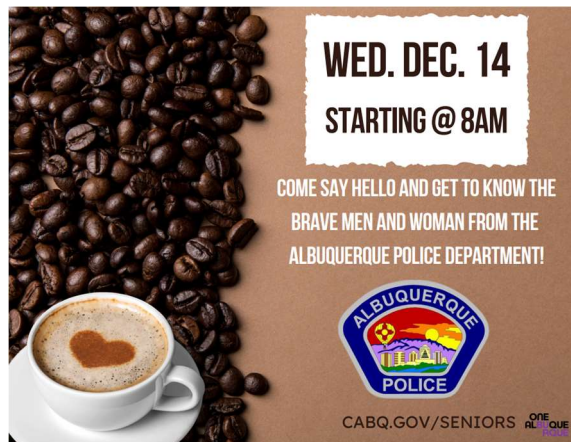




“Pancakes with Cops”

When: December 14, 2022

**Where: Los Volcanes Senior Center
6500 Los Volcanes Rd NW**



“Billiards with Cops”

When: January 13, 2023

**Where: Los Volcanes Senior Center
6500 Los Volcanes Rd NW**





Southwest Area Command Community Policing Council

The Southwest Community Policing Council (SW CPC) aims to facilitate communication, collaboration, consensus-building, and cooperation between the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and the community. We do this by holding meetings that include all residents as *community participants* and the Council persons that take a more active role in facilitating the topic choice and meeting schedule.

O-20-27 Community Policing Council Ordinance <https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/documents/o-20-27-cpc-ordinance-05-24-2022.pdf> allows for eleven (11) council members. SW would love to have a full council of members looking for a way to encourage constitutional community-oriented policing that benefits all residents of the Southwest Area Command.

The SW CPC will work closely with Commander Barraza and his officers to ensure that we are creating an environment that welcomes all persons in the SW area of Albuquerque.

The meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. The current start time is 6:00 p.m., but we are surveying and debating changing it to 6:30 if it accommodates peoples' schedules better. To express an opinion on the start time, send an email to zeldaszebb@gmail.com.

Please help us grow the Council membership by completing a statement of interest. <https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-application/community-policing-council-application>

We need all community participants to help make us a successful council that meets its duties as laid out in the Ordinance.

January 4, 2023, @ 6:30 p.m., will be the next meeting of the SW CPC, SW Area Command (SW A/C) Officers, and the community participants of the SW corner of Albuquerque. Please join us to discuss constitutional community-oriented policing training and how officers utilize the available training, electronic applications and community programs. We will talk with the Commander, SW A/C Officers, and other representatives of the APD.

You are requested to join the conversation by registering at this link for the Zoom webinar:

https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99qSGbQ

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair