



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WELCOME TO THE DON PERKINS PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER E-NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We at the Downtown Unit would like to share our appreciation to our City Councilor, Joaquin Baca, for his continued support and dedication.

Through the requests, ideas and input from Downtown business owners, residents and in collaboration with the Downtown Public Safety Unit. City Councilor, Joaquin Baca assisted in making valuable improvements by organizing APD with two new E-Powered Police Bikes.

Downtown faces unique challenges that affect the businesses therefore E-Powered Bikes were the solution to expand patrols and response time. With summer approaching you will see our bike certified officers patrolling very soon. Officers will be working concerts, community events, summer festivals, demonstrations and riding around conducting surveillance patrols. Our unit provides a safe environment during these events and these new electric bicycles will implement and improve the speed in high traffic situations.

Visit link for further details:

https://www.cabq.gov/council/find-your-councilor/district-2/news/apd-downtown-police-augment-patrols-with-new-e-powered-police-cycles

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Community Engagements



Officer's of the Downtown Public Safety Unit joined in at the Siembra Leadership High School open house event.

This was a great way to build connections and to have a one-on-one approach.

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY ECHO



SUBSTATION HOURS
Mon.-Fri. 8:00am —5:00PM
Closed on Holidays - For an
Emergency dial 911
Non Emergency dial 242-
COPS

Current Staffing
Dayshift Hours Mon-Thurs
7:00 AM—5:00PM
PATROL:

- DC Jose Sanchez
- Sgt. Mel Acata
- Officer Eric Giles
- Officer Hannah Goodman
- Officer Richard Sedillo
- Officer Geoffrey Cummings
- Officer Mike Avila

Swing Shift Hours
6:00 PM -4:00AM Wed—Sat
PATROL:

- Sgt. Elisa Valdez
- Officer Alicia Marquez
- Officer Jose Gomez
- Officer Nicholas Dickerson
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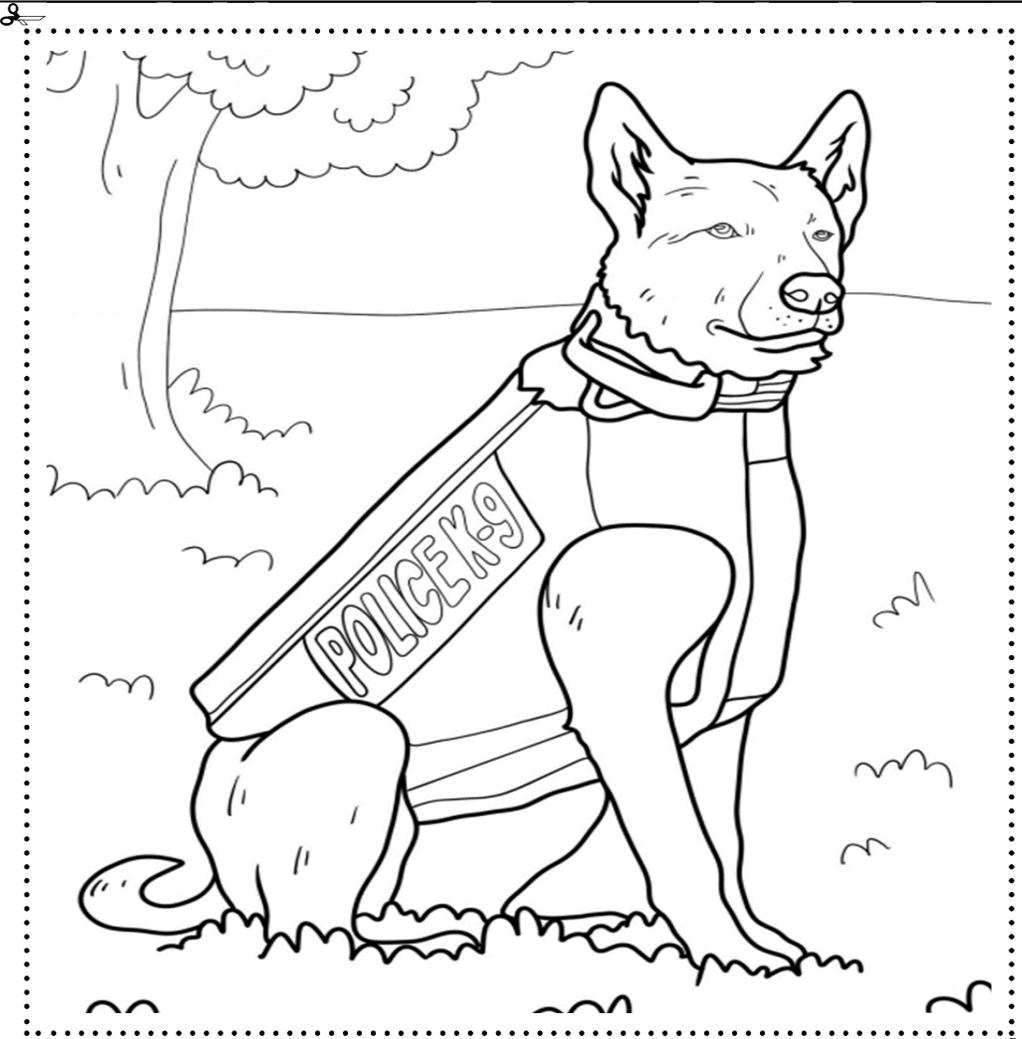
(Extension For Community HealthCare Outcomes)
Thursdays 1:00 PM -2:30PM
Join us to address community safety issues, Build skills, learn new tools and best practices for a Healthy , Happy, Safe Downtown!

To receive topic announcements and invitations to the web-based meeting platform, please contact Darryl DeLoach, Downtown Public Safety ECHO Coordinator at:
Email: ddeloach@cabq.gov Phone: 505-549-0660
VIDEO CONFERENCE IN- VIA ZOOM, PC, MAC IOS OR ANDROID:
<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/83993189320>
Meeting ID: 893 9318 9320 Password:
Downtown
Phone in: dial 1-646-558-8656
Enter the meeting ID: 896 9318 9320 # - then hit # again.

ECHO is all teach, all learn

- Interactive
- Co-management of cases
- Peer-to-peer learning
- Collaborative problem solving

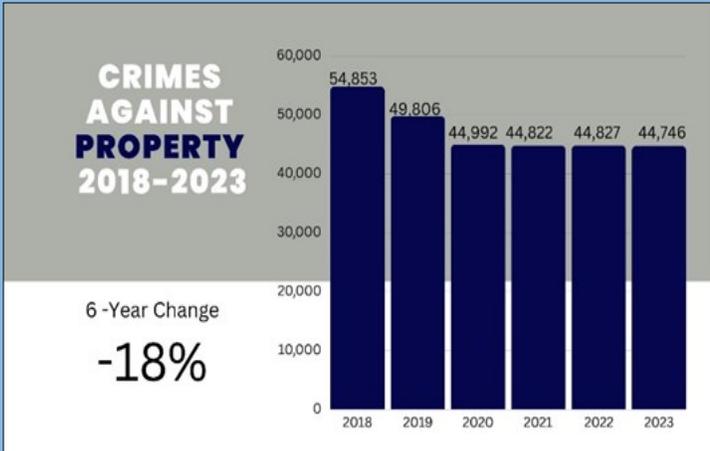
KIDS CORNER



Message from Chief Medina:

We recently released preliminary crime stats for 2023 that generally show progress in many areas over the past year. Most notably, homicides were down 19% over the prior year. We continued to see reductions in burglary (-16%), auto theft (-13%), and robbery (-41%).

We should be proud of these reductions. In many cases the efforts of our officers, detectives and professional staff are contributing to this reduction in crime. Since 2018, property crime is down 18%.



Unfortunately, some categories increased, including aggravated assault (5%), and shoplifting (30%).

We know some categories of crime are more directly related to our enforcement actions than others. As we focused on organized retail crime operations, we not only made more arrests, but we also encouraged businesses to report these crimes. That is one reason we saw shoplifting numbers increase so much.

While it is important to track these crime stats, it is just as important to highlight our enforcement efforts, which reflect the hard work of the department. Homicide detectives solved 80 cases in 2023, which led to murder charges for 119 suspects. Officers throughout the department made increased felony arrests by 14%, felony warrant arrests by 26% and issued 28% more citations over the same period in 2022.

Crime stats do not necessarily reflect the effort we put in every day. We still have challenges resulting from drug and alcohol addiction and mental illness that affect too many people in our community. Thank you to everyone for the hard work and for your dedication to the community we serve.



- Chief Harold Medina

APD creates proactive S.H.O.T program to target gun violence

APD launched a new program using data gathered from ShotSpotter technology to proactively address gun violence in Albuquerque neighborhoods. The pilot program led to a 47% decrease in gunshot detections in a Southeast neighborhood.

The S.H.O.T Program, which stands for *ShotSpotter Hotspot Organized Tracking*, is the first of its kind and was created by APD investigators at the Crime Lab. Through the assistance of the Real Time Crime Center, APD is taking the data beyond what it was initially intended for. The pilot program began in the Southeast Area Command and hotspot areas of concern were identified from a high number of gunshot detections.

“APD is being innovative with ShotSpotter data and utilizing this technology in a way that no other department has attempted,” **said Mayor Tim Keller**. “We are leveraging investments in technology and working with the community to help keep families safe.”

APD focused on the area near Wisconsin St. and Chico Rd., N.E., where ShotSpotter data showed a high number of gunshots. APD sent a general letter that went to residents in the immediate area who were directly being affected by the frequent gunshots. The letter was meant to let residents know that APD was aware of the concerns and officers are addressing the gun violence.

A separate letter was then sent to locations identified by ShotSpotter where the shots were originating and warned of the consequences of people firing guns. At one of the locations of concern, an arrest was made for an individual with an outstanding warrant for Armed Robbery.

The department also printed 350 signs that are being handed out to individuals that can be placed in yards and in front of homes to urge other neighbors to report gun crimes in the area as a community effort to assist APD.

Follow-up is then conducted by detectives as well as DIVRT (Digital Image and Recovery Team) who canvass the area and look for video evidence/surveillance of gun crimes. The follow-up work identifies ShotSpotter data over time and information such as active warrants, high volume of calls to police, and felony arrests in the area.

With the assistance of Area Commands, the information is dispersed through operations, field briefings, or through ShotSpotter overtime. The objective of the program is to significantly reduce the calls for service and prevent violent offenses from happening.

The program has also led to a collaborative effort with members of the community. Since the pilot program began in the Southeast, residents in both the Northeast and Northwest Area Commands have reached out to the department to provide helpful information on hotspot areas in their neighborhoods. These are neighborhoods where ShotSpotter devices are not in place, but the open communication helps expand the effort.

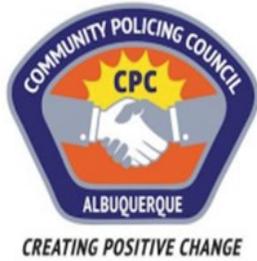
“Our investigators and command staff have taken the ShotSpotter technology far beyond what it was ever intended to do, **said Chief Harold Medina**. “Gun crimes are an issue in our community and this is a proactive measure that is also helping build strong relationships with community members to collaborate and cut down gunshots fired in our city.”

APD uses ShotSpotter technology for other proactive measures. At Tower Pond Park, there were many activations in the area. APD installed a mobile surveillance camera at the park, and since ShotSpotter gun shots have declined in the area.

“I advocated for funding for ShotSpotter in the district and throughout the City because this technology is a critical tool for our officers,” **said City Councilor Klarissa Peña** who represents District 3. “The technology is like a fingerprint for shots fired, it gives officers the data to track those gunshots and react to reduce gun violence in our community.”



Reference : <https://www.cabq.gov/police/news/apd-creates-proactive-s-h-o-t-program-to-target-gun-violence>



Albuquerque Community Policing Councils
Spring 2024; Law Enforcement Town Hall
April 20th, 2024 10AM-2PM
Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North Hotel
5151 San Francisco Rd. NE

The Albuquerque CPC's invite you to meet the public and have your opinion heard!

We'd love to have you join us for our Spring 2024 Law Enforcement Town Hall.

The Albuquerque CPC is tasked with helping the city build the Nation's best police force. We have monthly meetings in 6 different areas of the City, with the idea of helping the citizens of Albuquerque learn what the Albuquerque Police Department does, and how they can make recommendations to improve law enforcement. We also introduce different speakers on various aspects of law enforcement, City and County operations, and how civilians can make a difference.

We will be tabling, an introduction period, a panel-discussion and breakout sessions on different City law-enforcement and Justice concerns.

Food donated by the Albuquerque Marriott North Hotel.

We hope you can make it!

For more information please contact CPC Liaison Kelly Mensah at kmensah@cabq.gov or (505) 366-1389

