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# Southwest Area Command

# 2024



SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY  
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**Albuquerque, NM 87105**  
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The Southwest Area Command 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.

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**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND – CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE (CABQ.GOV)**

# COMMANDER'S CORNER

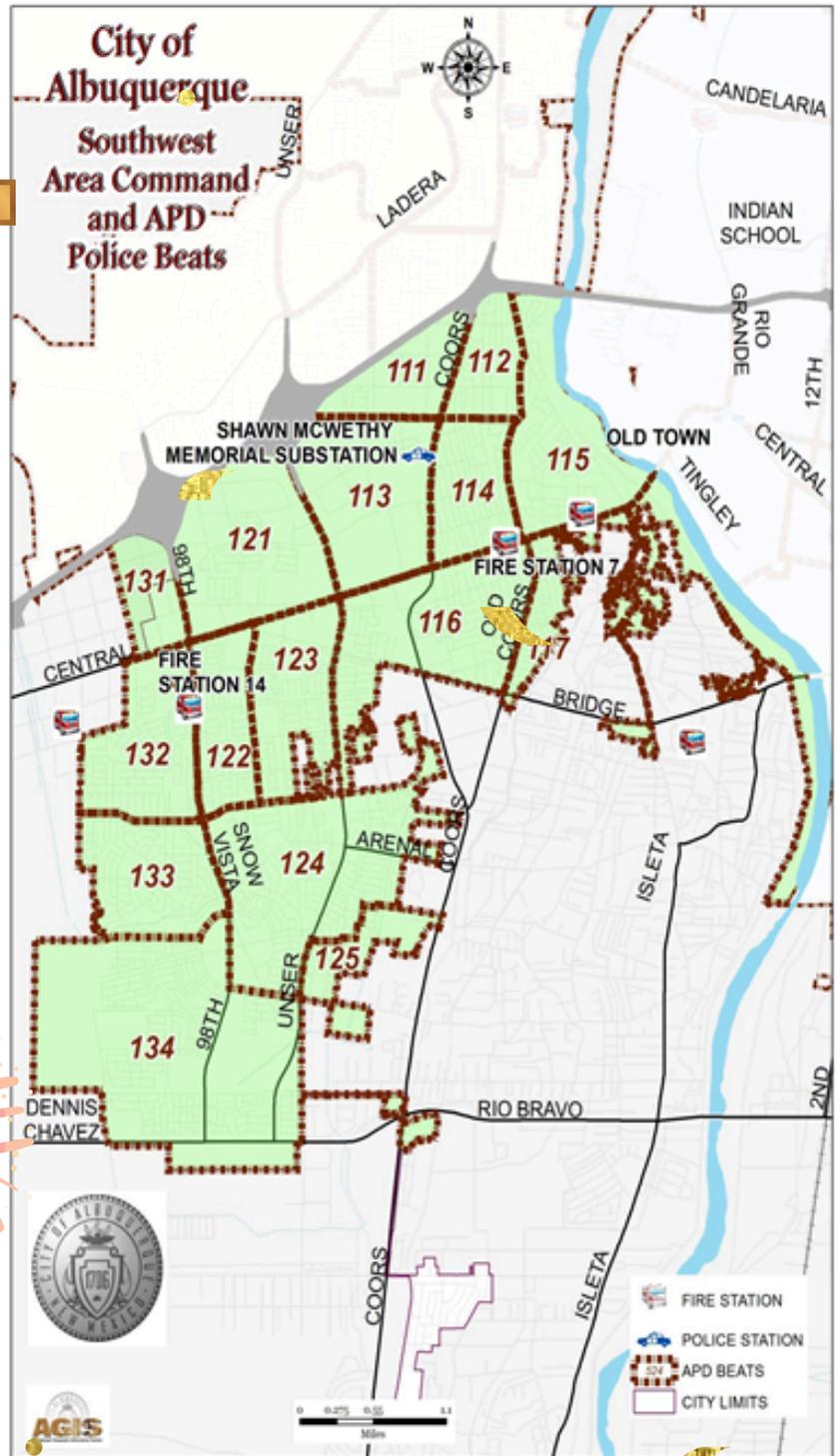
Greetings,

As we jump into 2024 I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we look forward to 2024 I want to ensure everyone that the men and women of the Albuquerque Police Department continue to strive in providing the highest level of professional public service with Pride, Fairness and with the highest level of Integrity and Respect. We are committed to the safety of our community. We are also looking forward to an annual BID where our officers, sergeants and lieutenants get a chance to stay here in the Southwest Area Command or change to a different shift or geographic area. The BID is tentatively scheduled to take effect February 10, 2024.

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# SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS

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# CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

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## Starting A Neighborhood Watch

The following steps show how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood.

1. You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.
2. Whoever is going to host the meeting calls the APD Crime Prevention Office at (505) 768-2006 to provide their name, address and phone number. After making the call, the Crime Prevention Office will send a "starter packet" that will include, among other items, a form to collect information from your neighbors.
3. The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form.
4. The host then sends the completed list back to the Crime Prevention Office in the self-addressed envelope provided in the starter packet.
5. After the CP Office receives the list from the interested party, a Crime Prevention Specialist will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.
6. The CP Specialist will then mail out invitations to each person whose name appears on the list. Fliers will also be sent to the host to be given out to the neighbors as a "last minute" reminder.
7. At the meeting, the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
8. The Crime Prevention Specialist will conduct the meeting and towards the end, facilitate the group's selection of a Block Captain who will function as the neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.
9. The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain replacement, etc).
10. The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.

APD Crime Prevention (505) 768-2006

# 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 CRIMES REPORT: January 2024

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 5

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 13

AUTO BURGLARY = 25

AUTO THEFT = 56

COMMERCIAL ROBBERY= 5

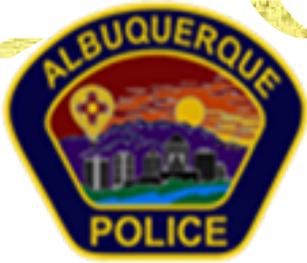
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY= 28

This information is pulled from daily Calls for Service, which reflects all calls made to APD's 911 Emergency Communications Center. It does not reflect all crimes that police investigate, nor the final outcome of crimes investigated. Furthermore it may not reflect the true location of crimes as they may have occurred in a different location from which they are reported.

To put that into perspective, APD receives about 500,000 calls for service each year. By contrast, about 120,000 police reports are generated each year, which is more reflective of actual crimes. For that reason, the information illustrated should not be used to determine crime trends.

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

# 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 (505)831-4705.

## File a Report

Online Report:

[cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online](http://cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online)

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

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓

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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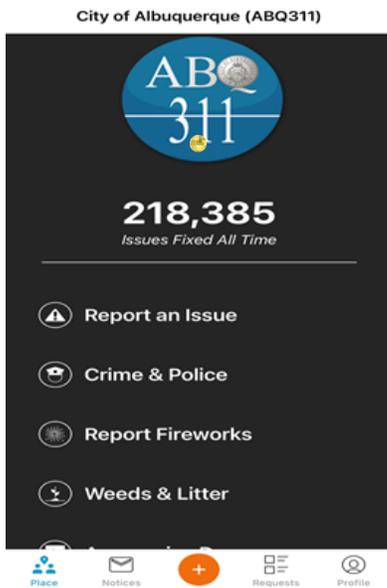
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Albuquerque, NM 87108  
505-256-2050

Northwest Area Command  
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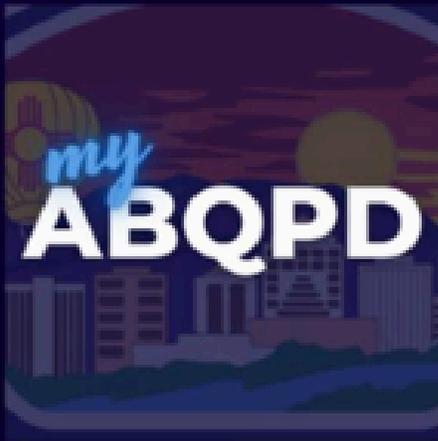
Northeast Area Command  
8201 Osuna NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
505-823-4455

Foothills Area Command  
12800 Lomas NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112  
505-332-5240

Valley Area Command  
5408 2nd St NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
505-761-8800



# Atlas One Replacing ABQ Police App



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.



Atlas One will be replacing the ABQ Police App. Please join in the transition today. this link <https://youtu.be/OEQ1MfJyWCo> is a guide on using the new Atlas One App

**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND COMMUNITY  
POLICING COUNCIL**

*January 2024*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4 Motel Meeting/ Coors and liff 10:00AM-11:00AM  Coffee with a Cop/With Kids 10:30-11:30am West Mesa Community Center	5	6	7
8	9 West Mesa NA 6:00PM-7:00PM	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Hotel Hospitality- Ghala 1:00PM-2:00PM	18 AHEPA Tenants Meeting 1:00PM-2:00PM	19	20	21
22	23 SWAN 6:30PM-7:30PM	24	25 Westgate Heights NA 6:30-7:30PM  Vecinos Del Bosque NA 6:30PM-7:30PM	26	27	28
29	30 Los Volcanes NA 6:00PM- 7:00PM	31				

# 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](mailto: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.

December 6, 2024, @ 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:

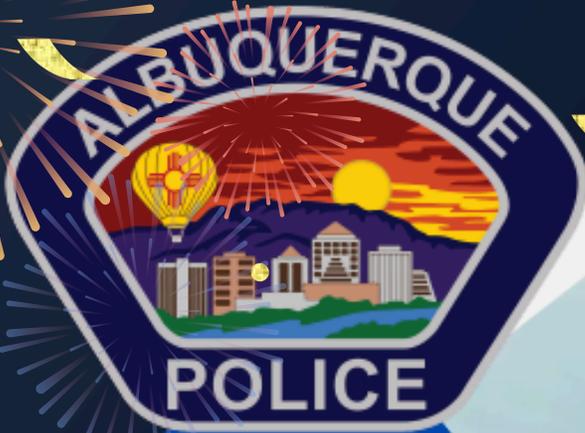
[https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ)

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair





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# NOW HIRING

## **Cadets & Laterals**

*Top paid department in the state!*

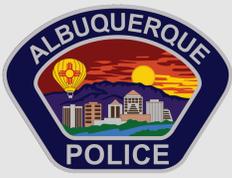
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Call to find out more  
**505-343-5040**





# Message from Chief Medina

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season with your friends and families. Thank you to all of our staff that worked through the holidays and spent time away from your loved ones, we appreciate all that you do to help keep our community safe.

As we begin a new year, I am reflecting on our successes of 2023, and how we can improve as a department into 2024. Last year, we continued to have tremendous progress within our Homicide Unit. We hit a clearance rate of more than 90%, and we saw a significant decline in homicides as well.

As a department, we also had multiple divisions working proactive operations throughout the city which we know had a positive impact on crime. From the shoplifting operations that impacted quality of life issues at our shopping centers, to our Traffic Division, doubling citations from the year prior making our roadways safer, to our Downtown TEAM overtime, which has made vast improvements for those who live and work Downtown.

There is much more I want to focus on in the year ahead. This year will mark my fourth year as Chief and I'm incredibly proud of the work we've accomplished. Looking ahead, I plan to share more information regularly with our community on progress we are making on the DOJ Court Approved Settlement Agreement, recruiting, crime and community engagement.

As part of this effort, I'd like to share the Chief's Weekly Snapshot showing where we've seen a decline in crime categories and where we have room to improve. The percentages below show the preliminary stats from 2023 compared to 2022, the other data are total numbers for 2023.

Thank you to our community for your continued support and for working with us as we continue to grow and evolve as a law enforcement agency.

## CHIEF'S SNAPSHOT

VIOLENT CRIME	-6%
HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATE	90%
AUTO THEFT	-7%
FELONY ARRESTS	5,679
FELONY WARRANTS	5,255
FIREARMS RECOVERED	723
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	78,193



*-Chief Harold Medina*