



Southwest Area Command



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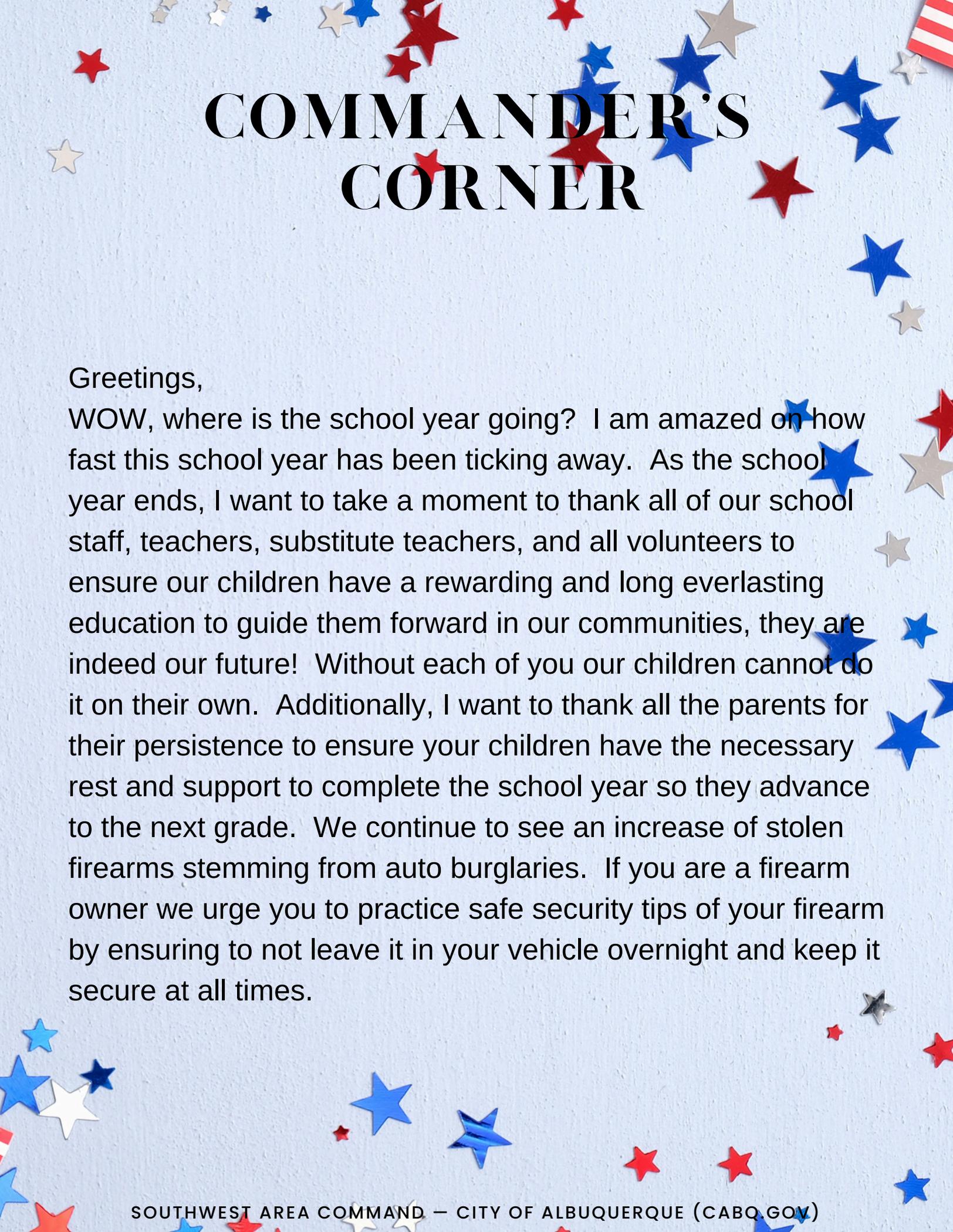
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The Southwest Area Command borders the Northwest and Valley area commands. Our border lines are as follows: Interstate 40 to the south, Rio Grande River to the west, and Albuquerque city limits to the west and south.



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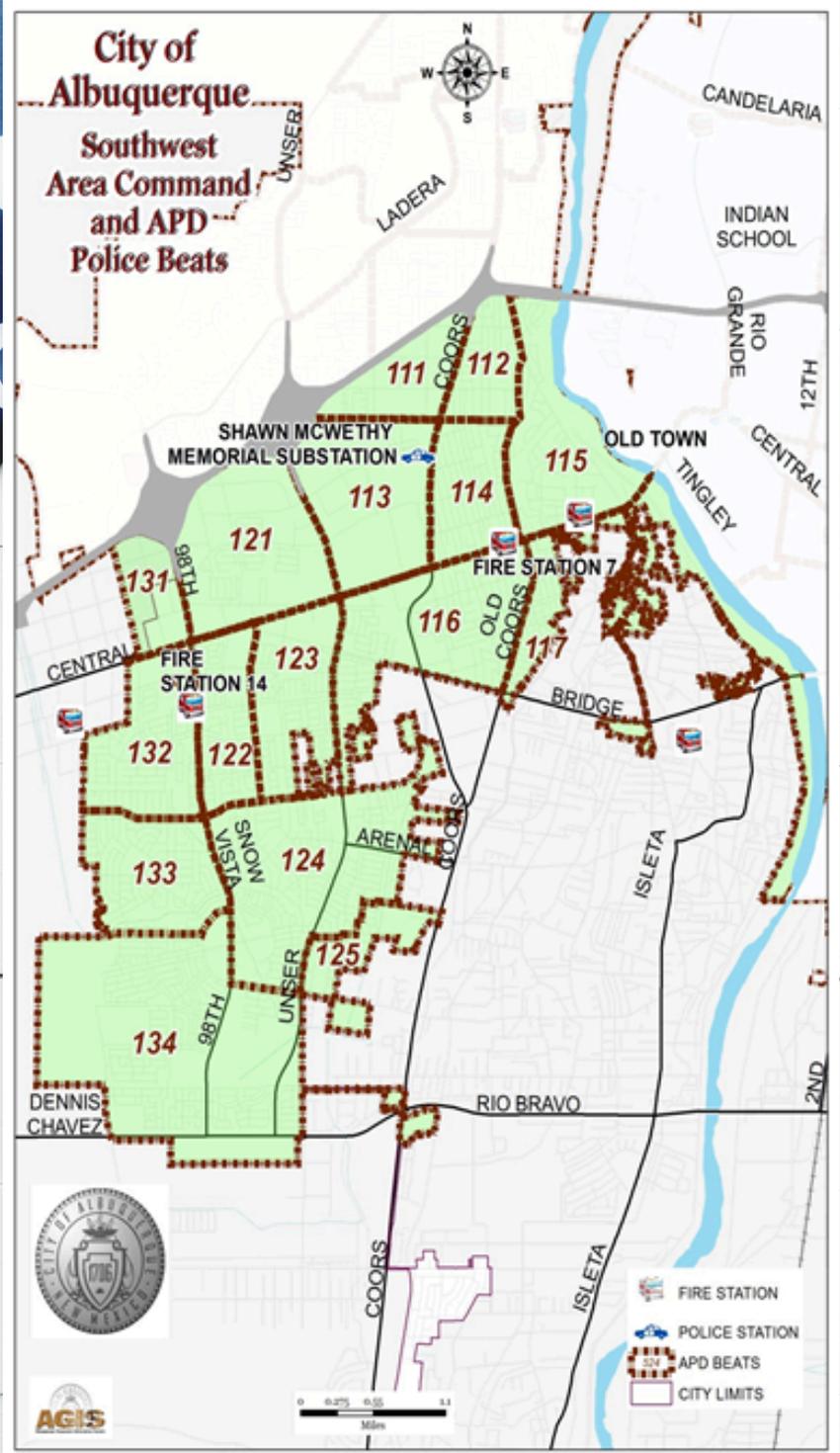


COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

WOW, where is the school year going? I am amazed on how fast this school year has been ticking away. As the school year ends, I want to take a moment to thank all of our school staff, teachers, substitute teachers, and all volunteers to ensure our children have a rewarding and long everlasting education to guide them forward in our communities, they are indeed our future! Without each of you our children cannot do it on their own. Additionally, I want to thank all the parents for their persistence to ensure your children have the necessary rest and support to complete the school year so they advance to the next grade. We continue to see an increase of stolen firearms stemming from auto burglaries. If you are a firearm owner we urge you to practice safe security tips of your firearm by ensuring to not leave it in your vehicle overnight and keep it secure at all times.

SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS



CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION

Illegal or unauthorized door-to-door solicitation presents a possible unsafe situation in the residential setting. Individuals who represent themselves as a legitimate business are often times conducting fraudulent or potentially criminal activity. This type of enterprise is less prevalent today so individual citizens should consider any unexpected knock at the door to be potentially suspicious. The following are suggestions about how to create and maintain a safe and secure residential environment and how to handle the unwanted or unauthorized solicitor.

- The average citizen can define and describe normal behavior and activity in their immediate area or block. Citizens should apply this knowledge to persons walking the neighborhood. Strangers or those people that do not belong should be noticed and observed for suspicious activity. If a person's behavior is deemed to be abnormal or suspicious, the citizen should call the non-emergency number 242-COPS. If someone witnesses a crime in progress, dial 911.
- If the resident receives any knock at the door, they should ALWAYS observe the area through a window or eye-viewer prior to opening the door – even if they are expecting a visitor. If an unfamiliar person is observed outside the residence, the occupant should be very cautious about opening the door. If there is a security screen door with a deadbolt lock in place and the citizen feels comfortable with opening the door, they should not engage the individual; rather politely ask them to leave. In the absence of a security screen door, they should notify the visitor they are unwelcome and ask them to leave the premises via the locked door and should never allow entry for any reason. Once the person is asked to leave, the resident should observe them leaving and be prepared to report suspicious activity to the police.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- It is important to note that a knock at the door should not go unanswered in some manner – whether through the security screen door or the main door. Criminals posing as a legitimate solicitor are looking for an empty house to eventually commit residential burglary. If the criminal breaks into an expected empty residence and finds an occupant, the probability of a violent encounter is high.
- Home Invasions can be the result of a door-to-door solicitor. The criminal knocks on the door and through a variety of techniques, persuades the resident to open the door. Once the door is open other individuals appear from obscured locations and force their way into the residence. If someone is at the door claiming to require assistance or some type of help, especially late at night, NEVER OPEN THE DOOR – call 911.
- Citizens who have experienced an illegal solicitor or suspicious person should alert other neighbors in the immediate area.
- It is recommended that no one engage or enter into a discussion about the purchase of items or services from anyone who initiate contact with them. If items or services are needed, citizens should pursue the purchase through established businesses. All frauds and scams originate from contact initiated by someone else.
- How to verify a solicitor's legitimacy – All legitimate businesses in the City of Albuquerque must have a permit to operate, this includes the door-to-door solicitor per City Ordinance 13-3-1-1. The Ordinance requires the individual to have on their person a permit that can be produced on request, which includes photo identification. Any solicitor that claims not to have one or has left it in another location should be considered illegitimate. If you desire the right of privacy, posting a No Trespassing or No Soliciting sign on your premises must be observed by the solicitor. Solicitation is permitted only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset.

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: May 2024

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 10

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 10

AUTO BURGLARY = 27

AUTO THEFT = 40

Commercial Robbery = 3

Stolen Vehicles Found In
Southwest = 25



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

(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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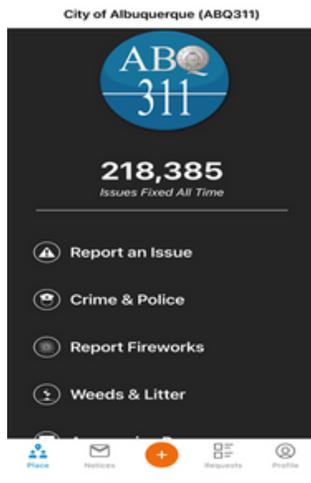
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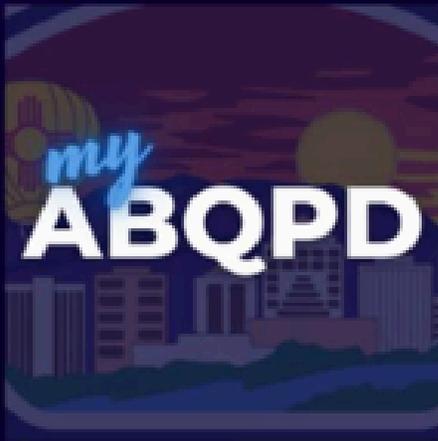
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Albuquerque, NM 87107
505-761-8800



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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.



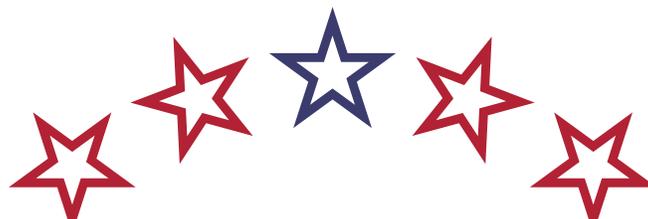
Atlas One will be replacing the ABQ Police App. Please join in the transition today. this link <https://youtu.be/OEQ1MfJyWCo> is a guide on using the new Atlas One App

SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

May 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 CPC 6:30PM	2 Motel Meeting/ Coors and Lif 10:00AM-11:00AM	3	4	5 CINCO DE MAYO
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Alamosa NA 6:00pm	14 SWAN 6:00PM -7:00PM	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 HOTEL HOSPITALITY- GHALA 1:00-2:00PM West Mesa NA 6:00PM-7:00PM	22	23 Vecinos Del Bosque NA 6:30pm-7:30pm Westgate Heights NA 6:30pm-7:30pm	24	25	26
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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.

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.

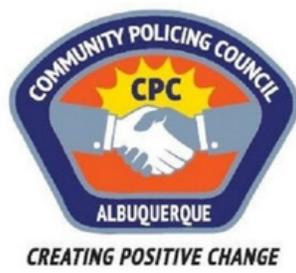
You are requested to join the conversation by registering at this link for the Zoom webinar:

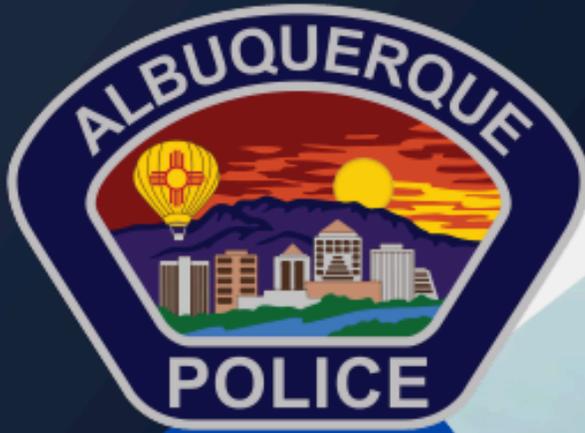
https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair





NOW HIRING

Cadets & Laterals

Top paid department in the state!

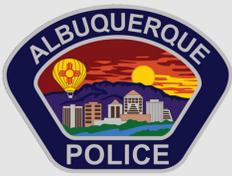
Cadets:
\$28.84/hr
\$60,000/yr **37% pay
increase**

Patrolman 2nd class:
\$30.28/hr
\$63,000/yr **31% pay
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Laterals:
\$31.89/hr
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Call to find out more
505-343-5040





Message from Chief Medina

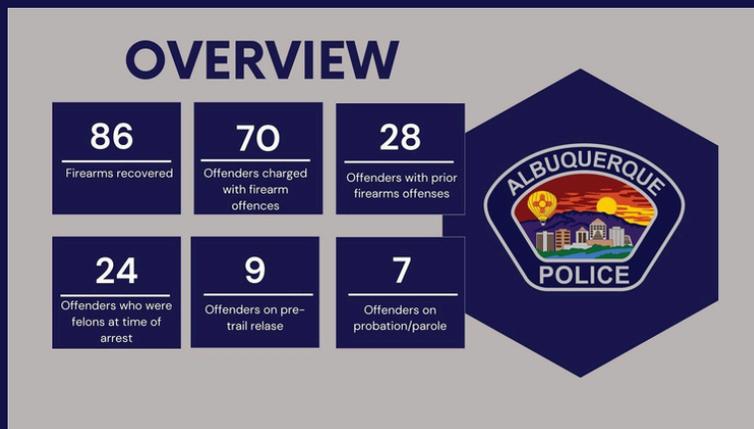
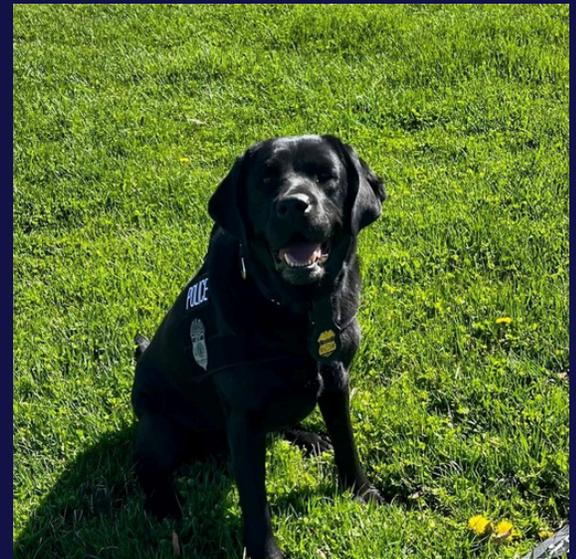
Hello everyone! I hope you're enjoying the warmer weather, our department is gearing up for the summer months and we are making headway on issues that have a big impact on our community.

We continue to see our recruiting numbers grow with some of the largest cadet classes in the last decade. That also goes for our Police Service Aide program with our class that graduated on May 3, bringing our total number of PSAs out on city streets to just shy of 100.

As for additions to the department, I'm pleased to introduce you to K9 Freya. Thanks to our strong relationships with our Federal partners, the ATF has trained and brought Freya to Albuquerque permanently to help fight crime.

Freya is a Search Enhanced Evidence K9 which means she can sniff out shell casings, and detect up to 19,000 different compilations of explosive residue. The black lab is among only 45 K9s in the country specialized in sniffing out firearms.

Being able to utilize the K9, her skills go hand and hand with our advancements in technology specifically with the use of ~~the~~ National Integrated Ballistic Network, so we can match shell casings to other crimes.



We are also taking a more comprehensive look at our department's progress each month on offenders arrested for firearm related offenses.

The first results were pulled for the month of March, and officers arrested 70 individuals with firearm related offenses.

Officers also recovered 86 firearms, 24 of the individuals arrested had previous gun charges

and, 9 of those arrested were out on pre-trial release.

We are constantly evolving as a police department and are always looking at more ways we can advance our crime fighting toolbox. We appreciate the community's support as we continue to strive to make our community a safer place.



-Chief Harold Medina