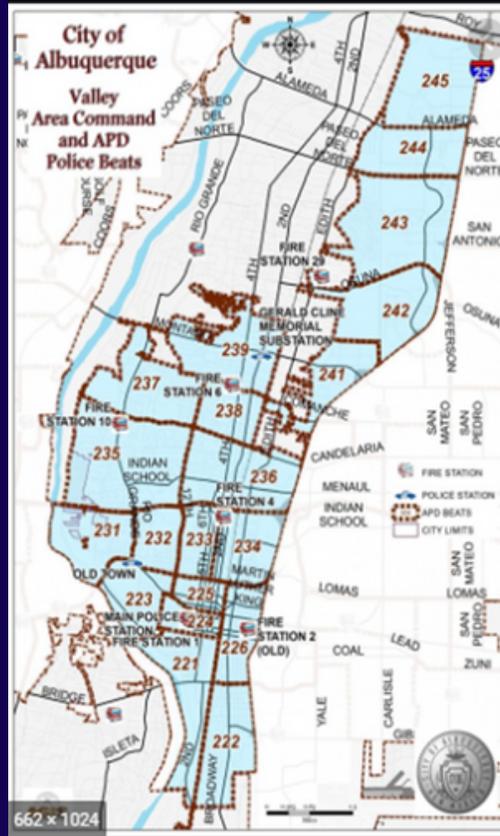


# VALLEY

## AREA COMMAND

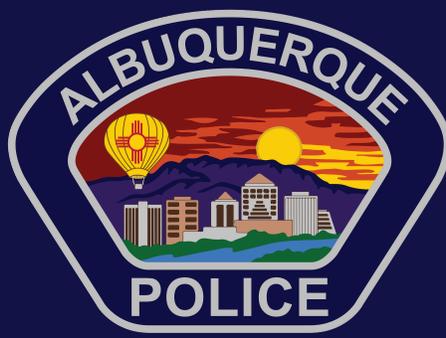


THE VALLEY AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY  
COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ

GERALD CLINE SUBSTATION  
5408 2ND ST NW

May 2025





# COMMANDER'S CORNER MAY 2025

COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ

*Hello Everyone,*

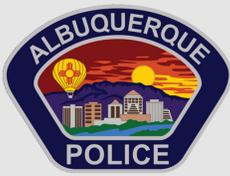
*I hope this message finds you well. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for coming together to make something truly special happen: a well-deserved family day for our Valley Area Command officers.*

*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,*





# Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well and gearing up to kick off summer.

I'm pleased to share with our community a partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools and Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers to re-launch a successful program. It's called Campus Crime Stoppers, which is a valuable resource to enhance safety and security within our school community. Through Campus Crime Stoppers, students, or any staff within Albuquerque Public Schools can report any concerns related to safety, crime, or suspicious activity.



As we are taking juvenile crime very seriously, the image featured above are the stickers that have been handed out to students within APS to spread word about the program. The QR code directly brings students and staff to Crime Stoppers website where criminal activity can be reported anonymously.



I'd also like to provide results from a recent operation which is part of a new ongoing initiative from our Criminal Investigation Division. This is our third month of the day-long operations and we just focused on cases being investigated by the Crimes Against Children Unit.

Investigators made two big arrests for Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitations of Minors. Our team also checked on the welfare of more than 20 children.

I'm grateful for our dedicated investigators both sworn and professional staff who have

put a great deal of effort into these operations to get violent offenders off the street and prevent future victimization.

Coming up, we will be hosting our annual Law Enforcement Memorial honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. I invite our entire community to attend.



**-Chief Harold Medina**



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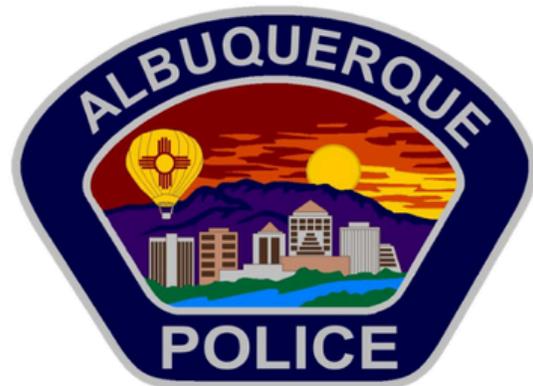
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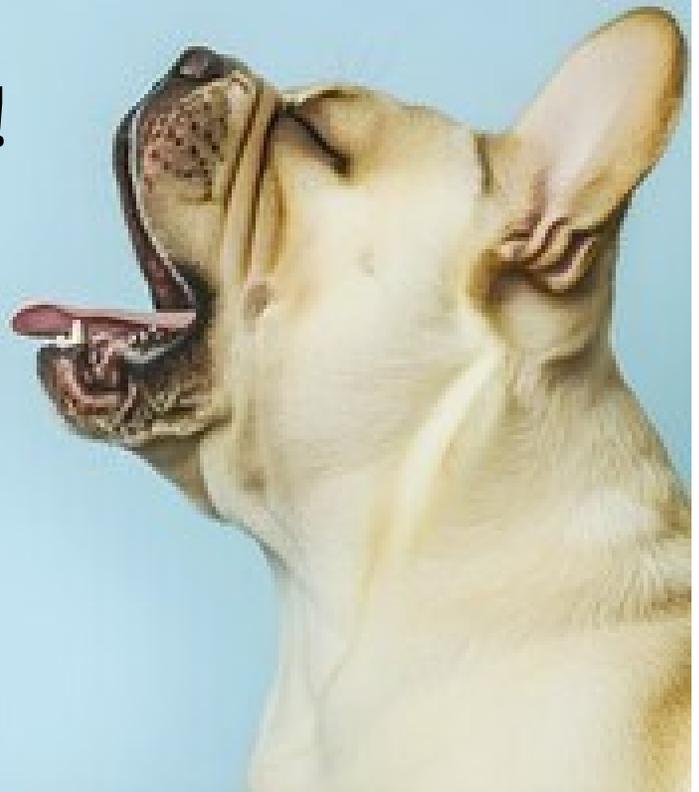


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# Let's go for a walk!

Learn how to effectively observe and report suspicious activity while doing what you love.



Developed by the National Association of Town Watch, the same organization which introduced National Night Out, it is a program that encourages those who are active in the community walking their dogs to be an extra set of 'eyes and ears' for law enforcement.

Dog walkers are trained in observing, recognizing and reporting suspicious activity. It's a natural complement to our existing crime prevention programming.

**May 10, 2025**

**10:00 am—11:00 am**

**Vista Del Norte Park, 1005 Osuna NE**

**(near the dog park)**

**Fur babies welcome!** Enjoy the dog park for some post-presentation fun.



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS BEFORE LEAVING FOR SUMMER VACATION



1

Make sure to double-check all the locks. This means all your windows, front door, back door and garage. Also remove any spare keys that you have hidden outside!

2

Always make sure to ask either a trusted neighbor, family member or a friend to watch your house! Also ask them to bring in any mail and make sure trash is taken out/put away timely.

3

Remember to leave on an exterior light, use motion sensed lights, or leave lights on a timer. Set a timer inside also on your lights, Tv or radio as well.

4

Secure valuables such as jewelery and firearms in a safe. Secure all documents you aren't taking with you that have personally identifying information as well in a safe or safe deposit box.



FOR MORE SAFETY TIPS, PLEASE VISIT  
[HTTPS://WWW.CABQ.GOV/POLICE/CRIME-  
PREVENTION-SAFETY](https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety)

# 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>**

## **Valley Community Policing Council April 24,2025**

First, apologies to anyone trying to listen on Zoom, as our connection was poor to non-existent throughout the meeting. Valley Commander Sanchez reported that the Valley, as with all of ABQ, is seeing a gradual reduction in criminal behavior.

We had a discussion with Officer First Class D. Ketchum about his experience in the Field Service, which is the regular patrols. He has been with APD 4 years, changed careers from industry after onset of Covid 19 because he felt a need to serve and interact with people regularly. In discussing how they respond to calls he reminded us of the Priority system for response, with level 4-5 not urgent, 3-offender present not violent, 1-2 violence possible to present/most. Urgent. The field officer work 12 hour shifts mostly, are usually busy which he enjoys. If he can help at least one person daily it "gives him meaning."—————

The CPC discussed a recommendation to APD we are debating regarding Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). In 2022 APD, directed by Chief Medina, began an active process to assess and address issues around the high amount of OIS in ABQ, which according to statistica.com and other sources has the highest rate of OIS in the US, at over 15 people killed by police/year/million residents, compared to a US average of 3.5 people killed/yr/million residents. We are debating ideas for APD to restore a transparent, active process of evaluation and systemic change, with the last 6 month report we found from ~~the executive committee~~ in April 2024, which was found among the 3,200 files in APD police documents online; not searchable online in APD News as the prior two reports had been. More to come on this subject at our May meeting, and from discussions with APD. The other side to this is that we in the public have a part to play in reducing community violence.

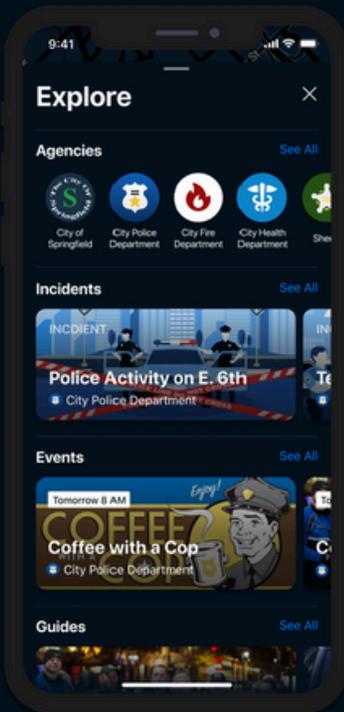
Contact us at [pjameson5@comcast.net](mailto:pjameson5@comcast.net) with any thoughts, questions, concerns.



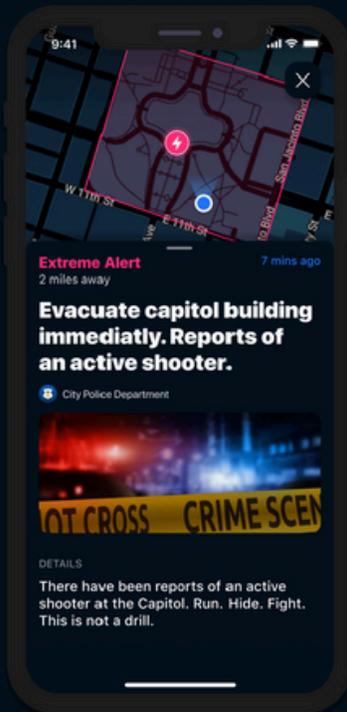
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

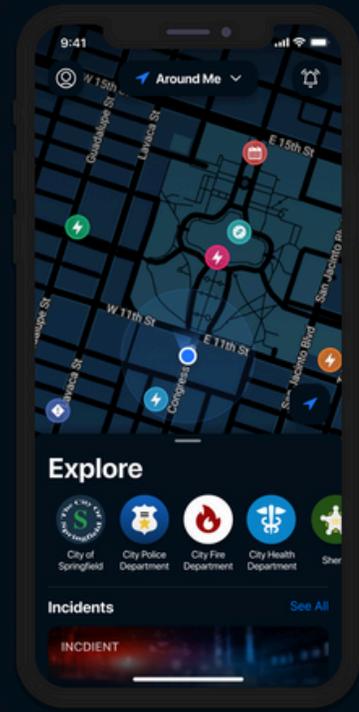
### Stay Informed of Issues Around You



### 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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