

# SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND

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## NEWSLETTER

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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.

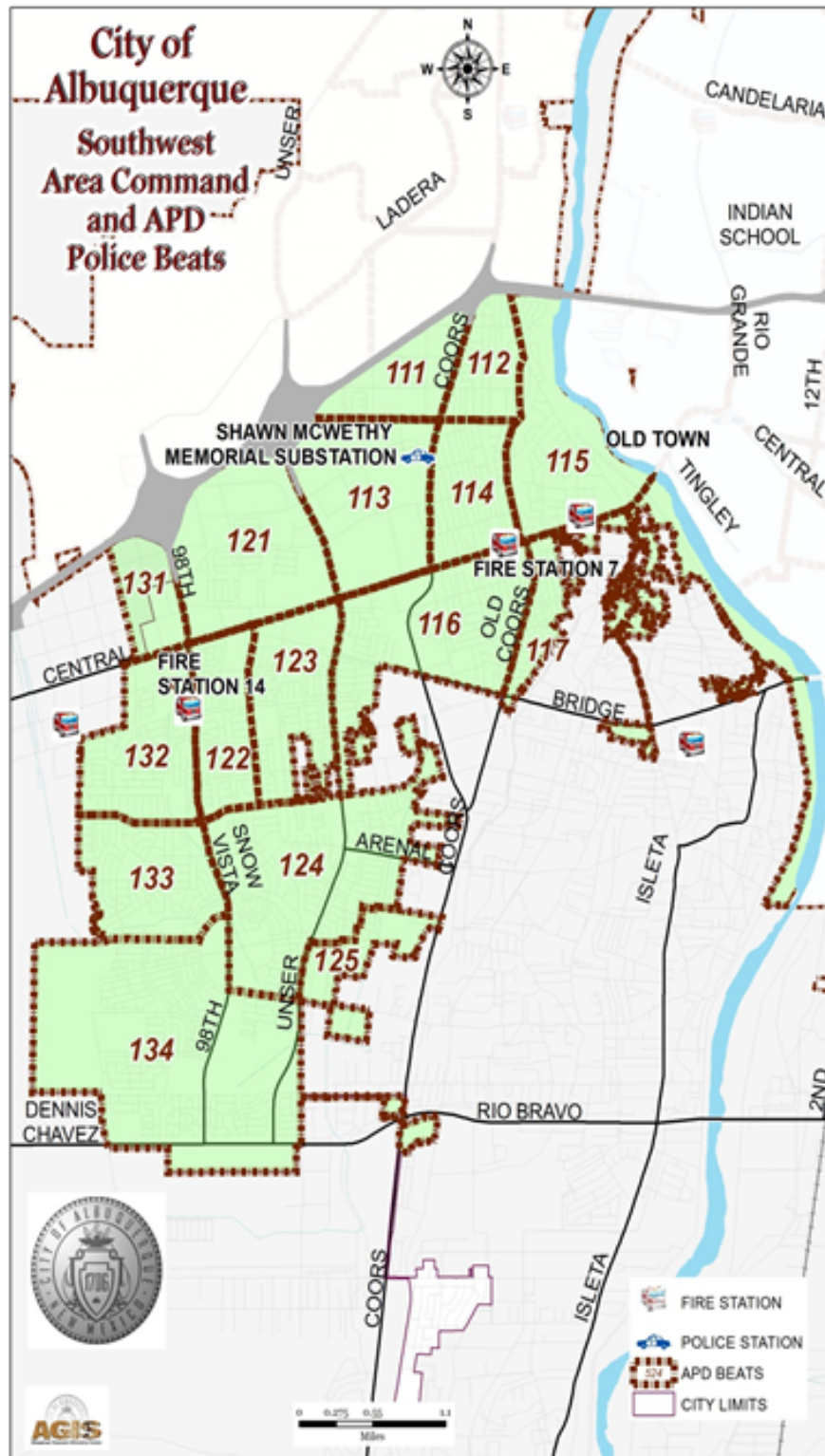


**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY  
COMMANDER RENE BARRAZA**

# COMMANDER'S CORNER



As we prepare for the end of the school year I would like to take a moment to thank all school personnel for their continued commitment and dedication to our school children success. Without teachers, councilors and support staff our children in our community cannot do it without your loyalty, love, guidance, education, and patience. Our children are the future of our nation, state and communities. On another note we are beginning to see a spike in property crimes so I urge you to take a couple of seconds to ensure you remove valuables from your car, lock your car, park in well-lit areas, and when you are out shopping do not leave valuables in eye sight to reduce your chances of being victim to an auto burglary. Lastly, we continue to recruit young men and women to join our team at APD so if you know of anyone with a desire to serve as a police officer or police service aide in our community please have contact me at [rbarraza@cabq.gov](mailto:rbarraza@cabq.gov), (505) 250-7910, or they can go to our website for any inquiry at [APDOnline.com](http://APDOnline.com). Bring on the spring like weather!



# CRIME PREVENTION

## TIPS

### How to Help Make Your Neighborhood Safe

#### **1. Get to Know Your Neighbors and Communicate**

Always get to know your neighbors. Don't just meet them but really try to get to know them. Have a way to reach your neighbors if they're gone and something is amiss in the neighborhood. You can start getting to know others by joining your neighborhood association, hosting a yard sale, or pitching in to throw a block party. It is also helpful if you know who is at home during the day and if any neighbors work during the night. Are there kids around? What ages? These tidbits provide information that will alert you if something seems amiss. Communication is a big factor in safety.

#### **2. Enhance Your Home's Security**

Always keep your doors locked and keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor or family member instead of under the doormat or near your home. Set timers on lights when you're away from home, so it appears to be occupied. Illuminate or eliminate places an intruder might hide – the spaces between trees or shrubs, stairwells, alleys, walkways, entryways, etc. Trim back hedges under windows and away from porches and back doors. Invest in a home security system, a doorbell camera, or a combination video/alarm system. Doors and windows with alarms are a crime deterrent and cameras allow you to capture any mischief in real-time. Not only can you see who is on your property, but you can also typically watch for anything that doesn't seem right within a couple of hundred feet of your home.

#### **3. Keep Your Neighborhood and Property Clean**

Keep your home clean and orderly and encourage your neighbors to do the same. A neighborhood with mowed lawns, nice landscaping, and nicely painted homes looks like it's cared for, which can help deter crime. If there is a certain open lot or abandoned home that is an eyesore, work together as a neighborhood to clean up weeds or do a little exterior maintenance care.

If you're away, make sure someone mows your yard, shovels the walk, and brings in any newspapers, packages, or mail.

#### **4. Make it Less Appealing to Steal**

Keep your blinds closed at night so thieves can't see your belongings, such as a big-screen TV, appliances, or other technology. Also, keep your windows closed when you're out during the day and at night. If you're away on vacation, lock up your prescription medication, and don't let anyone know that you have it. Though these are homeowner safety tips, they also keep criminals out of the neighborhood, as do motion-sensor outdoor lights on each home and working streetlamps.

#### **5. Don't Announce When You're Away on Social Media**

In a study, 60% of the burglary victims said they were active on social media about when they were away. Posting night-out plans with location tags or live beach shots from vacation is a very bad idea. You're telling criminals just what they need to know to get in and out while you're not home. This also puts your neighbors at risk.

#### **6. Get to Know Your Local Police department**

Get to know your local police department and express to them your desire to make your neighborhood safe. For example, if cars are often speeding through, ask them to patrol the streets. Sometimes you can even work with the department to start a Neighborhood Watch program.

If you leave on vacation, many police departments have a vacation service where they will keep an eye on your property while you're away, at no charge. Just contact your local police department's office (not 911) to ask about the program.



# SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND CRIME STATISTICS

## PROPERTY CRIME ACTIVITY FOR MAY 2023

### 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:

JAN 1 THRU DEC 31, 2022

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 85

AUTO BURGLARY = 173

AUTO THEFT = 469

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 103

VANDALISM = 251

COMMERCIAL ROBBERY = 68



### PROPERTY CRIMES REPORT:

May 2023

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 15

AUTO BURGLARY = 14

AUTO THEFT = 40

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLES=24

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY =3

Commercial Robbery=16

Criminal damage to property= 18

VANDALISM = 28

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

## 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.

## 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.

Remember if you see something say  
something!

Southwest Crime Prevention Specialist

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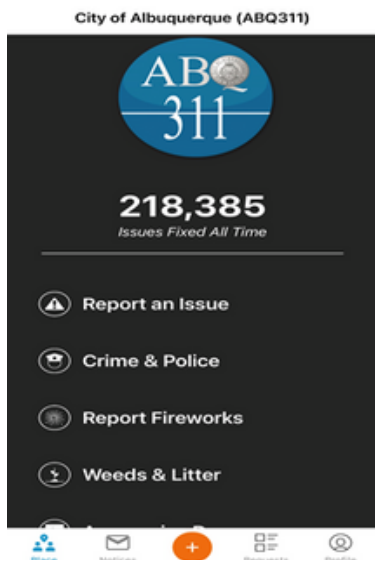
TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
**CRIME**

# File a Report

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

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

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓



In Progress Reports?  
Use APD Police Mobile

# 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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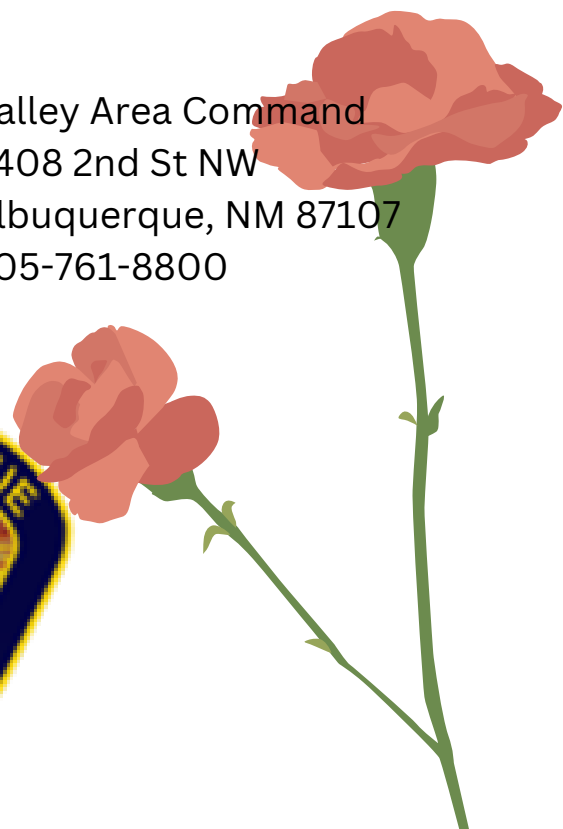
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Foothills Area Command  
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# Atlas One Replacing ABQ Police App



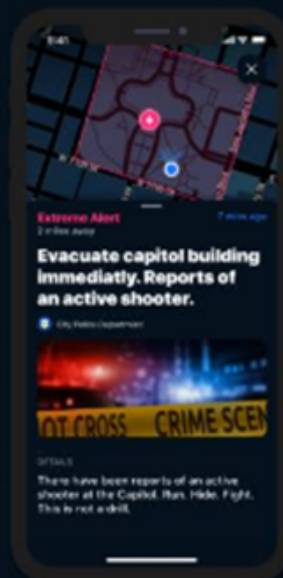
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

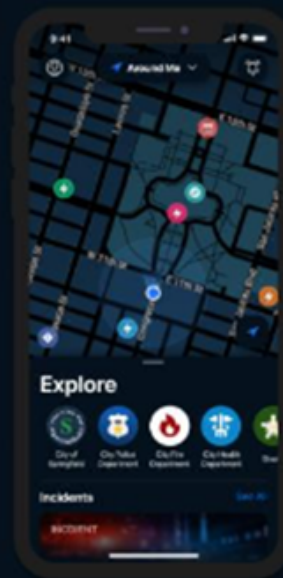
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



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 2023*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 *Southwest Alliance of Neighbors (SWAN )	3	4	5 <b>CINCO de MAYO</b>	6	7
8	9 *West Mesa Neighborhood Association (West Mesa Community Center)	10	11	12	13	14 
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 *Westgate Heights Neighborhood Association (Westgate Community Center) *Vecinos Del Bosque Neighborhood Association (South Valley All Purpose Center)	26	27	28 
29 *** HAPPY *** <b>MEMORIAL Day</b>	30	31				



# OFFICER OF THE MONTH



## BRANDON PEREZ

On February 19, 2023 officer Perez and Dudnow responded to a domestic violence call. When officers arrived on scene and contacted the possible victim, they quickly learned that a possible criminal sexual penetration had occurred. Officer Perez took it upon himself to conduct further investigation and identify the offender as well as locate a phone number for him. Officer Perez ran a team of officers to contact the offender and he successfully took him into custody.