

AREA COMMAND





Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone enjoyed a spook-tacular Halloween.

Homicides in Albuquerque have dropped 32% through October 2025, with 58 murders reported compared to 85 in 2024. APD homicide detectives have solved 84% of this year's cases, along with 25 from previous years, bringing the clearance rate to 132%. So far, 114 suspects have been charged, arrested, or deceased, including a woman wanted for a 2019 murder that was solved earlier this year.

I would like to thank the homicide detectives who have worked tirelessly to bring justice to victims and their families, recognizing their dedication and hard work in solving these difficult cases.



We hosted the 2nd Annual Dunkin' Donuts Cruiser event in celebration of National First Responders Day. We were joined by our officers, Albuquerque Fire Rescue, and Albuquerque Community Safety. More than 200 community members participated, including students from the Albuquerque Institute of Math & Science Charter School. We're excited to continue growing this event next year.

For any community inquiries or to invite us to your next events, contact, Angelina Navarro, at angelinanavarro@cabq.gov



The 31st Annual Cops for Kids is back, and fundraising for this year's event has officially begun! This heartwarming event brings gifts and holiday cheer to underprivileged children in our community, helping make their season a little brighter.

If you'd like to spread some joy, donations can be made through the APD Chaplains Fund Unit using the QR code. For a donation letter or more information, email us at copsforkids@cabq.gov.



-Chief Harold Medina



COMMANDER'S CORNER NOVEMBER 2025

COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ



All,

As the days get shorter and colder our Valley Area Command would like to thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our community safe. Fall is a season of gratitude, reflection, and preparation-and we are proud to serve alongside you. If you head out for the holidays, please secure your homes, set timers on your lights and ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out. Officers will be conducting extra patrols in shopping areas as holiday shopping begins. We are grateful for the trust you place in us, for the partnership we share with neighbors, and for the everyday acts of kindness we see in our community.

Happy Thanksgiving and a safe fall season!



Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Your Logo



NATIONAL GUARD FACT SHEET

NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE

The New Mexico National Guard will be assisting the Albuquerque Police Department with non-law enforcement duties.



DUTIES

- **SceneSecurity** (*outer perimeter containment at critical incidents*)
- **Traffic Control**
- **Assist Prisoner Transport Center** (*booking procedures, collect & document evidence*)
- **Support APD Drone Program** (*Operate & monitor drone deployments, monitor video feeds, assess dangerous environments from RTCC*)
- **Assist the Shield Unit** (*support administrative staff who prepare thousands of criminal cases for prosecution*)

MYTH BUSTING

- Will **NOT** be armed
- Will **NOT** be in military vehicles
- Will **NOT** make arrests
- Will **NOT** conduct traffic stops
- Will **NOT** detain anyone
- Will **NOT** use force
- Will **NOT** do any work related to immigration

UNIFORM

Members of the NM National Guard will wear black polo shirts and brown pants.



VEHICLES

National Guard members will drive Albuquerque Police PSA vehicles.



PROTECTION

National Guard members will wear protective vests when helping with scene perimeters and conducting traffic control. They will also carry OC spray (pepper spray).



TRANSPERANCY

Members of the Guard will wear On Body Recording Devices (OBRD) and will follow APD policies to record interactions.





HOJA INFORMATIVA DE LA GUARDIA NACIONAL

ASISTENCIA DE LA GUARDIA NACIONAL

La Guardia Nacional de Nuevo México ayudará al Departamento de Policía de Albuquerque con tareas no relacionadas con el cumplimiento de la ley.

DEBERES

- Asegurar la escena (contención del perímetro exterior en incidentes críticos)
- Control de tráfico
- Asistencia al Centro de Transporte de Prisioneros (procedimientos de reserva, recopilación y documentación de pruebas)
- Apoyar el programa de drones de APD (operar y monitorear despliegues de drones, monitorear transmisiones de video, evaluar entornos peligrosos desde RTCC)
- Ayudar a la Unidad Shield (apoyar al personal administrativo que prepara miles de casos penales para su procesamiento)

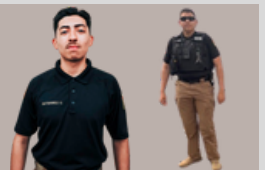


DESMINTIENDO MITOS

- NO estarán armados NO estarán en
- vehículos militares NO se harán
- arrestos NO se realizarán paradas
- de tráfico NO detendrán a nadie
- NO usarán la fuerza NO realizarán
- ningún trabajo relacionado con
- inmigración.

UNIFORME

Los miembros de la Guardia Nacional de Nuevo México llevarán camisetas tipo polo negras y pantalones marrones.



VEHÍCULOS

Los miembros de la Guardia Nacional conducirán vehículos PSA de la Policía de Albuquerque.



PROTECCIÓN

Los miembros de la Guardia Nacional usarán chalecos protectores cuando ayuden con los perímetros de las escenas y el control del tráfico. También llevarán gas pimienta (spray OC).



TRANSPERANCY

Los miembros de la Guardia usarán dispositivos de grabación corporal (OBRD) y seguirán las políticas del Departamento de Policía de Albuquerque (APD) para grabar las interacciones.



Calling 911 – Emergency Calls

(Interpretation services available)

An emergency is anytime an individual's life, safety or property is *immediately* in danger or there is a crime in progress. Below is guidance on what to expect and tips to help you.

What to Expect

The system directs you to the nearest public safety dispatch center. Who, What, Where: Explain why you are calling and describe if the situation is still happening or not. The operator's questions will guide you. Give the exact location/address where help is needed, including information on apartment number, suite number, location inside building.

Give your name, current location and phone number.

Stay on the line. DO NOT hang up until the operator releases your call.

Situations change constantly and

updated information may be needed.

Tips

Remain calm - breathe.

Answer all questions and follow directions as instructed.

When describing a person include information on height, build, clothing, and unique features (scar, tattoo, facial hair).

- When describing a vehicle include type of vehicle, color, style (2 door, 4 door), distinguishing features, license plate (number – full or partial, color of plate, state).

Direction of travel for both vehicle and person (if on foot).

Cell phone users: Your address is not visible to the operator; the cell phone will list latitude and longitude.

Non-Emergency Calls – 242-COPS (2677)

(Interpretation services available)

A non-emergency is a situation where an individual's life, safety or property is not in immediate danger, but a police response is needed.

Types of non-emergencies

Residential Burglary – with time delay
or no offender on scene

Commercial Burglary – with time delay
or no offender on scene

Loud Party

Suspicious Activity

Telephone Report Unit

Auto Theft

Auto Burglary

Identity Theft

Vandalism

Larceny Lost

Property

Additional Resources

Online Reporting (English only): <https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online>

APD App: Search Atlas One in Google Play or the App Store

Substation Reports: Accident Reports; Offense Reports with no suspect information

Hearing or Speech Impaired: The public safety dispatch center is equipped with TTY/TDD to allow communication with your device.

Limited English Proficiency: Operators have access to telephonic interpreting services in hundreds of languages.



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: Barelás Community Center
801 Barelás Rd SW**

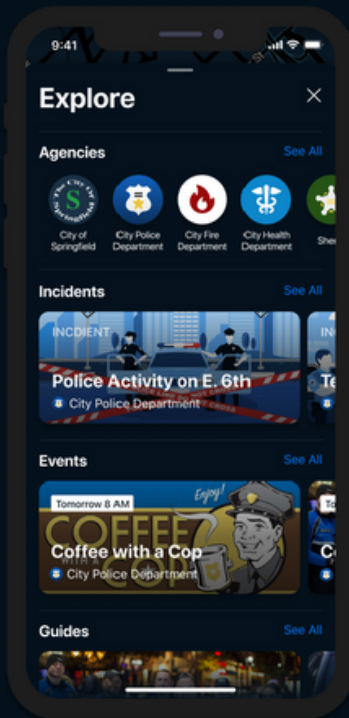
**For more information please visit:
<https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/community-policing-council>**



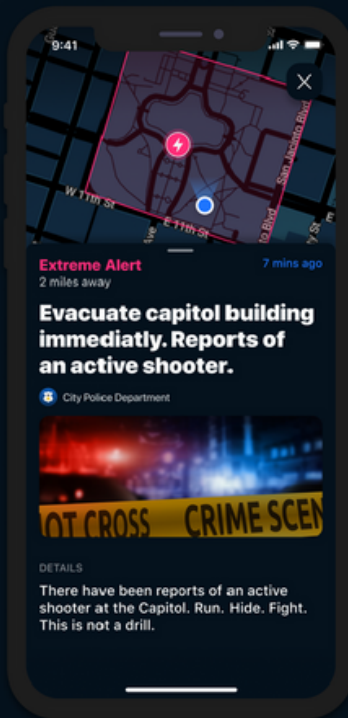
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

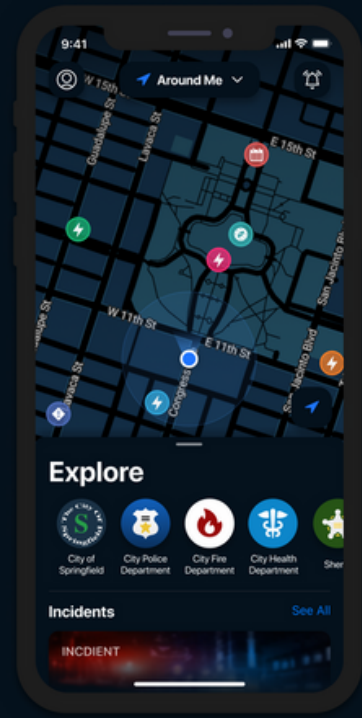
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



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



Smart911

smart911.com

Stay Safe And Informed

Services in your area may vary but can include...



Safety Profile

Provide additional information to 9-1-1 so they can help you faster in an emergency.



Alerts and Notifications

Stay informed of weather, traffic, and other emergencies in your community.



Access & Functional Needs

Help emergency managers prepare for disasters by providing your health or access and functional needs information.

Your Safety Profile Is Free, Private, And Secure.

Your information will only be seen if you ever have to call 911.

Your profile also travels with you, so if you call 911 in any area that has Smart911, your information will be displayed to the call taker.



People and Household Info

You can add key information about members of your household that would help anyone you care for in the event of an emergency, whether the call is from the home or any mobile phone.



Health Info

Sharing important information about you and your loved ones can give 9-1-1 and first responders access to critical information allowing them to respond more effectively.



Address and Location Info

Giving responders visual details on an emergency location helps facilitate faster response, as does information on access points like hidden driveways or gate codes.



Other Info

You can also add as much or as little information about your vehicles, pets, service animals, along with any special notes that you would want responders to know.

How To Contact Us

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Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:00am-5:00pm



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