

VALLEY

AREA COMMAND



OCTOBER 2025



Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! It's my favorite time of year in our community when chili is roasting and Balloon Fiesta is under way!

If you haven't yet made it out to Balloon Fiesta and you see our Horse Mounted Unit on the field, please say hello! We have a new horse Scottie, and this is his first Balloon Fiesta he's working.

We officially launched a cutting-edge Drone Program to boost crime-fighting and community safety. Since August, the drones have completed more than 200 flights and assisted in four arrests.

Housed in rooftop "hives" across the city, the drones can deploy within seconds, providing officers with real-time intelligence and video before they arrive on scene. The program is already proving to be a game-changer—enhancing officer safety, gathering key evidence, and responding to incidents like ShotSpotter alerts within 90 seconds.



I want to extend a big thank you to our community for coming out to National Coffee with a Cop Day!

We had events at locations all throughout the city and had a great turnout and meaningful conversations with our officers. I know you all took time out of your busy lives to spend time with us and we appreciate it!



-Chief Harold Medina



COMMANDER'S CORNER OCTOBER 2025

COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ



Hello,

Who doesn't love the crisp air of fall in Albuquerque—especially when it's filled with the breathtaking sight of hot air balloons drifting across our skies? As the season unfolds and the Balloon Fiesta brings color and excitement to our community, it's the perfect time to celebrate safely and smartly.

Whether you're attending the festivities or simply enjoying the cooler weather from your backyard, we encourage everyone to keep safety top of mind to ensure your fall adventures remain joyful and worry-free.

Occasionally, balloons may land in residential areas due to changing wind or navigation. We ask you to be safe and stay clear of the balloon. Please be courteous and follow directions from the pilot or chase crews if your assistance is solicited.

You'll notice more patrols around our hospitality neighbors to help ensure a safe and welcoming environment. If you see something suspicious while you are out and about please help us keep our neighborhoods safe by saying something.

NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP DAY



VM

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 1, 2025
9AM-11AM

Hosted by
VM Coffee

573 Commercial St NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together over coffee to learn more about each other and discuss any issues.

VM Coffee will have delicious coffee and food available!



BALLOON FIESTA SAFETY TIPS

OCTOBER 4TH-12TH

- Always roll up car windows, lock the doors and take the keys even if you will be away for a short time.
- Remove ALL items from your vehicle whenever possible, but at the very least remove items from view – even items that might have the perception of value. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- Do not leave unsecured firearms in your car. Thieves know that some people travel with firearms for safety.
- Establish a meeting point ahead of time incase you get separated from your group especially with the large crowds.
- Follow safety protocol. Avoid contact with the balloons and follow the pilots instructions.





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

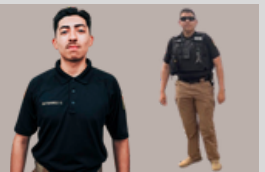
- Asegurar la escena (contención del perímetro exterior en incidentes críticos)
- Control de tráfico
- Asistencia al Centro de Transporte de Prisioneros (procedimientos de reserva, recopilación y documentación de pruebas)
- Apoyar el programa de drones de APD (operar y monitorear despliegues de drones, 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: Los Duranes Community Center 2920 Leopoldo Rd NW,
Albuquerque, NM 87104

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

**September 2025 Valley CPC
Notes Philip Jameson, chair**

Valley CPC August 2025

The meeting began with a discussion between a West Old Town Representative and Commander Sanchez concerning continued gunshots in the area. Ideas shared, they will continue working at reducing the issue.

APD representatives plan to respond to the Valley Officer Involved Shooting [OIS] recommendation in the next month.

VIN etching on auto windows at APD UNM Area Command Center August 13th 9:30am-2:30pm - FREE.

Haven Scogin and Lyle Wieman from the Department of Corrections presented on the Re-entry and Parole/Probation Division Programs. In the last 5 years the NM legislature has funded programming to educate, train, and rehabilitate prisoners in preparation for re-entering society. This year, parole fees were ended, with the goal to reduce oppositional relations between parolees and parole agents.

Programming spans into their time on parole or probation. Programming is much cheaper than incarceration, so success saves us money. Currently approaching 1/3 inmates are in school for high school, college, or job training. The department is working with NM businesses to fill employment vacancies. Recidivism rates are reduced.

We welcome a new member today, Leah jolene Jeffcoat, and still have room for more.

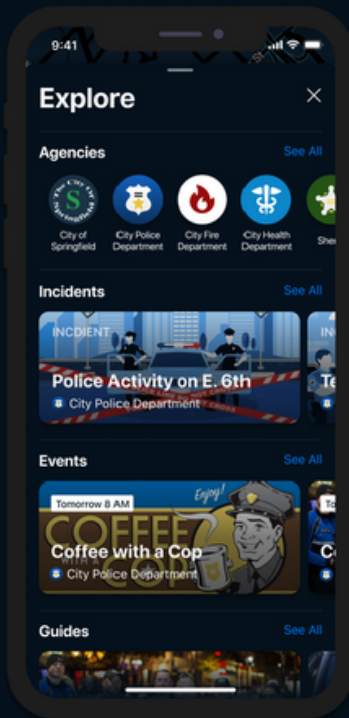
**Philip Jameson, Chair of Valley CPC
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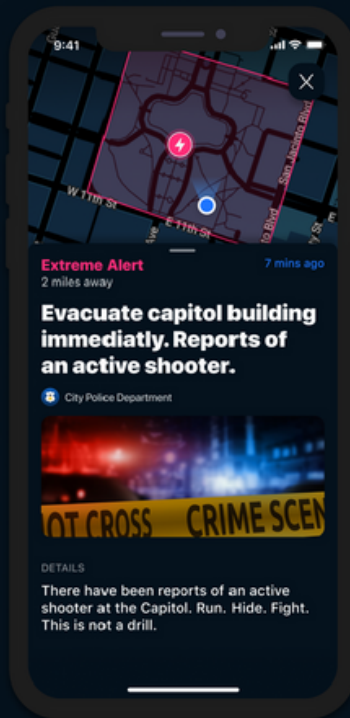
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

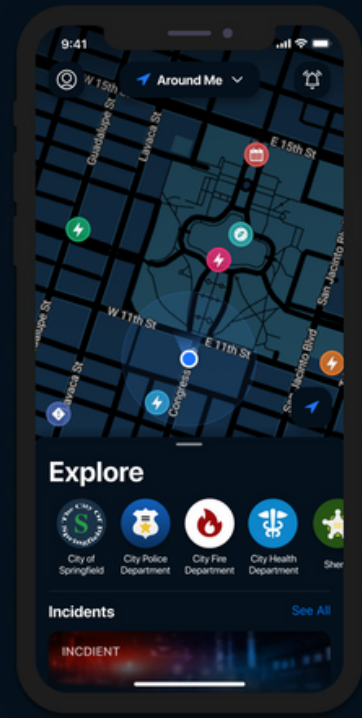
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



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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