

# 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**



## MEET THE COMMANDER

The Southwest Area Command is overseen by Commander René Barraza.

After completing Albuquerque Police Department's 81st Cadet Class on June 30, 2000 he was sworn in as an Albuquerque Police Officer and has served this community for more than 22 years.

Commander Barraza has served in the Field Services Bureau, in the Special Operations Bureau, and the Field Training and Evaluation Program as a Field Training Sergeant and Field Training Lieutenant. He received a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in 2018 where he gladly accepted the assignment as the dayshift Watch Commander in the Southeast Area Command until he was selected as the Commander for the Southwest Area Command.

SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND — CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE (CABQ.GOV)

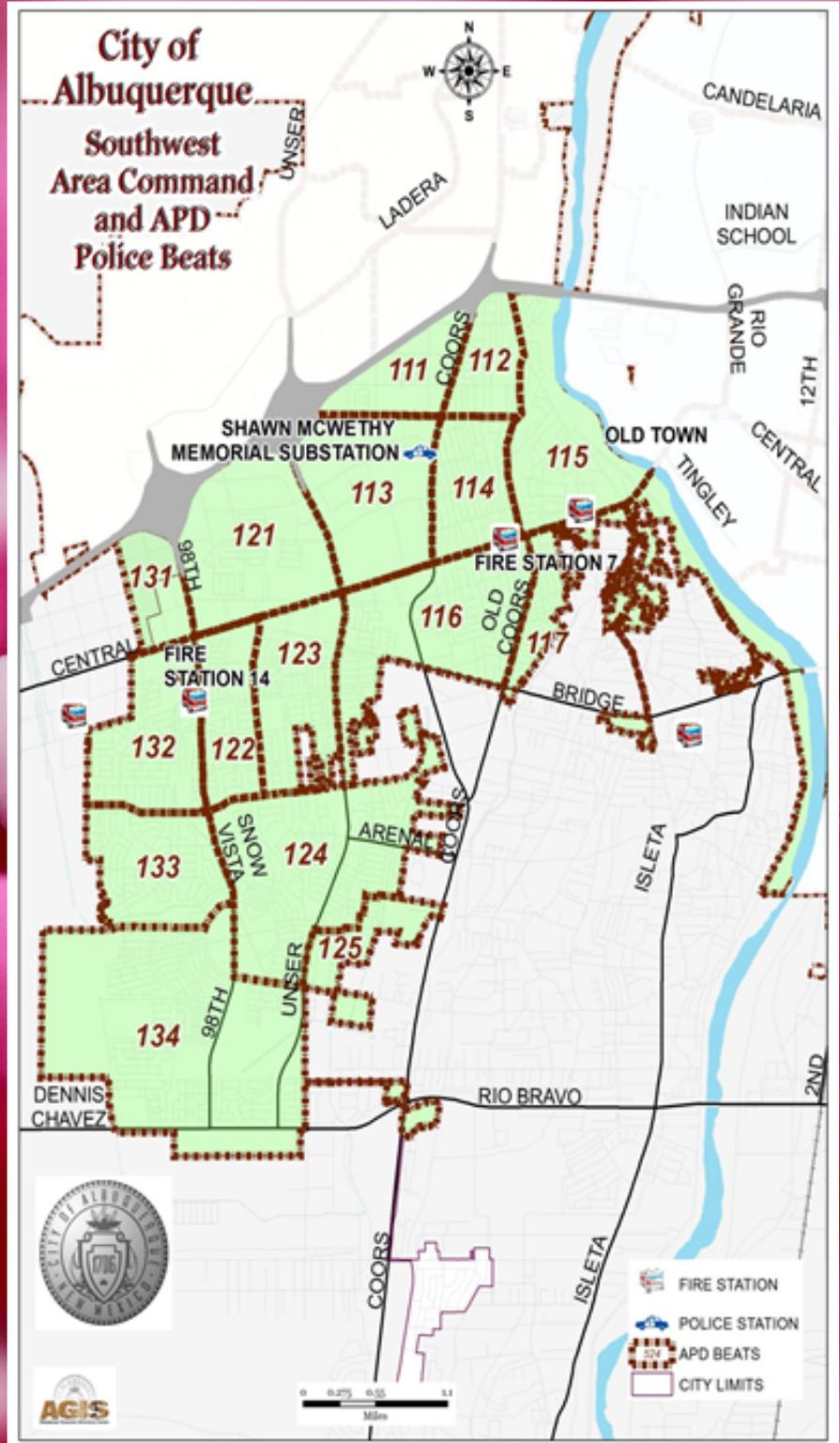
# Commander's Corner

Greetings!!

With one month into 2023 we are keeping an optimistic outlook into the year ahead.

This is a good reminder we need to take certain precautions and work collaboratively to protect ourselves, our families and others in the community.

With that said, we would like to welcome new officers to our area and also thank the ones who stayed to protect the community. We are looking forward to building long-lasting friendships and relationships, reducing the fear of crime as we did in 2022, and building a stronger bond between our community and officers.



# CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

## 1 How to Prevent Identity Theft

We use our personal information, like passwords and account numbers, almost every day to access online accounts and perform other routine tasks. Unfortunately, there is always a chance that someone could steal this data whenever we provide it. However, you can take simple steps to reduce the chance of identity theft.

## 2 Freeze your credit.

When you freeze your credit file, no one can look at or request your credit report. Therefore, no one (including you) can open an account, apply for a loan, or get a new credit card while your credit is frozen. To freeze your credit, you must contact each of the three credit reporting agencies:

## 3 Collect mail daily.

## 4 Review credit card and bank statements regularly.

## 5 Shred documents containing personal information before disposing of them.

## 6 Create different passwords for your accounts

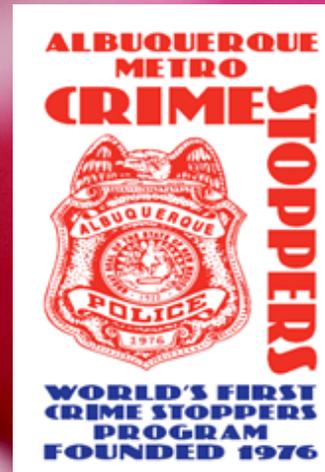
## 7 Review credit reports annually

## 8 Install antivirus software

- Antivirus software can prevent hackers from accessing information on your computer and mobile devices.
- The FTC says you might be a victim of malware, which includes viruses, spyware, and other unwanted software.

## 8 Wipe electronics before donating

## 9 Opt out of prescreened credit card offers



Credit card companies often send pre-screened offers to open new accounts, and criminals can intercept these mailed or emailed offers and open accounts in your name. Shred these offers rather than throwing them in the trash. Your credit report doesn't show pre-screening that companies perform to give you these offers, so you might not realize that an offer has been stolen from your mail or email.

The safest way to avoid identity theft exposure from pre-screened credit card offers is to opt out of receiving them for five years or permanently through [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com), which is the official consumer credit reporting industry website.

## Protect Your Ride

There are numerous antitheft systems and devices designed to make vehicles more difficult to steal or easier to trace and recover. Here are how some of them work:

- **Audible and Visible Devices:** These devices, such as a horn alarm, deter theft by bringing attention to an unauthorized attempt to steal or enter a vehicle. Visible devices create a visual threat/warning/deterrence, such as the use of steering-wheel locks, as well as theft-deterrent decals, flashing lights, and window etching.
- **Immobilizing-Type Devices:** These prevent thieves from bypassing a vehicle's ignition system and hot-wiring the vehicle. Some incorporate computer chips in ignition keys or disable the flow of electricity or fuel to the engine.
- **Vehicle Recovery Systems:** These devices use electronic transmission technology that help law enforcement reveal the location of stolen vehicles—and possibly catch the thief in the act.

Take your vehicle's key; do not leave it in or on your vehicle.

Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.

Park in well-lit areas if possible.

Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially if they can be seen from outside the vehicle.

# SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND

## CRIME STATISTICS

### Property Crime Activity for February 2023

#### 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



#### 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:

January 2023

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 7

AUTO BURGLARY = 11

AUTO THEFT = 49

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 8

VANDALISM = 22

*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!



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# 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.

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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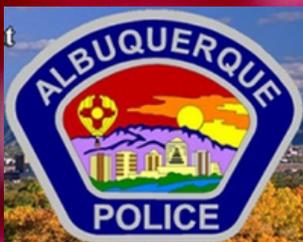
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*"Billiards with Cops"*  
Where: Los Volcanes Senior Center  
6500 Los Volcanes Rd NW

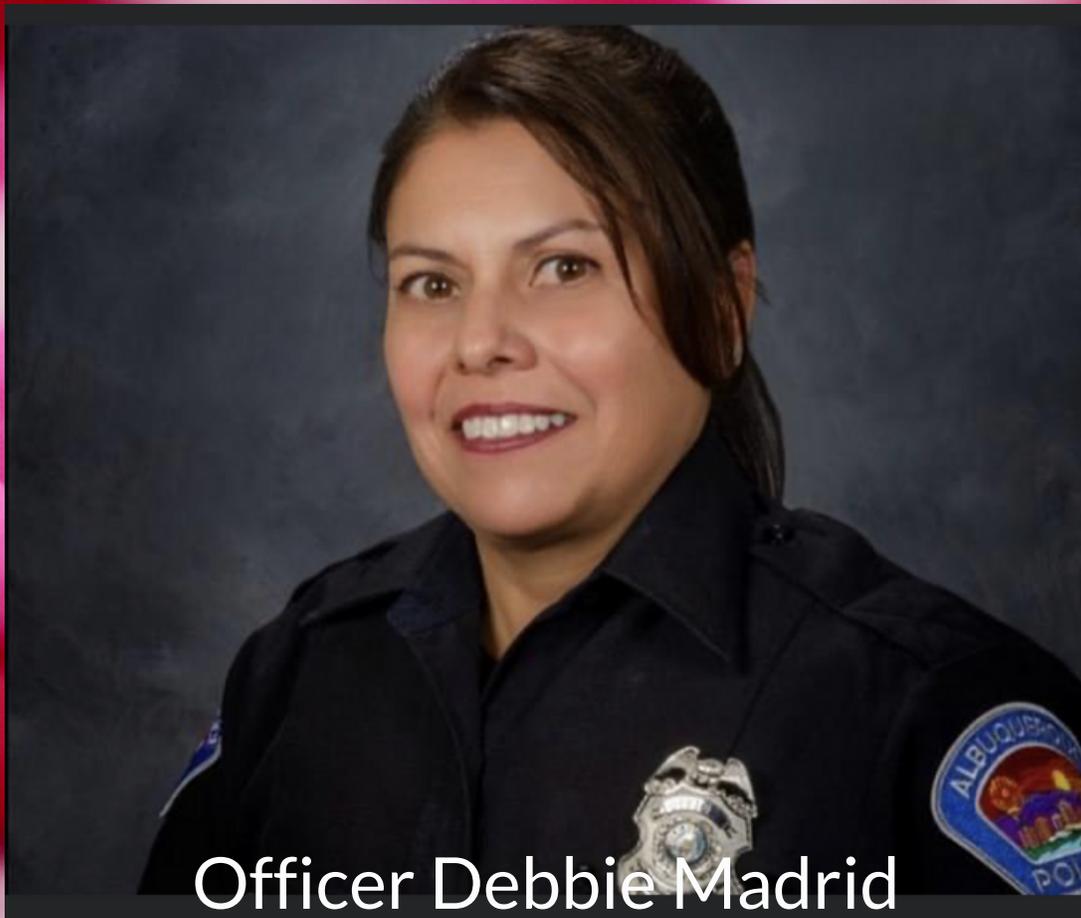


*Thank  
You  
Los  
Volcanes*



# 2022

## APD COMMUNITY OUTREACH EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



**Officer Debbie Madrid**

**Officer Madrid, she Served the Community for over 24 Years with Dedication, Pride and Discipline. She has given many years to training new officers and dedicating herself to acting Sergeant. Thank for making a impact on our community.**

# WESTGATE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION MEETING

WESTGATE COMMUNITY  
CENTER

10000 DE VARGAS RD SW  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87121

JANUARY 26 @ 6:30 pm

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# WEST MESA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

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ASSOCIATION MEETING

West Mesa Community Center

5500 GLENRIO NW  
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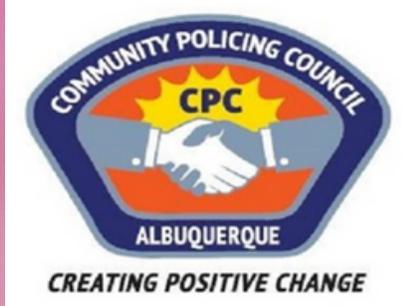
JANUARY 10, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

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Valentine's  
Day



## 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](mailto: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.

March 4, 2023, @ 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](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ)

Sincerely,  
Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair  
Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair