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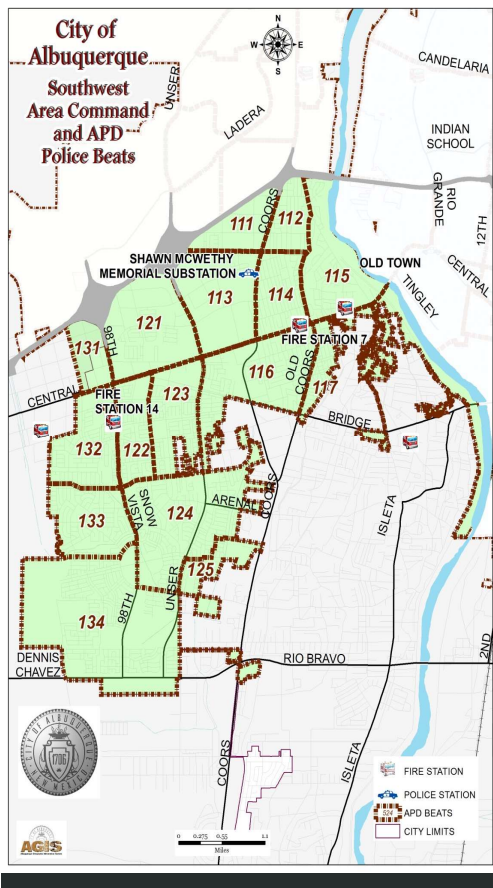
The Southwest borders the Northwest and Valley area commands. Our border lines are as follows: Interstate 40 to the south, Rio Grande River to the west, and Albuquerque city limits to the west and south.

SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND NEWSLETTER



The Southwest Area Command is overseen by A/Commander René Barraza.

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Commander's Corner



Greetings.

I hope everyone has had a good month so far. The Southwest Area Command continues to strive to provide the highest level of law enforcements services to our community members. Southwest officers had a busy month and they continue to work hard making the area command a safer place for everyone.

Welcome to the summer! Children are out of school and all city pools are open for recreational swimming so I urge you to experience as many city pools as possible through this summer with your family.

If you are out on summer vacation we wish you safe travels. We have the following safety tips away from home:

- * Carry money separately from credit cards.**
- * Do not overburden yourself with packages to avoid being an easy target.**
- * Stick to well-lighted and well-traveled streets at all times.**
- * Select ATM machines in visible, well-lighted locations.**
- * Do not leave valuables in your hotel room. Most hotels have safes for guest use.**
- * Keep your hotel room door locked, even when you are inside.**





DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

Officer of the Month

Officer Dominic Sanchez was selected as the Uniformed Officer of the Month for May 2022. He has been with the Albuquerque Police Department since August 2014. He started as a PSA, became a sworn Officer in 2017, and is currently assigned to the Southwest Area Command, Watch II/ Team 2.

Officer Sanchez has dedicated himself to the Southwest Area Command for the last three bids. He is well regarded among his peers, is a respected resource, and has been acting sergeant for several extended periods.

Officer Sanchez is constantly recognized for his proactive police work and arrests. Most importantly, Officer Sanchez is willing to help out in any area where he is needed including covering his team as the acting sergeant during his sergeant's absence who was on FMLA leave for three months.

Officer Sanchez is an exemplary officer, who understands policy including use of force documentation and has offered himself as a resource to mentor new officers on the Department. Lastly, he is consistent in his work ethic.



Southwest Area Command Crime Statistics

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 activity for May, 2022

Residential burglary = 11

Auto burglary = 7

Auto theft = 24

Stolen Vehicles Recovered = 15

Commercial burglary = 6

Commercial robbery = 7

Vandalism = 29

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

Home Safety Tips

Safety begins at home:

- Make sure your house looks "lived-in" when you are away.
- Lock all doors and windows, set household lights on timers.
- Trim your hedges/bushes so thieves cannot have a place to hide.
- If you have an alarm system, use it to control access points.
- Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to watch your house.



Crime Trends

On the crime mapping website you can run any crimes that you would like to look at in your neighborhood or throughout the city of Albuquerque. You can also sign up to receive alerts in your specific area. Crimemapping.com

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.

Commercial Burglaries

The Commercial burglaries have stayed the same in May 2022. If your business is closed, we recommend that you check your property periodically, be sure to leave lights on and clean up any debris or growth around the property. These small steps may deter a criminal.

Auto Burglaries

There has been an increase of auto burglaries in May 2022. Be sure you are keeping your belongings out of site and remove anything of value. It is a great idea to pack a bag with items you need for the day and take it with you when you get out of the vehicle.

Stolen Vehicles

There has been a slight increase of auto thefts in May 2022. Using devices such as kill switches, alarms, clubs and locking doors and windows, also try to park in an area with good lighting to try to deter a criminal.

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.



Commercial Robbery

There has been an increase of commercial robberies in May 2022. Train your employees to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior and report it immediately. Start training your brain to make note of how someone looks and what they are wearing, including their shoes. Many criminals will change their clothing but they will not change their shoes.

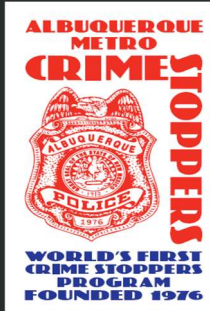
Robbery By Gunpoint

There has been an increase of robbery by gunpoint in May 2022. After the robbery occurs call 911 and lock your doors. If there are witnesses ask if they can stay to give a description of the offender. Do not discuss what you saw with others, wait to give a description to the officer.

Residential Robbery

There has been a decrease of residential robberies in May 2022. Always identify who is at the door before opening it. Keep doors locked at all times. Keep an eye out for suspicious persons/vehicles in the neighborhood.

Remember if you see something say something!



Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives from justice.



Crime Prevention Corner

The Crime Prevention Specialist is here to help you to try to deter crime and educate you on various topics.

Services Offered

There are many resources which we can provide to you, such as, informational pamphlets, training on topics such as personal safety, scams, anti-bullying etc., CPTEDs (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), starting a Neighborhood Watch, CFMH (Crime Free Multi-Housing) and we can take McGruff to your public event or school or set up a table with informational pamphlets and promotional items. All of these services are free of charge. Please call Ron Kemp at the SW Sub for more info.



Myths about Guns:

- Some parents believe that hiding their guns will prevent children from accessing them. However, 75% of children who live in homes with guns know where they are stored.
- Many parents think their children are not capable of firing a gun. However, children as young as 3 years old may be strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun.
- Parents believe their children know the difference between real guns and toy guns, but in 16% of unintentional firearm deaths among children younger than 13 years of age, the gun was mistaken for a toy.
- Parents often believe their child would not touch a gun because “he knows better.” However, studies have found that most children will handle a gun if they find one, even if they have been taught not to.
- Some parents consider non-powder guns, like BB, pellet, and paintball guns, to be toys. These guns, which can fire at the speed of traditional guns, lead to nearly 22,000 injuries each year, especially eye injuries.



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Gun Safety Tips

- The best way to keep your children safe from guns is to remove all guns from the home, and never leave children unsupervised in a home with a gun.
- If a gun is in the house, always keep it unloaded and locked. It should be out of reach and sight of children. Keep ammunition and guns locked in separate locations, not together.
- Safety devices, including gun locks, lock boxes and gun safes, should be used for every gun in the house.
- Storage keys and lock combinations should be hidden from children.
- Before visiting friends and relatives, ask if they have guns in their homes. If so, make sure they keep their guns unloaded and locked as well.

Below is information on Cyberbullying.



CYBERBULLYING TIPS FOR TEENS

It seems like ages ago when the world existed without computers, cell phones, or gaming systems. Nowadays we can't imagine going anywhere without our phones. We hop on the computer and browse the Internet the second we get home, and we spend hours playing games online with people all across the country. Always remember to be careful; with new technology comes new ways to bully others.

CYBERBULLYING: WHAT IS IT?

Cyberbullying is using the Internet, cell phones, or other technology to send or post images or texts intended to hurt or embarrass another person. Examples include:

- + Posting a threat or slur against someone on a website
- + Posting an embarrassing video about someone on a site such as YouTube or Facebook
- + Spreading a rumor about someone via text message or online
- + Pretending to be someone else online in order to trick, tease, harass, or spread rumors about another person
- + Threatening someone through a live streaming gaming system such as Xbox or PlayStation

WHY CYBERBULLYING?

When surveyed, 81 percent of youth say that teens cyberbully because it is no big deal.

Other reasons are as follows:

- + They don't think about the consequences.
- + They are encouraged by friends.
- + They think everybody cyberbullies.
- + They think they won't get caught.
- + **Remember:** Cyberbullying is a big deal and, more simply, it's wrong. Don't write it, don't forward it.

For more information check out www.ncpc.org

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WHAT CAN I DO IF I'M BEING CYBERBULLIED?

- + Tell an adult you trust about what's going on.
- + Don't delete any of the emails, texts, or messages. They can serve as evidence.
- + Keep a record of incidents.
- + Don't forward any mean messages that spread rumors about you or someone else.
- + Don't cyberbully back. Revenge is never the best answer.
- + If possible, report the incident to the administrator of the website. Many websites including Facebook and YouTube have safety centers to report cyberbullying.
- + Recognize that you don't deserve to be treated that way, and you deserve respect.

HOW CAN I PREVENT IT?

- + **Refuse to participate in cyberbullying!**
- + Talk to a trusted adult if you know someone who is being cyberbullied.
- + Start an anti-bullying program in your school to educate your peers that cyberbullying is hurtful and wrong.
- + Start (or sign) an anti-bullying pledge in your school where students pledge not to bully others and to speak up if they know someone who is being bullied.
- + Raise awareness of the cyberbullying problem in your community by holding an assembly and creating fliers to give to younger kids or parents.





Albuquerque Metro Crime Initiative

Actions we can take now to lower crime and make our City safer

ALBUQUERQUE METRO CRIME INITIATIVE

Throughout the summer of 2021, Mayor Keller convened leaders from across the criminal justice system to collaborate on crime-fighting in the metro area. The Metro Crime Initiative (MCI) brought together the stakeholders who are a part of the criminal justice system in Bernalillo County to propose ideas and solutions as immediate actionable items.



MCI explored a case study which follows a young adult moving through the local criminal justice system. The case study gave a realistic situation for participants to consider and provoked ideas on how to lower crime from all sides. MCI generated a to-do list of nearly 40 action items the City and our partners are now pursuing to lower crime in Albuquerque. The action items focus on fighting crime, reducing gun violence, closing the revolving door, rebuilding the behavioral health system, and expanding violence intervention programs. MCI will make both policy and funding requests to the New Mexico State Legislature that can help lower crime in the metro area. To learn more about MCI, visit cabq.gov/mci. All sessions of the MCI are available for viewing on OneAlbuquerque Media, GOV-TV 16 YouTube.



Legislative asks include:

- Penalty enhancements and/or mandatory minimums for possession/use of firearm during crime
- Pre-trial presumptions for use/possession of firearm during crime (ball reform)
- Prohibit the firearm enhancement statute from being plead out in criminal cases
- Increase minimum time served for crimes with firearm use
- Close loopholes in Extreme Risk Protection Order
- Adequately fund 24/7 pre-trial monitoring services
- Grand Jury for DA COVID backlog and to prevent re-traumatization of sexual assault and child victims
- Limit case management order to those cases where defendant is detained
- Create a statewide Violence Intervention Program (VIP) through enabling legislation
- Create task force to examine officer retention and lateral recruitment programs for all police agencies in NM
- State funding for more police officers
- Continued warrant sweeps with State Police
- Examine gun violence as a public health issue
- Require gun owners to secure weapons
- Pre-trial presumptions for use/possession of firearm during crime (ball reform)



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KELLER ADMINISTRATIONS' EFFORTS TO REDUCE VIOLENT CRIMES

To improve homicide investigations, outreach and support for victim families, Mayor Keller and the Albuquerque Police Department have

- Tripled the number of detectives in the homicide unit and the support staff around them.
- Created the Deputy Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division, who adds experience from the prosecutor's office to build the most robust homicide cases.
- Brought on a Victim Liaison Manager for Homicides, giving victim families an immediate contact resource within APD who works closely with homicide investigators. This also frees up detectives to focus more on the work they need to complete while giving families the time and attention they deserve.
- Created Digital Intel Team to use advanced investigative techniques to solve more cases.
- Launched the Duke City Case Files program, which features one open homicide case at a time and is shared widely on social media to generate tips on the case. This includes personal stories from families.



- First Detective Academy occurred in June 2021, and the next one is scheduled for January 2022.
- Created the Violence Intervention Program (VIP), which identifies those who are currently involved or at highest risk of being involved in the cycles of gun violence. The Program staff intervenes with

these individuals through the lens of public health and law enforcement focused deterrence strategies.

- By Executive Order created the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force to reduce gun violence by developing a comprehensive violence reduction strategy through a public health lens. Representatives will, among others, include community organizations and those directly impacted by gun violence.

Works In-progress, include:

- Developing and implementing changes in Next of Kin Notification.
- Expanding the Detective Academy to include the voices of victims' families.
- Increasing use of digital and social media to prevent and investigate crimes.
- Crime Victims Reparations Support.
- Peer and Grief Support Connections for families.
- Developing of online resource list for survivors.
- Supporting more Mental health awareness in schools.
- Creating the Always Remember website where families can share photos and stories about their loved ones and APD can provide open case information, an introduction to cold case detectives and command structure with contact information, and a link to Crime Stoppers.

Taking Action

We invite you to learn more and take action to advance MCI initiatives, advocate for more resources to help investigations and more officers on the streets, develop violence prevention and victim support initiatives. To get involved, contact Terry Huertaz, APD Victim Liaison Manager: thuertaz@cabq.gov.



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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 ↓↓↓↓

City of Albuquerque (ABQ311)



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Issues Fixed All Time

 Report an Issue

 Crime & Police

 Report Fireworks

 Weeds & Litter



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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Other Services:

Needles/Sharps Containers/Drug Disposal

Please be advised large quantities of used needles and/or full sharps containers are not accepted at the SubstationS. We have a small container located in the lobby. If you have more than a few needles the closest drop-off location is the North Valley Public Health Office located at 7704 2nd St NW. Call the substation nearest you to see if they accept needles/sharps. Pills are accepted at all substations (**No liquids accepted**).

Sharps Disposal (Needles) – 311

<https://www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/sharps-disposal>

Albuquerque Community Safety Administration (ACS) – 768-4227

acs@cabq.gov –

- ACS sends trained professionals to non-violent and non-medical 911 calls for service involving issues such as mental/behavioral health, homelessness, and addiction as well as non-behavioral issues such as abandoned vehicles and needle pick-ups.

Homeless Encampments/Services

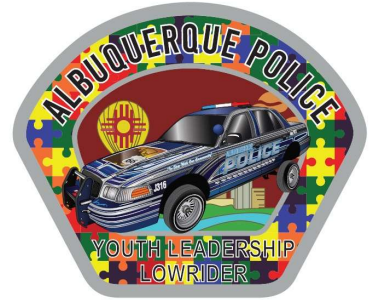
You can report homeless encampments by calling 311 or through the solid waste email: sw-encampments@cabq.gov

To get more information on homeless assistance go to:

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/services/homeless-services>

For more information visit: cabq.gov/police





***Coffee with a Cop
Anyone??***

OR

***Soda Pop with a Cop
Anyone??***

***Make your request with
A/Commander René
Barraza
rbarraza@cabq.gov***



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.

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.

July 6, 2022, @ 6:00 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_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99qSGbQ

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair