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**SOUTHWEST AREA
COMMAND**

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.

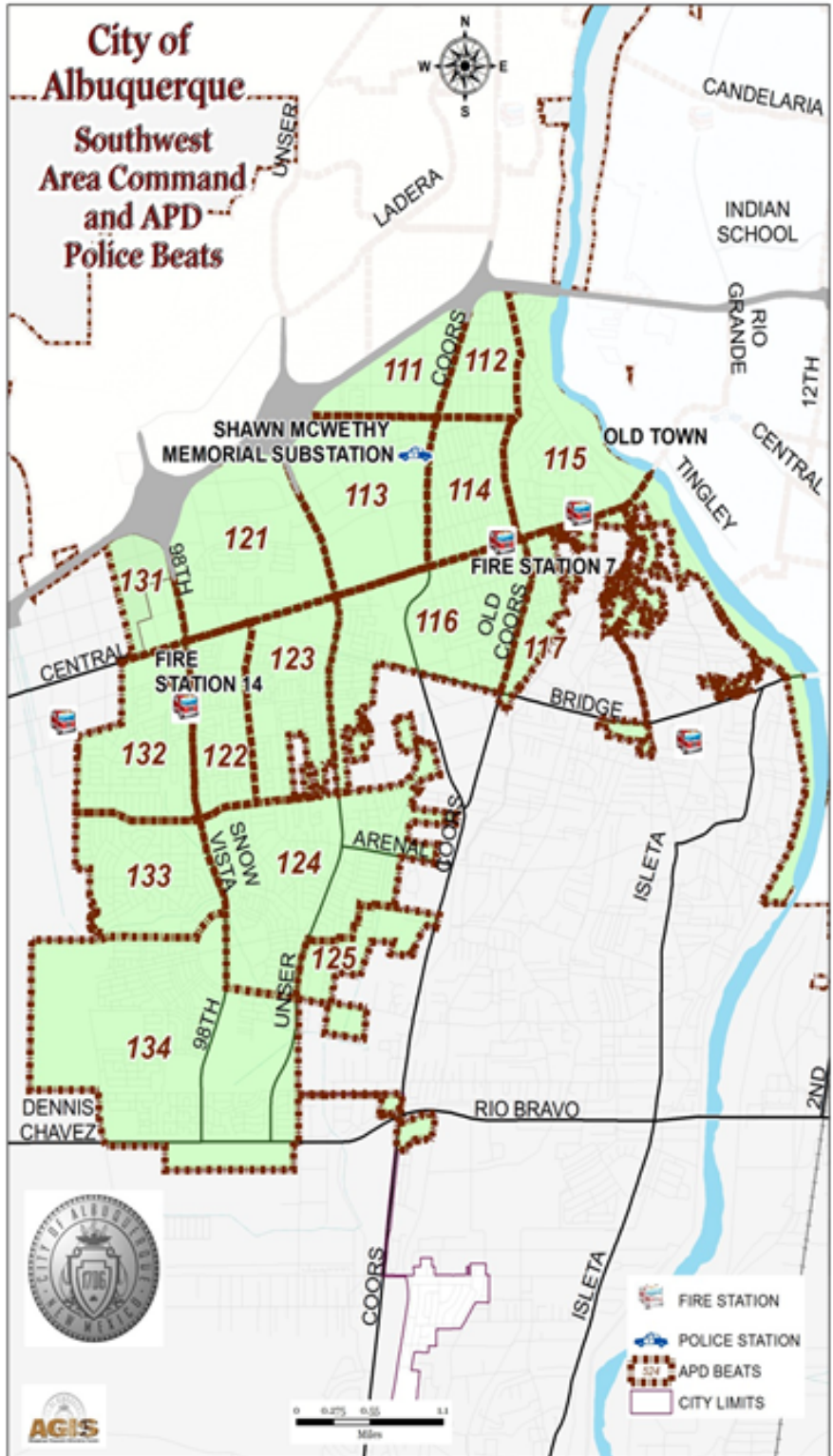


**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY
COMMANDER RENE BARRAZA**

**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day**

Commander's Corner

It is already March, I hope everyone will enjoy and safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day. I am happy to report our crime numbers are trending down in the Property Crimes and Violent Crimes categories year to date when we look to see where we were in 2022 at this time. I assure you the SW officers and leaders are diligently working extra hard to ensure you, our children, and our communities remain safe. Speaking of children I would like to publicly announce Southwest Officers will be partnering with Councilor Klarissa Pena in launching the Duke City Low Rider Custom Bicycle Youth Leadership Program, this program is an expansion of the Low Rider Youth Leadership Program developed in 2021. The Duke City Low Rider Custom Bicycle Program is also an expansion of a national Youth Custom Bicycle Program from Olathe, Kansas in which Councilor Pena was able to gain the trust, support and funding from the DEA. March 1st will be the unveiling of the program with the first meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2023. We already have 7-8 students which have signed up.



International Women's Month



Sgt. Candace Souers

Sgt. Candace Souers oversees one of the Southwest Area Command's Dayshift squads. Sgt. Souers was sworn in as an Albuquerque Police Officer in April of 2010, graduating out of the Albuquerque Police Department's 104th Cadet Class.

Sgt. Souers has served in the Field Services Bureau for the last 13 years, serving in the Northeast, Foothills, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest Area Commands. She was a Field Training Officer with the Field Training and Evaluation Program for approximately 6 years prior to promoting to the rank of Sergeant in October of 2022.

Fun fact about Sgt. Souers: She was a Kindergarten Teacher for Albuquerque Public Schools prior to becoming an Albuquerque Police Officer.



Officer Destiny Romero

Officer Destiny Romero is currently a field officer in the southwest area command. She just started her career but eventually her goal is to be a detective with a specialized investigation unit. She is most interested in sex crimes.

Her favorite part of the Job is helping people when they are in need.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Workplace Safety

Bring your crime prevention savvy to work. Almost any crime that can happen in your neighborhood or home can happen at work. Bring the following prevention skills to the workplace.

Preventing Theft and Other Workplace Crimes

Keep valuables such as your wallet, purse and keys in a locked drawer or filing cabinet.

- Escort visitors in secured areas; ask whom they are visiting and notify that individual.
- Let someone know where you will be and when you're expected back. Utilize shared calendar system
- Report any needed repairs or safety concerns to a member of the management team.
- Be discreet; don't advertise vacation plans or social activities to customers, clients or visitors.
- Report all suspicious behavior or activity to security and/or management immediately.

Evaluate Common Trouble Spots

Reception Area/Service Desk Ensure the reception desk is equipped with a panic button or other means of emergency communication. Consider cameras and a remote lock for the front door.

Stairwells -Ensure stairwells are well lit; avoid using the stairs alone.

Elevators -Don't enter an elevator with someone if you are uncomfortable. Stand toward the front, near the control panel.

Restrooms- Be aware of who else may be in the facility. Avoid restrooms where the main entry door can be locked from the inside.

After Hours- As practical, don't work late alone. Create a buddy system or ask security to escort you to the parking lot or public transportation.

Parking Lots or Garages -Choose a parking lot or garage that is welllit, with an attendant. Lock your car and roll up the windows completely. If you notice loitering or suspicious activity notify security or the police.

Violence in the Workplace

Violence in the workplace can take many forms – from arguments and profanity to sexual harassment to robbery and homicide. • Install easy to use phones with emergency buttons; panic buttons; have sign-in policies for visitors and office access procedures.

- Use care in hiring, conduct thorough background checks and reference checks. Ensure clearly defined procedures for termination.
- Recognize potential indicators: depression, frequent absences, increased irritability and impatience.
- Provide a referral process for victims of domestic violence.
- Provide a confidential employee assistance program.



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CRIME STATISTICS

Property Crime Activity for February 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: March 2023

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 7
AUTO BURGLARY = 14
AUTO THEFT = 62
COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 6
COMMERCIAL Robbery=0
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY= 31

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

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.

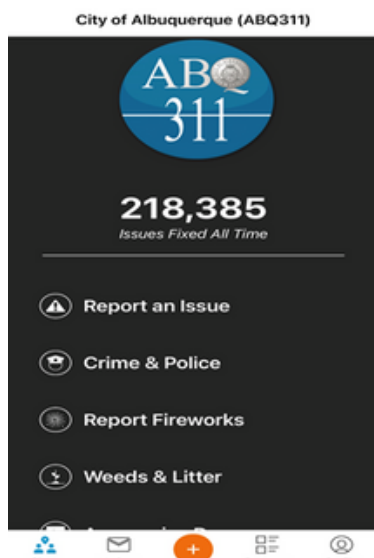
File a Report

Online Report:

cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online

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

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓



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6404 Los Volcanes NW
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Southeast Area Command
800 Louisiana SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
505-256-2050

Northwest Area Command
10401 Cibola Loop NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114
505-768-4850

Northeast Area Command
8201 Osuna NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-823-4455

In Progress Reports?
Use APD Police Mobile

Foothills Area Command
12800 Lomas NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
505-332-5240

Valley Area Command
5408 2nd St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107
505-761-8800

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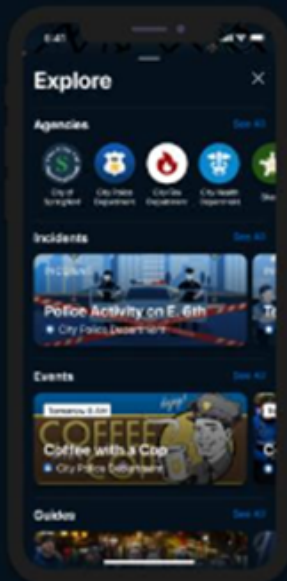
Atlas One Replacing ABQ Police App



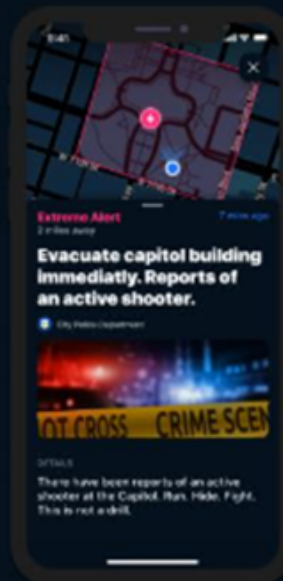
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

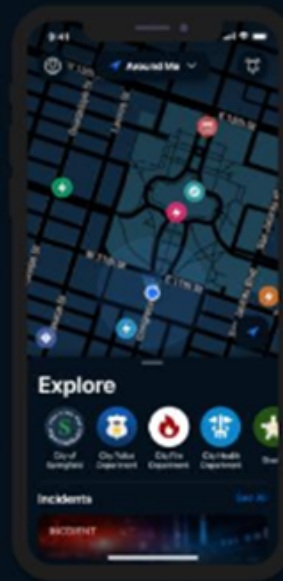
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



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



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

Southwest Area Command Community Policing Council



March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7 Southwest Alliance Of Neighbors 5321 Central NW	8	9	10
13	14 West Mesa Neighborhood Association Westgate heights Community Center	15	16	17
20	21	22	23 *Westgate Heights Neighborgood Association Westgate Heights Community Center *Vecinos Del Bosque Neighborhood Association South Valley All Purpose Center	24
27	28 Vista Magnifica Neighborhood Association WMCC	29	30	31





WOMEN IN BLUE

Come join the women in blue of the Albuquerque Police Department for an "If I can, YOU can" event providing guidance and education for those curious about a career in law enforcement. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with female officers, join them on a group run and physical fitness activities. If you are not ready to participate in the physical fitness activities, receive information on physical fitness. Officers want to share with you their journeys into law enforcement and how rewarding this career can be. Lunch and childcare will be provided during this event.

When:

April 14, 2023

August 26, 2023

Where:

**Albuquerque Police Academy
5412 2nd St NW, Albuquerque,
NM 87107**



Register Here



For questions please email:
ccarter@cabq.gov

City Launching Youth Lowrider Bike Club.



Students in the Duke City Leadership Lowrider Bike Club will receive a new bike kit and will work with the Project Coordinator, Rob Vanderslice, and other mentors to upgrade and customize their bike. Students will have the opportunity to submit their bikes into competitions and exhibits, then once they complete their high school graduation, students will be able to keep their lowrider bikes. More importantly, the program is designed to foster positive community engagement and use the community policing model to bring the community and law enforcement together for a common goal.



City, County, and community leaders launched the Duke City Leadership Lowrider Bike Club at the old Westgate Community Center. The positive youth development after-school program will be held every Tuesday for 2 hours from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Ten students have been enrolled in the Club at the old Westgate Community Center.

“This Lowrider Bike Club will create a safe space for students, volunteers, and mentors coming together to share their experiences, creativity, and expertise to address community issues,” said City Councilor Klarissa Peña.



The Duke City Leadership Lowrider Bike Club follows the success of the APD Youth Leadership Lowrider program. APD’s Southwest Area Command’s PRT Team worked with youth from around Albuquerque to rebuild an out-of-commission police vehicle into a lowrider representative of the Albuquerque car culture. The Lowrider Bike Club will continue the community building from the Lowrider car and follow the lead of the Olathe, Kansas Police Department that has successfully ran a similar Lowrider Bike Club for many years. The Duke City Leadership Lowrider Bike Club is funded by a \$20,000 grant from the Drug Enforcement Agency’s Operation Engage Outreach Program and \$5,751 from City Council constituent funds.