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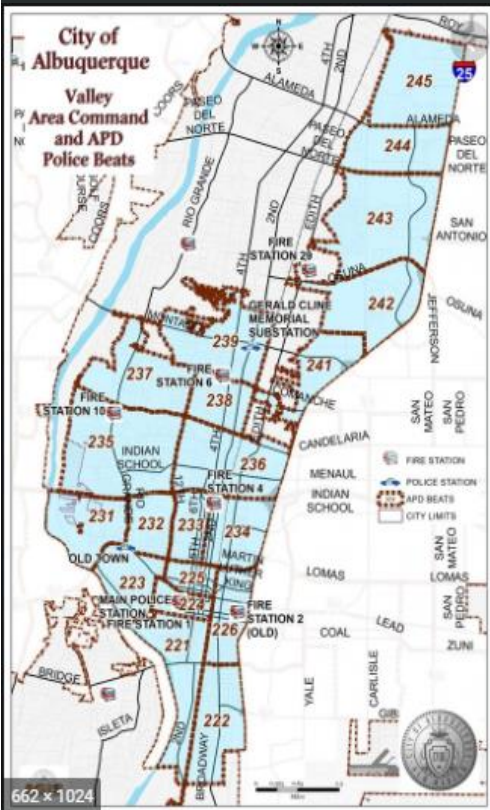
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The Valley area is bordered by the Albuquerque city limits to the north and south, Interstate 25 to the east and the Rio Grande, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and the North Valley to the west

VALLEY AREA COMMAND NEWSLETTER



The Valley Area Command is overseen by Acting Commander Nick Wheeler





Commander's Corner

I am back in the Valley! My name is Nick Wheeler and I have been with APD since 2007, but have been a police officer since 2004. The last three years I was the Motor Lieutenant in the Traffic Division. Prior to that, I was assigned to the Valley Area Command for 11 years. I have worked here as an Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant and consider the Valley, home. I am familiar with the different communities throughout the command, the problems that have been present for years and concerns of the businesses and residents.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to make the Valley Area Command a safe, inviting and beautiful place to live, work and play. Please feel free to reach out with concerns, ideas or to give my people praise.

Please be safe and together we can accomplish anything!

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.

Valley Area Command Crime Statistics

07/01/22 to 07/31/22

29 Burglary – Commercial

12 Burglary – Residential

18 Burglary – Vehicle

1 Burglary – All Other

79 Motor Vehicle Theft

20 Recovered Vehicle

0 Robbery – Carjacking

3 Robbery – Commercial

6 Robbery – Gun

0 Robbery - Strongarm

0 Robbery - Residential

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

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 Valley 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 decrease of Residential burglaries in July 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

There has been an increase of Commercial burglaries in July 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 a decrease of auto burglaries in July 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

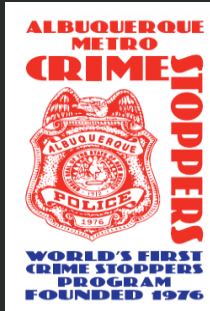
There has been an increase of auto thefts in July 2022. Using devices such as kill switches, alarms, clubs and locking doors and windows, also try to park in an area with good lighting to try to deter a criminal.

Carjacking

There were no reported carjacking's in July 2022. 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 in July 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.



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

Commercial Robbery

Commercial robberies have remained the same in July 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 July 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 were no reported residential robberies in July 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!

Homeless Encampments/Services

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

To get more information on homeless assistance go to: <https://www.cabq.gov/family/services/homeless-services>

Services Offered

There are many resources that 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.

Crime Prevention Corner

The Crime Prevention Specialist is here to help you to try to deter crime and educate you on various topics. Below is information on Auto theft and Burglary awareness. Augu

Crime Prevention Corner

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ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



Auto Theft and Burglary Awareness

Auto theft is a problem for all Americans, but the citizens of New Mexico face a particular issue that affects our auto theft rate. Due to the fact that we are adjacent to an International Border, we are always ranked high on the list for theft rates. Typically, vehicles are stolen for one of four reasons. They are used to joy ride, sell for parts, commit a crime or driven across the border for resale. Auto burglary continues to be an issue as well. Many times auto burglary prevention can be as simple as removing targets from view and reducing opportunities by rolling up windows and locking doors. Observe the following tips to reduce the chance of auto theft and burglary.

- Always roll up 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 from view – even items that might have the perception of value. Don't give a car thief a reason to break-in
- If vehicles are parked outside, always keep windows up and doors locked at any, especially over-night. Some criminals walk up and down streets checking for open opportunities
- Some auto burglars break-in to steal your identity – consider removing your registration and insurance paperwork from the glove box. Put them in your pocket with your driver's license. The law only requires the paperwork be in the vehicle when it's being operated.
- **Never leave an unoccupied vehicle running, including in front of your residence. Warming up your vehicle in the morning during cold weather months is an easy target for auto thieves. Also, don't leave it running with the doors locked; criminals will just break the window.**
- Park your vehicle in a garage whenever possible or in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance. You want your vehicle to be easily seen by you and your neighbors
- Consider organizing a Neighborhood Watch on your block. Neighbors watching neighbors – looking out for each others property will always be your best defense. If you're interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch, contact the APD Crime Prevention Unit at 924-3600
- Theft Prevention Device: After years of false alarms, people have stopped paying attention to vehicle alarms. Any serious anti-theft device must do more than just make noise. If you want an audio alarm, use it in conjunction with other forms of prevention.
 - A kill switch is a simple toggle device that shuts off the engine's ignition system.
 - Steering wheel locks are visible from outside the car and prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
 - Collars are devices that prevent the steering column from being stripped.
 - Brake locks prevent the brake from being engaged and therefore the transmission cannot be removed from the park position.
 - Wheel locks prevent the vehicle from being moved in any direction.
 - VIN Etching your windows can be a deterrent if taken to a shop-chop – they can't simply remove an entire door for re-sale, but must replace the window first. APD conducts VIN Etching Events free of charge. Check with 311 for the date and location

CARJCKING: Avoid being a victim of this type of crime by observing the following tips.

- Drive with windows up and doors locked and be aware of your surroundings, especially when stopped at traffic signal, parking lot, ATM, gas station, etc. Take note of people approaching your vehicle for any reason
- When stopped at a traffic signal, leave space between you and the vehicle in front of you and be prepared to take evasive action
- If someone is loitering near your vehicle in a parking lot, keep walking and seek help

The goal in preventing auto theft is to establish multiple layers of protection for your vehicle. Thieves are looking for the path of least resistance. Although no method is foolproof, consider where you park, theft prevention devices and etching. However, spending money on anti-theft devices does not help if drivers don't follow the basic precaution of locking their cars, taking the key and activating those multiple layers of protection.

Call 242-COPS (2677) for suspicious behavior/activity or 911 for crimes in progress. Call the APD Crime Prevention Unit or your local Police Substation for additional Crime Prevention information.

Other Services:

Sharps Disposal (Needles) – Call 311 <https://www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/sharps-disposal>

Albuquerque Community Safety Administration (ACS) – Call 311, 242-COPS or 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.

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)

APD App



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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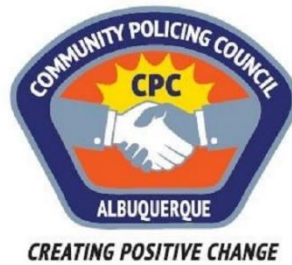
Northeast Area Command
8201 Osuna NE
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505-823-4455

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

Needles/Sharps Containers/Drug Disposal

Please be advised large quantities of used needles and/or full sharps containers are not accepted at the Valley Substation. We have a small container located in the lobby. If you have more than a few needles the closest drop-off location to our substation 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).

For more information visit: cabq.gov/police



Valley Area Command Community Policing Council

Here we are again, your CPC getting ready for our August meeting. As always, as we want to stay as current and as interesting as possible, we are yet to determine who our next presenters will be. However, there will be the usual time for you to have the opportunity to share issues and concerns with our Area Command.

Please tell your neighbors and your friends about us, we love having lots of attendants. The link for getting an invitation to the meeting online is https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7Z1iT-WbR9-9-s1dEYOjiA we now have hybrid meetings, both online and in person. The physical venue for our meetings is the Johnny Tapia Community Center which is on Mountain between 5th and 6th, the parking is one block up on Rosemont.

We are still searching for new council members, it means attending our monthly meetings, a planning meeting in between and getting as involved as you want to with the other CPCs, there are six in all, citywide. As an entity that is part of the City/DOJ agreement we get a lot of important information, get to submit recommendations to APD and the city for improved performance or policy changes, and we work closely with the Area Command. Additionally, there's trainings, and chances to meet other entities and organizations.

Remember, you don't only have to live within Area Command boundaries (the river to I-25 east/west, and the southern and northern city limits) if you work within them, you are also eligible to join. The link for submitting a statement of interest is <https://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council>

In addition, you'll find our monthly meeting schedule, our agendas and minutes, and recordings of our past meetings on the page. Check it out, there are some interesting things.

We are very interested in briefly participating in neighborhood association meetings, we would just need ten minutes to say who we are and what we do. It would be great to meet new people and to be able to spread the word about ourselves.

We hope you have a good August, and we also hope to see you at this month's meeting