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VALLEY AREA COMMAND NEWSLETTER



The Valley Area Command is overseen by
Commander Shawn Garrett





Commander's Corner

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a safe and Happy 4th of July. I wanted to take this time to introduce myself and tell you a little about me. I have been with the Department since 2006. I have worked in every area command on patrol as an officer. I was a member of the Gang Suppression Unit, and a detective within the Property Crimes Section. After promoting to sergeant, I returned to patrol and became a CRJ area coordinator. I also worked in Internal Affairs and the Critical Incident Review Team. Upon being promoted to lieutenant, I again returned to patrol. I was later transferred and oversaw the Proactive Response Team within the Foothills Area Command. After several years working in that assignment, I transferred to the Crime Lab and oversaw the Investigative Support Section. In June of 2022, I became the Commander of the Valley Area Command. I look forward to working with you. Thank you for allowing me the time to introduce myself and enjoy the start of Summer.

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

06/01/22 to 06/30/22

20 Burglary – Commercial

16 Burglary – Residential

32 Burglary – Vehicle

0 Burglary – All Other

60 Motor Vehicle Theft

30 Recovered Vehicle

0 Robbery – Carjacking

3 Robbery – Commercial

2 Robbery – Gun

0 Robbery - Strong arm

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 an increase of Residential burglaries in June 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 a decrease of Commercial burglaries in June 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 June 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

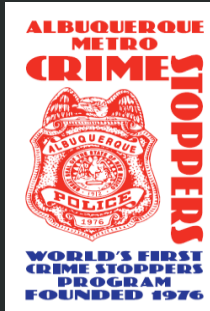
There has been an increase of auto thefts in June 2022. Using devices such as kill switches, alarms, clubs and locking doors and windows, also try to park in an area with good lighting to try to deter a criminal.

Carjacking

There were no reported carjacking's in June 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 June 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

There has been a decrease of commercial robberies in June 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

Robbery by gunpoint has remained the same in June 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 June 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 technology used for car burglaries.

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Crime Prevention Corner

This Simple Technology Could Help Burglars Find Tech in Your Car

By Alex Lauer, InsideHook's Senior Editor

If you want to avoid a broken window, try turning off Bluetooth

Car burglaries are not uncommon. There's a good chance you know someone (or someone who knows someone) who has woken up to a smashed window, especially if you live in a larger city and rely on street parking. But how do thieves choose which cars to pilfer?

New reporting from Wired finds that Bluetooth scanners are being used by some criminals to target cars with expensive technology, like smartphones and laptops, even if the items are hidden. In other words, if your iPhone is on and emitting a Bluetooth signal, a burglar may be able to detect it using something as simple as an app and might zero in on your car.

"Right now we do know that thieves are utilizing them," Monic Rueda, a crime prevention specialist at the San Jose Police Department in California, told Wired. This official confirmation runs contrary to the idea that Bluetooth scanners are an urban myth.

To better understand how exactly it works, Wired lays it out like this:

"You can easily install a Bluetooth scanner app; it uses your smartphone's own internal Bluetooth sensors to find nearby signals. They not only list everything they find, but provide details like what type of device they're picking up, whether that device is currently paired to another over Bluetooth, and how close the listed devices are within a few meters."

The obvious antidote to this tactic is to never leave valuable technology in your car. But we've all been told since getting our driver's licenses to never leave anything of value in our vehicles, and of course we still do because we're not perfect. So if you do leave your computer (handheld or otherwise) in the glove compartment, under a coat or in the trunk, the best course of action is to either turn the device off or turn off the Bluetooth functionality so it can't be detected.

Although it should be said that Bluetooth scanners aren't an epidemic, and most car bandits are more likely to wield a blunt object than an app. Wired even quotes car security researcher Tim Strazzere who posits that taking the time to scan for items gets in the way of the criminal mantra: "Save the time, go fast, grab everything." But it takes seconds to disable Bluetooth, so as I always say: better safe than forced to drop another grand at the Apple Store.

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 (bail 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 (bail 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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Southeast Area Command
800 Louisiana SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
505-256-2050

Northwest Area Command
10401 Cibola Loop NW
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505-768-4850

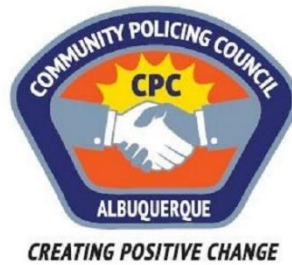
Northeast Area Command
8201 Osuna NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-823-4455

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

Community Policing Council Meeting July 28th

The topic for our meeting this month on the 28th will be MHRAC, the Mental Health Advisory Council. They are part of the DOJ agreement like we are, and their focus is helping and supporting individuals with mental health issues. As many of the unhoused have such issues our conversation will be mainly focused on the disadvantages for that population. We are also hoping to have a representative from Albuquerque Community Safety.

Last month's meeting about the Safe Open Spaces proposed by the city was both important and productive. However, we didn't get a chance to address attendee's issues and concerns. All three participants had a lot to say, and it was hard to make room for comments and questions. We apologize for that, and hope that this month we will be able to carve out some time for attendee participation.

The meeting will be hybrid, you can choose to attend either virtually or in person. If you wish to attend in person, the venue is the Johnny Tapia Community Center which is between 5th and 6th streets with parking one block up on Rosemont. The link for virtual attendance is <https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/community-policing-council>.

We are still hoping for more council members. It is a direct way of hearing from APD about their successes and challenges, and also a way to communicate with all the other council members from all six of the CPCs. If you think you might be interested the link above is also the link for submitting a statement of interest.

We hope you will be at our meeting, either virtually or in person

All the best

The Valley CPC