

June 2023

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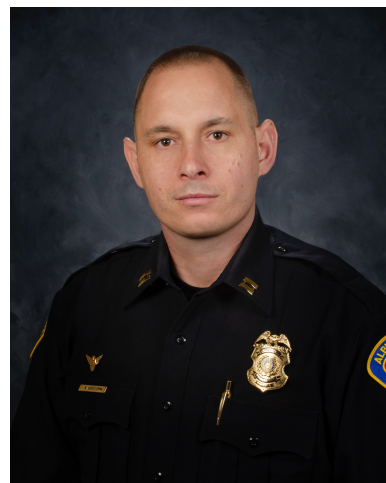
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The Valley area is bordered by the Albuquerque city limits to the north and south, Interstate 25 to the east and the Rio Grande, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and the North Valley to the west

# VALLEY AREA COMMAND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



THE VALLEY AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY  
COMMANDER NICK WHEELER



## Commander's Corner

I am excited for June because June 21<sup>st</sup> is the first official day of Summer. With that being said, Summer usually brings out a large number of parties with kids being out of school. I want to ensure parents and guardians understand that if a party is hosted at your home even if you don't know about it and there are underage people consuming alcohol, you are still responsible for **EVERYTHING** that occurs at your property. Usually violent acts at these underage parties occur when uninvited guests arrive and are told to leave. I don't want any of you or your children to be put in a situation where you could face criminal and/or civil penalties and I don't want anyone harmed because of these parties. Please speak with your children and emphasize the importance of not hosting or attending these type of parties.

Valley Officers continue to be extremely proactive and our crime numbers continue to improve every week. We want to continue our efforts and would like your help to report any crimes or suspicious activity you may see or hear. Having the community be our extra eyes and ears helps us identify problem areas so we can develop a plan to take action to target those areas and rid them of those problems. Remember you can remain anonyms when you report things if you wish.

Lastly I would encourage you to either attend on zoom or in person our monthly Citizen Policing Council meeting which is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The meeting scheduled on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will being at 6:00pm and will conclude at 8:00pm. It will be held at the Barelvas Community Center located at 801 Barelvas Road SW. If you would like to attend on Zoom please contact Kelly Mensah via email at [kmensah@cabq.gov](mailto:kmensah@cabq.gov) and he will be able to get you access. This is a chance for you to bring concerns to the table about your neighborhoods and a chance for you to voice and compliments and/or concerns about APD. I hope to see you there.

If you have any questions, please email me at [nwheeler@cabq.gov](mailto:nwheeler@cabq.gov). Please be safe and take care of each other.



**Coffee with a Cop:**

**Albuquerque Police Department**

**Please come out and join us for coffee with a cop event at**

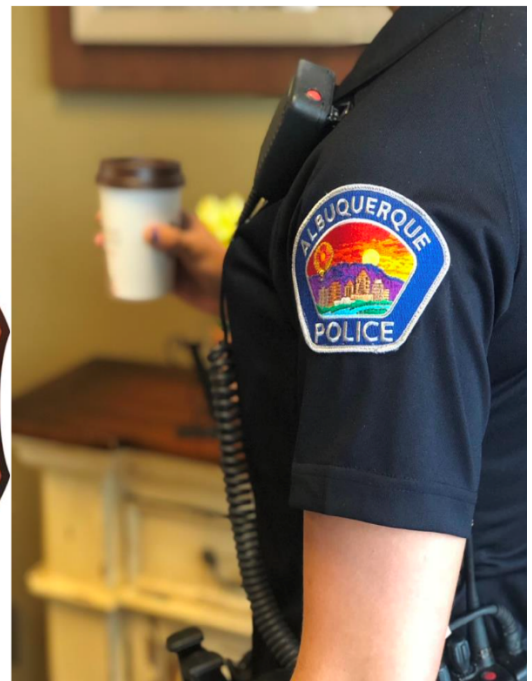
**Panera Bread**

**June-19th-2023 (10:00 AM-11:00 AM)**

**June -26th-2023 (10:00 AM-11:00 AM)**

**Address: 4300 The 25 Way, Albuquerque, NM  
87109**

**THANK YOU 😊**

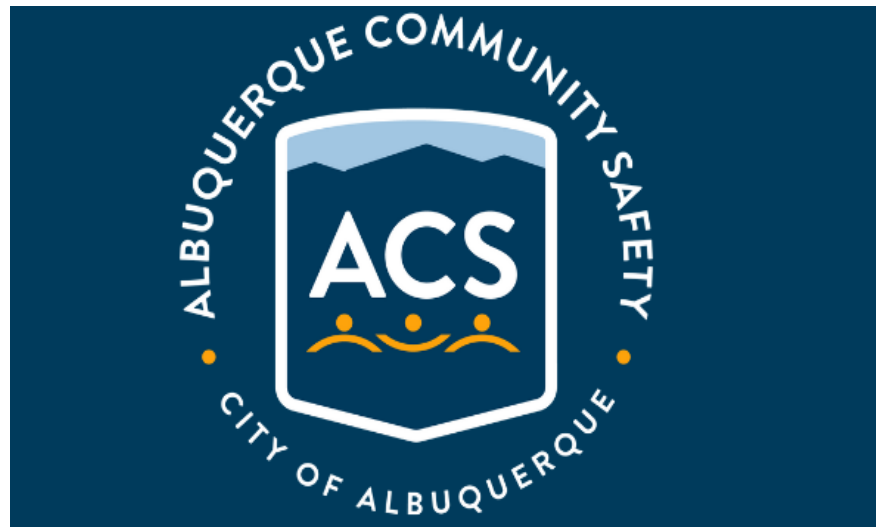


## Other Services:

Sharps Disposal (Needles) – Call 311

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

(ACS) Albuquerque Community Safety



Albuquerque Community Safety Administration (ACS) – Call 311, 242-COPS or 768-4227 [acs@cabq.gov](mailto: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.



## Definitions

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**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

05/01/2023 to 05/31/2023

### MONTH OF May 2023

Auto Burglary	44
Commercial Burglary	27
Residential Burglary	19
Auto Theft	85
Robbery – Auto	3
Robbery – Commercial	7
Robbery – Individual	6
Robbery - Residential	1

### **\*Information Disclaimer\***

*This information is pulled from daily Calls for Service, which reflects all calls made to APD's 911 Emergency Communications Center. It does not reflect all crimes that police investigate, nor the final outcome of crimes investigated. Furthermore it may not reflect the true location of crimes as they may have occurred in a different location from which they are reported.*

## Crime Mapping

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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](http://Crimemapping.com)

## Crime Mapping Info & (Safety TIPS)



The Valley Area Command uses the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data to determine crimes that happen 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

(TIP)-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

(TIP)-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

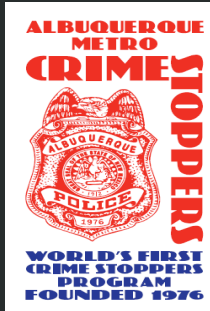
(TIP)-Be sure you are keeping your belongings out of site and remove anything of value. bag with items you need for the day and take it with you when you get out of the vehicle.

### Stolen Vehicles

(TIP)-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

(TIP)- 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.



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

## Robbery to an Individual

(TIP)-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

(TIP)- 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

(TIP)- 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

(TIP)- 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](mailto: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.

Valley Crime Prevention  
Specialist

Lamont Davis

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Albuquerque, NM 87107

505-761-8805



Lamont Davis, our Valley Crime Prevention Specialist is here to help answer any questions you may have related to crime prevention, neighborhood watch, or APD involved community events.

## Crime Prevention Corner

# Crime Prevention & Safety

Information about of Albuquerque Police Department's crime prevention efforts and The Neighborhood Watch Organizing Program.

## Crime Prevention

We have over 2000 neighborhoods in Albuquerque participating in the program, and organize (or "reorganize") your neighborhood on a block-by-block basis.

Initially, we look for someone who would be willing to host in their home an organizing meeting for their block. If you would like to be a host, follow this procedure:

Talk with some of your neighbors on your block to see if there is general Interest in participating in a Neighborhood Watch.

If so, and if you are willing to host the initial organizing meeting, call us to schedule

We will then work with you to set up the meeting. (Toward the end of the organizing neighborhood will officially select someone to be the [Block Captain](#),

Who is our contact person with the group from that point onward.)

We have a wide variety of activities for organized Neighborhood Watch groups, ranging from participation in the annual National Night Out celebration the first Tuesday of each August, to your Block Captain's option to join the Albuquerque Block Captain's Association (ABCA).

The Albuquerque Block Captain's Association was formed on June 1, 1985.

Any block captain of a Neighborhood Watch group organized through

APD Crime Prevention is eligible to join. The ABCA conducts two

informational/business conferences each year and publishes its own newsletter,

"The ABCA Alert." The ten-page twice-per-year publication is sent

ABCA members and contains a variety of crime prevention information.

For more information, please contact APD Crime Prevention at (505) 768-2006.







## Crime Prevention Programs

For scheduling or information, call (505) 768-2006. The Neighborhood Crime Prevention Program of the Albuquerque Police Department offers Neighborhood Watch, plus other Crime Prevention programs to clubs, organizations, businesses any community group:

**General Presentation** - This summary program urges neighbors to join with the criminal justice system to help themselves become less vulnerable targets for criminals. Speaking to civic organizations, church groups, neighborhood associations, service clubs and other groups about the problem of residential burglary, our staff encourages those attending to host Neighborhood Watch organizing meetings for their neighborhoods.

**Neighborhood Watch (Organizing Meeting)** - Presented to residents of a one block area

(20-25 houses maximum), our staff discusses residential burglary prevention and home security with particular attention to doors, windows, and other potential Points of illegal entry. Those attending are registered in the Operation Identification program and are informed of area crime data. By selecting a Block Captain to function as a neighborhood leader in crime prevention, the organized neighborhood may then purchase NOAC (Neighborhood Organized Against Crime) street signs featuring the "Watching Eye."

This program is presented only in neighborhoods and residential areas.

**Personal Safety** - Away from the residence; in your vehicle; at your residence.

**Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)** - This newest crime prevention program discusses an approach in which the environment and structures of proposed projects are analyzed to determine what changes and use of technology may result in fewer crime Problems in the foreseeable future.

**Business Crime Prevention Programs** - Armed Robbery, Shoplifting, Commercial Fraud, Violence in the Workplace, Surviving Bank Robbery (Alarm Response), "Home Visit" Safety (each topic is a separate presentation)

# Summer Safety

Summer is an exciting time for children, school is out and it's time to have fun but Summer also brings life threatening and dangerous threats. Swimming and playing outside all day are popular activities during the summer so it is important that parents teach their children about water safety and ensure they keep properly hydrated.

## Water Safety

Practice constant, adult supervision around any body of water, including pools and spas.

Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death

in New Mexico for ages 1 to 44 years old. Each year

over 8,000 people drown in this country. Nearly 4,000

of those drownings occur during the summer months of June, July, and August.

Stay away from all ditches, arroyos and channels.

- No swimming
- No playing nearby
- Swim only at swimming pools
- Don't attempt a swimming rescue in the arroyo or river
- You could become the next victim.
- Call 911 immediately
- If caught in the water, point feet downstream and wait for help.

## Flood Safety Awareness

Flash floods are the #1 weather related killer with approximately

140 deaths recorded in the U.S. each year. Flooding causes more damage

in the United States than any other severe weather related event,

an average of \$5 billion a year. Flooding can occur in any of the

50 states or U.S. territories at anytime of the year.

Flash flooding is a result of heavy localized rainfall from slow moving

intense thunderstorms. Flash floods often result from small creeks and

streams overflowing during heavy rainfall. These floods often become

raging torrents of water which rip through city streets, arroyos, and

valleys sweeping everything with them. Flash flooding usually occurs

within 6 hours of a heavy rain event.

In hilly terrain, flash floods can strike with little or no advance warning.

Within minutes, distant rain may be channeled into arroyos and ravines, turning a quiet stream into a rampaging torrent.

## Flood Safety Tips

- Don't drive through flooded areas!
- Even if it looks shallow enough to cross. The large majority of deaths due to flash flooding occur with people driving through flooded areas.
- Water only a foot deep can displace a 1500 lb. vehicle. Two feet of water can easily carry most automobiles. Roads concealed by water may not be intact.
- Do not cross flowing stream on foot where water is above your ankles.
- Do not allow children to play around arroyos, drainage ditches, storm drains, or other flooded areas!

Be prepared! Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio for the latest statements, watches and warnings concerning heavy rain and flash flooding in your area, report it to the National Weather Service.

## Heat Related Illnesses

### Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a result of excessive heat and dehydration.

The signs of heat exhaustion include paleness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, fainting, and a moderately increased temperature (101-102 degrees F) which, in this case, is not truly a fever, but caused by the heat.

**TREATMENT:** Rest and water may help in mild heat exhaustion, and ice packs and a cool environment (with a fan blowing at the child) may also help. More severely exhausted patients may need IV fluids, especially if vomiting keeps them from drinking enough.

### Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is the most severe form of heat illness. It can occur even in people who are not exercising, if the weather is hot enough. These people have warm, flushed skin, and do not sweat. Athletes who have heat stroke after vigorous exercise in hot weather, though, may still be sweating considerably.

Whether exercise-related or not, though, a person with heat stroke usually has a very high temperature (106 degrees F or higher), and may be delirious, unconscious, or having seizures.

**TREATMENT:** These patients need to have their temperature reduced quickly,

often with ice packs, and must also be given IV fluids for re-hydration; Call 911 immediately. The patient may have to stay in the hospital for observation since many different body organs can fail in heat stroke.

## **Preventing Heat-Related Illnesses**

You can prevent heat-related illnesses. The important thing is to stay well-hydrated, to make sure that your body can get rid of extra heat, and to be sensible about exertion in hot, humid weather.

Your sweat is your body's main system for getting rid of extra heat.

When you sweat, and the water evaporates from your skin, the heat that evaporates the sweat comes mainly from your skin. As long as blood is flowing properly to your skin, extra heat from the core of your body is "pumped" to the skin and removed by sweat evaporation.

If you do not sweat enough, you cannot get rid of extra heat well, and you also can't get rid of heat as well if blood is not flowing to the skin.

Dehydration will make it harder for you to cool off in two ways: if you are dehydrated you won't sweat as much, and your body will try to keep blood away from the skin to keep your blood pressure at the right level in the core of your body. But, since you lose water when you sweat, you must make up that water to keep from becoming dehydrated. If the air is humid, it's harder for your sweat to evaporate -- this means that your body cannot get rid of extra heat as well when it's muggy as it can when it's relatively dry.

The best fluid to drink when you are sweating is water. Although there is a little salt in your sweat, you don't really lose that much salt with your sweat, except in special circumstances.

"Sport drinks" such as Gatorade® will also work, but water is usually easier to obtain.

It's also important to be sensible about how much you exert yourself in hot weather. The hotter and more humid it is, the harder it will be for you to get rid of excess heat. The clothing you wear makes a difference, too: the less clothing you have on, and the lighter that clothing is, the easier you can cool off.

# Drink Plenty of Water!!!

Valley Community Policing Council:

Hello and Welcome Everyone,

Our next meeting is on June 25th  
As always we have both in-person and virtual attendance.  
The link to join the meeting is:

[https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7Z1iT-WbR9-9-s1dEYOjiA](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7Z1iT-WbR9-9-s1dEYOjiA)

Our physical location is the Johnny Tapia Community Center  
and we run from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

In the not too distant future we will be rotating our meetings to  
different community centers for three months at a time.  
We will keep you informed.

If you need more information please contact us at [cpcvalley@gmail.com](mailto:cpcvalley@gmail.com).



**CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE**



# 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](http://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](mailto:thuertaz@cabq.gov).

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File a Report

Online Report

[cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online](http://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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Southwest Area Command  
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505-831-4705

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://cabq.gov/police)