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.

The Valley Area Command is overseen by Commander Scott Norris.
Commander’s Corner

Here is an update regarding the department’s progress with the Court Appointed Settlement Agreement (CASA):

In the latest reporting period — which spans from August 2021 through January 2022 — independent monitor James Ginger found APD has attained the highest levels of compliance yet and improved over recent years, in which it had backslid. Independent Monitor Report (IMR) 15 was released Wednesday.

APD has shown significant performance increases in training effectiveness, and performance in the field has improved. It is important to understand that training nearly always leads the way in organizational development and planned change processes.

APD is now at 99% secondary compliance — regarding the training of officers — and 70% operational compliance — regarding whether officers are following policies and being corrected when they don’t. That’s a 20.7% and 12.9% respective increase over the previous reporting period.

APD has been at 100% primary compliance since the 10th report, in October 2019, meaning all of the required policies and procedures are in place.

The department is committed to reform and we are making all efforts to attain full compliance in two years. This has been an entire department and community effort and we will continue to work towards that end.
**Valley Area Command Crime Statistics**

05/01/22 to 05/31/22

- 23 Burglary – Commercial
- 15 Burglary – Residential
- 26 Burglary – Vehicle
- 0 Burglary – All Other
- 47 Motor Vehicle Theft
- 23 Recovered Vehicle
  - 3 Robbery – Carjacking
  - 5 Robbery – Commercial
  - 2 Robbery – Gun
  - 0 Robbery - Strongarm
  - 1 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 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

There has been a decrease of Commercial burglaries 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 a decrease 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 decrease 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 an increase in carjacking’s in May 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 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

Robbery by gunpoint has remained the same 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

Residential robberies has remained the same 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!

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

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 Active Shooter and Lockdown.
Crime Prevention Corner

Active Shooter and Lockdown

Establish a written policy regarding disaster preparedness to include both internal and external threats and criminal activity. Lockdown procedures should take into account specific logistical and structural arrangement at the site. Prepare, plan and practice.

Plan
- Identify a room(s) in the building that can serve as a safe room(s) if a shelter-in-place or lockdown situation occurs.
- Ensure it has a solid core/metal door with a deadbolt lock.
- Ensure it has a telephone or other means of communication.
- Ensure the room has adequate food, water, trauma first aid kit or supplies (include tourniquet, chest seals, gauze etc.) as well as a restroom facility or improvised restroom capability.
- Consider including additional items that can be used to secure a door (i.e. rope or straps for self-closure mechanism).
- Establish an off-site rally point in case of emergency evacuation.

Prepare
- Assign personnel tasks during a lockdown situation, including:
  - Closing and locking exterior doors.
  - Closing interior doors to add more barriers.
  - Sweep facility and direct people into the lockdown room.
  - Consider additional site specific tasks.
- Maintain a USB drive or file with maps or blueprints of the building, employee roster, explanation of hazards that may exist on the site, etc. for law enforcement.
- Identify an individual to serve as a primary point of contact for law enforcement.
- Practice emergency lockdown and evacuation drills regularly.

Active Shooter – Know your options

Active assailant incidents are unpredictable and fluid; victims are selected at random. The assailant selects heavily populated and/or confined areas to kill or wound as many people as possible. Know and understand your options.

Run
- Know your escape route.
- Leave your belongings.
- Evacuate regardless of whether others follow.
- Alert others and prevent them from entering.
- Call 911 when you’re safe.

Hide
- Ensure you are completely out of view.
- Lock and barricade the door.
- Turn off the lights.
- Silence your cell phone.

Fight
- Fight as a last resort only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Throw items, improvise weapons.
- Commit with as much physical aggression as possible, your life depends on it.

When Law Enforcement Arrives

- Initial officers on scene will proceed directly to the threat; rescue teams will follow.
- Follow all law enforcement instructions.
- Keep your hands empty and visible.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers; avoid screaming, yelling and pointing.
- Do not ask questions as evacuating.

Additional Resources: [https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/private-citizen](https://www.dhs.gov/cisa/private-citizen)
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 (HCI) 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.

HCI 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. HCI 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. HCI 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 HCI, visit cabq.gov. All sessions of the HCI are available for viewing on OneAlbuquerque Media, KOAT-TV 16 YouTube.

Legislative asks include:

- Penalties and 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 pleaded 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
- Grant Jury for DA COVID backlog and to prevent re-traumatization of sexual assault and child victims
- Limit case management 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
- Examining 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)
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.

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 store 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 take action to advance MC 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 Huerta, APD Victim Liaison Manager: thertaz@abq.gov.
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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5408 2nd St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107
505-761-8800

Southwest Area Command
6404 Los Volcanes NW
Albuquerque, NM 87121
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 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

Valley Community Policing Council

Come to our meeting this month on the 24th and learn about the city’s plan to set up encampments/safe spaces for the unhoused throughout the city. Also take the chance to give your opinion and state your concerns. You can either come in person to the Johnny Tapia Community Center or stick with the webinar format. The link to get an invitation to the webinar is https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7Z1iT-WbR9-9-s1dEYOjiA the meeting will run from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We always devote the last half hour to talk with the APD representatives about issues and concerns that are arising from your communities.

We need more council members, we’re actually five short of our optimum number. The level of commitment is entirely up to you. The minimum is two meetings a month, a planning meeting and our public one, though actually there’s a lot of opportunities to do more. If you want more information, feel free to contact us at cpcvalley@gmail.com. If you think you might like to submit a statement of interest go ahead and get on the CPC webpage at https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/community-policing-council. To join you have to live, or work, within the Valley Area Command boundaries: east to 1-25, west to the river, and north and south to the city boundaries

Hoping to ‘see’ you online or see you at the Johnny Tapia Community Center.

All the best,

Your Valley Community Policing Council