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Southwest Area Command



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

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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.



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SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND – CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE (CABQ.GOV)



COMMANDER'S CORNER

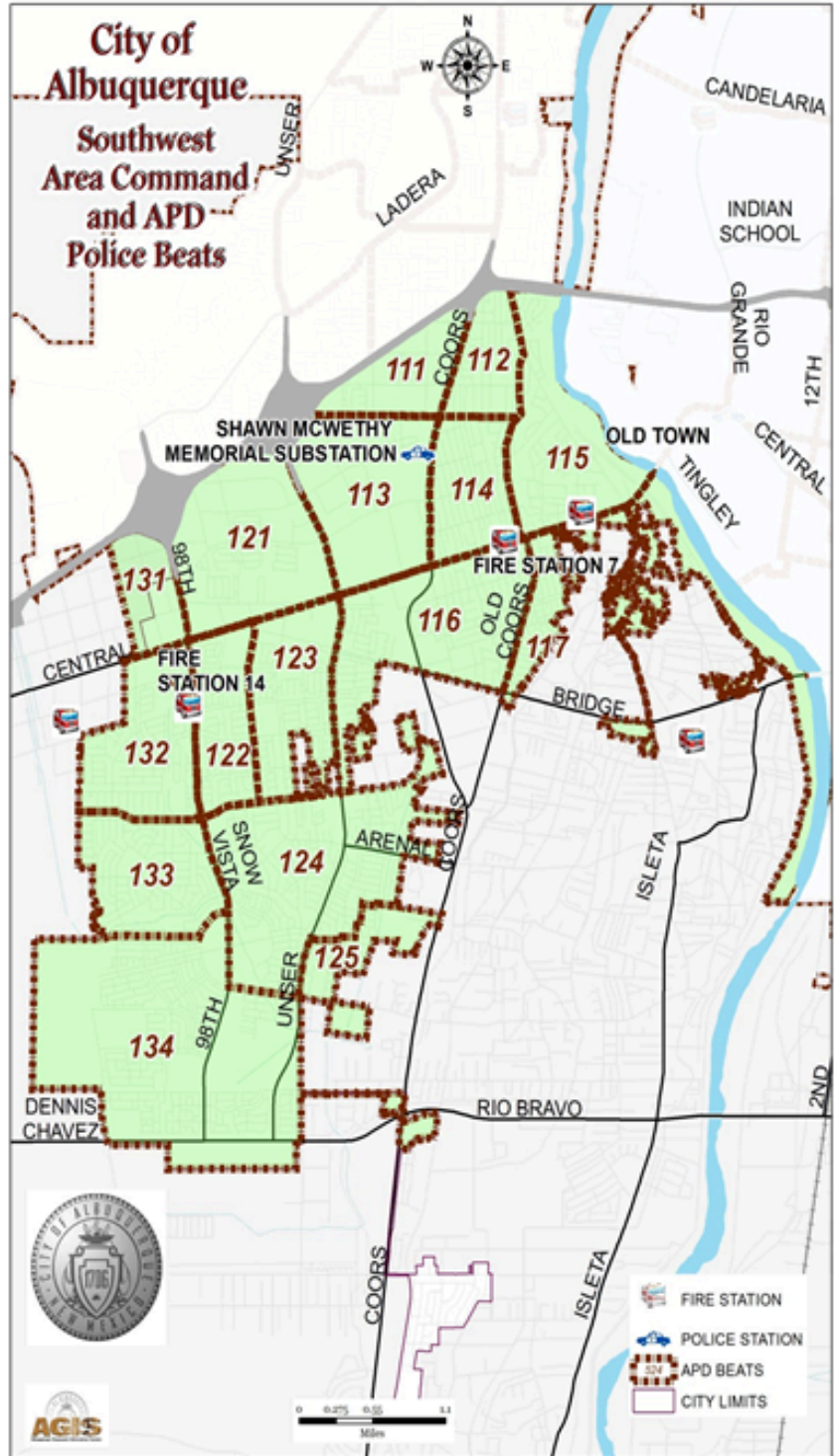


Greetings,

I cannot believe the school year is getting closer and closer to ending, if I am not mistaken there is about 9 weeks left of the school year! As we prepare for spring I want to ensure everyone that our goal continues to keep our children and our community safe by employing Problem Oriented Policing Strategies in order to combat gun violence, property crimes and to address quality of life concerns such as trespassing, littering and wrongful use of public property. I urge all our community members to always to if you something say something, our community members are the eyes and ears of our police officers. Continue to call our non-emergency number (242-COPS) or 911 if it's an actual emergency. Together we can continue to make a difference for a better tomorrow!



SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS



CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

To protect your home from burglars,
consider these effective measures!

- **Eliminate Hiding Spots:** Burglars prefer to operate unseen. Trim bushes and vegetation around your home, ensuring that windows and doors are visible.
- **Install Security Cameras:** Real or dummy security cameras can deter intruders.
- **Secure Doors and Windows:**
 - Strong Locks:** Reinforce door frames with sturdy strike plates and use deadbolts.
 - Sliding Doors:** Install a lock pin to prevent sliding doors from being forced open.
 - Windows:** Consider security film to reinforce glass against break-ins.
- **Create an Illusion of Occupancy:**
 - Use timers for lights and electronics to simulate activity when you're away.
 - Arrange for mail and packages to be collected or held to avoid piling up.
- **Outdoor Lighting:** Well-lit exteriors discourage burglars. Install motion-activated lights near entrances and pathways.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Connect with neighbors and stay informed about local security concerns.
- **Secure Garage and Shed:** Lock garage doors and secure tools and ladders that could aid break-ins.

Remember, making your home less appealing to burglars reduces the risk of intrusion.
Stay vigilant and take proactive steps to safeguard your property!



SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND CRIME STATISTICS

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.

APRIL



PROPERTY CRIMES REPORT: April 2024

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 21

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 12

AUTO BURGLARY = 33

AUTO THEFT = 48

COMMERCIAL ROBBERY = 6

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 (505)831-4705.

File a Report

Online Report:

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

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

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓

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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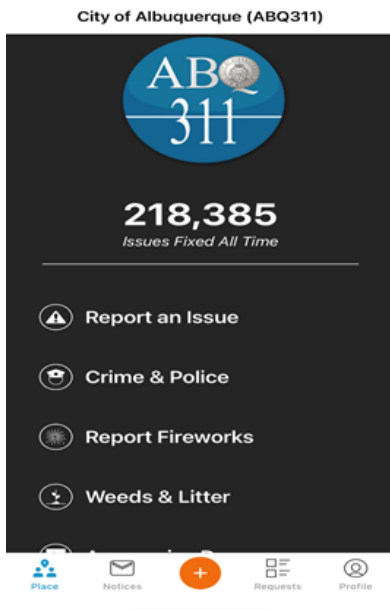
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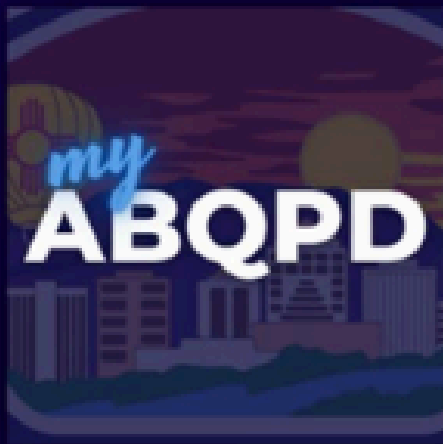
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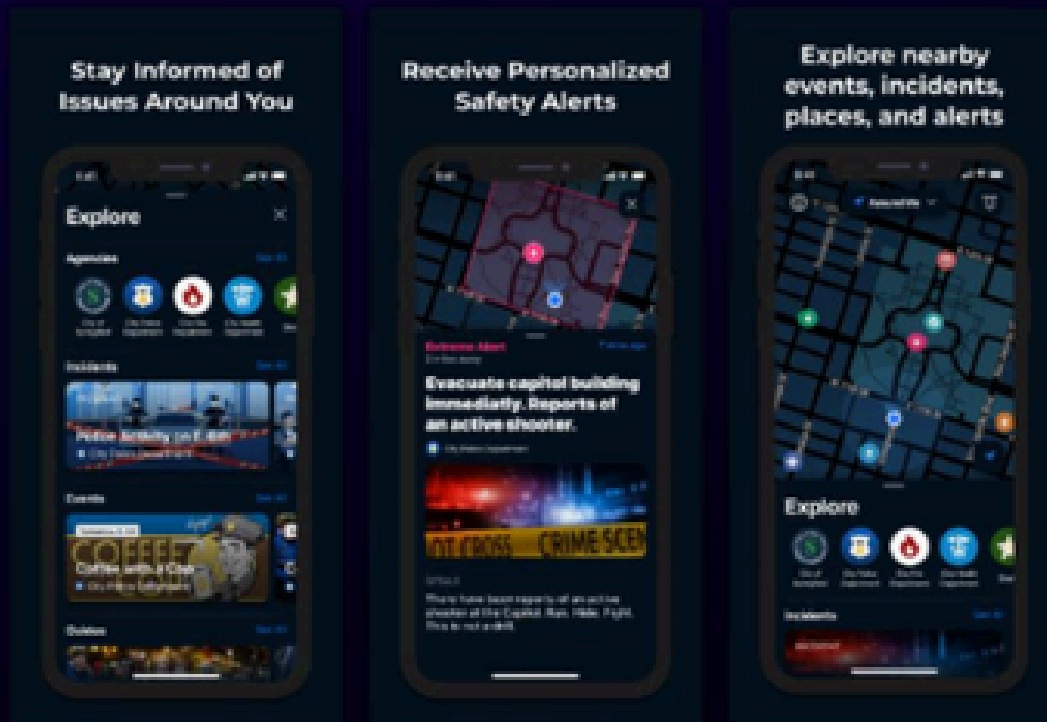


Atlas One Replacing ABQ Police App



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.



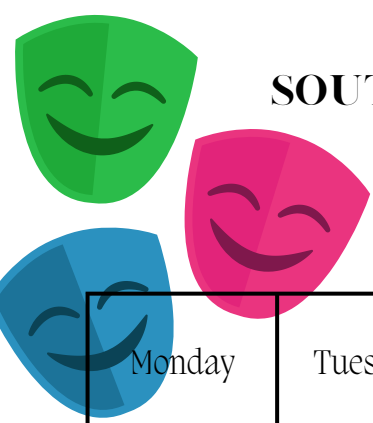
You can download the app for iOS and Android devices today!
Scan QR Code to download.



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

SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

April 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3 CPC 6:30PM Motel Meeting/ Coors and Ilif 10:00AM-11:00AM	4	5	6	7
8	9 SWAN 6:00PM -7:00PM	10	11	12	13	14
15 HOTEL HOSPITALITY-GHALA 1:00-2:00PM West Mesa NA 6:00PM-7:00PM	16	17	18	19 Block Captains Conference 8:00am-11:00am	20	21
22	23	24	25 Vecinos Del Bosque NA 6:30pm-7:30pm Westgate Heights NA 6:30pm-7:30pm	26	27	28
29	30 Los Volcanes NA 6:00-7:00PM					

**KICK
ME!**



Southwest Area Command Community Policing Council

The Southwest Community Policing Council (SW CPC) aims to facilitate communication, collaboration, consensus-building, and cooperation between the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) and the community.

We do this by holding meetings that include all residents as community participants and the Council persons that take a more active role in facilitating the topic choice and meeting schedule. O-20-27 Community Policing Council Ordinance <https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/documents/o-20-27-cpc-ordinance-05-24-2022.pdf> allows for eleven (11) council members. SW would love to have a full council of members looking for a way to encourage constitutional community-oriented policing that benefits all residents of the Southwest Area Command.

The SW CPC will work closely with Commander Barraza and his officers to ensure that we are creating an environment that welcomes all persons in the SW area of Albuquerque. The meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. The current start time is 6:00 p.m., but we are surveying and debating changing it to 6:30 if it accommodates peoples' schedules better. To express an opinion on the start time, send an email to zeldaszebb@gmail.com. Please help us grow the Council membership by completing a statement of interest.

<https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-application/community-policing-council-application>

We need all community participants to help make us a successful council that meets its duties as laid out in the Ordinance.

December 6, 2024, @ 6:30 p.m., will be the next meeting of the SW CPC, SW Area Command (SW A/C) Officers, and the community participants of the SW corner of Albuquerque. Please join us to discuss constitutional community-oriented policing training and how officers utilize the available training, electronic applications and community programs. We will talk with the Commander, SW A/C Officers, and other representatives of the APD.

You are requested to join the conversation by registering at this link for the Zoom webinar:

https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair





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Call to find out more
505-343-5040





Message from Chief Medina

Happy Spring to everyone in our community, our department is gearing up for the summer months as it's a time of year we anticipate more crime, but we are diligently working on proactive operations to combat issues we see year to year.

In the last two months, the department's Traffic Division has been working proactive pedestrian safety operations specifically along the Central Avenue corridor as it's where we've seen growing concerns of fatal pedestrian crashes.

So far in 2024, we've investigated 10 fatal pedestrian crashes, and another eight crashes involving pedestrians resulted in serious injuries.

Traffic officers are educating the public but are also issuing citations for pedestrian violations and I hope the community keeps these concerns at front of mind as they are driving around the city.

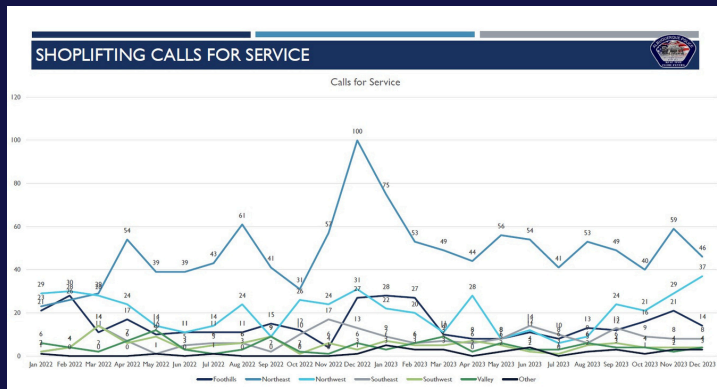
We continue to focus on our shoplifting operations, we are seeing a decrease in these crimes in most areas of the city which goes to show our efforts on this issue are making an impact.

Pedestrian Safety Operation

MARCH 2024

Stops: 416
Citations: 1401
Warrants Cleared: 14
Arrests: 9
Jaywalking Cites: 27
Median Cites: 63
Towed Vehicles: 4





We just had a successful arrest of a known shoplifting offender by our Horse Mounted Unit as they were working patrols in the Southwest and successfully took the individual into custody after a short foot chase.

We now have a more realistic picture of shoplifting incidents in the city as we have strongly encouraged businesses to report

these crimes either through the Telephone Reporting Unit at (505)-242-COPS (2677), or online at <https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online>.

We are also now working on operations focused on burglaries and we will be releasing more information on that in the near future.

Thank you for your support, as we continue to strive to make our community a safer place.



-Chief Harold Medina