

Albuquerque Police Department

WELCOME TO
THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY DISTRICT
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NEW INTERIM DEPUTY COMMANDER ASHLEY STEPHENSON



Welcome Interim, D.C. Ashley Stephenson who is born and raised in Albuquerque, NM. She graduated from Sandia High School and attended the University of New Mexico where she received and earned her degree to be a P.E. Teacher.

In her current profession with the Albuquerque Police Department, she worked off and on in the Valley Area Command for 18 years (since 2006) and is newly assigned overseeing the Downtown Unit.

Away from work, she loves spending time with her husband and two boys, hunting, fishing and golfing and she also enjoys working out at the gym.

D.C. Stephenson innovative vision plan for Downtown is:

“A dynamic atmosphere where the community collaborates and works together to achieve our goals. Making Downtown a safe, fun and must experience place to live, eat, shop and be entertained.”

Welcome Aboard! Interim Deputy Commander Ashley Stephenson! Email: astephenson@cabq.gov

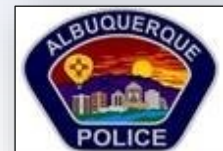
We are located:

320 Central Ave SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Substation Hours of

Operation:

Monday—Friday
08:00—5:00PM
Closed 12PM– 1PM for
Meal Break



Dayshift Patrol Hours:

Mon– Thurs
7:00 AM—5:00PM

PATROL:

- Officer Eric Giles
- Officer Richard Sedillo
- Officer Mike Avila
- Officer Hannah Goodman
- Officer Jesus Gonzalez
- Officer Corbin Waquie

Swings shift Patrol Hours

Wed—Sat
6:00 PM– 4:00 AM

PATROL:

- Officer Richard Lakey
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- Officer Alicia Marquez
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Message from Chief Medina

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer with some needed time off with family and friends. We have already had a busy summer and have some key areas we are focusing on.

We have put extra resources into Downtown safety as more people are out and about in the warmer months. The Horse Mounted Unit are doing weekly patrols during business hours checking on the businesses and unhoused individuals in the area.

HMU along with other specialty units are also adding increased presence Downtown on Friday and Saturday nights.



APD Junior Police Academy



We have also had a busy few months with our summer

camps. We had two successful Camp Fearless with three more getting ready to start and our 2024 Junior Police Academy just wrapped up. Congratulations to all the graduates!

APD also is partnering with Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers this summer in an effort to make crime prevention information accessible through our Crime Prevention Pop-Ups. The first event was held in late June and 51 cars were

equipped with VIN etched and 30 received free wheel locks.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our community for the tremendous outpouring of support we received through APD's Donation Drive for those impacted by the Ruidoso fires. Our state has rallied behind the Ruidoso community and through our donation drive, our staff was able to fill two 30-foot trailers with items like bedding, hygiene products, sports drinks, water and so much more. We are so grateful for all the items donated by our community.



We even were able to bring back donations that were past the scope of donations for the collection site in Roswell and our crew in addition to eight of our pre-hires brought them to locations charities and shelters for individuals in need in our area.

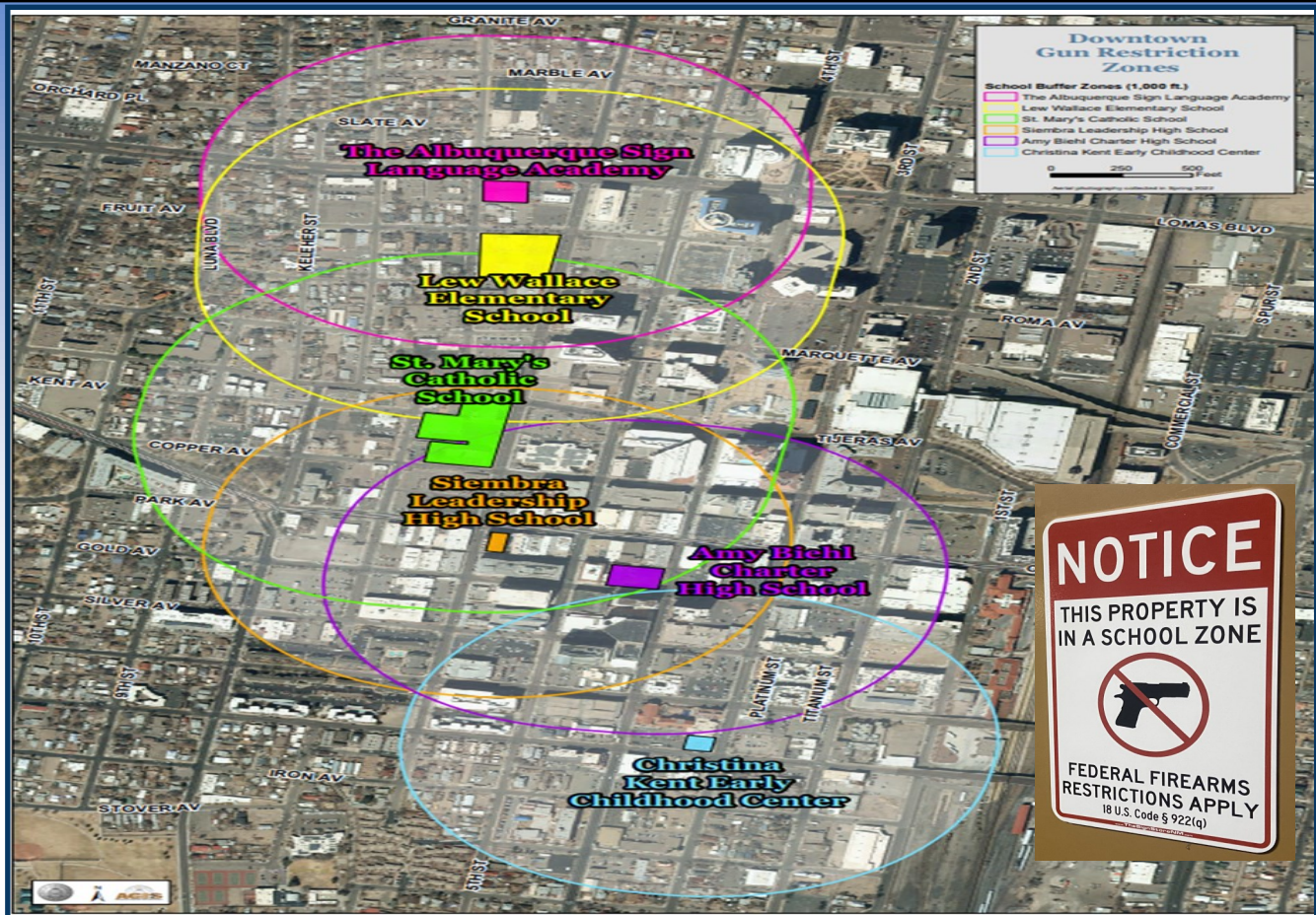
Our city always shows up in times of need and this was a true testament of what our community is capable of.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer, and thank you for your continued support.



-Chief Harold Medina

Gun Violence Awareness



Offenders to face federal charges for gun crimes near downtown schools

“Offenders who use guns to commit crimes Downtown could be charged federally if the crimes occur within 1,000 feet of a school. There are six schools in the downtown district between Lomas Blvd. and Coal Ave., and 12th Street and Broadway Ave. The buffer zones around the schools cover most of the downtown district. Under the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, firearms are prohibited in school zones to include in or on the grounds of a public, parochial or private school, or within 1,000 feet from the grounds.”

“I will continue to fight against gun violence in our city with every tool we have. This is a very innovative approach that sends a clear message to anyone who thinks they can come downtown and use a gun to commit a crime, we will catch you and pursue full federal gun charges, and get you off the street,” said Mayor Tim Keller. “We will continue to use every tool we have to crack down on gun violence, and we are putting criminals on notice in downtown Albuquerque.”

“APD is joining forces with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, which will prosecute gun crimes that violate federal law related to gun crimes around schools. The City is posting signs throughout Downtown to let people know they are in a school zone where federal firearms restrictions apply.”

“If convicted of violating gun-free school zone laws, you could face up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$5,000.”

For further Information visit: [APD Ramps Up Downtown Gun Enforcement Downtown — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](https://www.cabq.gov/newsroom/apd-ramps-up-downtown-gun-enforcement-downtown)

Freedom 4th—Celebrate Independence Day



Thursday, July 4, 2024 | 3-10 p.m. | Balloon Fiesta Park

Join the City of Albuquerque and bring the family to Balloon Fiesta Park to celebrate our country's Independence Day. The brightest firework show in the state following a concert with local bands and national headliner Michael Ray. Gates open at 3 p.m. for this free event.

Click the link for further info:

<https://www.cabq.gov/artsculture/things-to-do/annual-events/freedom-4th>

Fourth of July Safety Tips

“Report Illegal Fireworks: Online, The ABQ311 Mobile App and by calling 311

Fireworks are strictly prohibited in and around the Bosque or Open Space Areas.

To report fireworks outside Albuquerque city limits, please contact the following: Bernalillo County: (505) 798-7000 | Rio Rancho: (505) 891-7226

Using fireworks, both legal and illegal, can be extremely dangerous to yourself and others by not following safe practices. Be mindful of your surroundings and obey all laws pertaining to the use of fireworks where you live. Please be considerate of your neighbors (citizens with PTSD, elderly, young children) and pets as loud noises can be traumatizing and disruptive.”

For more information visit online at: <https://www.cabq.gov/fireworks>

Fireworks safety tips.

-  Have water or a fire extinguisher nearby.
-  Don't wear loose clothing.
-  Never light near dry grass.
-  Supervise children at all times.
-  Be aware of windy conditions.

Source:
[Fourth of July Safety Tips – Neighbors Public Safety Service Help Center \(ring.com\)](#)



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.

Click the QR Code:

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Or view Citywide Crime



TEAM WORK!



PROVIDING RESOURCES TO THE PEOPLE IN NEED

The Downtown Units ongoing effort is to connect individuals that are unhoused with resources, opportunities and HOPE.

The Downtown Team partners with ACS Professional's and alongside with Dr. Lindsay Fox, physician assistant with UNM Hospital. They walk the beat to help assist and check on individuals who are chronically homeless and who are medically vulnerable.

Downtown Officers meet with ACS staff members to discuss updates on unhoused individuals and insuring they get connected to case services. This collaboration helps addresses the needs of individuals who are stuck in the system and located in the Downtown District. This approach helps reduce potential dangerous situations and while creating a positive outcome.

To reach a Albuquerque Community Safety Responder, please call 311 or Phone: 505-768-2000. Non-Emergency Call: 505-242-COPS. Click the link for further information:

[Albuquerque Community Safety - City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](http://Albuquerque Community Safety - City of Albuquerque (cabq.gov))

REPORTING OPTIONS

Telephone Reporting Unit

242-COPS (2677)

Online Reporting: [https:// www.cabq.gov/police/file– a-police-online](https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-online)

APD App: Search ABQ Police in Google Play or the App Store



To access a traffic report, you can download a fillable form from the New Mexico DOT website and take to any substation once completed. If in need of an accident example sheet, contact the Downtown Public Safety Substation at 505-768-4735.

New Mexico Uniform Crash Report: <http://nmtrafficrecords.com/resources/new-mexico-uniform-crash-report-2/>

PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION

PACKAGE THIEVES ON A MISSION

THEY CRUISE AROUND.
Some thieves simply drive through residential neighborhoods looking for unattended packages.

THIEVES FOLLOW DELIVERY TRUCKS AROUND.
They can then steal the more lucrative items.

THEFTS TEND TO HAPPEN IN WAVES.
Once on a roll, thieves can hit entire neighborhoods.
Thefts can happen in any city, big or small.

"Package thefts can occur at any time of the day. For a more secure delivery option, ship your packages to your office rather than your home."

Source: USPS

4 ways to protect packages

- Track your packages and use delivery alerts
- Don't leave your delivered mail and packages unattended
- Add delivery instructions to leave it in a specified location
- Request a signature at delivery

Source: United States Postal Service (USPS)