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Southwest Area Command

*Valentine's
Day*



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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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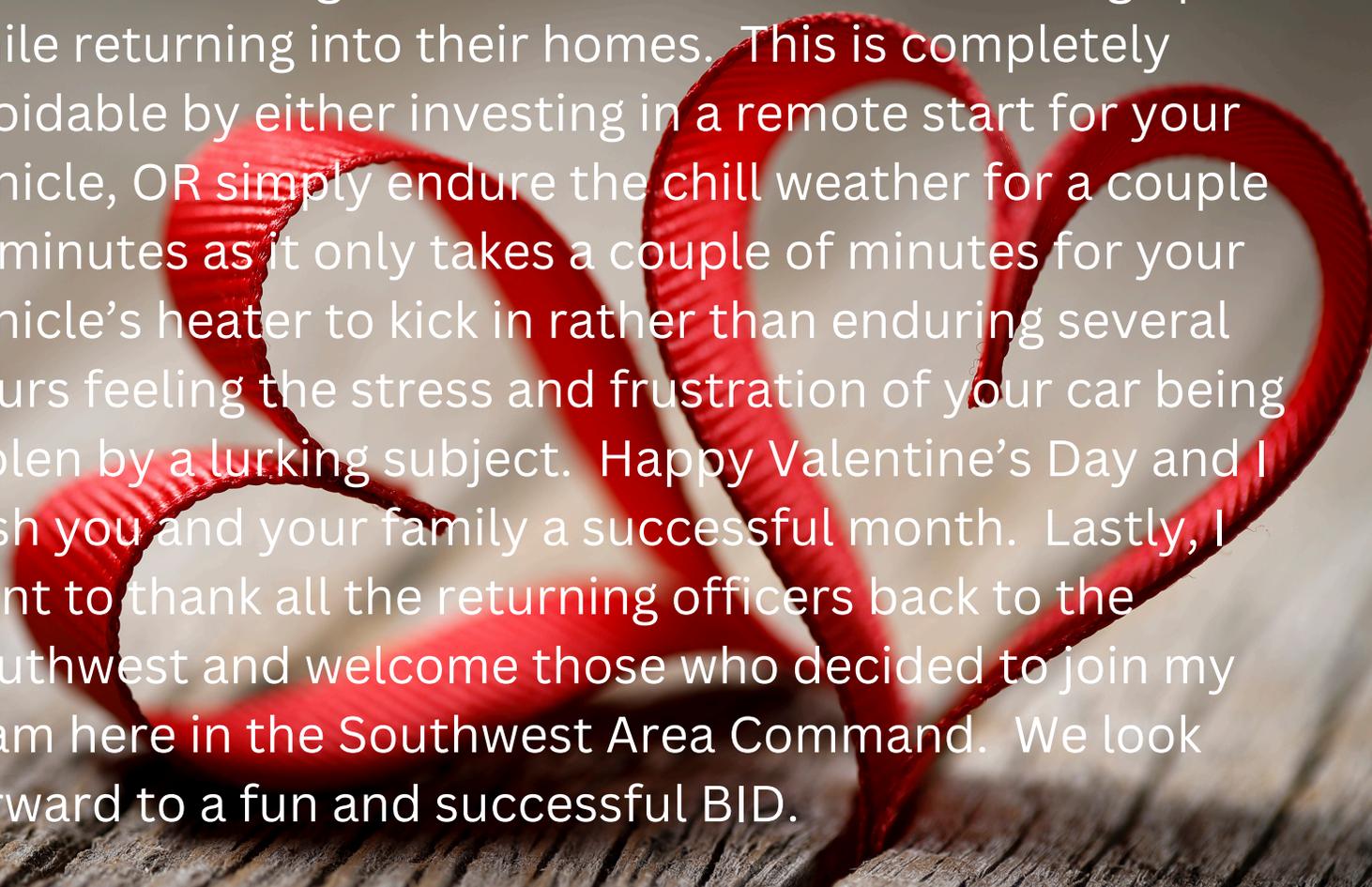
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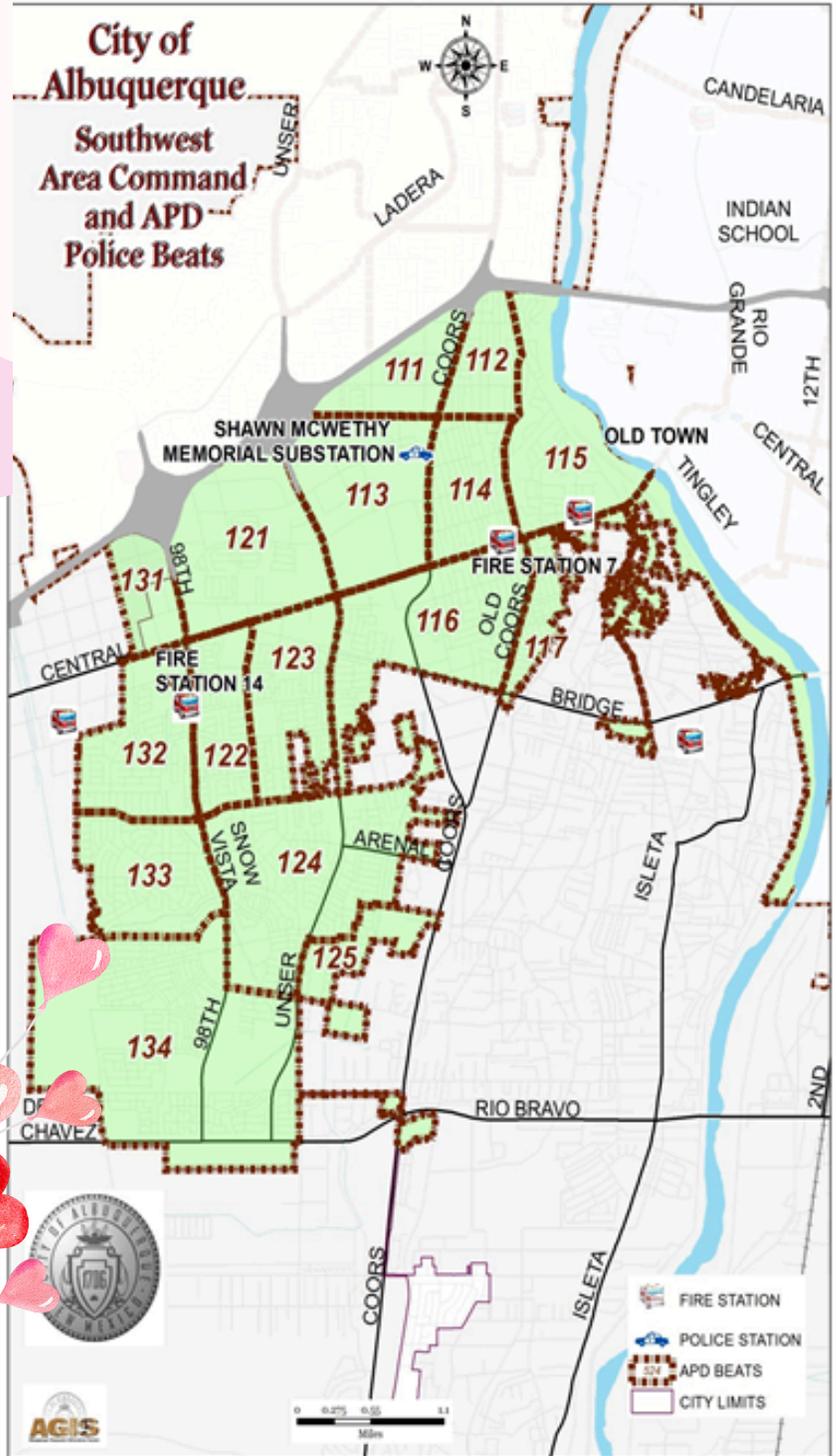
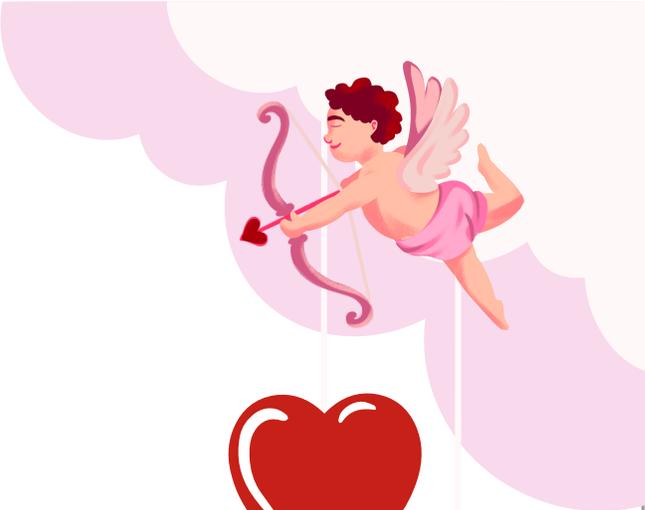
COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings,

I hope everyone is staying warm during these chill months. I would like to take a moment to remind everyone to take the necessary steps in protecting and securing your property so you do not become victim of auto theft. Historically, we see an increase of auto thefts during the winter months due to our community members leaving their cars unlocked and warming up all while returning into their homes. This is completely avoidable by either investing in a remote start for your vehicle, OR simply endure the chill weather for a couple of minutes as it only takes a couple of minutes for your vehicle's heater to kick in rather than enduring several hours feeling the stress and frustration of your car being stolen by a lurking subject. Happy Valentine's Day and I wish you and your family a successful month. Lastly, I want to thank all the returning officers back to the Southwest and welcome those who decided to join my team here in the Southwest Area Command. We look forward to a fun and successful BID.



SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS



Valentine's Day

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

New Mexico's Top Ten Stolen Vehicles in 2020-2006

Ford Pick Up (Full Size)

1. 2004 Chevrolet Pick-Up (Full Size)
2. 2013 Hyundai Elantra
3. 2001 Dodge Pick-Up (Full Size)
4. 2015 Hyundai Sonata
5. 2006 GMC Pick-Up (Full Size)
6. 2015 Kia Motora Corporation Optima
7. 2000 Honda Civic
8. 1995 Honda Accord
9. 2015 Nissan Altima



Precautions

Always roll up your windows, lock the doors and take your key, even if you will only be away for a short time. · Never leave your car running unattended. · Park your vehicle in a visible area with good lighting. · Never leave a second set of keys hidden inside or attached to your vehicle. · Park in attended lots, when possible, providing more potential for witnesses. · If you have a garage use, as an alternative park in your driveway. · Lock the garage door and your vehicle. · Do not leave the title inside the vehicle.

Devices

Kill Switch – Interrupts the electrical, fuel or ignition system. · Steering Wheel Lock – Prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees; visible from outside the vehicle. · Collar – Prevent the steering column from being stripped. · Brake Lock – Prevent the brake from being engaged to remove the transmission from Park. · Etching – Etching the VIN number on the vehicle's glass can make it less valuable to thieves.



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.



PROPERTY CRIMES REPORT: February 2024

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 14

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 8

AUTO BURGLARY = 41

AUTO THEFT = 51

COMMERCIAL ROBBERY = 9

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.

To put that into perspective, APD receives about 500,000 calls for service each year. By contrast, about 120,000 police reports are generated each year, which is more reflective of actual crimes. For that reason, the information illustrated should not be used to determine crime trends.

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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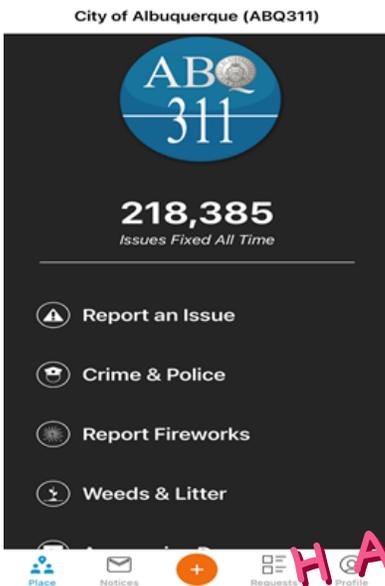
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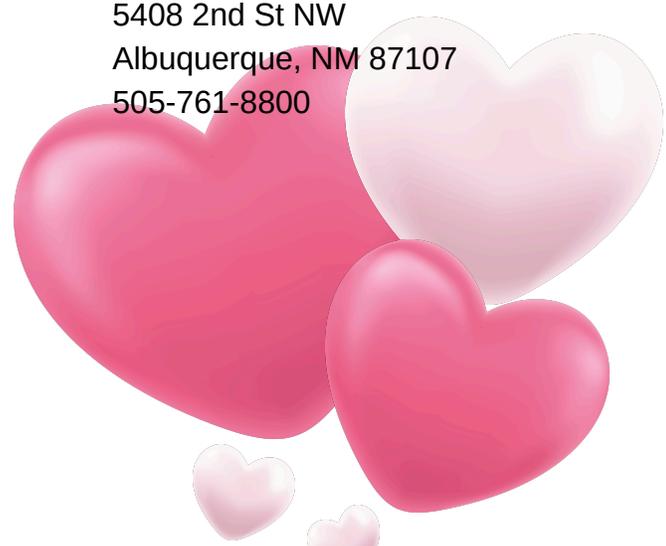
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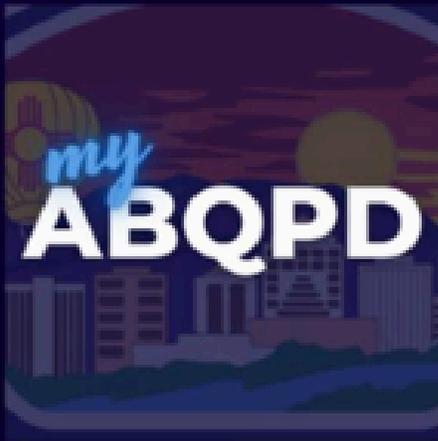


HAPPY
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Atlas One Replacing ABQ Police App



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.

Stay Informed of Issues Around You



Receive Personalized Safety Alerts



Explore nearby events, incidents, places, and alerts



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

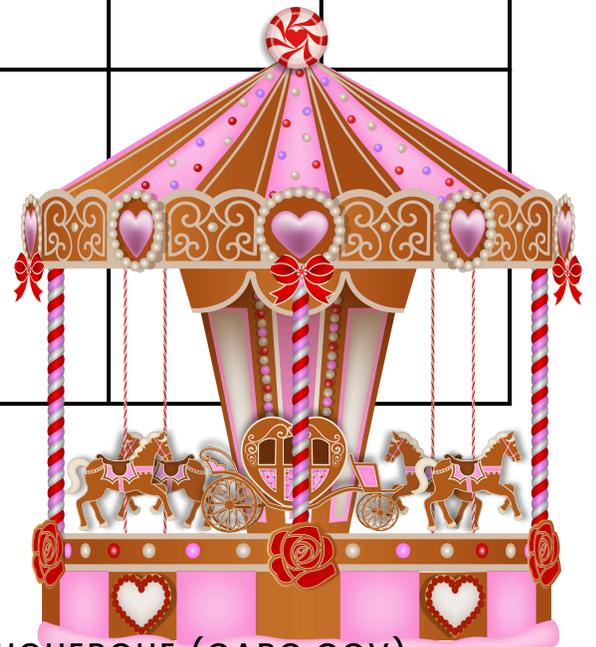


Atlas One will be replacing the ABQ Police App. Please join in the transition today. this link <https://youtu.be/OEQ1MfJyWCo> is a guide on using the new Atlas One App

**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND COMMUNITY
POLICING COUNCIL**

February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 CPC 6:30PM-7:30PM	8	9	10	11
12 HOTEL HOSPITALITY-GHALA 1:00PM-2:00PM WEST MESA NA 6:00PM-7:00PM	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 VECINOS DEL BOSQUE NA 6:30PM-7:30PM WESTGATE HEIGHTS NA 6:30PM-7:30PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			



LOVE BUG

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:

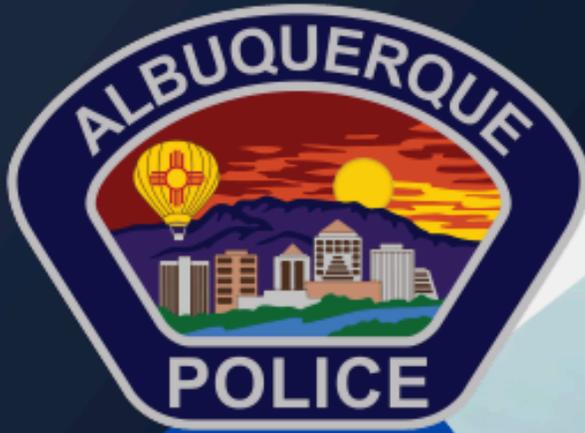
https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwMyuuiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair





NOW HIRING

Cadets & Laterals

Top paid department in the state!

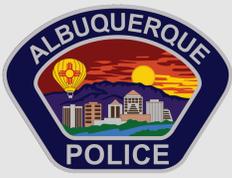
Cadets:
\$28.84/hr
\$60,000/yr **37% pay
increase**

Patrolman 2nd class:
\$30.28/hr
\$63,000/yr **31% pay
increase**

Laterals:
\$31.89/hr
\$63,015/yr **5% pay
increase**

Call to find out more
505-343-5040





Message from Chief Medina

It has been a very busy start to 2024 and we have a lot to share with the community. This month the 128th Cadet Class will be graduating and it's going to be one of our largest classes in recent years.

I'm pleased to announce we've made significant progress with our recruiting and it shows in the number of applicants we're seeing come through our academy. The 128th Cadet Class will be graduating on February 5th with 52 cadets. Many of this class are also from out of state which leads me to believe our national recruiting efforts have been effective.

As for retirements, we're also seeing less officers leaving the department. In 2022, I implemented an incentive package to help our department retain officers past 20 years of service, and I'm pleased with the shift we've seen in retention.

I am always forward thinking, and another change we've made in the last few years, is creating a pipeline of officers to grow our rank and file. The way I've been able to accomplish this, is ramping up recruiting for our Police Service Aide Program, (PSA). The 46th PSA class consists of 16 individuals that will play a critical role to officers in the field by securing police scenes, writing reports, and responding to minor traffic crashes, among other duties.

The 129th Cadet Class just began on January 29th with a total of 55 individuals. Of those, 50% of the class is from New Mexico, but we also have a cadet from Australia and another from Puerto Rico. This is the second cadet class to take part in a 2-week pre-academy which helps give them basic training prior to entering the Academy.



129th Cadet Class

Another factor that has been critical to growing our cadet classes is through our pre-hire program. In the 128th Cadet Class, 28 cadets were pre-hires and in the 129th, 19 were pre-hires. This allows us to bring candidates in as new hires prior to their class starting, to immerse them in the department and retain them while they await an upcoming Academy.



We are always looking for more candidates to join our department whether it be in a sworn or civilian role, and I encourage anyone interested in a career in law enforcement to consider APD as a place to serve and protect your community.

Anyone interested can visit: <https://apply.apdonline.com>

Thank you to our community for your continued support and for working with us as we continue to grow and evolve as a law enforcement agency.

-Chief Harold Medina

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