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Southwest Area Command



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COMMANDER RENE BARRAZA**

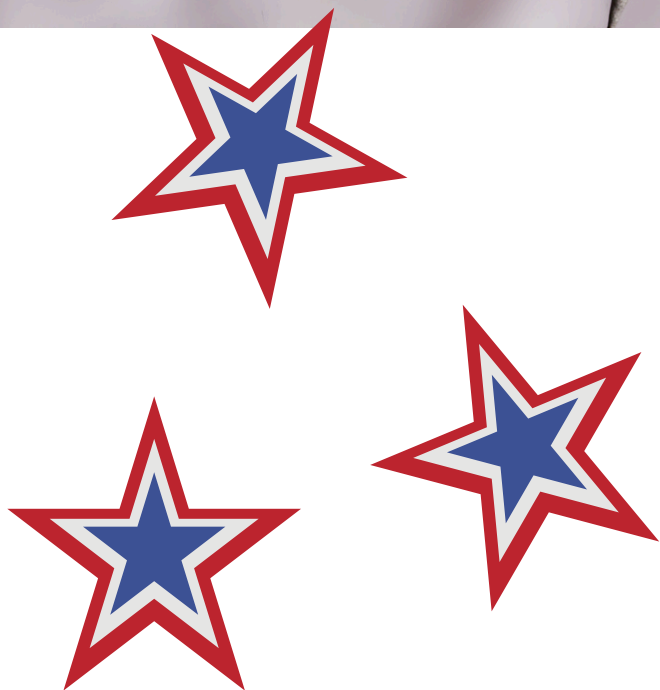
**Shawn McWethy Memorial Police
Substation**

6404 Los Volcanes Rd NW

Albuquerque, NM 87105

505-831-4705

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.





COMMANDER'S CORNER



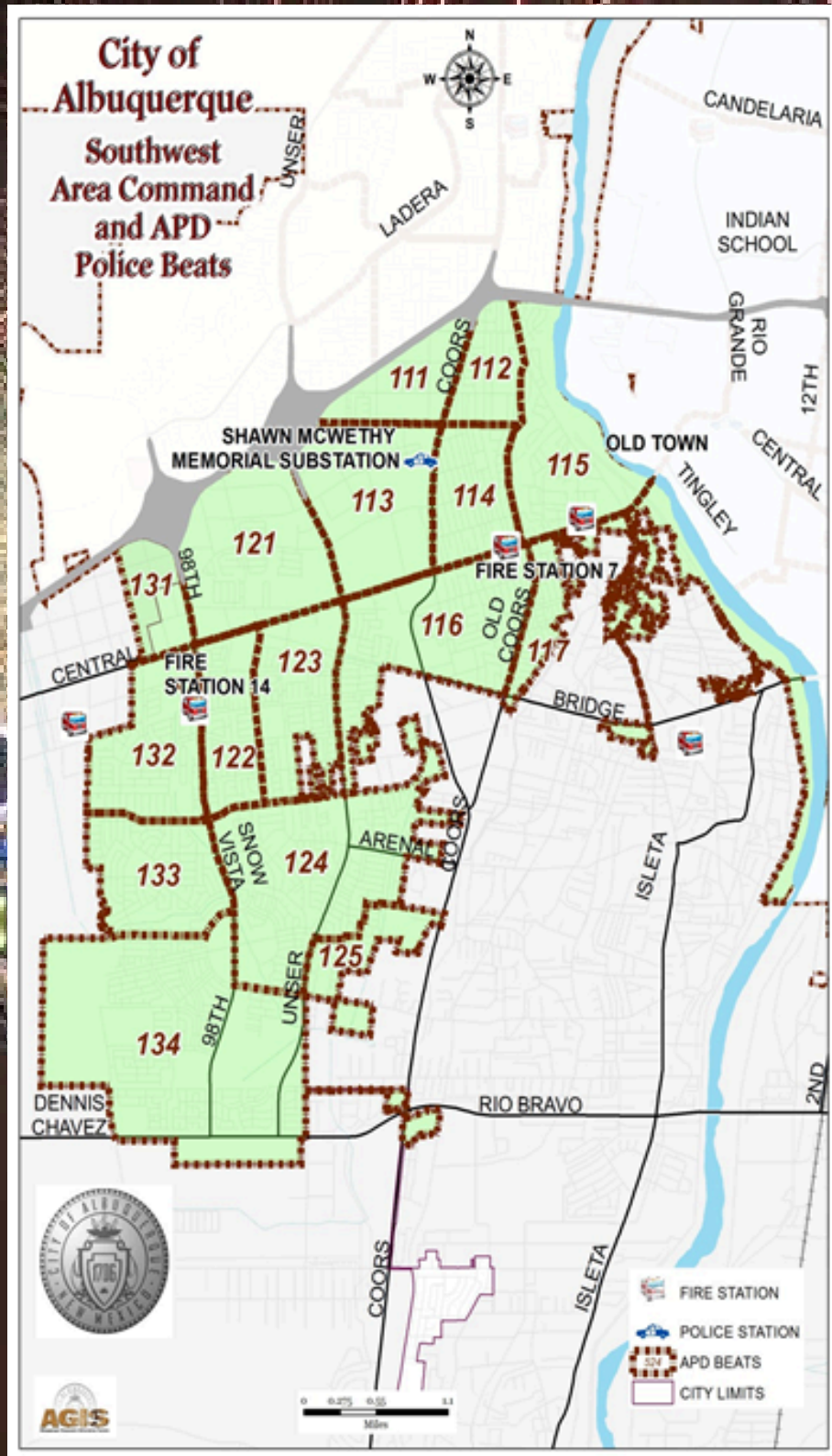
Greetings,

I hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer. Get out and enjoy Albuquerque's Zoo and Botanical Gardens, and don't forget your sunblock and water to keep you hydrated. We are experiencing some rather high temperatures. Additionally, bring your children into the Southwest Substation for free swim passes to all City of Albuquerque Swimming Pools. Lastly, our department wish you, your family and friends a stars-and-stripes-filled celebration as we honor our nation on July 4, 2024. Here are a couple of things I like to do to keep my family safe:

- Never give fireworks to small children, and never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.
- Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- Keep a supply of water close by.

I wish you a memorable July 4th filled with good food, good company, and good times!

SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS

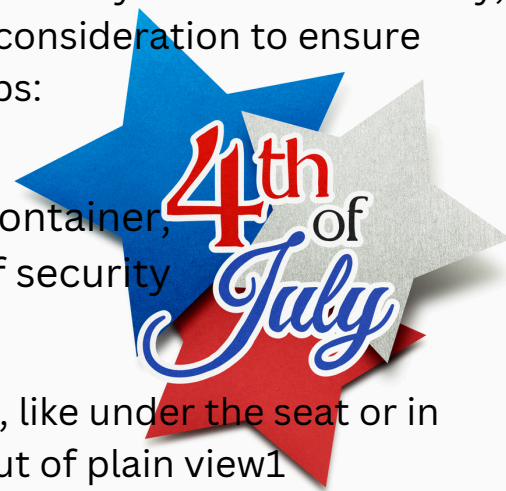


CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Guns stolen from vehicles prevention tips

A gun safety group analyzed FBI crime data from 337 cities across 44 states – covering a combined population of about 63 million people – between 2013 and 2022. The report, from Everytown for Gun Safety, revealed that, on average, at least one firearm is stolen from a car every nine minutes in the United States.

Guns stolen from cars often go from legal hands to the illegal market, where they are too often used to carry out other crimes, including assaults and homicides. But these thefts are preventable, as is the heartbreak and long-lasting trauma of the violence they can cause," Sarah Burd-Sharps, senior director of research at Everytown for Gun Safety, said in a statement. Storing a gun in your car requires careful consideration to ensure safety and compliance with local laws. Here are some key tips:



Use a Lockable Container: Store your gun in a lockable container, such as a gun safe or lock box. This adds an extra layer of security and helps prevent unauthorized access.

Keep It Out of Sight: Place the lock box in a discreet location, like under the seat or in the trunk. This reduces the risk of theft by keeping the gun out of plain view.

Separate from Ammunition: If possible, store the gun and ammunition separately. This can help prevent accidents and is a legal requirement in some areas.

Secure the Lock box: Use a cable to secure the lock box to the frame of your car. This makes it more difficult for someone to remove the entire box.

Check Local Laws: Always ensure you are following local laws and regulations regarding firearm storage in vehicles. Laws can vary significantly by location. "Gun owners must securely store their guns – whether in the car or in the home – to save lives.

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:
July 2024

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY =

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY =

AUTO BURGLARY =

AUTO THEFT =

Stolen Vehicles Found In Southwest
Area Command=

**Happy 4th
Of July**

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.

File a Report

Online Report:
cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online

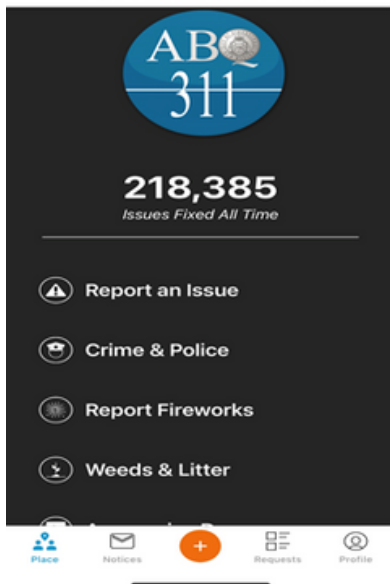
(TRU)Telephone Reporting Unit
242-2677 (COPS)

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓

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**.

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.

City of Albuquerque (ABQ311)



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Southeast Area Command
800 Louisiana SE
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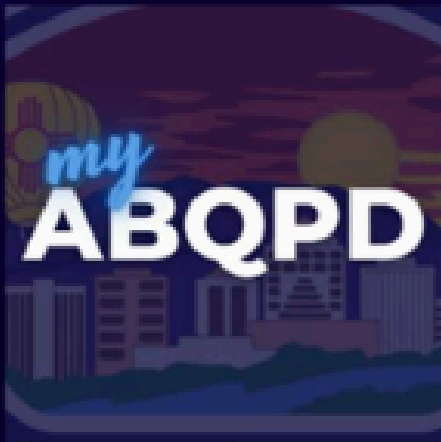
Northwest Area Command
10401 Cibola Loop NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114
505-768-4850

Northeast Area Command
8201 Osuna NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-823-4455

Foothills Area Command
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Albuquerque, NM 87112
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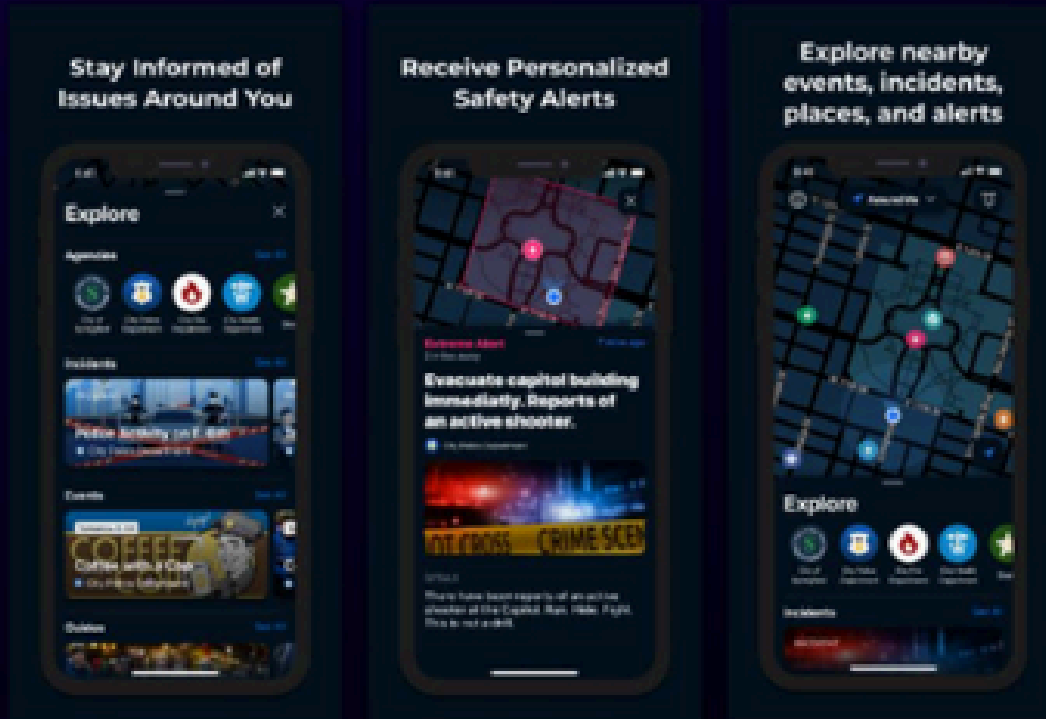
Valley Area Command
5408 2nd St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107
505-761-8800

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

July 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3 CPC 6:30PM-7:30PM	4 HAPPY 4 th of July	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Motel Meeting 600rs 10am/11am	12	13	14
15	16 HOTEL HOSPITALITY- GHALA 1:00PM-2:00PM WEST MESA NA 6:00PM-7:00PM	17	18	19	20 Pop up in the Park Tower Pond Park 10AM-1PM	21
22	23	24	25 WESTGATE HEIGHTS NA 6:30PM-7:30PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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.

June 5, 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





NOW HIRING

Cadets & Laterals

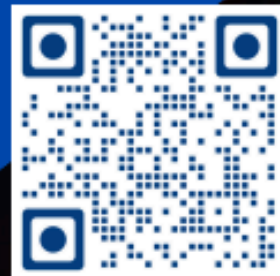
Top paid department in the state!

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

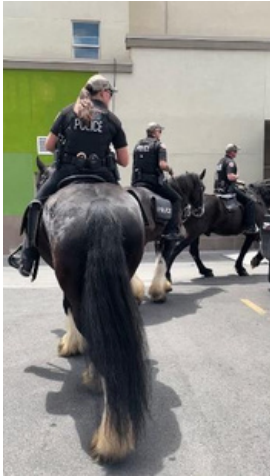
Patrolman 2nd class:
\$30.28/hr
\$63,000/yr **31% pay
increase**

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

Call to find out more
505-343-5040



Message from Chief Medina:



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 unhorsed individuals in the area.

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

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 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