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Issue 21



Southwest Area Command



SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND IS
OVERSEEN BY
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

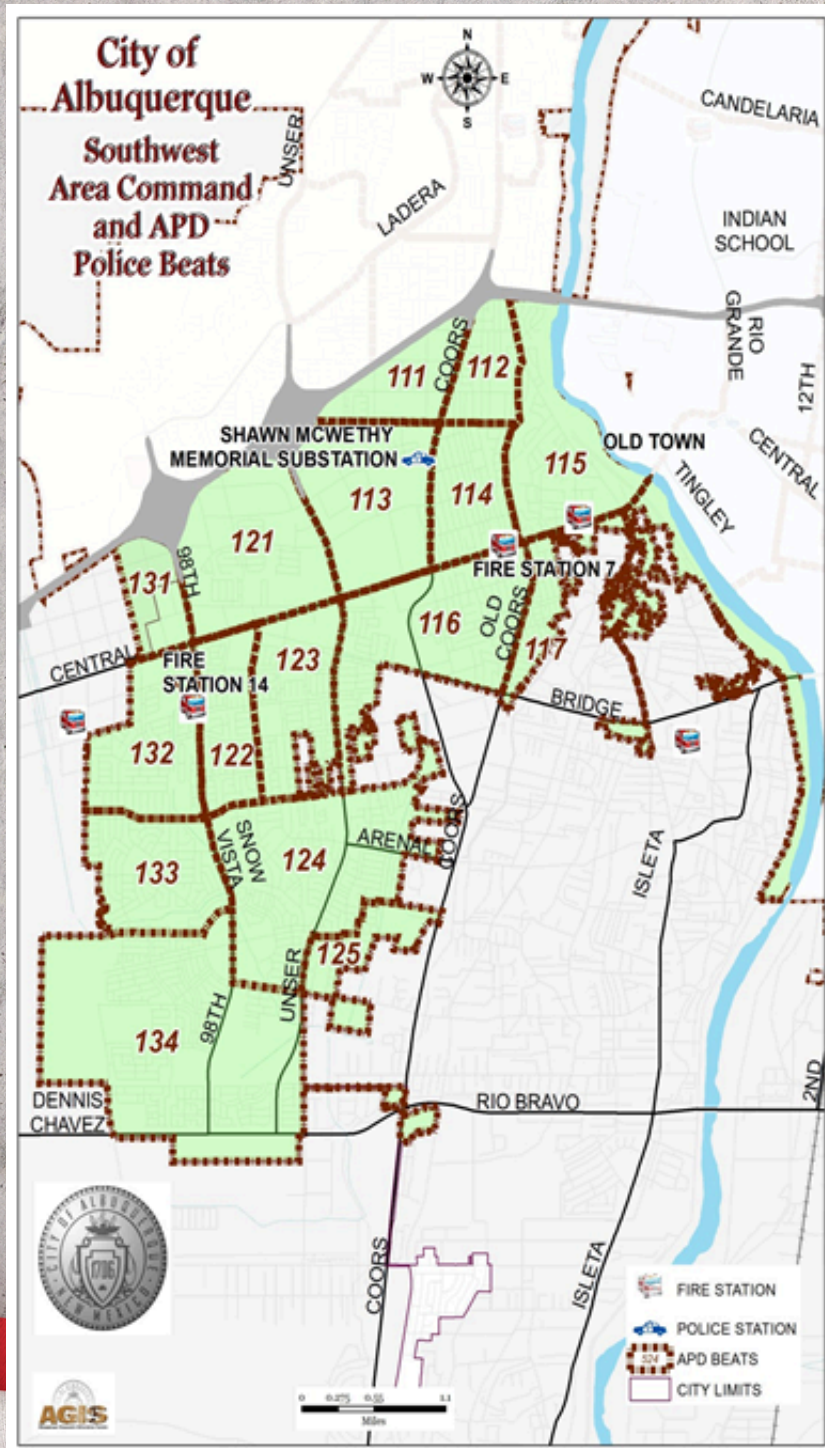
Greetings,

As everyone has now gotten back into the swing of things and children are back to school I want to remind everyone about slowing down in school zones, lookout for the safety of children, do not over take vehicles in school zones, do not drive distracted and more importantly obey all posted speed zones. Soon we will be celebrating another Labor Day Holiday and all city buildings are closed Monday September 2, 2024. The Southwest Area Command chain of command is preparing to support the Southeast Area Command with additional resources from our PSAs and officers due to the 2024 New Mexico State Fair beginning on Friday September 6, 2024 and running through Sunday September 15, 2024. I hope everyone takes some time to enjoy many of the things the NM State Fair has to offer.

I am proud to advise everyone we are experiencing a downtrend in our burglaries (commercial, residential, and breaking & entering) when comparing 2023 numbers to the numbers in 2024. This downtrend is by no accident but attributed to Southwest officers completing increased patrols in our business districts, periodic patrols near our parks and in the surrounding neighborhoods, and lastly our sergeants have increased the field briefings near or around known hot spot areas and areas where we seeing a spike in criminal activity.

My crime prevention type for the month of September is to really drive home the thought of ensuring to always lock your vehicle, never leave it running with the keys in it, remove all property within eyesight to your trunk, and always park in well-lit areas. One proactive measure you can take to prevent your car from being stolen is to invest in a steering wheel locking device, and or buy an alarm.

SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS



CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

What is Identity Theft? Identity theft is a serious crime. It can disrupt your finances, credit history, and reputation, and take time, money, and patience to resolve. Identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information and uses it without your permission.

How to Protect Your Information

- Read your credit reports. You have a right to a free credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. Order all three reports at once, or order one report every four months. To order, go to annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.
- Read your bank, credit card, and account statements, and the explanation of medical benefits from your health plan. If a statement has mistakes or doesn't come on time, contact the business.
- Shred all documents that's how personal, financial, and medical information before you throw them away.
- Don't respond to email, text, and phone messages that ask for personal information. Legitimate companies don't ask for information this way. Delete the messages.
- Create passwords that mix letters, numbers, and special characters. Don't use the same password for more than one account.
- If you shop or bank online, use websites that protect your financial information with encryption. An encrypted site has "https" at the beginning of the web address; "s" is for secure.
- If you use a public wireless network, don't send information to any website that isn't fully encrypted.
- Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a firewall on your computer.
- Set your computer's operating system, web browser, and security system to update automatically.



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: September 2024

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 14

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 13

AUTO BURGLARY = 26

AUTO THEFT = 45

Commercial Robbery = 3

Stolen Vehicles Found In Southwest Area
Command= 26

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.

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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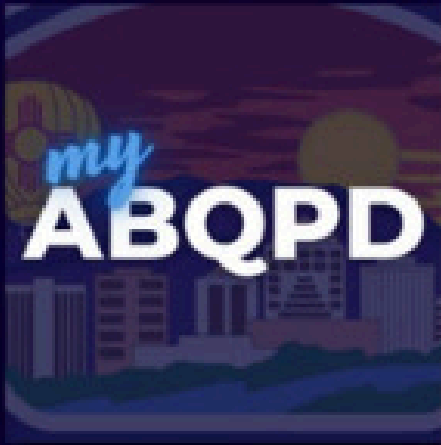
Southeast Area Command
800 Louisiana SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108
505-256-2050

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

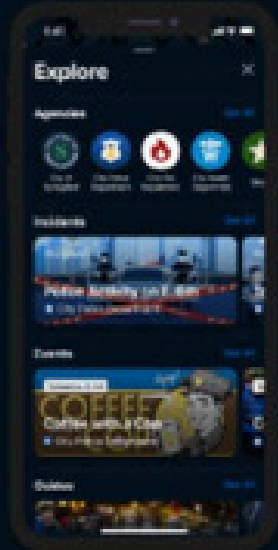
Valley Area Command
5408 2nd St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107
505-761-8800



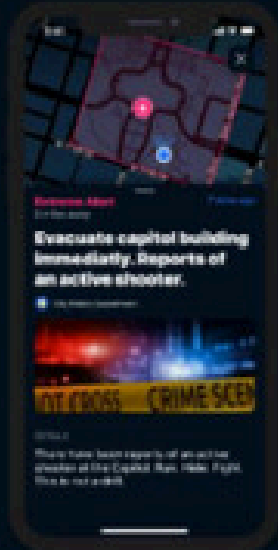
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

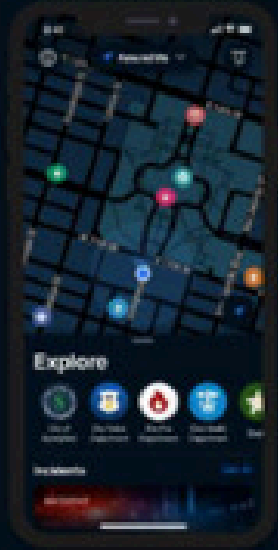
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



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

September 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4 CPC 6:00pm	5 Motel Meeting 10am ABQ Taste Travelers 5:00pm	6	7 Lavaland Park Community 10:00am	8
9	10 SWAN 5:30pm Hotel Hospitality -Ghala 1pm	11	12 ABQ Taste Travelers 5:00pm	13	14	15
16 Alamosa NA 6:00pm	17 West Mesa NA 6pm	18 Small Business Resource Fair 4:00pm	19 ABQ Taste Travelers 5:00pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Vista Magnifica NA 6:00 pm	26 ABQ Taste Travelers 5:00pm Westgate Heights NA	27	28	29
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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.

October 4, 2024, @ 6:00p.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,

Ernest Esquibel, 1st Chair

Andrew Griegog, 2nd Chair



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE



Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque! It's my favorite time of year, as football season is upon us! This time of year also comes with back to school and I'm sure many parents are getting back into the swing of things.

We are doing a lot of work getting involved with the school district and helping provide additional ways for students, faculty and parents to report. We hope to have more information on this soon that we will be sure to share with the community. I would also like to acknowledge, our department has had a challenging month as we lost an officer from our agency. Officer Bianca Quintana had been with APD for two years and worked out of the Foothills Area Command. Bianca was a mother to two boys, a wife, daughter, and sister and we are doing everything we can to support her family during this time.



Bianca's funeral services have been set for September 9, at 10:30a.m. at Legacy Church, located at 7201 Central Avenue N.W. The family welcomes the community to honor her, during a celebration of life.

As for our crime fighting efforts, we continue to have an increased presence of officers downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. We know this area is of concern and we have made it a priority.



**ROBBERY
DOWN 50%
SINCE 2018**



We recently announced robberies are down 50% since 2018 and this goes to show the progress we are making as a department in terms of tackling crime.

We have a robust DIVRT team made up of mostly civilian staff members focused on retrieving video surveillance footage and other digital evidence that assists sworn personnel in their investigations.

By having this civilian team, it frees up time for officers and detectives to focus on their caseloads. Crime Stoppers, APD's detective academy, and internal information sharing amongst divisions have had the strongest impact in identifying and charging repeat or violent offenders, such as those committing robberies.

And to kick off the month, we have an exciting community event coming up. This will be a largescale Coffee with a Cop event partnering with the Dunkin' Community Cruiser. The event will be held on September 10, at the University Substation from 8-11:00a.m., and there will be FREE coffee and donuts.



We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support!

-Chief Harold Medina





RAPID HIRING EVENT

Law Enforcement Aide Program
\$19.75/ HR

Are you interested in becoming a PSA or Cadet with the Albuquerque Police Department? If so, join us for our Rapid Hire Event! We will be offering immediate temporary hire within a week of the rapid hiring event to qualified individuals interested in becoming a cadet or police service aide.

This program provides applicants with a temporary job while going through the background check process. Applicants will participate in a fitness regimen designed to help them successfully complete the physical cadet entry assessment during your regular work hours.

Join APD recruiters at the Rapid Hiring Event to learn more!

**AUGUST
17 & 18**

**8 AM - 3PM
5412 2nd St NW
Albuquerque, NM
87107**

Register for event:

**www.cabq.gov/LEAP
or call 505-343-5040**



SCAN HERE



HAPPENING EVERY WEEK

DURING AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

TUESDAYS USS BULLHEAD MEMORIAL PARK

WEDNESDAYS LYNNEWOOD PARK

THURSDAYS PAT HURLEY PARK

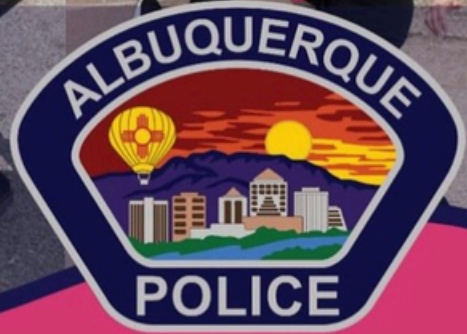
**FOOD TRUCKS + MUSIC
5:00PM - DUSK**

**ONE
ALBUQUE
RQUE** parks & recreation





WOMEN IN BLUE



Come join the women in blue of the Albuquerque Police Department for an event providing guidance and education for those curious about a career in law enforcement.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with female officers, join them on a group run and physical fitness activities. Officers want to share with you their journeys into law enforcement and how rewarding this career can be.

- Lunch Provided
- Childcare Provided

**SATURDAY
SEPT 7**

**APD Academy
2nd St NW,
Albuquerque, NM
87107**

REGISTER HERE



 www.cabq.gov/womeninblue

**WOMEN IN BLUE EVENT
SAT, SEP 7, 7:30 AM MDT**

DE-ESCALATION OFFICER OF THE MONTH



D. BETHEA

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