

# Albuquerque Community Safety Department

*THE RIGHT RESPONSE AT THE RIGHT TIME*

- First-of-its-kind cabinet-level department responding to calls on inebriation, homelessness, addiction, and mental health
- Refocusing millions of dollars through budget process into a public health model with civilian-led response
  - Third option for 911 dispatch alongside APD and AFR
- Unique Albuquerque idea based on programs we developed and tested with community



## WHAT IT IS

Investing in behavioral health and community

Shifting to a public health approach to poverty and trauma

Focusing police officers' time on violent crime

Investing in community policing, diversion programs and violence intervention

Emphasizing the core job description of police officers as 'guardians'

Investing resources in a non-police response

Responding to calls in a more cost-effective and sustainable way than police working alone

Building more than just another hotline or token gesture



## WHAT IT IS NOT

Not taking money away from core police work or existing reform efforts

Not turning away from our city's crime challenges

Not deprioritizing crime fighting

Not ignoring the shortage of officers in our department

Not burdening officers with more tasks not related to core job

Not ignoring the massive budget cuts that APD suffered in the last recession

Not asking police to do more and more without giving them more resources

Not pretending that people will stop calling 911 or needing a first responder