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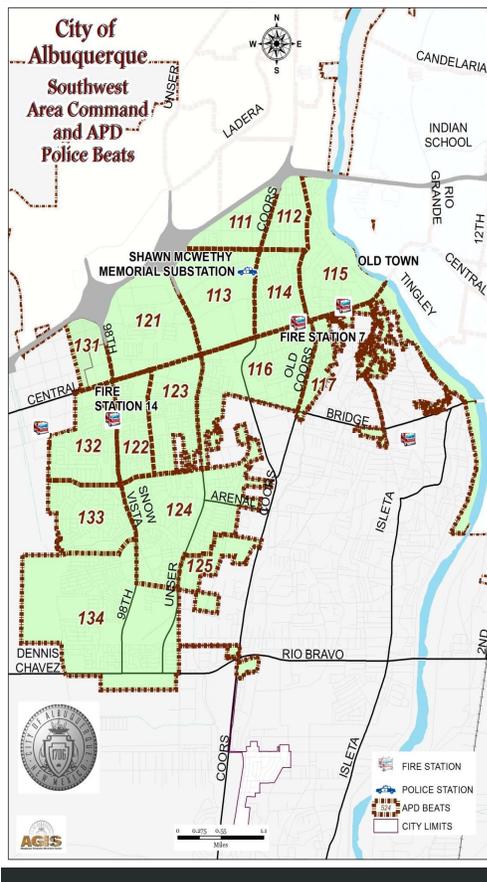
The Southwest borders the Northwest and Valley area commands. Our border lines are as follows: Interstate 40 to the south, Rio Grande River to the west, and Albuquerque city limits to the west and south.

SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND NEWSLETTER



The Southwest Area Command is overseen by A/Commander René Barraza.

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Commander's Corner



Greetings.

I hope everyone had a great summer. The Southwest Area Command continues to strive to provide the highest level of law enforcement services to our community members. Southwest officers continue to dedicate themselves in building partnerships with our communities, lowering crime rates and they work hard every shift in making the area command a safer place for everyone.

We welcome back the children from their summer break! We hope you and your family enjoyed your summer and are settling in to get back in routine for the school year.

If you are near a school please pay close attention to the school zone speed limits, school buses picking up and dropping of school aged children, and lookout for the children walking and riding bikes to school. Share the road, be patient when driving, and always give yourself some room in order to react for any traffic hazards. We all must take the necessary steps to ensure children arrive to school safely and they make it home safely every day, they are our future!

We have the following safety tips near a school:

- ❖ Drivers should be aware that children are out walking or biking to and from school (slow down), especially in school zones.
- ❖ Motorists know what the yellow and red bus signals mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.
- ❖ Drivers in both directions must stop their vehicles and wait until the lights go off, the stop sign is back in place and the bus is moving before they can start driving again.
- ❖ Don't be distracted eating, drinking, using your cell phone or distracted from another passenger.



DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

De-escalation Officer of the Month

Officer Marc Ulibarri was selected as the De-escalation Officer of the Month for August 2022. He has been with the Albuquerque Police Department since November of 2016. Officer Ulibarri is currently assigned to the Southwest Area Command, Watch II/ Team 2 within the Field Services Bureau.

On May 22, 2022 officers from the Southwest Area Command were dispatched to a domestic violence incident involving aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The victim reported her daughter threatened her with a knife and advised the subject was non-compliant with medications, having been diagnosed with schizophrenia and she was known to be uncooperative with police officers, which often resulted in a barricaded situation.

Officer Ulibarri along with fellow assisting officers attempted to make contact with the DV suspect with no positive change when all of a sudden the suspect ran out of the residence and entered a motor vehicle continuing to change officer's response and considerations. For several more hours officers attempted to de-escalate and build rapport with the suspect.

Officer Ulibarri after several hours continued his persistence to convince the suspect to surrender peacefully as she was possibly armed with a sharp edged weapon. Officer Ulibarri was able to build rapport with the suspect after several more hours by employing de-escalation tactics and the suspect allowed Officer Ulibarri to have face-to face contact. After several more efforts Officer Ulibarri was able to gain the suspect's trust, she was safely detained and taken into custody without further incident. Officer Ulibarri's efforts avoided further escalation of the incident by gaining the subject's trust.



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 activity for July 2022

Residential burglary = 10

Auto burglary = 9

Auto theft = 37

Commercial burglary = 22

Commercial robbery = 12

Criminal Damage to Property = 32

All attached crime numbers are preliminary numbers based on calls for service and pulled directly from the CADS system.

Home Safety Tips

Safety begins at home:

- Make sure your house looks "lived-in" when you are away.
- Lock all doors and windows, set household lights on timers.
- Trim your hedges/bushes so thieves cannot have a place to hide.
- If you have an alarm system, use it to control access points.
- Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to watch your house.



Crime Trends

On the crime mapping website you can run any crimes that you would like to look at in your neighborhood or throughout the city of Albuquerque. You can also sign up to receive alerts in your specific area. Crimemapping.com

Crime Trends

The Albuquerque Police Department Southwest Area Command uses the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data to determine crime trends in the area. When a response is indicated, the information received from the caller will be entered into the CAD for a response. The information from the caller allows ECC staff to determine the priority of the call, how many officers to dispatch, and it provides the officers with vital information so they can determine what action to take as they respond to a call for service.

Residential Burglaries

There has been a slight increase of Residential burglaries in May 2022. It is always good practice to make it look like someone is home at all times. Turn a radio on to a talk show station when you are gone, this will make it appear that someone is inside of your home.

Commercial Burglaries

The Commercial burglaries have stayed the same in May 2022. If your business is closed, we recommend that you check your property periodically, be sure to leave lights on and clean up any debris or growth around the property. These small steps may deter a criminal.

Auto Burglaries

There has been an increase of auto burglaries in May 2022. Be sure you are keeping your belongings out of site and remove anything of value. It is a great idea to pack a bag with items you need for the day and take it with you when you get out of the vehicle.

Stolen Vehicles

There has been a slight increase of auto thefts in May 2022. Using devices such as kill switches, alarms, clubs and locking doors and windows, also try to park in an area with good lighting to try to deter a criminal.

Carjacking

There has been no change in carjacking's in May 2022, they are very low. Always be aware of your surroundings. Pay special attention when you are at a standstill such as when you are at a stop light or in a parking lot. Keep doors locked, roll up your windows and notice who is in the immediate area.

Robbery to an Individual

There were no reported robberies to an individual for May 2022. Use situational awareness, look around, walk with confidence, make eye contact and read peoples body language. If you do find yourself in this situation give them whatever possession they are demanding, remember, possessions can always be replaced – you, cannot.



Commercial Robbery

There has been an increase of commercial robberies in May 2022. Train your employees to be on the lookout for suspicious behavior and report it immediately. Start training your brain to make note of how someone looks and what they are wearing, including their shoes. Many criminals will change their clothing but they will not change their shoes.

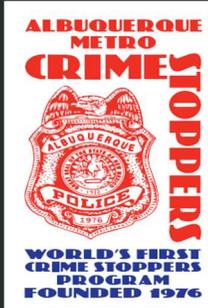
Robbery By Gunpoint

There has been an increase of robbery by gunpoint in May 2022. After the robbery occurs call 911 and lock your doors. If there are witnesses ask if they can stay to give a description of the offender. Do not discuss what you saw with others, wait to give a description to the officer.

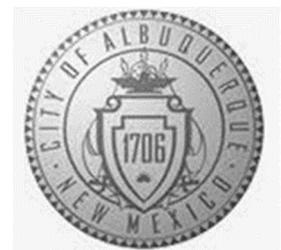
Residential Robbery

There has been a decrease of residential robberies in May 2022. Always identify who is at the door before opening it. Keep doors locked at all times. Keep an eye out for suspicious persons/vehicles in the neighborhood.

Remember if you see something say something!



Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives from justice.



Crime Prevention Corner

The Crime Prevention Specialist is here to help you to try to deter crime and educate you on various topics.

Services Offered

There are many resources which we can provide to you, such as, informational pamphlets, training on topics such as personal safety, scams, anti-bullying etc., CPTEDs (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), starting a Neighborhood Watch, CFMH (Crime Free Multi-Housing) and we can take McGruff to your public event or school or set up a table with informational pamphlets and promotional items. All of these services are free of charge. Please call Ron Kemp at the SW Sub for more info.

Myths about Guns:

- Some parents believe that hiding their guns will prevent children from accessing them. However, 75% of children who live in homes with guns know where they are stored.
- Many parents think their children are not capable of firing a gun. However, children as young as 3 years old may be strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun.
- Parents believe their children know the difference between real guns and toy guns, but in 16% of unintentional firearm deaths among children younger than 13 years of age, the gun was mistaken for a toy.
- Parents often believe their child would not touch a gun because “he knows better.” However, studies have found that most children will handle a gun if they find one, even if they have been taught not to.
- Some parents consider non-powder guns, like BB, pellet, and paintball guns, to be toys. These guns, which can fire at the speed of traditional guns, lead to nearly 22,000 injuries each year, especially eye injuries.

Gun Safety Tips

- The best way to keep your children safe from guns is to remove all guns from the home, and never leave children unsupervised in a home with a gun. If a gun is in the house, always keep it unloaded and locked. It should be out of reach and sight of children. Keep ammunition and guns locked in separate locations, not together.

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- Safety devices, including gun locks, lock boxes and gun safes, should be used for every gun in the house.
- Storage keys and lock combinations should be hidden from children.
- Before visiting friends and relatives, ask if they have guns in their homes. If so, make sure they keep their guns unloaded and locked as well.

School Bus Safety

- ❖ If children ride a bus to school, they should plan to get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive. Cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk.
- ❖ Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- ❖ Teach your student to board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed them to get on.
- ❖ Kids should board their bus only, never an alternate one.
- ❖ Make sure your student always stays in clear view of the bus driver and never walks behind the bus.

Getting to School by car, bicycle, or on foot

- ❖ If children go to school in a car, they should always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4'9"), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.
- ❖ If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts. Drivers should not text or make calls use their cell phone and should avoid eating or drinking while driving.
- ❖ Some students ride their bike to school. They should always wear a helmet and ride on the right in the same direction as the traffic is going.
- ❖ When children are walking to school, they should only cross the street at an intersection, and use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.
- ❖ Parents should walk young children to school, along with children taking new routes or attending new schools, at least for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely.
- ❖ Arrange for the kids to walk to school with a friend or classmate. Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.



APD Launches “Save 2 Casings” to help Track and Trace Lost and Stolen Firearms

ALBUQUERQUE – The Albuquerque Police Department has launched a new program to help track and trace lost and stolen firearms.



The project, titled “Save 2 Casings” was created with responsible firearm owners in mind. This is a community effort and partnership with local law enforcement to help law enforcement track a firearm after it is lost or stolen.



The program meets one of the goals of Mayor Tim Keller’s Metro Crime Initiative. Community leaders recommended several solutions to fighting crime, including an effort to urge gun owners to self-record serial numbers.

The Save 2 Casings process is simple. A gun owner places two spent casings inside an envelope provided by APD. On that envelope, the owner will write down the make, model, caliber and serial number of their firearm. If the firearm is ever lost or stolen, while filing a police report a gun owner can provide officers with the two spent casings. If the gun is ever used in the commission of a crime after it’s lost or stolen, it better helps law enforcement track that weapon.

“We have seen a high volume of firearms getting into the wrong hands across Albuquerque, and used in violent crimes,” said Chief Harold Medina. “We hope the community will partner with us and use this program as a preventative measure to help keep our community safe.”

When officers are provided the spent casings, they will be entered into NIBIN, the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. NIBIN only captures and stores firearms evidence from fired ammunition components as part of a criminal investigation.

Informational flyers and the envelopes to store the two spent casings are in each area command’s sub stations. APD has also partnered with several local gun ranges and firearm retailers to spread the word and teamed up for this program.

There is no cost associated with this program and participation is completely voluntary but strongly encouraged.

For more information about “Save 2 Casings” please visit any police substation. You can also find helpful information in a video found below-
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhGalvsvHuY&t=55s

For More
Information:



File a Report

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

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

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓



In Progress Reports?
Use APD Police Mobile



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 761-8800.

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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8201 Osuna NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
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Foothills Area Command
12800 Lomas NE
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505-332-5240

Valley Area Command
5408 2nd St NW
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Other Services:

Needles/Sharps Containers/Drug Disposal

Please be advised large quantities of used needles and/or full sharps containers are not accepted at the Substations. We have a small container located in the lobby. If you have more than a few needles the closest drop-off location is the North Valley Public Health Office located at 7704 2nd St NW. Call the substation nearest you to see if they accept needles/sharps. Pills are accepted at all substations (**No liquids accepted**).

Sharps Disposal (Needles) – 311

<https://www.cabq.gov/environmentalhealth/sharps-disposal>

Albuquerque Community Safety Administration (ACS) – 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.

Homeless Encampments/Services

You can report homeless encampments by calling 311 or through the solid waste email: sw-encampments@cabq.gov

To get more information on homeless assistance go to:

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/services/homeless-services>

For more information visit: cabq.gov/police





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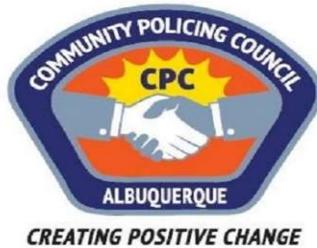
***Soda Pop with a Cop
Anyone??***

OR

***Ice Cream with a Cop
Anyone??***

***Make your request with
A/Commander René
Barraza
rbarraza@caba.gov***





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.

September 7, 2022, @ 6:00 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_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99qSGbQ

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair