

# Southwest Area Command



**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND IS  
OVERSEEN BY**

**COMMANDER RENE BARRAZA**  
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**Substation**

**6404 Los Volcanes Rd NW**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87105**  
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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.**



# COMMANDER'S CORNER



As the year comes to a close and Christmas is upon us, I want to take a moment to thank you for being part of our community. It's hard to believe how quickly time has passed, and now we're stepping into 2025 with new goals and opportunities ahead.

If you're traveling this holiday season, please stay safe. Remember to secure your homes and inform your neighbors if you'll be out of town. A little precaution goes a long way in keeping our community safe and connected.

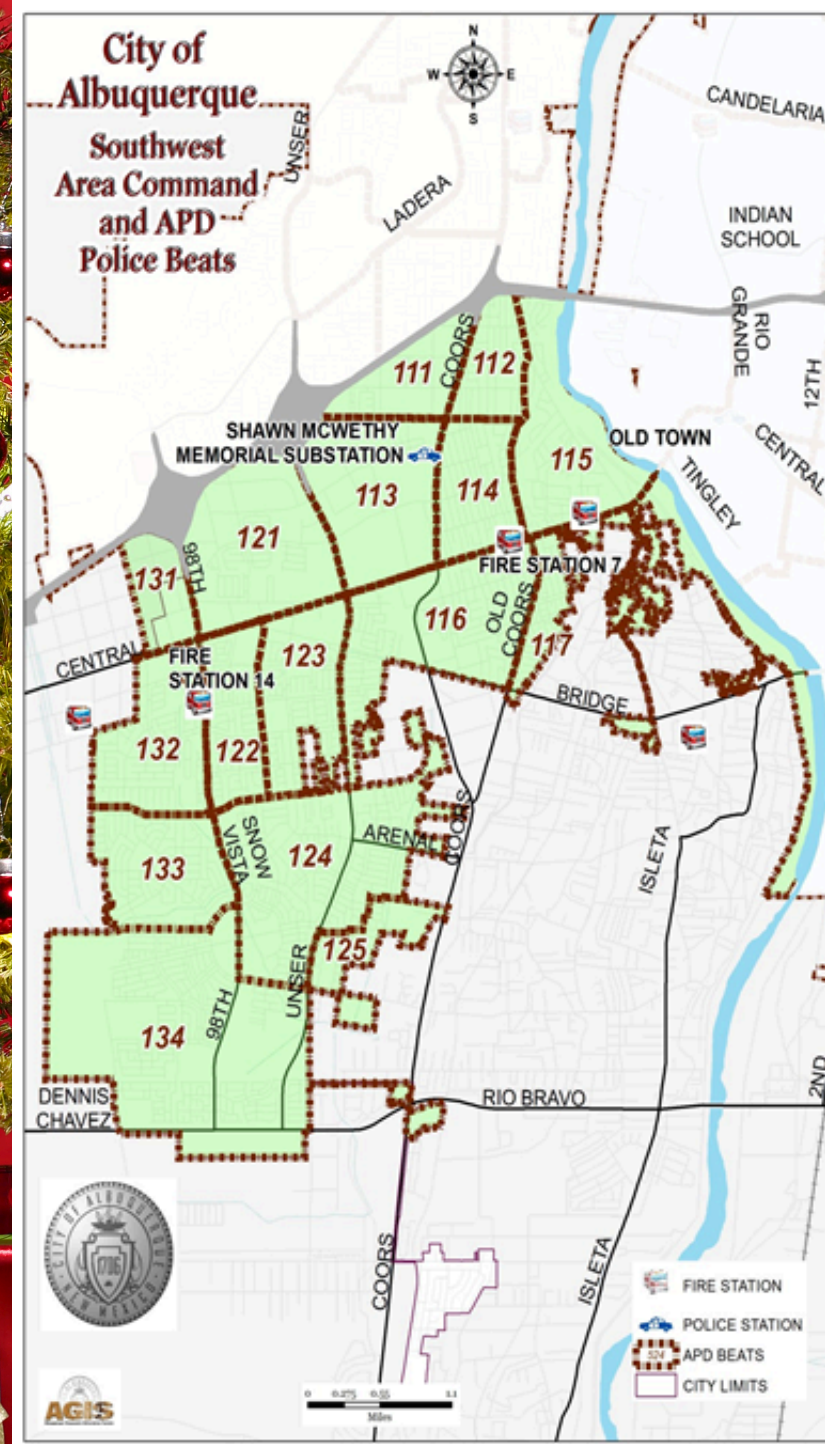
As always, we are here to support you. Whether you need assistance, have concerns, or just want to stop by, you're always welcome at the substation. You can also reach out to us by phone anytime.

Let's work together to make 2025 a great year for the Southwest. Stay safe, and let's continue striving toward our goals as a community.





# SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS





# CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

## Tips to Avoid Package Theft

- Track your packages: Use tracking to know when your package is scheduled to arrive and plan to be home.
- Install security cameras: A visible security camera can deter thieves and record their actions. You can set up camera alerts to know when a package is delivered.
- Use a secure delivery location: Have packages delivered to a secure location like a store, neighbor's house, or locker.
- Require a signature: Request a signature for deliveries so packages aren't left unattended.
- Use a porch lockbox: Install a lockbox on your porch so delivery drivers can leave packages in a secure location. You can provide the delivery driver with a code to open the lockbox.
- Instruct delivery drivers to put packages in a specific area: Ask delivery drivers to put packages in a hidden location like behind bushes or under a doormat.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your package: If you won't be home, ask a trusted neighbor to pick up your package.
- Use a porch pirate bag: Secure a porch pirate bag on your porch and have delivery drivers place packages inside.
- Check your credit card benefits: Many credit cards offer purchase protection for lost or stolen items.
- Join a neighborhood watch: Being part of a neighborhood watch can help keep an eye on packages

### What to do if you've become a victim of a porch pirate

1. Check with your delivery company to make sure your package was actually delivered.
2. Know exactly what's in the missing box.
3. If you see the thief, pay attention to what his or her vehicle looks like and its license plate number. Second to that, get the thief's physical description – gender, approximate height and weight and what they're wearing – so you can tell an officer.
4. Call 911 and ask for an officer to come to your home.
5. If you have a security camera on your home, get a copy of the video to police. Ask your neighbors if their cameras captured the thief in action.



# 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:**

**December 2024**

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 9**

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 20**

**AUTO BURGLARY = 19**

**AUTO THEFT = 43**

**Stolen Vehicles Found In  
Southwest Area Command =  
16**

*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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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

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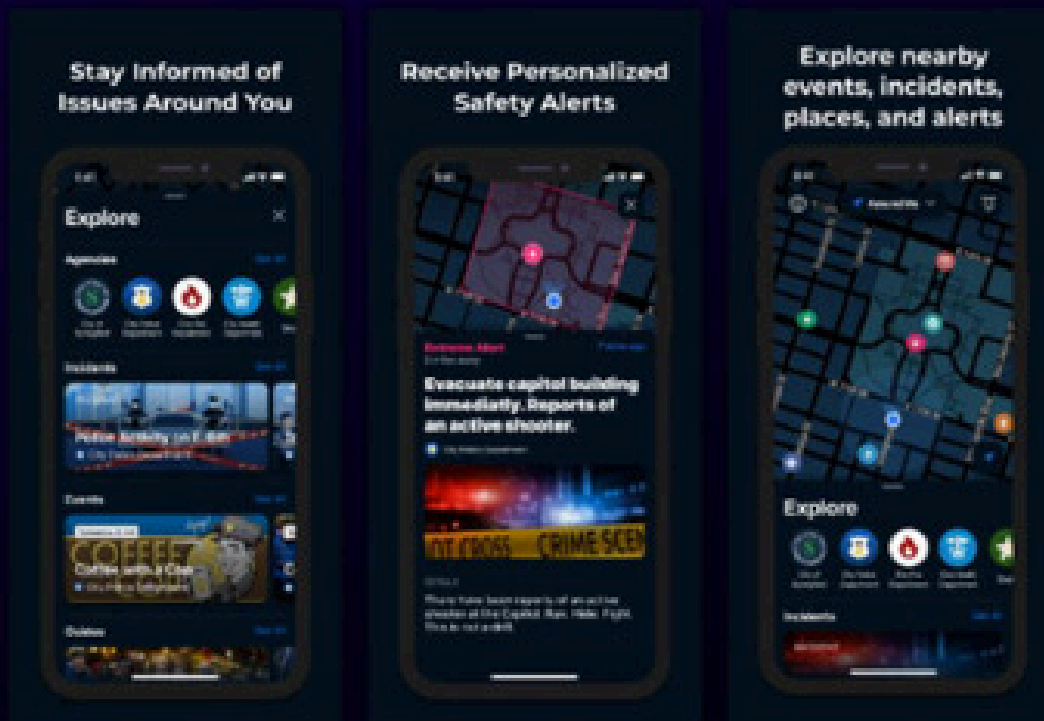
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We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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 App



# December 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4	5	6 CPC 6:00pm	7	8
9 Alamosa NA 6:00 pm	10 Hotel Hospitality- Ghala 1pm Swan 5:30pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 West Mesa NA 6:00pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 	26 Westgate Heights NA 6:30pm	27	28	29
30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>					





# 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](mailto: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 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](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ)

Sincerely,

Ernest Esquibel, 1st Chair

Andrew Griegog, 2nd Chair



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND — CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE (CABQ.GOV)**





# 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.

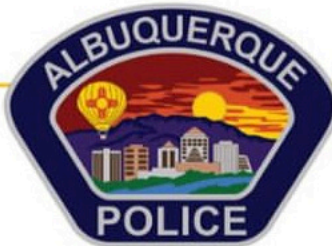
Join APD recruiters at the Rapid Hiring Event to learn more!

**AUGUST  
17 & 18**

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

**Register for event:**

**[www.cabq.gov/LEAP](http://www.cabq.gov/LEAP)  
or call 505-343-5040**



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# Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday enjoying time with family and friends. There is so much to be thankful for and I'm grateful for the wonderful community that we serve.

Our department is gearing up for a very busy season with many events. This upcoming weekend will be our 30th annual Cops for Kids event, a huge accomplishment for our department giving back to our community for the last 30 years. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's event so we can make it extra special for underprivileged children in our city.



On the enforcement side, last month we kicked off ongoing operations in our Southeast Area Command to tackle issues with crime while also assisting unhoused individuals. In all, six units are working alongside the Southeast PRT and Southeast Field Officers.

Below are results from the first month of operations.



- Felony Arrests: 114
- Felony Warrants Cleared: 28
- Misdemeanor Citations: 62
- Recovered Firearms: 1
- Written Reports: 45
- Traffic Stops: 47
- Traffic Citations: 720
- Calls for Service: 47
- On sites (self-initiated calls, ie. officer responds to a call for service then sees criminal activity taking place) 565

As the 2025 60-day Legislative Session is just around the corner, our staff is also diligently working on several critical legislative asks. At the top of that list are enhancements to the Reckless Driving statute. Reckless driving is a serious issue in our community and we have listened to victims, survivors and our officers who investigate these crashes acknowledging there are challenges with the law when it comes to charges.



We continue to work on ongoing challenges facing our community and we appreciate the community's support as we strive to make our city safer for everyone.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday season with family and friends as we gear up for the new year.



**-Chief Harold Medina**

Thank you, and stay safe Albuquerque!