

VALLEY

AREA COMMAND

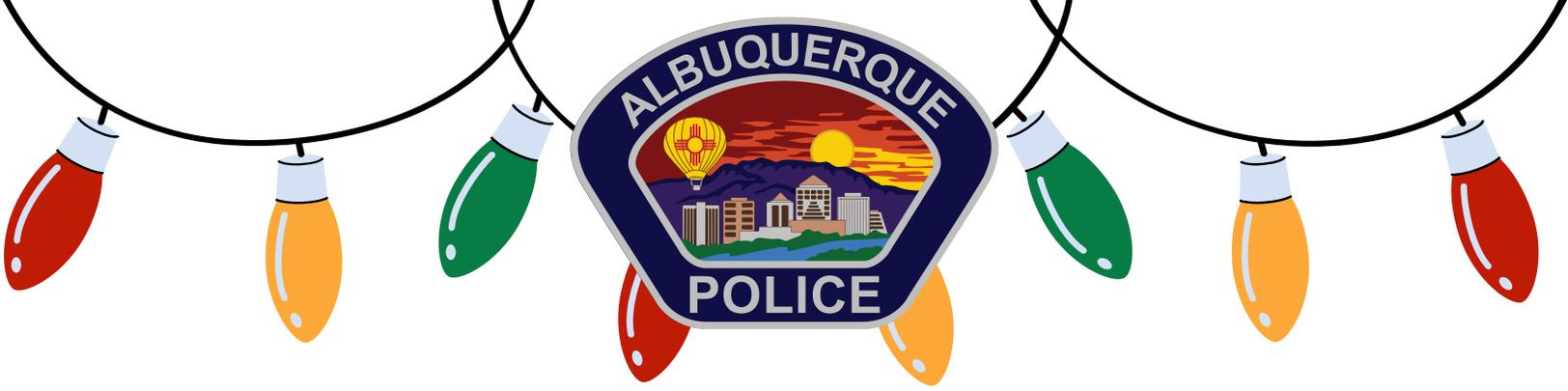


**THE VALLEY AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY
COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ**

**GERALD CLINE SUBSTATION
5408 2ND ST NW**

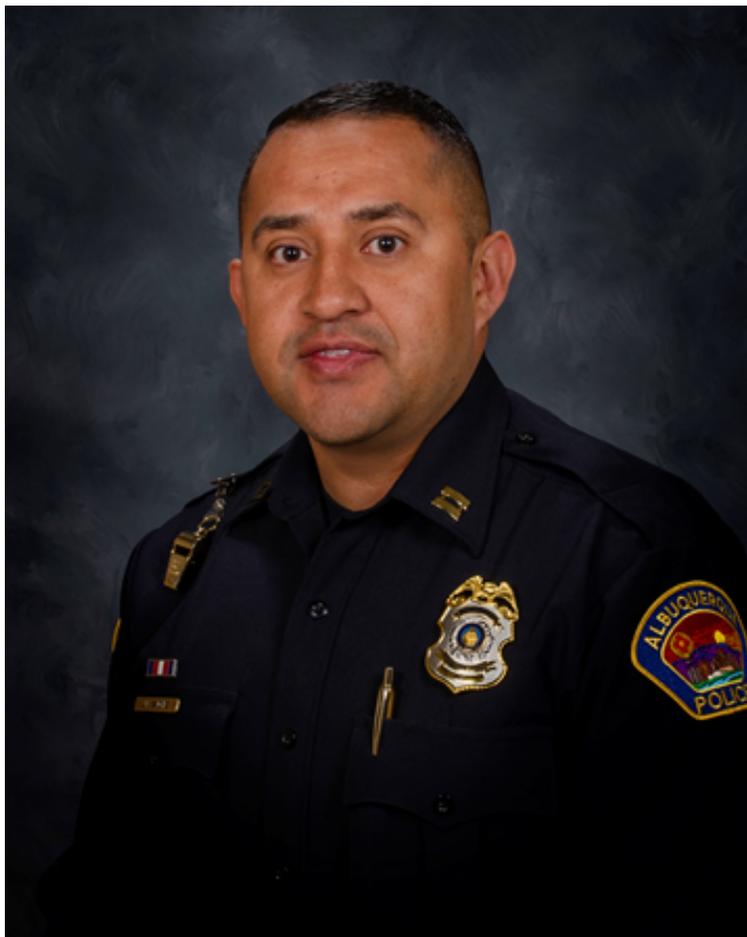
DECEMBER 2024





COMMANDER'S CORNER DECEMBER 2024

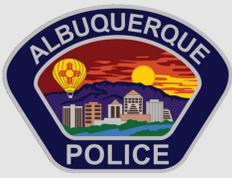
COMMANDER JOSE SANCHEZ



Hello all,

As we start closing out this year I want to thank you for your unwavering support of our officers. We want to finish the year strong and reduce the thefts in the Valley. Please secure all valuable as you continue your holiday shopping. Our Valley officers will be focusing in our retail areas to prevent thefts and auto break-ins. Lastly, I want to remind you to please check up on your family, friends, and neighbors. Be compassionate to each other.





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!

4TH ANNUAL BENNIE HARGROVE GIVING TREE



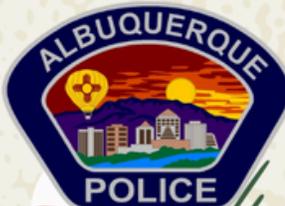
The Bennie Hargrove Giving Tree started in 2021 and it's our way of helping give back to families who have been victim to violent crimes. The giving tree honors Bennie Hargrove, a young brave boy who was taken too soon. Bennie was the victim of a fatal shooting at Washington Middle School while defending his classmate. We ask the detectives at CID to each nominate one family that they believe could really benefit from some extra love and support during a hard holiday season. 10 families will be selected which includes the immediate family that often at times can be multiple kids within the home, all 18 years old or younger. We will be hosting an event for the chosen families to come out to and enjoy food, games, gifts, specialized units and Santa of course! If you'd also like to show support. We would like to keep it easy with gift cards: Walmart, Smith's, Amazon, Target, Visa or food gift cards or entertainment. No cash will be accepted.

★ Your donation can be arranged for pickup:

Brittany Martinez 505-761-8805

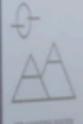
or Jazerai Gallegos 505-924-3376

The deadline for all donations will be December 6th that way we ensure we have enough time to organize!



DreamList.com/for/1ba6qwvc4p

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join the Albuquerque Police Department
Downtown Officers for Coffee with a Cop
hosted by Lindy's Diner.

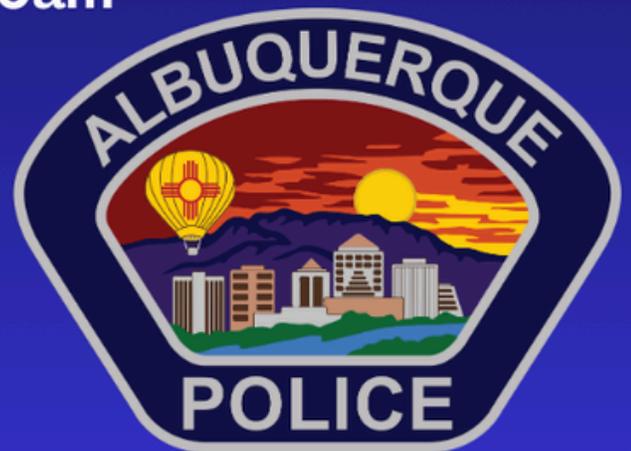
Bring your questions and concerns for your area officers while
enjoying some coffee!

DECEMBER 3, 2024

Lindy's Diner

500 Central Ave SW

9:00am-11:00am



Adobe Acores Elementary School
Community
Event
Holiday Toy Drive

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DECEMBER
AT 12 - 4PM

Let's Come Together As A Community

***Toy Drive (Unwrapped)**

***Craft Fair**

***Picture With Santa**

***Car Show**

***Family Fun**

Set Up 11 am

Craft Tables & Car Show

Donations Accepted At Set Up

Registration & Additional Information

505.816.8795 / Razaincllc@gmail.com



APD Winter Coat Drive

The Goal

For Winter, APD is collecting coats to donate to Highland High School. We would like to donate 1-2 coats in each size for girls and 1-2 coats in each size for boys. Coats should be clean, preferably new or "like new."

What is Needed

Girls' and boys' jackets in adult sizes Small- X-large

Jackets can be donated to the SE substation or the Academy by Dec. 20th



Southeast Substation: 800 Louisiana SE, 87108

Police Academy: 5412 2nd st NW, 87107

Auto Theft Prevention

Taking precautionary and target hardening measures can reduce your chances of becoming the victim of an auto theft. The listed tips below can help make your vehicle an unappealing target for auto thieves.

Precautions

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors and take your key, even if you will only be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Park your vehicle in a visible area with good lighting.
- Never leave a second set of keys hidden inside or attached to your vehicle.
- Park in attended lots, when possible, providing more potential for witnesses.
- If you have a garage use, as an alternative park in your driveway.
- Lock the garage door and your vehicle.
- Do not leave the title inside the vehicle.

Devices

- Kill Switch – Interrupts the electrical, fuel or ignition system.
- Steering Wheel Lock – Prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees; visible from outside the vehicle.
- Collar – Prevent the steering column from being stripped.
- Brake Lock – Prevent the brake from being engaged to remove the transmission from Park.
- Etching – Etching the VIN number on the vehicle's glass can make it less valuable to thieves.

The majority of auto thefts take place night or in the early morning hours, and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes.

Auto Burglary Prevention

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity; vehicles are easy targets and often contain property that is attractive to thieves. Large parking lots and neighborhoods with a lot of on-street parking can be prime targets for theft. Use the easy, inexpensive tips below to reduce your risk.

Precautions

- Leave nothing in plain-view inside your vehicle. Park in visible, well-lit areas.
- Roll up windows and lock doors. Place items in your trunk before reaching your destination.
- Secure the trunk, hatches, bed-mounting tool boxes and canopies.

Remove These Items

- Garage door openers
- Electronic items (laptops, cell phones)
- Luggage/bags
- Financial documents/instruments
- Cash
- Firearms
- Mail
- Wallets/Purses



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



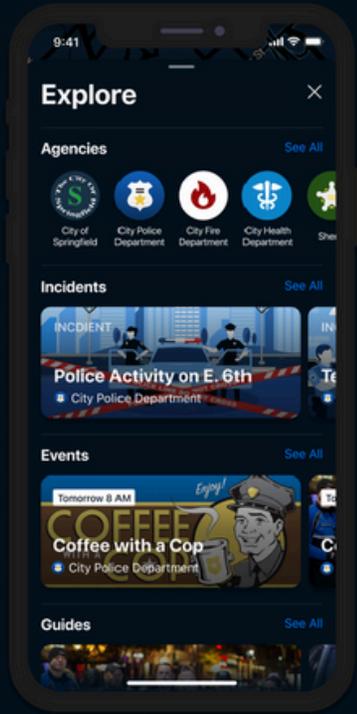
- Inspect holiday lights before use.
- Make sure to turn off outside decorative lights before bed or before leaving the house.
- Clear driveways and pathways of snow and ice.
- Keep lighters, matches, candles and cooking surfaces out of reach.
- Under share on social media! The more you overshare about gifts or holiday travel plans, the easier it is for someone to take advantage of that information.
- Watch out for online shopping fraud!



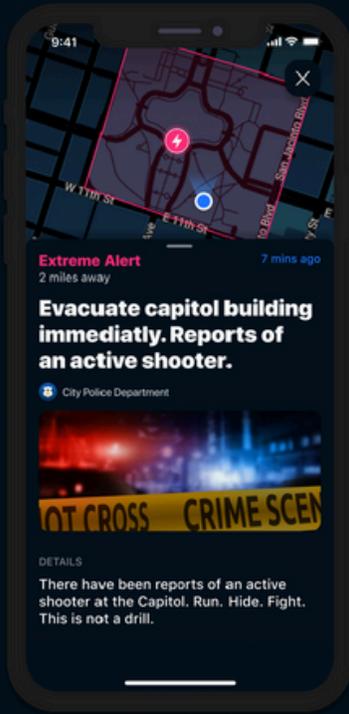
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

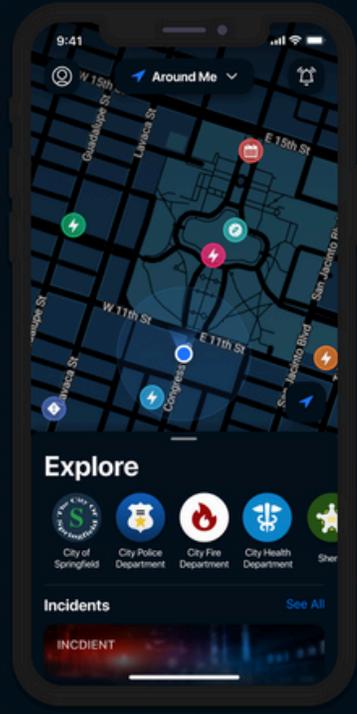
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



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.



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Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:00am-5:00pm



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