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Issue 15

Southwest Area Command



**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND IS OVERSEEN BY
COMMANDER RENE BARRAZA**

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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.



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SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND – CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE (CABQ.GOV)



COMMANDER'S CORNER

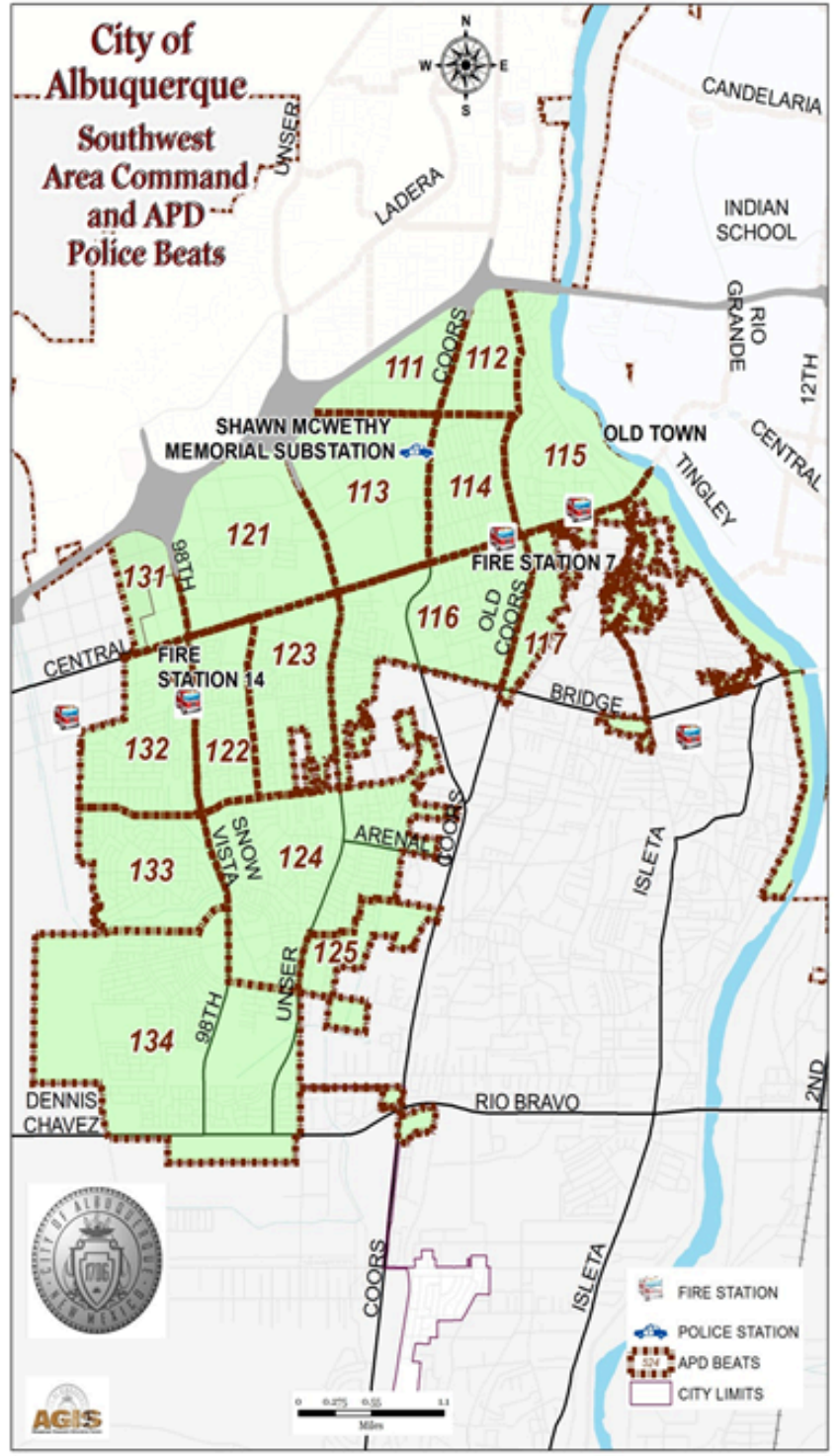
Greetings,

I cannot believe it is already March, where is time going so fast. I cannot believe it's the month to drink green Kool-Aid and I want to wish everyone a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day! We continue to see an increase in auto thefts and auto burglary. I would like to share some tips from falling victim of auto theft and auto burglary. To avoid auto theft ensure to keep your vehicle locked and parked in a well-lit area. Invest in any auto theft preventative device such as an alarm, or a steering wheel lock to further deter an auto theft offender from taking your precious vehicle. Additionally, we are beginning to see an increase in auto burglaries. As a reminder always lock your vehicle and remove any personal property like purses, backpacks, electronic devices and expensive personal property from your vehicle. It is also recommended to ensure your vehicle is always locked and parked in a well-lit area especially if you are out and about shopping!



SOUTHWEST POLICE BEATS

HAPPY EASTER





CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Child Safety

Teach children to be safe at home and while out. “Stranger Danger” can be a difficult concept to grasp as children encounter strangers daily; a better approach is to teach children about good “friends” or “helpers” who assist during emergencies such as:

Teachers, Police Officers, Firefighters, Doctors and Paramedics.

General Safety Tips • Children should know their full name, address and phone number. • Teach children that adults should not ask children for help, adults ask other adults for help. • Do not drop off children at shopping malls, movie theaters or parks for unsupervised time. • Never leave children unattended in vehicles. • Tell children it is ok to say “NO” to someone they don’t know or someone who is making them feel uncomfortable. • Tell children which neighbors they may visit. • Teach and reinforce the “buddy system.” • Know their friends and friend’s parents

Safety at Home • Post rules where children can see them. • Choose babysitters carefully. Check references and listen to feedback from the children. • Teach children how to lock the door and never let anyone in or let anyone know they are home alone. • Instruct your children to check in with a trusted neighbor or call you as soon as they get home. • Make sure they know how to call 911 in case of an emergency and post other important numbers. • Establish rules about having friends over or going somewhere without your permission. • Set and enforce limits and boundaries. • Foster good communication.

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: March 2024

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY = 13

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY = 11

AUTO BURGLARY = 34

AUTO THEFT = 63

Stolen Vehicles Found In Southwest
Area Command = 38



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.

File a Report

Online Report:

cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online

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

ABQ311 app ↓↓↓↓

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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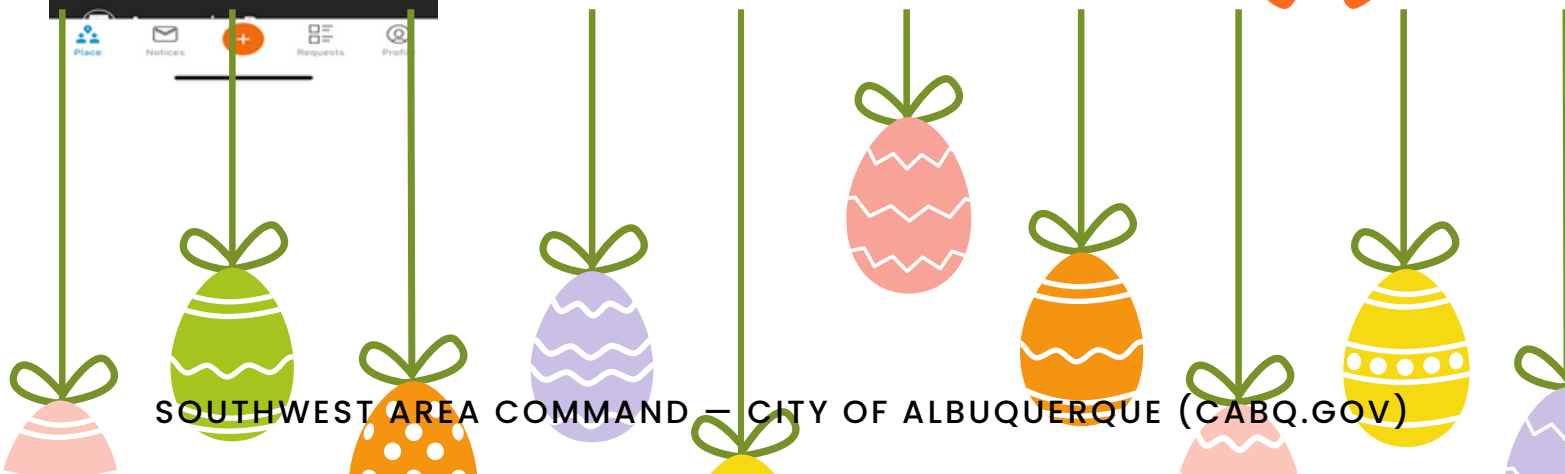
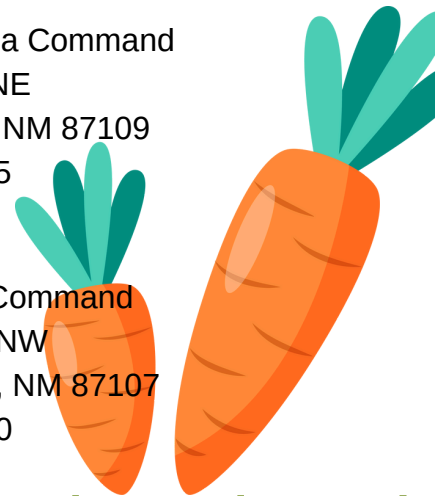
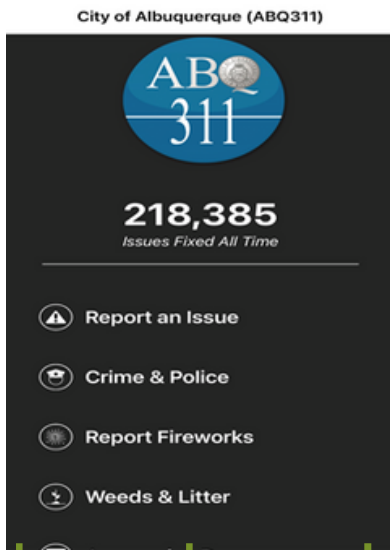
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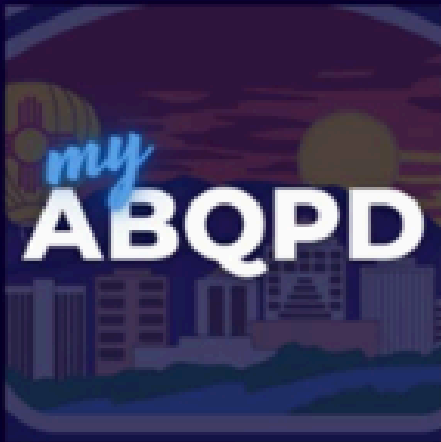
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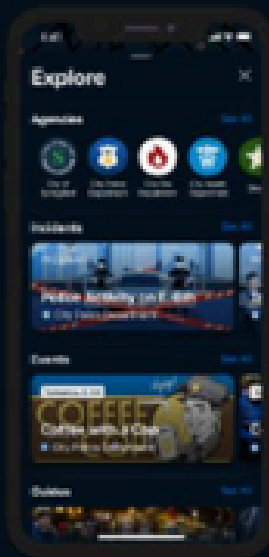
Atlas One Replacing ABQ Police App



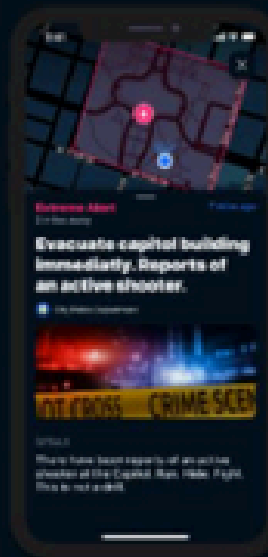
We're excited to announce that the Albuquerque Police Department has joined Atlas One, a new public safety network that will keep you connected and informed of nearby incidents, alerts, and announcements related to our community.

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.

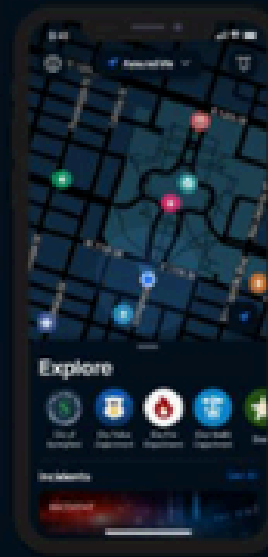
Stay Informed of Issues Around You



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

**SOUTHWEST AREA COMMAND COMMUNITY
POLICING COUNCIL**

March 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5 SWAN 6:00-7:00PM	6 CPC 6:00-7:00PM	7 Motel Meeting/ Coors and Iliff 10:00-11:00AM	8	9	10
11 Alamosa NA 6:00-7:00PM	12 West Mesa NA 6:00pm	13 Hotel Hospitality-Ghala 1:00PM	14	15 St. Mary's Educational Presentation 12:00PM-1:30PM	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 John Adam's Career Day 9:00-12:00PM	23	24
25	26	27 Vista Magnifica NA 6:00-7:00PM	28 Vecinos Del Bosque Neight 6:30PM Westgate Heights NA 6:30PM	29	30	31 Easter EGG HUNT





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.

December 6, 2024, @ 6:30 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_YwMyuaiQQ8ij9nf99gSGbQ

Sincerely,

Wanda Harrison, 1st Chair

Andrea Lester Young, 2nd Chair





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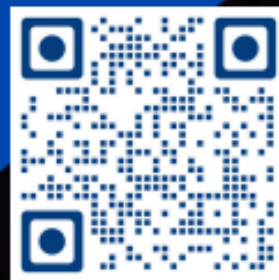
Patrolman 2nd class:
\$30.28/hr
\$63,000/yr

**31% pay
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Laterals:
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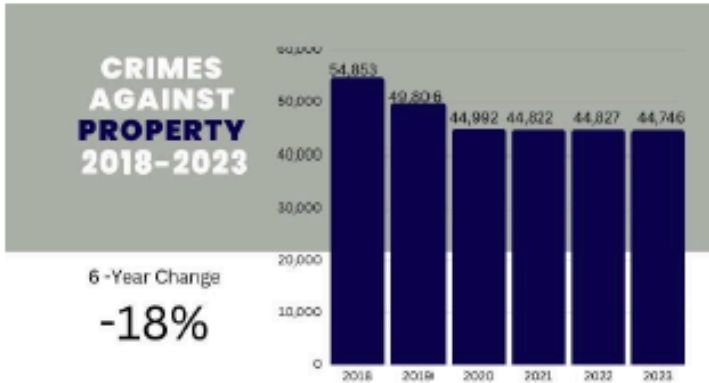
Call to find out more
505-343-5040



Message from Chief Medina:

We recently released preliminary crime stats for 2023 that generally show progress in many areas over the past year. Most notably, homicides were down 19% over the prior year. We continued to see reductions in burglary (-16%), auto theft (-13%), and robbery (-41%).

We should be proud of these reductions. In many cases the efforts of our officers, detectives and professional staff are contributing to this reduction in crime. Since 2018, property crime is down 18%.



Unfortunately, some categories increased, including aggravated assault (5%), and shoplifting (30%).

We know some categories of crime are more directly related to our enforcement actions than others. As we focused on organized retail crime operations, we not only made more arrests, but we also encouraged businesses to report these

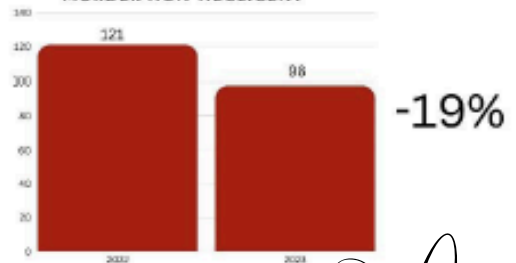
crimes. That is one reason we saw shoplifting numbers increase so much.

While it is important to track these crime stats, it is just as important to highlight our enforcement efforts, which reflect the hard work of the department. Homicide detectives solved 80 cases in 2023, which led to murder charges for 119 suspects. Officers throughout the department made increased felony arrests by 14%, felony warrant arrests by 26% and issued 28% more citations over the same period in 2022.

Crime stats do not necessarily reflect the effort we put in every day. We still have challenges resulting from drug and alcohol addiction and mental illness that affect too many people in our community. Thank you to everyone for the hard work and for your dedication to the community we serve.

CRIME AGAINST PERSON

MURDER NON-NEGLIGENT



- Chief Harold Medina

