

CONNECTING NEIGBORS
S STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

FAIR WEST NEWS

Sending Help Instead of the Police in Albuquerque

A novel community-safety department has been taking calls off the hands of a force with the country's second-highest fatal-shooting rate. Has it improved public safety?

From the New Yorker

In the southeastern corner of Albuquerque, near a wide mountain pass that opens onto an expanse of arid high plains, Sean Martin and Isaiah Curtis drove toward a Blake's Lotaburger, a regional fast-food chain. Behavioral-health workers with Albuquerque Community Safety, a new city department, they respond to calls, mostly from 911, about nonviolent crises involving mental health, homelessness, or substance use. A.C.S. responders are trained to connect people from some of the city's most vulnerable populations with professional help. In doing so, they also reduce those residents' interactions with local law-enforcement agencies, which in recent years have had the second-highest fatal-shooting rate among major American cities.

Martin and Curtis were following a tip from a local nonprofit about a man who'd expressed an interest in housing vouchers. Behind the restaurant, they drove past dirt lots strewn with bottles and clothing. Near a short concrete wall, there were two charred tree stumps. It seemed that someone had set them on fire to stay warm, but the area was deserted. It was late morning at the end of November, and the air temperature hovered around forty degrees. Overnight, it had dropped well below freezing.

Martin, who is fifty-two and wore dark jeans, brown roper boots, and a green parka, stopped the car in front of the restaurant. He and Curtis, who is thirty-five and wore a gray, department-branded jacket with "Behavioral Health Responder" embroidered on the chest, entered to ask workers if they'd seen anyone matching the man's description. No luck.

Read more here: [Sending Help Instead of the Police in Albuquerque | The New Yorker](#)



You're Invited to Revitalize
San Pedro Business
Connections Gathering!

The Revitalize San Pedro Partnership is excited to host the third RSPP Business Connections gathering! Come enjoy some great local food and beverages and get acquainted with your fellow businesses and neighborhood leaders.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 15, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

WHERE: Navajo Elks Lodge, 525 San Pedro Dr. NE, suite 108

Join us February 15th to learn about our new 18-month Action Plan that will help guide our organizational development.

Follow RSPP on Facebook
@RevitalizeSanPedro

AROUND TOWN

Gallery Tours – Albuquerque Museum

Meet at the front desk to join a one-hour, docent-led tour of Albuquerque Museum galleries.

Feb 08 from 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM

Feb 09 from 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM

Feb 10 from 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM

Feb 11 from 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM

Albuquerque Museum - 2000 Mountain Road NW >>> More information [Click Here](#)

Mental Health Response Advisory Committee (MHRAC)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 889 3491 6265

Passcode: 566991

Feb 16, 2023 05:00 PM

Mar 16, 2023 05:00 PM

Apr 16, 2023 05:00 PM

Intro to the Outdoors: Beginning Birding Workshop (for adults)

Play like a grown-up and join us for classes that introduce the basic principles of various outdoor activities including hiking, map and compass, birding, mountain biking, and more. All in a supportive and fun environment. Classes are led by experienced outdoor educators and provide all necessary materials.

Feb 18, 2023 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Cherry Hills Library - 6901 Barstow St NE >>> More information [Click Here](#)



Police Department Online Services

The Albuquerque Police Department provides a variety of Online Services to assist you.

By visiting the following links you will be able to file a police report, purchase a traffic accident report, pay your alarm fees, and obtain crime statistics.

- [Online Police Report](#)
- [Traffic Accident \(Crash\) Reports](#)
- [Leads Online: Pawned or Stolen Property](#)
- [Alarm Fees](#)
- [Crime Mapping and Statistics](#)
- [Sex Offender Lookup](#)
- [Gang Member Registration](#)
- [HSI Victim Notification Program](#)

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Copy Machine - 20¢ per page



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final thoughts...

FWNA asks that you Be the Change You want to see. Participation in maintaining property value and a peaceful community, and always report crime.



Consider Being A BLOCK CAPTAIN!

Neighborhood Watch is a partnership between neighbors and law enforcement. It's easy – A host sets a meeting for your block and APD CP, collects information of attendees collects \$20-\$25 each for the NW eye signpost. Contact our APD Area Command Crime Prevention office at 505-256-2050 for more information and get started if you're ready now!

Support your Neighborhood Association!

If you live or have a business in the Fair West Neighborhood, you're already a member! Check us out at abqFairWest.org.

You can help by contributing \$15 to support communication & events.

EMERGENCY Dial 911

ABQ Police

(non-emergency) 242-2677 (COPS)

APD Southeast Area Command
Station: 505- 256-2050

Commander: Luke Languit

USE 311 for city resources

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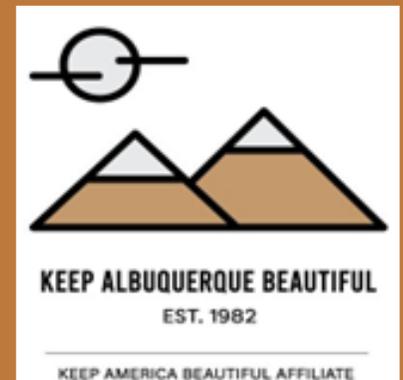
Coming Soon >>>

CNM> Central Community College

Summer Class Registration

FEB20 Summer 2023:
[Registration Begins for Continuing Students](#)

FEB27 Summer 2023:
[Registration Begins for New and Returning Students](#)



Keep Albuquerque Beautiful is currently searching for people interested in serving on the Keep Albuquerque Beautiful board. It's not a huge time commitment – current just one meeting per quarter. The board is made up of volunteers that work to engage individuals, businesses, and organizations to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments.

We are asking for those interested to submit a resume and letter of intent to keepabqbeautiful@gmail.com or emoore@cabq.gov.