



As APD's Foothills Area Commander, I'm proud our Crisis Intervention Team partners with the SS&TP and Sandia to train employees to manage difficult situations effectively, helping create safer workplaces and stronger community ties.

Commander Richard Whitten, Albuquerque Police Department, Foothills Area Command

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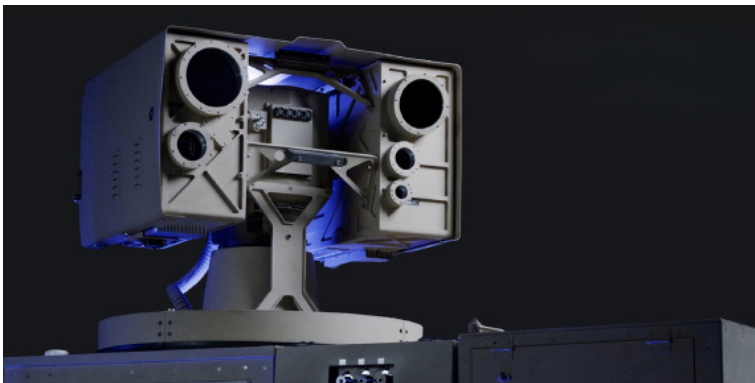
APD Offers De-Escalation Workshops

The Albuquerque Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team conducted two de-escalation training workshops at the Manzano Mesa Community Center for the Foothills Area Command. The sessions included employees from companies and organizations in the SS&TP, as well as from Sandia National Laboratories. These workshops focused on strategies for navigating challenging interactions safely and effectively, providing practical tools to help participants respond appropriately, reduce risk, and maintain safe workplaces.



AV Gets First International Order for LOCUST

AV secured its first international order for the LOCUST® Laser Weapon System, valued at over \$50 million, highlighting rising global demand for scalable directed energy defense against drones. LOCUST offers affordable, sustained counter-UAS capability without costly interceptors. To meet demand, AV is investing \$30 million to expand its SS&TP manufacturing campus, creating a production hub to scale domestic and international production of directed energy, space, and advanced defense technologies while also adding more than 450 jobs and generating over \$670 million in economic impact.



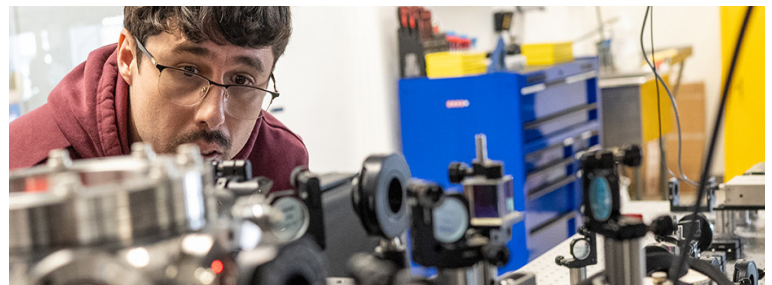
PNM Completes ESS Facility

Construction of PNM's Sandia Energy Battery Storage System facility, located on a 5.3-acre site owned by PNM within the SS&TP, is completed and operational. The ESS facility features a 60 megawatt, 4-hour resource interconnected with the Sandia Substation. It consists of 72 lithium-ion battery containers, addressing the energy needs for the southeast quadrant of Albuquerque, Sandia, and the SS&TP. All equipment for the unmanned and remotely controlled facility is located behind a 12-foot wall, with the area fully landscaped.



CNM Plans to Build a Workforce Development Facility

Central New Mexico Community College is planning to build an innovative workforce development facility on Albuquerque Public School land at the SS&TP near Sandia's Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation, also known as CAMINO, to encourage collaboration in advanced manufacturing research. The CNM center will bring Sandia researchers, employers, entrepreneurs, and students together for hands-on workforce training in advanced manufacturing, quantum, aerospace, and other emerging fields, plus a makerspace and entrepreneurial support.



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