

## Biography for Joseph P. Abbin, P.E.



Joe Abbin is a lifelong resident of Albuquerque, NM. He received Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Mexico in 1964 and 1966.

Joe was employed at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque from 1964 until he retired from the Labs in 1994. During that time he worked in and managed activities related to nuclear weapons, national security, and energy systems. Since 1994, he has owned and operated Roadrunner Engineering, specializing in the analysis, design, and sale of high performance equipment and books for automotive applications. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of New Mexico and is the author or co-author of over 50 articles and five books. He holds five U.S. patents.

Joe's civic activities include serving as an Albuquerque Police Department (APD) Reserve Officer since graduating from the police academy in 1983. Since then, he worked part time as a patrol officer in all areas and all shifts in Albuquerque under twelve chiefs. He has an intimate, first-hand knowledge of policing in our city. In 2018 he wrote and published, *ABQ Blues – Crime and Policing in Albuquerque, NM*. This highly acclaimed book examined all aspects of the criminal justice system in our area, noting the problems and exploring solutions.

Joe also served on the Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council (CPC) since its inception in 2014 until 2019. He was chairman of this council in 2019. The goals of the five APD area command CPCs center on fostering communication and trust between the police officers in each area command and the citizens they serve. The Foothills CPC was one of the most successful in the city as judged by participation and by the number of recommendations proposed and adopted by the APD.

Joe currently researches, writes and lectures on our horrific crime problem in Albuquerque and what we can do about it.