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## Happy New Year Everyone!

The holiday season is complete and thankfully the chaos of the season has come to pass. Welcome to 2016!

It is no secret that 2015 has been one of the most trying years for the Albuquerque Police Department and our community. The senseless killings of Officer Webster (APD) and Officer Benner (RRPD), coupled with the killing of four year old Lilly, resonated in the hearts of many. Albuquerque came together and stood strong against the violent criminals and violent repeat offenders of the City. Citizens vowed to "take back our City". No longer would these senseless acts of violence be tolerated; it was time for change!

As the Department of Justice settled in, Albuquerque residents band together with the police department and government officials alike, in an attempt to foster change. Great strides were taken to assist in bolstering the police department, increase public safety, and change the way the judicial system and the laws tolerate violent/ repeat offenders. Although the process is ongoing and will continue throughout 2016 (and years to come), the motivation of our citizens and government officials has been reinforced.

Throughout 2016, it is important to get every person who lives in the City of Albuquerque involved in order to evoke change. The moral values of the majority who do not tolerate violence must be heard. We can no longer tolerate violent repeat offenders. Their senseless acts must be stopped and they need to be held accountable. Together we can make a difference.

If ever there was any good that could come out of such tragic events "taking back our City" is one. Let's vow to "never forget" the Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the citizens of Albuquerque and our nation. May the memory of all our fallen officers be forever in our hearts.

Thank you Albuquerque for all of your support! I look forward to 2016 and am excited to see what the year has in store. I wish you and your family a safe and blessed New Year.



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The holiday season has come and gone and it was a busy one for the guys on the Northwest Graveyard shift. Even though the weather was very cold there was a steady stream of calls for service coming in that the officers responded to. Some were routine and some not so much. One of the non-routine ones I'd like to discuss involved a call at the Cottonwood Mall. Cottonwood Mall security had a subject detained who refused to leave the property after business hours. When officers arrived the subject was combative and proceeded to spit on the ground. When told to stop the subject spit on an officer and then he lunged at the officer striking him in his right knee. The officer was able to deescalate the situation by turning the male over with his head away from the officer. The officer showed great restraint and the subject was taken into custody without injury to himself or the officer. This is just one example of the conditions in which officers have to work under from time to time.



## Lieutenant T. Espinosa



Hello from Dayshift and Happy New Year!

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We concluded our Holiday shopping tactical operation on January 1st. Overall I would have to say it was a success. We did not encounter any major incidents over the holiday shopping season. However our focused effort on the shopping areas seemed to have pushed many of our property crimes to the residential neighborhoods. We have shifted our efforts to the residential areas and apartment complexes in order to deter and catch these offenders.

Also, with the recent inclement weather we have had several mornings with multiple accidents. Please be careful when the road conditions are bad. Make sure and slow down and be extra careful.

I would again like to thank all of you who have continued to support our effort and we will continue to work hard to address your issues of concern.



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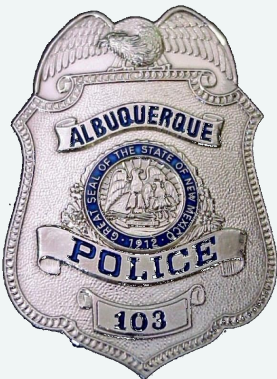


Hello from Swing shift,

Swing shift Officers have been very pro-active this month each Officer addressed a problem area within their beat. Officers conducted tactical plans ranging from Pan-handling along Coors to speeding in neighborhoods. Each squad has “adopted” an apartment complex and is holding briefings there and addressing problems specific to that complex. In addition Swing Officers answered over 2200 calls for service last month.

So far this month I have had the opportunity to attend the Northwest Area Command CPC and the West-side Coalition of Neighborhoods meetings. It is great to see citizens get involved in their community. I urge everyone to get involved with one of these groups and make a difference.

As always thank you for your continued support.



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# Community Involvement



## Starting a Neighborhood Watch

The following steps show how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood.

- You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.
- Whoever is going to host the meeting calls the APD Crime Prevention Office at 244-6644 and talk to Steve Sink. After making the call, the Crime Prevention Office, Steve Sink will send a "starter packet" that will include, among other items, a form to collect information from your neighbors.
- The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form.
- The host then sends the completed list back to the Crime Prevention Office in the self-addressed envelope provided in the starter packet.
- After the CP Office receives the list from the interested party, a Crime Prevention Specialist, Pete Gelabert will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.
- At the meeting, the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.
- The Crime Prevention Specialist, Pete Gelabert will conduct the meeting and towards the end, facilitate the group's selection of a Block Captain who will function as the neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.
- The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain Replacement, etc).
- The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.

Crime Prevention Specialist, Pete Gelabert will give information on how to secure your home, home security tips and how to secure your vehicle, auto burglary tips. Items burglars are taking from homes and vehicles. Crime trends and patterns in the NW Area Command. What time of day the burglars are committing the home burglaries and auto burglaries.



## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



### How to Avoid Warm-Up Theft This Winter

As temperatures drop in the winter, drivers may be tempted to stay inside and keep warm while they wait for their cars to warm up.

However, car owners may want to think twice before they leave their cars running, unlocked and unattended.

Car thieves are on the lookout for these vehicles warming up in driveways.

#### **Here are some tips from to avoid becoming a victim of warm-up thefts:**

- Never leave your vehicle running or leave the keys in the ignition when the vehicle isn't within eyesight. Not even for "just a minute."
- Keep your valuables such as purses, credit cards and cell phones out of sight or in the trunk.
- Roll up the windows and lock the car.
- Do not leave the registration or title in the car. This makes it easier for thieves to dispose of your vehicle and it also makes you a target for identity theft.
- Stay alert when approaching the vehicle. Check around the car for thieves and suspicious persons. Leave as soon as you are concerned for your safety.
- Park your car in busy areas that are properly lighted.
- Install a mechanical locking device that locks to the steering wheel, column or brake. These devices are known as clubs, collars or j-bars.

Use alarms or anti-theft devices if your vehicle has one.