

Albuquerque Police Department Chaplain Unit

Mission & Guiding Principles

- Provide for the support of department employees and their families.
- Provide counsel and guidance to persons in crisis in the Albuquerque community.
- Provide a great work environment by working effectively with each other.
- Apply the highest standards of excellence to providing support to those requesting assistance.
- Maintain a presence that fosters the highest ethical conduct among employees.
- Foster public confidence and support by attending civic events and being available during periods of heightened public interest.
- Contribute positively to our Department and our community.
- Recognize that the spirit of service is essential to fulfilling our mission.



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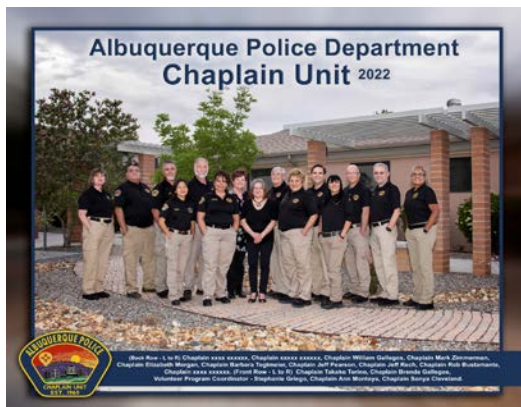
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HIGHLIGHTS

- April through August 2022 our 14 volunteer chaplains and support staff served 4,437 hours with APD.
- In July, chaplains assisted with the four deaths of BCSO and Bernco Fire victim's families regarding the helicopter crash. State Police contacted the Chaplain Unit at inception. This helps all law enforcement know chaplains are available for assistance.
- Chaplains are called to serve on average 32 unattended death calls per month with APD officers.
- Chaplains supported Officer Appreciation Days with Valley and SE and Foothills Area Commands in July and August.
- Chaplains have attended six lunches with the Cadet Class that graduated in June. Head Chaplain Barb gave the invocation at graduation. The Chaplain Unit is in contact with APD Academy staff and will be scheduling lunches for the upcoming Cadet Class.
- The Chaplain Unit hosted its annual Memorial Bike Ride on August 20th. Funds raised will increase our Benevolent Fund balance to support officers, and APD employees. In 2022 thus far we have gifted over \$15,000 to officers or their family members in time of financial need.
- Chaplains make weekly visits to all Area Command substations to meet with officers and demonstrate our availability. Any specific conversations remain private.



Chaplain's Corner –

Chaplain John Rech



Pastor John Rech and his wife Lindy have been living in the Albuquerque area since 2008. They have four children and seven grandchildren. John is a graduate of Texas Tech University, Asbury Theological Seminary and Perkins School of Theology. John has been a United Methodist Pastor for over 30 years and serving as a Chaplain for the APD since summer of 2020. Lindy is a graduate of Grand Canyon University and is the Epic Manager for the Lovelace Hospitals in New Mexico. Some of John's favorite outdoor activities are riding motorcycles, hiking and golf.