



WELCOME TO THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER



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SPRING EVENTS

Public Safety ECHO

This is a public, open forum and we welcome all!

Do you have a Public Safety Issue?

April De-escalation training

If you have a topic you would like addressed or if you would like to submit a case please contact

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American Lung Association
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Climb
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April 26, 2025

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Climb stairs to support people with lung disease who are fighting for every breath. Work your core and more by racing to the top or taking it one step at a time—how you climb is up to you.



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NATIONAL PROTECTION PERSONNEL PRESENTS



EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

FOOD - VENDORS - MUSIC

APRIL 19TH 2025

TIGUEX PARK

1800 Mountain Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

Come enjoy Easter Egg hunts for all ages, Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Food Trucks, Vendors and more.

This event is FREE to attend and open to the public

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

3400 Ross SE, 87106

100 TREES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FOR FREE! with completion of the SCAVENGER HUNT!

WILDFLOWER SEED PACKETS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN AWAY FOR FREE!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF PLANTING 100,000 TREES BY 2030





Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! We are gearing up for the summer months which are right around the corner.

I'm pleased to share with our community an exciting project through our partnership with Sandia National Labs.

A team of volunteers from the labs created an innovative model to determine where to use surveillance cameras to combat crime. The model that Sandia volunteers created, was based on 5 years of crime data. It shows the City exactly where a camera should be placed, at what height, and at what direction to most effectively capture a crime on camera. The model also is assisting the City in modifying placement of existing cameras.



I'm also pleased to share with you all that I was recently elected the President of the Major Cities Chief's Association (MCCA). This is a true honor as I am the first New Mexico Chief to hold this position.

The MCCA is an organization comprised of police executives from across the United States and Canada representing the largest cities. MCCA provides a forum for chiefs from urban cities, sheriffs and other law enforcement leaders to share ideas, strategies and experiences.

I want to thank the entire APD team for a very productive 1st quarter when it comes to crime stats. While we wait for final reports to come in, we can say we ended the first three months with a 12% increase in felony arrests (new charges), and a 9% increase in felony warrant arrests. The increased enforcement over the past three years is playing a role in the decrease for many crime categories. Most notably, homicides were down 48% for the first quarter, compared to last year, and shootings with injury were down 43%. We will report all other categories in the next newsletter.



In the coming weeks our Auto Theft Unit will be hosting a VIN etching event which is open to the public.

WHEN: April 15, from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

WHERE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District (4101 Jefferson Plaza NE)

I encourage you to come out and get your vehicle VIN etched as it's a great tool that can assist our investigators if a car is ever stolen. Thank you and as always, I appreciate your continued support.



-Chief Harold Medina

L.E.A.D.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTED DIVERSION

LEAD

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LET EVERYONE ADVANCE WITH DIGNITY
Community Referral Program

LEAD is a case management program, in which individuals suspected of low level, non-violent crime driven by unmet substance abuse disorders (SUD) or behavioral health needs are connected to community based services.

Community partner agency case managers can refer individuals to the LEAD program directly. Clients eligible for LEAD must meet the following:

- Must have a SUD and/or mental health issue.
- Must be amenable to change.
- Cannot have committed any exclusionary crimes.
- Cannot be on probation.

Referral Process

Eligibility

- Client does not have any exclusionary crimes.
- Client is ammenable to change.
- Client is willing to enter LEAD.

Referral

- Case manager completes & sends referral form to leadcm@bernco.gov.
- Case manager calls LEAD case manager to arrange warm handoff.

Handoff

- LEAD case manager will pick client up or client may be transported to CARE Campus.
- If clients do not wish to complete intake at time of referral they may do so at a later time.

Exclusionary Criteria

Any conviction in the last 10 years for (or attempt of any crime listed here)

- Homicide
- Vehicular homicide
- Aggravated arson,
- Aggravated burglary,
- All robbery
- All kidnapping
- All sex offenses
- Exploitation of Minors
- Promoting Prostitution
- Any conviction involving firearms or deadly weapons.

Individuals on probation are not eligible for LEAD.

LEAD Contact

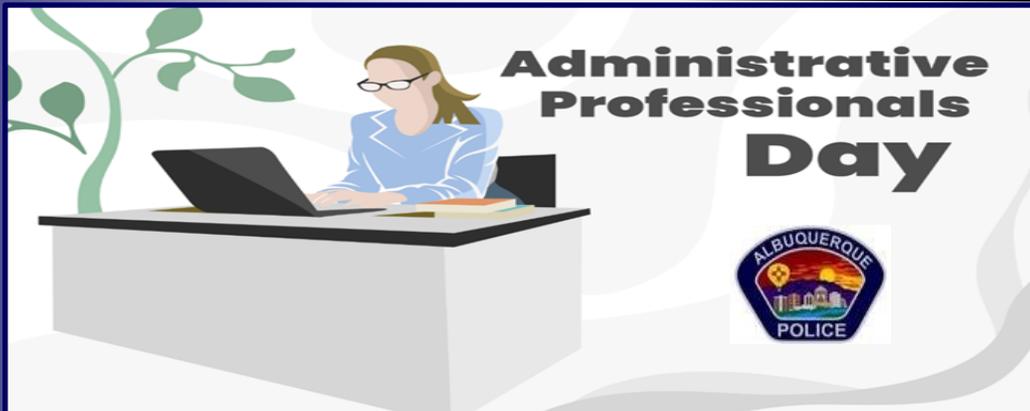
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APRIL 23
Is National Administrative Professional's Day.
Thank you to all our Administrative Professional Staff for their incredible commitment.

Re-cap -Valley Community Policing Council

After beginning our meetings, we begin with community concerns. A resident downtown, presented the issue of scooters left blocking sidewalks, and not being cleared in a timely manner. This was discussed at length, and a representative of Mayor Keller's office took the information.

Chief of Police Harold Medina presented his Spring outline of the state of APD. There were four topics. Recruiting is going well, and the department may pass the 1,000 officer level by summer. Regarding Community Engagement, he stated that the DWI situation requires transparency and a proactive response. The department has placed a public facing dashboard in their CABQ website, about which the chief notes that more cases continue to be brought than proceed to trial, with dismissals for various reasons noted chronically. The COP does not believe other areas of law enforcement face the same risks of misconduct. Regarding crime and public safety in ABQ, traffic citations continue to rise, felony arrests and clearance of warrants are very high. Fourth, regarding the CASA he expects the final paragraphs to clear review later this year. We asked why the 6 month reviews of Officer Involved Shootings begun by Chief Medina and led by DC Cori Lowe in 2023 were suspended; he suggested such shootings are now reviewed monthly on the APD website.

Markela Clinton, Field Representative for Mayor Keller presented the Metro Homelessness Initiative. They have openings for volunteers to help in this work. Gateway Shelters provide transition off the streets, and are both filled and expanding across the city, including the Gateway Sobering Center, upcoming family shelter, and Gateway Young Adult Shelter. Both APD and Solid Waste work to clear encampments and offer places to stay. Of the 5,000 people on our city streets, probably 1,000 are chronic homeless often with support groups with whom they camp. The city sees more than 2,000 new housing units becoming available this year, in addition to hotel conversions. There are also some 450 landlords working with the Coalition to End Homelessness to provide housing for those who need assistance affording housing. Finally, the city is creating a dashboard so that public service agencies and private agencies can see availability at all times.

Please join us for our next meeting, the fourth Thursday in April.

For further information, visit www.cabq.gov/cpc

Thank you,

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