



We are located in:  
The Rosenwald  
Building  
320 Central Ave SW  
Suite 100, 87102  
Substation Phone:  
505-768-4735

WELCOME TO THE DON PERKINS  
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER E-NEWSLETTER

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

National Police Week	Pg. 1
May is Mental Health Awareness Month	Pg. 1
Message from Chief Harold Medina	Pg. 2
Safety Travel Tips	Pg. 3
Atlas One /Survey	Pg. 4
Coffee with a Cop Dog Walker Watch	Pg. 5
Campus Crime Stoppers	Pg. 6
Re-Cap CPC April Mtg.	Pg. 7

May 11-17, 2025

Remember



Respect

HONOR

Don Perkins  
Public Safety Center

Open: Mon—Fri  
Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Closed 12:00 –1PM  
for Meal Break

**Dayshift Patrol Schedule:**  
7:00 AM—5:00 PM  
Mon-Thurs

**PATROL:**

- Officer Jake Capraro
- Officer Richard Sedillo
- Officer Corbin Waquie
- Officer Jesus Gonzalez
- Officer Jacob Casaus

**Swing shift Schedule:**  
6:00 PM—4:00AM  
Wed-Sat

- Officer Liame Koste
- Officer Alicia Martinez
- Officer Nicholas Dickerson
- Officer Jose Gomez
- Officer Kevin Vega

**Civilian Staff:**

- Betty Lou Chavez  
Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Email:  
BettyLouChavez@cabq.gov

**PSA:**

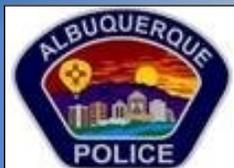
- Jacob Lucero
- Daijalea Blain

VIEW OUR PAST  
NEWSLETTERS



Sub-Station Email :  
DowntownAPD@cabq.gov  
Phone: 505-768-4735

**Downtown Public Safety  
Command Supervisors**



Commander Jose Sanchez  
Phone: 505-252-2589  
Email:  
Josesanchez@cabq.gov

Interim / Deputy Commander  
Richard Whitten  
Mobile: 505-768-4735 Email:  
Rwhitten@cabq.gov

Sgt. Giofranco Di Paolo  
Email: gdipaolo@cabq.gov  
Mobile: 505-967-5316

Swingshift Sgt. Elisa Valdez  
Email:  
elisavaldez@cabq.gov  
Phone:505-768-4735



MAY IS  
MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
MONTH

**Visit link for further  
information:**

[https://www.cabq.gov/  
health-housing-  
homelessness/health/  
mental-health-1](https://www.cabq.gov/health-housing-homelessness/health-mental-health-1)

Albuquerque Crime Statistics For Citywide Crime Stats  
Click on the link: Crime Statistics — City of Albuquerque  
(cabq.gov) “Helping you Build a Safer Community.”

**[Crime Statistics — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](https://www.cabq.gov/crime-statistics)**

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
Thursday, May 22  
is the next Valley CPC Meeting

For further information  
Visit: [www.cabq.gov/cpc](http://www.cabq.gov/cpc)

For Re-Cap on last Month's  
Meeting Continue to Pg. 7.

**THANK YOU**  
TO ALL OUR

**POLICE  
OFFICERS**

WHO KEEP OUR  
COMMUNITIES SAFE!



# Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well and gearing up to kick off summer.

I'm pleased to share with our community a partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools and Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers to re-launch a successful program. It's called Campus Crime Stoppers, which is a valuable resource to enhance safety and security within our school community. Through Campus Crime Stoppers, students, or any staff within Albuquerque Public Schools can report any concerns related to safety, crime, or suspicious activity.



As we are taking juvenile crime very seriously, the image featured above are the stickers that have been handed out to students within APS to spread word about the program. The QR code directly brings students and staff to Crime Stoppers website where criminal activity can be reported anonymously.



I'd also like to provide results from a recent operation which is part of a new ongoing initiative from our Criminal Investigation Division. This is our third month of the day-long operations and we just focused on cases being investigated by the Crimes Against Children Unit.

Investigators made two big arrests for Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitations of Minors. Our team also checked on the welfare of more than 20 children.

I'm grateful for our dedicated investigators both sworn and professional staff who have put a great deal of effort into these operations to get violent offenders off the street and prevent future victimization.



**-Chief Harold Medina**

Coming up, we will be hosting our annual Law Enforcement Memorial honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. I invite our entire community to attend.



## Safety Tips for Memorial Day Travel

If you plan to travel during Memorial Day Weekend its important to include safety into your travel plans.

Here are a few tips for your road trip.

1. Prepare your vehicle by making sure it is in top working Condition.
2. Check your tire pressure.
3. Fill Up your tank before your trip.
4. Be equipped with emergency essentials.
5. Plan your drive ahead of time to choose direct routes on safe roads.
6. Keep an eye on weather forecasts to avoid driving with dangerous conditions.
7. Never consume alcohol and drive nor travel afterwards also do not travel with anyone who has been drinking.
8. Do not permit anyone who has been consuming alcohol beverages to operate a vehicle.

\*Most importantly buckle up and always wear your seat belt!\*



### Motorcycle Check List:

## Before You Ride Check

- Lights
- Horn
- Signals
- Chain, Belt or shaft
- Brakes
- Tires

### ALWAYS Ride Safe!

Don't forget to wear your "DOT Approved Protective Gear."

- Helmet—Under New Mexico Law, riders and passengers under 18 must wear a helmet.
- Eye Protection
- Clothing
- Road Awareness  
Be aware of surroundings.
- Follow Traffic Laws
- Ride Sober
- Weather Conditions
- Bike Maintenance
- Stay Visible— Wear bright clothing
- Be Aware of Road Hazards
- Stay in your comfort Zone
- Check the Forecast

Reporting Options/ ATLAS ONE

- ⇒ **Telephone Reporting Unit Please call: 242-COPS—(2677)**
- ⇒ **Online Reporting: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-report> online**  
**To access a traffic accident report, you can download a fillable form from the New Mexico DOT website and take to any substation once completed.**  
**<http://nmtrafficrecords.com/resources/new-mexico-uniform-crash-report-2/>**
- ⇒ **Atlas One App: Search Police in Google Play or the App Store.**



Visit the YouTube link below for Instructions on the [Atlas One App](#).



<https://www.cabq.gov/311/connect-with-us/abq-apps/city-apps-listing/apdmobile-app>

**ALBUQUERQUE  
COMMUNITY  
SAFETY**

Phone: 768-4227  
Email: [acs@cabq.gov](mailto:acs@cabq.gov)

ACS sends trained professionals to non-violent and non medical 911 calls for service involving issues such as mental/behavioral health, homelessness, and addiction as well as non-behavioral issues such as abandoned vehicles and needle pick-ups.

[Albuquerque Community Safety — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](#)

**LET US KNOW HOW WE ARE DOING?**

**DON PERKINS PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER**

**SURVEY**

The Downtown Public Safety District (DPSD) is committed to providing outstanding service to our community. Please complete the survey if you recently had contact with an officer or staff at the Don Perkins Public Safety Center and wish to provide feedback.

The Downtown Public Safety District continues to provide the service our community deserves and is always working in ways to improve. We ask you to evaluate your recent contact. Your answers will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law.

Thank you for your understanding and the opportunity to assist you.



If you like to be contacted by a member of the Downtown Public Safety District staff regarding this survey, or if you have questions about the Downtown Public Safety District, please provide us with your name, phone number and/or email.



\*To file a formal complaint or a commendation report of an Albuquerque Police Department officer, visit:

<https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/albuquerque-police-complaint-or-commendation-form/how-to-file-a-police-complaint-or-commendation>

## Vacation Safety Tips

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS BEFORE LEAVING FOR SUMMER VACATION



For Further Safety Tips  
Visit the Link at:

[HTTPS://WWW.CABQ.GOV/  
POLICE/CRIME-  
PREVENTION-SAFETY](https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety)

1

Make sure to double-check all the locks. This means all your windows, front door, back door and garage. Also remove any spare keys that you have hidden outside!

2

Always make sure to ask either a trusted neighbor, family member or a friend to watch your house! Also ask them to bring in any mail and make sure trash is taken out/put away timely.

3

Remember to leave on an exterior light, use motion sensed lights, or leave lights on a timer. Set a timer inside also on your lights, Tv or radio as well.

4

Secure valuables such as jewelery and firearms in a safe. Secure all documents you aren't taking with you that have personally identifying information as well in a safe or safe deposit box.

## Events

### *Let's go for a walk!*

Learn how to effectively observe and report suspicious activity while doing what you love.



Developed by the National Association of Town Watch, the same organization which introduced National Night Out, it is a program that encourages those who are active in the community walking their dogs to be an extra set of 'eyes and ears' for law enforcement.

Dog walkers are trained in observing, recognizing and reporting suspicious activity. It's a natural complement to our existing crime prevention programming.

**May 10, 2025**

**10:00 am—11:00 am**

**Vista Del Norte Park, 1005 Osuna NE  
(near the dog park)**

**Fur babies welcome!** Enjoy the dog park for some post-presentation fun.



## APD and Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers partner with APS to Relaunch Campus Crime Stoppers

Campus Crime Stoppers provides students and staff a safe, anonymous outlet to report crime.

The Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque Public Schools and Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers are partnering to bring back a program for students and faculty to safely and anonymously report crime.

The program is called Campus Crime Stoppers, which is a valuable resource to enhance safety and security within our school community. Through Campus Crime Stoppers, students, or any staff within Albuquerque Public Schools can report any concerns related to safety, crime, or suspicious activity.

“Juvenile crime is a trend we are taking very seriously, and at the police department, we want to do whatever it takes to provide as many outlets to our community as possible, when it comes to effectively reporting criminal activity,” said Chief Harold Medina. “We know that there can be hesitancy when it comes to reporting crime, especially when it comes to our youth, and providing an anonymous way to do so, could be the reason we are able to step in and handle potential threats.”

Students and staff can now submit anonymous tips by scanning the designated QR code, sending a text, calling the Crime Stoppers hotline or visiting the Albuquerque Public Schools website where a designated link has been added. All reports will be handled confidentially, ensuring safety for all parties involved.

“We’re pleased to partner with the Albuquerque Police Department and Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers because at the end of the day we all have the same goal – safety and security for our young people,” said APS Deputy Superintendent Gabe Jacquez. “We’ve had great success in asking our students to say something if they see something, and we see this as another great opportunity to ensure the wellbeing of APS students.”

Campus Crime Stoppers stickers with the QR code for the link to reporting are being handed out to students in all middle and high schools to spread the word about the new crime reporting system.

Tips to Crime Stoppers can be reported by phone to (505)-843-STOP, online at [p3tips.com/531](https://p3tips.com/531), through a text, (text “ABQCS” to 738477) or on <https://www.crimestoppersnm.com>



## APRIL RE-CAP- VALLEY COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

Hello Everyone,

First, apologies to anyone attempting to participate via Zoom, as our connection was poor to non-existent throughout the meeting. Valley Commander Sanchez reported that the Valley, as with all of ABQ, is seeing a gradual reduction in criminal behavior.

We had a discussion with Officer First Class D. Ketchum about his experience in the Field Service, which is the regular patrols. He has been with APD 4 years, changed careers from industry after onset of Covid 19 because he felt a need to serve and interact with people regularly. In discussing how they respond to calls he reminded us of the priority system for response, with level 4-5 not urgent, 3-offender present not violent, 1-2 violence possible to present/most. Urgent. The field officer work 12 hour shifts mostly, are usually busy which he enjoys. If he can help at least one person daily it "gives him meaning."

The CPC discussed a recommendation to APD we are debating regarding Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). In 2022 APD, directed by Chief Medina, began an active process to assess and address issues around the high amount of OIS in ABQ, which according to statistica.com and other sources has the highest rate of OIS in the US, at over 15 people killed by police/year/million residents, compared to a US average of 3.5 people killed/yr/million residents.

We are debating ideas for APD to restore a transparent, active process of evaluation and systemic change, with the last 6 month report we found from the executive committee in April 2024, which was found among the 3,200 files in APD police documents online; not searchable online in APD News as the prior two reports had been.

More to come on this subject at our May meeting, and from discussions with APD. The other side to this is that we in the public have a part to play in reducing community violence.

Contact us at [pjameson5@comcast.net](mailto:pjameson5@comcast.net) with any thoughts, questions, concerns. For further information, visit [www.cabq.gov/cpc](http://www.cabq.gov/cpc)

Please join us for our next meeting, Thursday, May 22.

Thank you,  
Philip Jameson -Chair of Valley,  
CPC Email: [pjameson5@comcast.net](mailto:pjameson5@comcast.net)

