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PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER E-NEWSLETTER**



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RECENT DOWNTOWN SAFETY UPDATES

Dear Downtown Residents, Business Owners, and Visitors,

Welcome to the monthly edition of the Downtown Public Safety Newsletter! Our goal is simple to keep you informed and engaged to help make downtown a safer, more vibrant place for all. Whether you live, work, or visit here, your voice matters. We're working closely with City Departments, Local Businesses, Valley CPC Members and Neighborhood Associations to address concerns, share updates, and build a strong united downtown.

Increased Patrol Presence:

In response to recent concerns about loitering under the bridge on 1st and Central, Our Officers have increased their presence on foot and bike patrols within the downtown district.

Completed Improvements Downtown:

Over the past five years, the city has added 500 new street lights, with over 100 specifically in the downtown area. This project improvement included new alleyway lights, overhead lights on key streets. This enhances safety and visibility, especially during evening hours.

Additional Completed Upgrades Include:

- 50 new installed lights in alleyways and overhead lights on Gold, Silver, Lead, and Coal streets.
- Added 8 new cameras along Central between 1st and 7th Street that link directly to APD's Real Time Crime Center.
- Illumination enhancements under the railroad tracks at Central and I-40 at Gabaldon Road.
- Placement of 52 new lights in Wells Park, complementing the new park and community center on 4th, 5th, and 6th streets.
- New lighting infrastructure in front of the MLK Mural on Tijeras.
- Created the **Don Perkins Downtown Public Safety Center** to increase police presence downtown.
- Added gunshot detection and 5 license plate readers downtown.
- Established Targeted Enforcement and Active Monitoring (TEAM), an overtime program created in partnership with local business owners to increase the number of officers on patrol during peak hours.
- New, lighted flagpoles at 8th and Central.



Click on the link for further information:

Shining a Light on Downtown: City Makes Major Lighting Upgrades — City of Albuquerque

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Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer!

Unfortunately, our department recently faced a devastating loss as one of our Police Service Dogs, Rebel, was killed in the line of duty. This is the first K9 our department has lost, and although he was a member of the APD family, he was also a family member to his handler, Officer Chris Brito, and we are doing everything we can to support him and our department during this difficult time.

I would like to take a moment to thank our community for the outpouring of support we've received, it's been tremendous and we are incredibly grateful.

As I have stated before, we are taking juvenile crime very seriously, in partnership with Bernalillo County, we are gearing up for the kick-off of the Summer of Nonviolence, June 4.



**Press Conference
& Kick-off Event**

JUNE 4
10 A.M. - Noon

Mariposa Basin Park, 4900 Kachina St NW



The Summer of Nonviolence is an initiative by Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque aimed at reducing violence during the summer months through youth programs, wellness support, conflict resolution, and community events.

It's an excellent opportunity to learn, socialize with friends, and access wellness resources and support all in one safe place. The events throughout the summer can be found at cabq.gov/summer-of-non-violence.

And coming up on June 7, we invite women interested in a career in law enforcement to attend its upcoming Women in Blue event. This one-day event is designed to provide insight, support, and inspiration for women considering a future in policing.

Limited spots remain! To register or learn more, visit:
<https://www.cabq.gov/police/programs/women-in-blue>
www.cabq.gov/womeninblue



-Chief Harold Medina



**WOMEN
IN
BLUE**

JUNE 7, 2025
7:00 AM- 3:00 PM
APD Academy
2nd St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87107

Come join the women in blue of the Albuquerque Police Department for an event providing guidance and education for those curious about a career in law enforcement.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with female officers, join them on a group run and physical fitness activities. Officers want to share with you their journey into law enforcement and how rewarding this career can be.

☑ Lunch Provided
☑ Childcare Provided

REGISTER HERE



THANK YOU SPONSORS



www.cabq.gov/womeninblue



Albuquerque Police Department
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 Jose Gomez
- Officer Kevin Vega

Civilian Staff:

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

PSA:

- Jacob Lucero
- Daijalea Blain

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JOIN THE DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY ECHO

(Extension For Community HealthCare Outcomes)

Join us to address community safety issues, build skills, learn new tools and best practices for a Healthy , Happy, Safe Downtown!

Join US at Studio 519 or Zoom: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/84067090034>
 Meeting ID: 840 6709 0034 - Password: Downtown or Phone in: dial 1-646-558-8656 Enter the meeting ID: 840 6709 0034# - then hit # again.

Next ECHO meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 12th From 1PM—2:30PM
Topic: Life SAVED in the West Mesa
Presented By: EMS Division Chief—Christopher Ortiz

For further information please log on to:
www.cabq.gov/echo
 Or contact Darryl DeLoach at 505-549-0660
 Email: ddeloach@cabq.gov



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FREE EVENT



VIN ETCHING FREE EVENT

Help protect your vehicle from theft, and get your Vehicle's Identification Number (VIN) etched on each window. This is a FREE program sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department.

WHEN: JUNE 21

TIME: 9:00AM–2:30PM

WHERE: VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
(801 Idelia Road NE)



Sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department

Upcoming Events and Community Safety Meetings

- ♦ Valley Area Command CPC Meets on every 4th Thursday of each month – for last months re-cap meeting see details below. Click: [Community Policing Council Agendas — City of Albuquerque](#) for further information.
- ♦ Downtown Public Safety ECHO meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month (see page 3) for further information or visit the link at: <https://www.cabq.gov/echo>
- ♦ Free VIN Etching Event—See Pg. 3 for further information.
- ♦ Free Swim Pass available at any APD Substation or visit online at: cabq.gov/aquatics for further details.
- ♦ 2025 Summer Meal Sites Visit: [Summer Food Service Program for Children — City of Albuquerque](#)
- ♦ Friday June 6, ABQ Art Walk Event / Central SW —Visit: <https://www.abqartwalk.com/eventsmap>
- ♦ Friday June 12th, 7:30 pm -New Mexico Shakespeare Festival presents **Othello** at the NM Veterans Memorial Park (1100 Louisiana Blvd SE)
- ♦ Visit [ABQ Metro Crime Stopper - Home](#) for information on how to report a crime.

At A Glance: Downtown:

Looking for events downtown ? click on the Visit Albuquerque link for further information;
Click here: [Downtown Albuquerque](#) or [Top Things to Do in Downtown Albuquerque](#) | [Visit Albuquerque](#)

Safety Tips of the Month:

- ☐ Always park in well-lit areas and lock your vehicle.
- ☐ Avoid using your phone while walking alone at night.
- ☐ If you see something suspicious, say something — call 242-COPS or use the ABQ311 app.
- ☐ Get Information on SAFE at Work visit: Cabq.gov/safe

Stay Safe Everyone!

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May Re-Cap—Valley Community Policing Council

Valley CPC—Re-Cap Report May 22, 2025

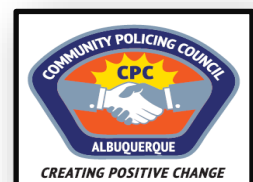
This was a sparsely attended meeting; the first order of business is to ask readers to consider joining our committee; contact KMensah@cabq.gov.

As we had two members away, we decided to postpone the vote on our recommendation regarding Officer Involved Shootings. The current state is that the APD OIS committee is working, is one report overdue and catching up. In evaluation of the four available 6 month reviews, we identify no documentation of operational results, while APD command staff assures us they are being trained and rolled out. This was discussed with them previously. They are putting reports on the public facing website as recommended. Plan is to vote at the June meeting.

We then had a nice discussion with Dr. Nichole Ebberhart Duranceaux, director of the APD Behavioral Sciences Department. Subjects included the APD Wellness Program, psychological services utilized by department uniformed and non-uniformed staff, and families. The sessions are completely confidential. The department responds to all Critical Incidents for immediate psychological assistance. They also train and counsel officers in the Academy, in the pre-training Academy, and during regular officer training as called on.

Recording of the meeting is available at cabq.gov/CPC under Valley CPC minutes.

*Philip Jameson— Chair
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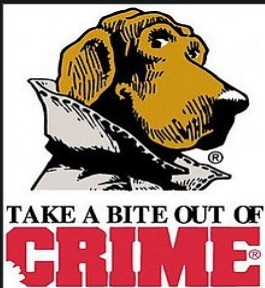




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**Thank you for
your continued
support to the
Downtown
Public Safety
District.**

*Our boundaries are
defined on the West
of Broadway, South
of Lomas, East of
12th, and North of
Lead Includes
Washington Middle
School .*



The Duke City Community Ambassador Program



Duke City Community Ambassador Program is a program that provides hospitality, cleanliness and some forms of safety with designated areas throughout the City.

A Better Way Forward Ambassador Program is unhoused individuals that live at one of the Gateway Centers that are employed by Block By Block to gain work experience, work ethic, build a resume and be able to move forward with life goals.

Ambassadors carry out duties, which address basic cleanliness issues, such as litter, graffiti, weeds, leaves, power washing and a wide variety of projects which change the outward environment of Downtown, Nob Hill, Uptown and Route 66 Corridor.

The Ambassadors patrol on foot as a visible deterrent to unwanted activity, observing, reporting and provide hospitality to the pedestrians visiting the area. Ambassadors are usually the first responders, first connections and/or witnesses to activity in all districts. All staff members are trained to be Ambassadors for all locations and are empowered to go out of their way to provide great customer service in an effort to shape positive perceptions in Albuquerque.

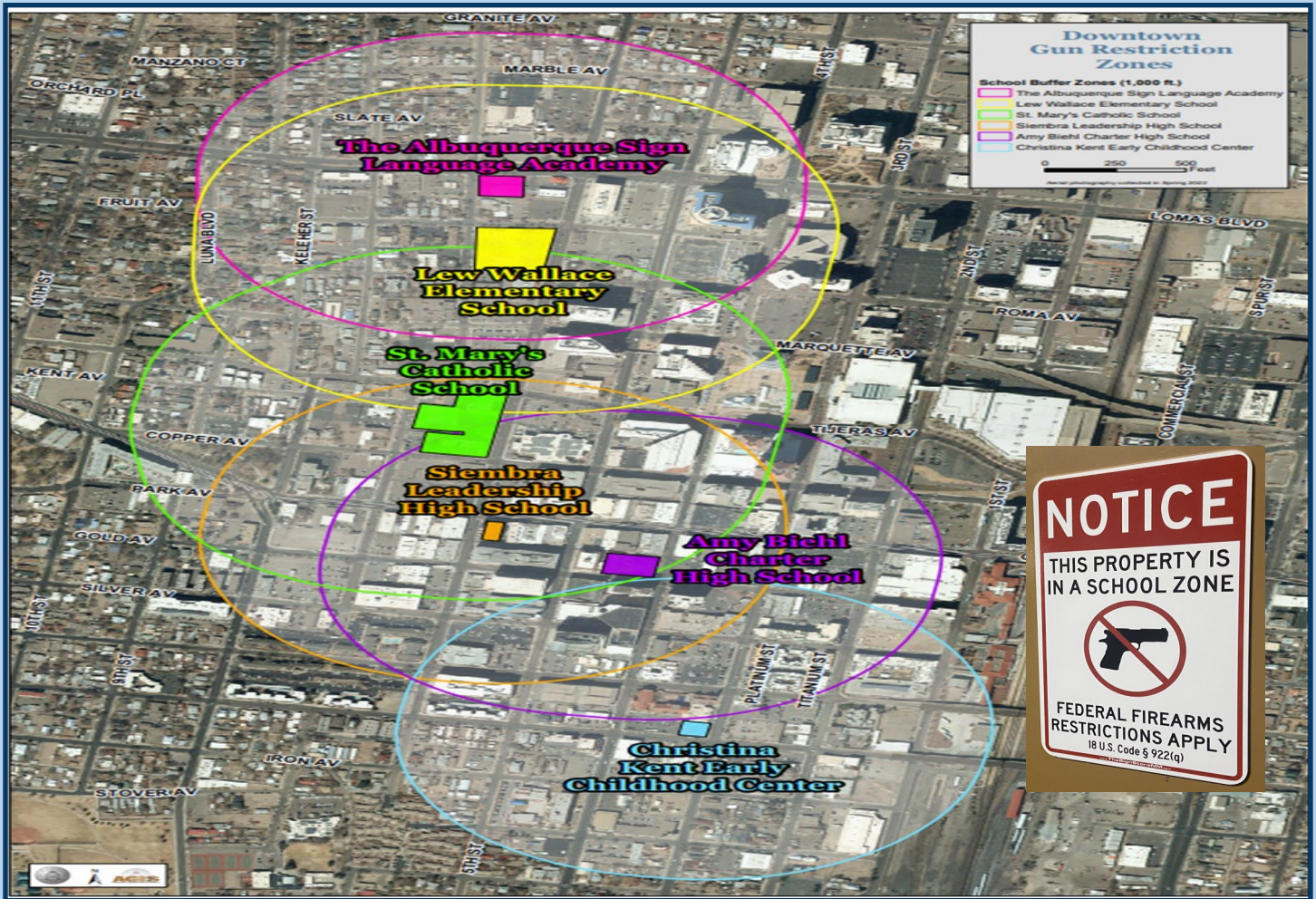
Any janitor can clean, but an Ambassador understands the significance of the smallest details and knows the importance of their role in proudly representing their City.

If you need assistance, reach out to the Duke City Ambassador Hotline at 505-263-4374 or Deiandra Cole, Operations Manager at: 505-975-1993.

To learn more about the Better Way Forward Program click on the link below:

[A Better Way Forward: Empowerment through Employment — City of Albuquerque](#)

Downtown is a Gun-Free School Zone



Offenders to face federal charges for gun crimes near downtown schools

“Offenders who use guns to commit crimes Downtown could be charged federally if the crimes occur within 1,000 feet of a school. There are six schools in the downtown district between Lomas Blvd. and Coal Ave., and 12th Street and Broadway Ave. The buffer zones around the schools cover most of the downtown district. Under the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, firearms are prohibited in school zones to include in or on the grounds of a public, parochial or private school, or within 1,000 feet from the grounds.”

“I will continue to fight against gun violence in our city with every tool we have. This is a very innovative approach that sends a clear message to anyone who thinks they can come downtown and use a gun to commit a crime, we will catch you and pursue full federal gun charges, and get you off the street,” said Mayor Tim Keller. “We will continue to use every tool we have to crack down on gun violence, and we are putting criminals on notice in downtown Albuquerque.”

“APD is joining forces with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, which will prosecute gun crimes that violate federal law related to gun crimes around schools. The City is posting signs throughout Downtown to let people know they are in a school zone where federal firearms restrictions apply.”

“If convicted of violating gun-free school zone laws, you could face up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$5,000.”

For further Information visit: [APD Ramps Up Downtown Gun Enforcement Downtown — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](https://www.cabq.gov/apd-ramps-up-downtown-gun-enforcement-downtown)