

WELCOME TO THE DON PERKINS
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER E-NEWSLETTER



We are located in:
The Rosenwald
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505-768-4735

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MRA Boutique Business & Property Grants—Window Grant Opportunity

**Empowering local businesses.
Enhancing Albuquerque’s Neighborhoods.**

The Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency (MRA) has launched the Fresh Coat Property Improvement Grant. This initiative offers financial assistance for exterior painting projects to enhance properties within designated areas.

Grant Details:

- Small (400-1600 sq ft): \$3,000
- Medium (1600-6400 sq ft): \$7,500
- Large (6400 sq ft+): \$15,000contr
- Exterior Murals (400 sq ft+): Up to \$15,000 based on estimate.

Application Opens February 3rd, 2026 and Closes April 3rd, 2026. Webinar Friday February 13th, 2026. The property must be located within a designated Metropolitan Redevelopment (MR) Area along Central Avenue, to support revitalized storefronts for the Route 66 Centennial. Owners with multiple properties may apply for separate properties, but cannot receive more than two (2) awards. Single-family residential will not be considered.

Qualifying Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas:

- Barelax
- Downtown
- Central/Highland/Upper Nob Hill
- East Downtown
- East Gateway
- Historic Central
- Near Heights
- Sycamore
- Soldiers & Sailors Park
- University
- West Central

Please reach out to RSPP Executive Director for support in applying. The application goes live 2/3.

How to Apply:

Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis, and guidelines vary by grant. Available programs may be limited to specific neighborhoods.

Have questions or want to learn what’s open now? Contact Mara Salcido at msalcido@cabq.gov.

<https://www.cabq.gov/mra/mra-boutique-business-property-grants>

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Honoring Our Law Enforcement Heroes: National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day– Jan. 9th

A Message of Appreciation:

The Downtown Public Safety Unit is both proactive and reactive patrolling our beats as they respond ASAP to safety concerns. They partner with ACS, ABQ Street Connect and UNM Medical Mobile Team to provide connections and resources with stranded unhoused individuals and aid with behavioral health referrals. This includes providing resources with service providers while also conducting outreach.

These are the officers that serve in your area. Their rapport within the downtown community is remarkable as they establish relationships that are meaningful with stakeholders, schools, residents and businesses. Most importantly they support one another and work as a team. They go above and beyond their normal duties.

In the past months, they have made several arrests with subjects who traffic narcotics, and recovered large quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl. They were tasked with the Central Corridor Operation, along with Quality of Life Areas. Officer's conduct hourly patrols covering eight blocks of Central Ave and have identified issues at both locations.

They are complimented by numerous on-site community members and if you see them feel free to say, "Hello."

Our Downtown Unit has had recent changes, including welcoming a new Lieutenant, "Interim Lt. Sonny Molina" and a new Acting Swing shift Sergeant, Sgt. Raymond Casias.



Valley Community Policing Council– re-cap

Valley Community Policing Council—Re-Cap—January 22, 2026

Chair and vice-chair re-elected for this year, four current members, with room for an additional 7 members.

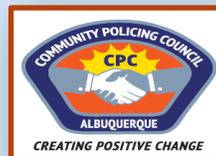
Anita G. From NW CPC presented her idea to form a citizen group to lobby the legislature regarding web criminal laws, revolving door justice, and trial lawyer influence.

Speakers for this meeting were Scott Norris, Commander of the Internal Affairs Force Division and Michael Hernandez, Interim Deputy Chief of Support Services which has included leading the Officer Involved Shooting Executive Committee since 2023. We discussed the Use of Force Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Topics included Use of Force and Officer Involved Shooting (OIS), questions about approaches to reducing OIS, influence of suspects with weapons, substance abuse, and behavioral illness on such episodes.

The speakers discussed training for Force Arrays, the importance of de-escalation in preventing higher levels of force in interactions, why de-escalation may not occur, and what they are attempting in this arena with the SOP changes and training. All of this is in preparation of citizen recommendations for changes to the Use of Force SOP which are upcoming. We heard from Xochitl Campos-Biggs, legislative policy advisor to APD on efforts to get legislation passed regarding homicide by vehicle, asset forfeiture, and medical help for retired officers.

Like much of the city, Valley Commander Jose Sanchez pointed out overall crime including violent crime was reduced for 2025 in the Valley. 2026 foci include curtailing retail crime, property crime, and addressing quality of life issues. Valley staffing is almost full.

Philip Jameson– Chair
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FEBRUARY SAFETY TIPS



February Tips: Romance Scams

What is a romance scam?

An online romance scam happens when a fraudster uses a fake identity to form a romantic relationship online with the intent of stealing money, personal information, or both. Unlike quick, transactional scams, these schemes rely on building emotional trust first and exploiting it over time.

Scammers often reach out through dating apps, social media, or messaging platforms. As the relationship appears to deepen, they slowly introduce financial requests or personal information demands, usually disguised as emergencies or believable life situations.

Spotting the red flags

There are a few warning flags that will help you identify quickly and can hopefully save your money and your heart.

1. This person confesses feelings early on in the conversation in just a few days or weeks.
2. They avoid any type of face-to-face verification. They avoid any type of video calls such as zoom, facetime, etc. and may say their computer doesn't have a camera or their phone camera is broken.
3. They ask to move away from the media site you're on and switch to email, private messaging apps, etc.
4. They request money for emotional or personal situations they are experiencing.

What do I do if I become a victim?

1. Stop all communication with the scammer.
2. Report the profile to the platform you were on.
3. Report to relevant authorities - Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and FBI's Internet Complaint Center
4. Inform your bank or financial institutions if you have transferred any money to this person.
5. Report to law enforcement.

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ALBUQUERQUE COMMUNITY SAFETY

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)

Phone: 768-4227
Email: acs@cabq.gov

For further Information visit ://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety/auto-



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
- Sgt. Di Paolo
 - Officer J. Gonzalez
 - Officer C. Waquie
 - Officer J. Casaus
- NEW:
- Officer D. Kinzer
 - Officer N. Halsey

PSA's

- J. Lucero
- D. Blain

Swing shift Schedule:

- 6:00 PM—4:00AM
 Wed-Sat
- A/Sgt. R. Casias
 - Officer D. Banelos
 - Officer S. Jasso
 - Officer D. Heshley
 - Officer I. Hernandez

PSA's

- E. Bailon
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Professional Staff:

- Betty Lou Chavez
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DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY ECHO

(Extension For Community HealthCare Outcomes)

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

This event is scheduled for Downtown on

- February 26– **Topic: Gateway Updates**
 Nob Hill & University ECHO:
- February 18th—Topic: **UNM's START Program**



Contact ECHO Coordinator Darryl DeLoach
 for an invitation at Phone:505-549-0660
 Email: ddeloach@cabq.gov

JOIN IN PERSON at Studio 519
 Located at 519 Central Ave SW 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.

For further information please log onto: www.cabq.gov/echo



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>

DATING AND ROMANCE SCAMS

Scammers take advantage of people looking for love

Scammers create fake online profiles on dating sites or social media

They approach you, gain your trust and profess their love

They say they are overseas and there is always a problem stopping you from seeing them either in person or by video chat

Victims often suffer a substantial emotional and financial toll

But no matter how much you give, they will always ask for more

They tell you a convincing sob story about why they need to borrow money or pressure you to invest money

CRIME STOPPERS-TIP HOTLINE: 505-843-STOP

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HOTLINE: (505) 843-STOP**

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Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crime and to locate fugitives from justice. Without anonymity callers, the program cannot be effective.

Crime Stoppers pays rewards only for anonymous tips. Tipsters who identify themselves are not eligible for a reward.

Crime Stoppers has sole discretion to decide the amount of any reward to be paid, from zero to \$1,000.

Crime Stoppers will pay rewards only for tips given directly to it. Any tips given to another source, such as law enforcement will not be eligible for a Crime Stoppers reward.

Crime Stoppers does not pay rewards to any person who has a legal duty to assist in the arrest of suspects and fugitives.

Mission Statement

Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a central New Mexico nonprofit organization that makes our communities safer by partnering with law enforcement and the media to solicit and reward anonymous tips that prevent stop and solve crime.

A 501(c) (3) organization

Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers (crimestoppersnm.com)
 Contact Crime Stoppers, anonymously at (505) 843-STOP (7867),
p3tips.com/531 or Text "ABQCS" to 738477.
 Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers, anonymously at
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