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DE-ESCALATION OFFICER OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2025

SGT. ELISA VALDEZ



Congratulations, to Sgt. Elisa Valdez, she has been selected for the De-Escalation Officer of the Month for July 2025. She has been with the Albuquerque Police Department since August 2013 and is currently assigned to the Valley Area Command.

On February 20, 2025 the US Marshals Task Force requested assistance from the Downtown Swing shift Unit in apprehending a male subject with an active felony warrant for extradition to Alabama on charges of making terroristic threats. According to US Marshals officers, the suspect had issued dozens of telephonic threats to plant bombs at city buildings and police stations, allegedly in an effort to combat what he described as a tyrannical government. The male suspect, professionally trained in mixed martial arts, stood at 6'4" and weighed 255lbs.

Upon being taken into APD custody, the individual exhibited continuous physical and verbal aggression. He attempted to escape by damaging a marked patrol unit's door and repeatedly declared his willingness to end his own life to avoid imprisonment. Additionally, he detailed plans to disarm, mortally injure, and harm officers who tried to detain him.

Sergeant Elisa Valdez arrived on the scene and immediately succeeded in establishing a rapport with the suspect. She approached him with respect and dignity while remaining steadfast in her lawful duties. While the suspect displayed hostility toward nearly every other officer, he responded differently to Sergeant Valdez's calm and composed demeanor. Recognizing the need to safeguard both her team and the suspect, Sergeant Valdez went beyond the typical responsibilities of a field sergeant. She personally assisted in transporting the individual to MDC, demonstrating exceptional crisis intervention techniques throughout the process. Her steady communication and skilled approach ensured the safe transfer of custody from APD to MDC without incident.

Sergeant Valdez embodies the principle of "leading from the front" in every facet of her role as the Downtown Swing PRT Sergeant.



Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque! At the start of August, we are gearing up for our 2025 National Night Out! If you've never attended a National Night Out event, I encourage our community to do so.



What is National Night Out?

Neighbors from across the United States host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and various other community events to send a message that our community is fighting back against crime. National Night Out is an excellent opportunity for you and your neighbors to socialize, renew acquaintances, welcome new neighbors, and join fellow citizens in our community's fight against crime. Come together to strengthen neighborhoods and improve police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

A full list of locations can be found at: <https://www.cabq.gov/national-night-out/national-night-out-locations>

As for crime fighting, we recently announced our continued focus on resources in our city's Downtown area. Throughout the summer we are maintaining a zero tolerance policy to criminal activity.

Since the beginning of the year APD has arrested 26 juveniles Downtown and recovered 19 firearms.

**crime
down**

- **Shootings: - 20%**
- **Robbery: - 12.5%**
- **Sex Crimes - 61.5%**
- **Burglary: - 2.9%**
- **Auto Theft: - 29.8%**
- **Shoplifting: - 20%**



Recruitment



Our recruiting efforts continue to be successful! APD just graduated 11 cadets from its Recruit Officer Basic Training (ROBT) Academy. This is a part of our new format to hold five cadet classes a year. Congratulations to all our new officers!

Thank you for your continued support.



-Chief Harold Medina

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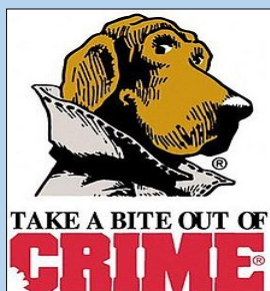
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AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity; vehicles are easy targets and often contain property that is attractive to thieves.

Large parking lots and neighborhoods with a lot of on-street parking can be prime targets for thefts. Use the easy, inexpensive tips below to reduce your risk.

PRECAUTIONS

- Leave nothing in plain –view inside your vehicle.
- Park in visible, well-lit areas.
- Roll up windows and lock doors.
- Place items in your trunk before reaching your destination.
- Secure the trunk, hatches, bed-mounting tools boxes and

Valley Community Policing Council (CPC)

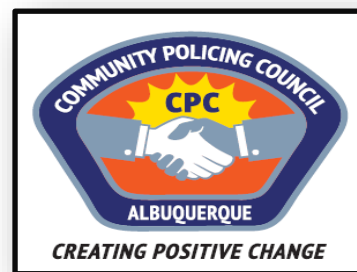
The idea is simple: Build relationships and work with communities to address their concerns and priorities.

We are successfully fighting crime when we work hand-in-hand with communities to implement solutions that keep people safe. Our officers are working with neighborhoods, business owners, faith-based organizations, schools, and more to tailor proven public safety strategies to meet the needs of specific areas. APD Community Policing comprises three key components: Problem Solving, Community Partnerships and Organizational Transformation.

Problem Solving: Solving problems means, first, identifying issues that need to be addressed and then determining resolutions and devoting effort to meeting needs for a successful outcome. The SARA (Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment) model is one of the most familiar processes for problem-oriented policing (POP). APD is using this model.

Community Partnerships: Partnerships between law enforcement and the individuals and organization: they serve to develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police. APD will focus on creating partnerships with a diverse section of the Albuquerque community and will work with key community stakeholders including, but not limited to:

- Other law enforcement agencies
- Social service providers
- Business community
- Educational institutes
- Local prosecutors
- Faith-based organizations
- Neighborhood interest groups
- Youth organizations



Valley Command Meetings

Meeting times: Meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month.
Meeting information: Los Duranes Community Center 2920 Leopoldo Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

For more information please visit:

<https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/community-policing-council>

**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 David Banuelos
- Officer Isaiah Hernandez
- Officer Anthony Chavez

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- Jacob Lucero
- Daijalea Blain

~ COMMUNITY OUTREACH ~



August 5th is the 42nd Annual National Night Out



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Locally, National Night Out is sponsored by the Albuquerque Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit..

For more information please visit : [National Night Out — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](https://www.cabq.gov/national-night-out)

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!

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

For further information please log onto:

www.cabq.gov/echo

Or contact Darryl DeLoach at Phone:505-549-0660

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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.



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