

# UNIVERSITY AREA COMMAND

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## Commanders Corner:

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### *A Message from the University Area Command*

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Dear Community Members,

As April comes to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on the events, progress, and ongoing efforts within the University Area Command. Our mission to keep our community safe continues to guide every action we take. This month, we have seen both heart-wrenching tragedy and encouraging signs of progress — a reminder of the complexity of our work and the strength of our community.

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### *Tragic Loss in the Community*

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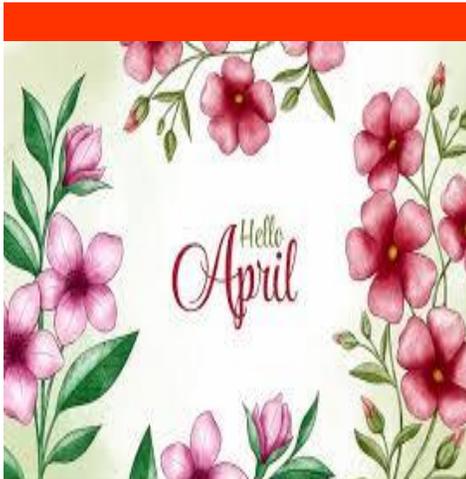
We began this month grappling with the devastating loss of a three-year-old child, whose life was taken far too soon. Our hearts go out to those mourning this tragedy. The incident was met with swift and thorough investigative work by our detectives. As a result, the child's mother and all accomplices involved have been charged. We remain committed to seeking justice and supporting those impacted by this senseless act.

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### *Violent Crime See's Significant Decrease*

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Despite this tragic event, the broader trend in violent crime in our area is moving in a positive direction. We are encouraged to report a 60% decrease in shootings with injury compared to April of 2024. This reduction reflects the dedicated efforts of our officers, detectives, and community partners working together to prevent violence and respond quickly to emerging threats.



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## *Officer Spotlight Crime Rates Continue to Decline*

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In addition to the drop in shootings, we've also observed an average 13% decrease across all major crime categories year-over-year. This includes reductions in property crimes, assaults, and thefts. While we recognize there is still work to do, these numbers are a strong indicator that our crime prevention strategies are having a meaningful impact.

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## *Moving Forward, Together*

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We know that public safety is a shared responsibility, and we are grateful for the continued support, vigilance, and cooperation of our residents, businesses, and university partners.

We encourage all community members to stay informed, report suspicious activity, and participate in local events aimed at strengthening our neighborhoods.

If you have concerns or ideas about improving safety in your area, don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can build a safer, stronger University Area.

### **Stay Connected:**

📍 University Area Command – 1009 Bradbury Ave SE, Albuquerque, NM

☎ Non-Emergency Dispatch: (505) 242-COPS

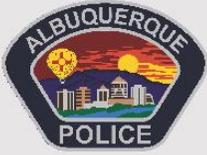
🌐 [cabq.gov/police](http://cabq.gov/police)

📱 Follow us on social media: @ABQPolice

*Best wishes, Ray*



~ Commander Ray Del Greco



# 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*



# Dog Walker Watch...coming soon to a leash near you

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Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS  
Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

Who doesn't want to be active with their best friend and enjoy the great outdoors?

With hundreds of community members regularly walking throughout neighborhoods around the city, Dog Walker Watch is a natural extension of our Neighborhood Watch Program.

The American Crime Prevention Institute describes Dog Walker Watch as a crime prevention awareness program that:

**“Encourages neighbors out walking their dogs to be extra ‘eyes and ears’ for law enforcement. Dog owners and walkers are trained on how to effectively observe and report suspicious behavior, while enhancing the partnership between the police and community.”** <https://acpionline.com/blog/dogwalkerwatch>

It was developed by the National Association of Town Watch, the same organization which introduced National Night Out in 1984 and grew the celebration to the block parties, festivals, cookouts and ice cream socials that we enjoy each August.

The Albuquerque Police Department will host its first Dog Walker Watch training event in May with a focus on how to effectively observe, recognize and report suspicious behavior.

We envision this as a natural complement to our crime prevention programming. We recognize that crime prevention is not “one size fits all”, but a series of opportunities through programming featuring education, target hardening strategies, communication and developing observation skills.

We'll update you as soon as a venue and date are selected. Until then...“tell your dog I said hi!”

**Please join us for  
NOB HILL & UNIVERSITY AREA PUBLIC SAFETY ECHO**

**Into to De-Escalation**

**Wednesday, April 16th from 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

**Presented by  
ECHO Coordinator  
Darryl DeLoach**

**Case:  
McClendon v. CoA?**

**Join US at the University Area Command  
or**

**Zoom in:** <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/83529190943>

Meeting ID: 835 2919 0943 Password: **University**

**Phone in:** dial 1-646-558-8656

Enter the meeting ID: 835 2919 0943# - then hit # again.

The session will be videotaped to share on the city's website.

**Announcements**

- [Albuquerque Metro CRIME STOPPERS \(505\)843-STOP](#)

**Invite People Concerned about Safety**

Do you know people who should be included in our Public Safety ECHO? If so, please invite them! Feel free to forward this message to community members or send information to [ddeloach@cabq.gov](mailto:ddeloach@cabq.gov) to have someone added to the list. This is a public, open forum and we welcome all.

**Do you have a Public Safety Issue?**

If you would like to submit a case to be presented, we want to hear about your concerns, issues and situations.

Contact us about any scenario involving safety in Albuquerque that you want to discuss at a future Public Safety ECHO session.

If you do not feel comfortable presenting, a member of the Hub team is able to present to the network on your behalf. Email, [Darryl DeLoach](mailto:Darryl.DeLoach@cabq.gov), if you have a topic you would like addressed please contact; [ddeloach@cabq.gov](mailto:ddeloach@cabq.gov).

**Report a Crime or Incident Online:**

To report the crime to the Albuquerque Police Department, the crime must have happened in Albuquerque.

For incidents regarding Hit and Run Accidents or Motor Vehicle Accidents, please call **505-242-2677** for assistance. These types of reports cannot be completed online.

To report stolen license plates, **call 505-242-COPS**

We currently accept online reports for the following categories:

- Auto Burglary - *Note: Stolen license plates cannot be submitted online, call 242-COPS.*
- Fraud
- Harassing Phone Call
- Identity Theft
- Lost Property - *Note: Stolen license plates cannot be submitted online, call 242-COPS.*
- Residential Burglary
- Shoplifting
- Theft or Larceny

- Vandalism
- Vandalism of A Motor Vehicle

## Crime Reporting Services Available to the public:

### **File a Police Report Online**

Are you the victim of a crime in Albuquerque? You might be able to report this crime to the Albuquerque Police Department online.

### **Report a Crime**

We currently accept online reports for the following categories:

- Fraud
- Residential Burglary
- Auto Burglary
- Auto Vandalism
- Lost Property
- Telephone Harassment
- Theft or Larceny
- Vandalism

### **Telephone Reporting Unit:**

The Telephone Reporting Unit is responsible for reports where the suspect's identity is unknown as well as all minor crime reports that do not require any field investigation by patrol officers in the field.

**The Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU)** is staffed by civilian employees. Crimes with no suspect information or evidence (fingerprints, video, witnesses etc.) can be documented by the Telephone Reporting Unit.

Contact the Telephone Reporting Unit by calling **505-242-2677** or **505-242-COPS**.

**The following are examples of reports that can be taken over the telephone:**

- Auto Burglary
- Commercial Burglary (delayed with no offender present)
- Residential Burglary (delayed with no offender present)
- Auto Theft (during TRU business hours)
- Larceny
- Lost Items (i.e. cell phones, purse)
- Vandalism/Graffiti
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- Runaways/Missing Person (during TRU business hours)
- Harassment/Threats
- Embezzlement
- Fraud/Forgery
- Identity Theft
- Arson (if damage is below \$1,000.00)
- Vandalism
- Lost Items If a Telephone Reporting Unit employee is unavailable file an online report.

## Albuquerque Police Area Commands:

The Albuquerque Police Department divides the city into seven geographical areas called area commands.

Each area command is managed by a commander and staffed with between 82 and 119 officers, depending on size of the area command and level of calls for service.

All officers are dispatched through the Police Communications operators by calling **505-242-COPS for non-emergency calls** or **911 in an emergency**.

## Police Substations:

Police department employees are assigned to the substation to answer telephones and provide general information to walk-in visitors.

The following services are available at all substations from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday**:

- File a report
- Request a copy of a report
- Report abandoned or disabled vehicles
- Comment on our service
- Contact us with any of your **non-emergency** needs

In addition, depending on the type of report you need, you may also be able to make the report over the telephone by calling **505-242-COPS**.

**If requesting a copy of**

## Area Commands in the Albuquerque Metro Area:

- **Foothills Area Command**

Jeff Russel Memorial Substation: 12800 Lomas Blvd NE – (505)332-5240

- **Northeast Area Command**

John Carrillo Memorial Substation: 8021 Osuna Rd NE – (505)823-4455

- **Northwest Area Command**

Michael King & Richard Smith Memorial Substation: 10401 Cibola Loop Ct. NW – (505)768-4850

- **Southeast Area Command**

Phil Chacon Memorial Substation: 800 Louisiana SE – (505)256-2050

- **University Area Command**

1009 Bradbury Dr. SE – (505)768-4994

- **Southwest Area Command**

Shawn McWethy Memorial Substation: 6404 Los Volcanoes Rd. NW – (505)831-4705

- **Valley Area Command**

Gerald Cline Memorial Substation: 5408 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW – (505)761-8800

- **Don Perkins Public Safety Center**

302 Central Ave. SW – (505)768-4735

**Valley Area Command - Old Town Substation:**

2060 Central Ave SW  
(505) 242-6643 **(OPEN WEEKENDS)**

**University Command – Triangle Community Substation:**

2901 Central Ave. NE  
(505) 256-8368 **(OPEN WEEKENDS)**