

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMAND

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Commanders Corner:

January News Letter

As January has quickly flown by the University Area Command is ready and planning for the New Year. You will find APD personnel on foot and on bikes throughout the month specifically in the Nob Hill area. During the month so far, there has been a significant decrease in criminal activity in the University area. There has been a decline in all property crimes with burglaries showing over a 50% decrease from January 1, 2025. Thefts from a motor vehicle have proven to remain steady throughout the month, which sends caution to citizens to not leave valuables inside of your vehicle. Another tip for preventing your vehicle from being burglarized is to park in lit and populated areas.

As a reminder from APD there are resources available if you or your loved one(s) are struggling. APD utilizes the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) which can be found at <https://dvrcnm.org> or by phone at (505)248-3165. Please reach out to them if you or a loved one experiences thoughts of domestic violence or are a victim of domestic violence.

As always, it is an honor to serve the University Area Command. I hope you have an amazing New Year!



~ Commander Ray Del Greco





Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season enjoying some time off with family and friends.

We are looking forward to 2025 after finishing out the year strong. Our Traffic Division continues to do



great work in the field. For the New Year's Eve holiday we partnered with several other agencies to enforce DWI throughout the city.

During the operation, 156 vehicles were stopped and 369 traffic citations were issued. DWI officers assisted with two traffic crash investigations and arrested 4 drivers for DWI.

As for our Criminal Investigations Division, in 2024, APD detectives solved 79 homicide cases.

A total of 125 murder suspects were arrested, a 6% increase from 2023 and the most in the history of the department. APD's homicide solve rate was also above 90% for the third straight year.



As we just wrapped up our Holiday Enforcement Plan, we will be making a public announcement with the results and highlighting some key individuals who were arrested multiple times during the operations.

I'm proud of our officers who have been working hard to make our shopping districts safer and for addressing these quality of life issues.

Additionally, we have increased enforcement to a historic part of our city that had experienced more crime this year.

As we have seen improvements, we continue to address the concerns and will be holding an event next month at Old Town Hobbies and Games, hosting Cops vs. Kids Game Day.

The event geared toward kids ages 8 and up will be on February 1, from 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to our community for your continued support, we look forward to another great year ahead.



-Chief Harold Medina

FREE!
Old Town Hobbies and Games
hosts...
cops vs kids
GAME DAY

WHEN: FEBRUARY 1ST

**WHERE: 109 ROMERO ST NW,
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87104**

TIME: 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Kids, it's game time! Join the Albuquerque Police Department for a fun board game challenge! Kids ages 8 and up can play against local officers in a friendly competition.

How to Recognize and Avoid a Scam

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All scams have one thing in common. They attempt to get you to act from a place of emotion rather than one of intelligence. It is why a scammer uses familiar businesses, charities, government agencies or outright scare tactics to get our attention.

The top scams are imposter scams and romance scams. Imposter scams can be someone stating that they are from a well-known company and you have overpaid for a service or product and they need to complete a refund by remotely accessing your bank account; or someone telling you that your utility bill is overdue and your electricity will be turned off if you don't pay...by gift card, credit card, or bank transfer. Or, perhaps someone pretending to be from law enforcement calling to say you have a warrant for not reporting to jury duty and if you don't pay will be arrested. The list spans only the imagination.

If you receive such a call, text, or email. STOP. Don't respond. Contact the company or entity directly to verify validity if you are at all in doubt. And, yes, you can check for warrants in Bernalillo County at https://bcapp.bernco.gov/BCSO_WarrantInterWITS/

Romance scams are the fastest growing type of scam affecting older adults. It is profitable for the scammer, sometimes netting them hundreds of thousands of dollars or more. Romance scammers will often groom their victims and invest time in making the relationship *seem* real. Some indicators of a romance scam:

- Can't meet you in person. If they do make plans, they will always fall through.
- Will ask you for money.
- Tell you how they want to receive payment, in a way hard for you to get back:
 - Western Union or Money Gram
 - Gift Cards + PIN Number
 - Money Transfer App
 - Cryptocurrency

Tactics to avoid romance scams:

- Avoid losing money to a scammer:
 - Never send money to someone you haven't met in person (and some you have)
 - Stop communicating immediately if something is not right.
 - Talk to a friend or family member you trust
 - Search online for the name plus the word scammer or position they say they hold plus the word scammer

Public Safety ECHO:

Information about the City of Albuquerque's Public Safety ECHO program.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Nob Hill and the University Area sessions - Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Connect:

Project ECHO's New Website- [iECHO](#)

Downtown Public Safety ECHO twice a month on Zoom - Password: Downtown

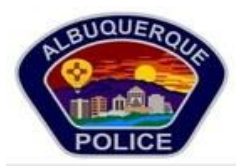
Second Thursday; [Join the Downtown Public Safety ECHO meeting on Zoom.](#) Meeting ID: 893 1504 5751

Fourth Thursday; [Join the Downtown Public Safety ECHO meeting on Zoom.](#) Meeting ID: 896 0256 6056

Nob Hill - University Public Safety ECHO twice a month on iECHO

First Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)

Third Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)



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The Downtown & Nob Hill - University Public Safety ECHO Hub Team and Curriculum

The Downtown Public Safety ECHO Hub team oversees the program and curriculum - community wellness, mental health, skills training, public safety, and drugs intervention and prevention. [Read more about the Public Safety ECHO Hub Team & curriculum.](#)

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Schedule:

Downtown Public Safety ECHO: Second and Fourth Thursday of each month 1-2:30 p.m. MST

Nob Hill - University Public Safety ECHO: First and Third Wednesday of each month 1-2:30 p.m. MST