

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMAND

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Commanders Corner:

A Message from the University Area Command

Dear Community Members,
As we move forward into spring, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we've made over the past month and share some important updates with you all.

April 2025: A Snapshot of the University Area Command

April has been an active month for the University Area Command, as we've continued our efforts to keep our community safe and engaged. Our officers have been busy responding to calls, conducting community outreach, and working with local organizations to address public safety concerns. Here's a quick look at some key statistics and initiatives:

- **Total Calls for Service:** 2826
- **Arrests Made:** 116
- **Property Crimes:** Decreased by 10% from last month, thanks to increased patrols and our crime prevention efforts.

Ongoing Efforts: Community Partnerships

I'm pleased to report that we continue to strengthen our partnerships with community organizations, local businesses, and residents. Together, we're working to create a safer environment for everyone in the University Area. A big thank you to the many volunteers and community members who support our efforts each day.

Upcoming Gun Buyback Event: May 17th, 2025

In an effort to further enhance public safety and reduce the risk of gun violence, we are partnering with the University of New Mexico Lobos, the Albuquerque Isotopes, and New Mexico United to host a **Gun Buyback Event** on **Saturday, May 17, 2025**. This event will take



place from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at a designated location, and we're encouraging everyone in the community to participate.

The gun buyback program allows individuals to anonymously surrender firearms in exchange for gift cards, no questions asked. It's an opportunity for those who may have unwanted or unused firearms in their homes to safely dispose of them, helping to prevent potential accidents or misuse.

Special thanks to our partners at the Lobos, Isotopes, and NM United for their collaboration in making this event possible. We are proud to work alongside these organizations to help create a safer Albuquerque.

Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO Kick-Off: May 21, 2025

We are also excited to announce the **Kick-Off for the Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO** program, which will take place on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025** from **1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**. This event will be an in-person gathering, where community members can come together to discuss and address public safety concerns in the Nob Hill area.

The Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO initiative is designed to foster open communication and collaboration between residents, local businesses, and law enforcement. The goal is to work together to share ideas, solve problems, and implement solutions that will make Nob Hill an even safer place to live, work, and visit. We invite everyone who is interested to attend and be a part of these important conversations. It's an opportunity to connect with your neighbors, law enforcement, and community leaders to make a tangible difference.

Looking Ahead: A Collaboration Effort for Safety

As always, the safety of our community remains our top priority. Whether it's through our ongoing efforts to prevent crime, our outreach programs, or initiatives like the gun buyback event and the Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO, we are committed to doing everything we can to ensure the University Area remains a safe and welcoming place for all residents, students, and visitors.

I also want to extend my deepest gratitude to all the members of our University Area community who continue to report suspicious activity, volunteer their time, and work with us toward our shared goals. It's because of your support that we can continue making progress.

As we enter the month of May, let's continue to work together to build a safer, stronger community.

Stay safe, stay engaged, and thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes, Ray



~ Commander Ray Del Greco



Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well and gearing up to kick off summer.

I'm pleased to share with our community a partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools and Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers to re-launch a successful program. It's called Campus Crime Stoppers, which is a valuable resource to enhance safety and security within our school community. Through Campus Crime Stoppers, students, or any staff within Albuquerque Public Schools can report any concerns related to safety, crime, or suspicious activity.

As we are taking juvenile crime very seriously, the image featured above are the stickers that have been handed out to students within APS to spread word about the program. The QR code directly brings students and staff to Crime Stoppers website where criminal activity can be reported anonymously.



I'd also like to provide results from a recent operation which is part of a new ongoing initiative from our Criminal Investigation Division. This is our third month of the day-long operations and we just focused on cases being investigated by the Crimes Against Children Unit.

Investigators made two big arrests for Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitations of Minors. Our team also checked on the welfare of more than 20 children.

I'm grateful for our dedicated investigators both sworn and professional staff who have put a great deal of effort into these operations to get violent offenders off the street and prevent future victimization.

Coming up, we will be hosting our annual Law Enforcement Memorial honoring those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. I invite our entire community to attend.



-Chief Harold Medina



A TRANSFORMATIVE EFFORT TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

SAFE SURRENDER GUN BUYBACK

ALBUQUERQUE

100% anonymous, exchange guns for CASH

FREE Tickets handed out by NBA Star Kenny Thomas for the Lobos Men's Basketball Game that Afternoon and for Isotopes and NM United games

SATURDAY, MAY 17

APD UNIVERSITY SUBSTATION

1009 Bradbury Dr. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

\$250 for Assault Weapons

\$200 for Semi-Automatic Handguns and Rifles

\$100 for Long Guns & Pistols



*Bring firearms unloaded and in the trunk of the vehicle

*Drive-thru event

*No ammunition accepted

*No CASH Exchanges for 3D and ghost guns

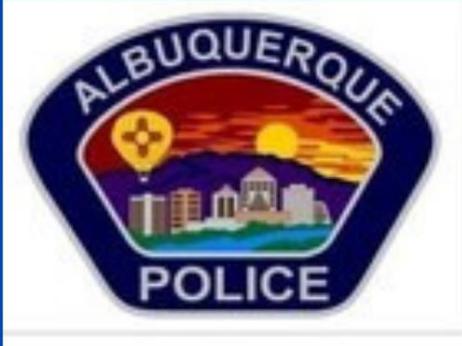
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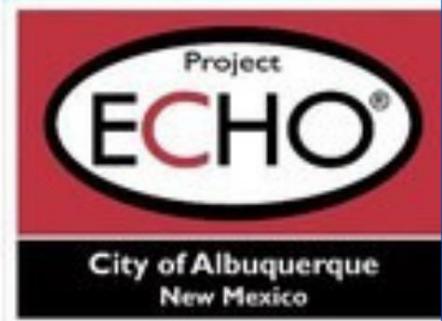
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Nob Hill/University Area Public Safety ECHO

The Nob Hill/University Area Public Safety ECHO, led by the Albuquerque Police Department (APD), brings together community members and local stakeholders to foster a collaborative environment focused on safety. This initiative creates a space for shared learning, where participants can exchange ideas and best practices for improving community safety. By engaging in meaningful discussions, led by subject matter experts to learn effective safety strategies and develop actionable solutions to ensure the well-being of the Nob Hill and University area neighborhoods. We want your input on how to make this an effective and productive learning space, please participate in the survey here!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nobhilluniversityecho>



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

Kick-Off for the Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO

Wednesday, May 21, 2025
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Presented by
ECHO Coordinator
Darryl DeLoach

Join US at the University Area Command

This event will be an in-person gathering

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 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**, if you have a topic you would like addressed please contact; ddeloach@cabq.gov.

Passwords – A Hot Commodity

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS
Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

19,030,305,929 passwords have been compromised by leaks and breaches in a twelve-month period. This astronomical cache of passwords is published on the dark web for acquisition.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/daveywinder/2025/05/06/new-warning---19-billion-compromised-passwords-create-hacking-arsenal/>

In past year there have been at least 200 known security incidents exposing billions of passwords. It begins with us, the users, to create strong and long passwords and not to reuse them across accounts. Only 6% of the exposed passwords were determined by the Forbes Cybernews research team to be unique, others were too short or used only lowercase letters. Additionally tens of millions of passwords used 'admin' or 'password.'

Creating strong passwords and using different passwords on each & every account and platform can reduce the risk that we end up on this list. All too much to remember? Consider a password manager. There are many available and articles to help pick the best one for you.

We all have a part to play, but so do our cell providers. The majority of phishing attempts are developed to target the mobile computer in our pocket and there is a lot of work yet to be done. In a recent test of SMS phishing, known as smishing, none of the messages were "blocked, flagged, or rewritten" says Paul Walsh, CEO of MetaCert and co-founder of W3C Mobile Web Initiative.

Assume that any unsolicited email message or text message with a link is an attempt to steal your information. Take the time to confirm the validity of the message BEFORE clicking on the link. For example, you receive a message soliciting feedback on a recent product purchase or service, verify its validity with the business or service provider before you click to complete it.

With a bit of effort on the prevention side, we can quell the catastrophic consequences that come with an account take-over or multiple account compromises that can occur from using and reusing passwords.

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](tel:505-242-2677) for assistance. These types of reports cannot be completed online.

To report stolen license plates, [call 505-242-COPS](tel: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](tel:242-COPS).*
- Fraud
- Harassing Phone Call
- Identity Theft
- Lost Property - *Note: Stolen license plates cannot be submitted online, [call 242-COPS](tel: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](tel:505-242-2677) or [505-242-COPS](tel: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**.

When requesting a copy of a “Crash Report” you can go to any substation: Please note to have your case number and Identification ready for pick up. Also call ahead to make sure your report is ready for pick up before heading over. If you have any questions regarding reports feel free to call any substation. We will be happy to help. 😊

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 2nd 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) 924-8335 **(OPEN WEEKENDS)**