Message from the Commander
By Luke C. Languit, Commander, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

We celebrate Earth Day in the month of April. For anyone not familiar with Earth Day, it is a time to raise awareness about pollution and also ways to maintain a healthy and clean environment. The City of Albuquerque will be conducting a series of spring cleanup events, with the first event being here in the Southeast Area Command on April 9 at Phil Chacon Park. The Southeast Area Command recently conducted our own cleanup of the International District on March 25, we had a great turn out and I would like to personally thank everyone that came out and assisted.

We continue to work our proactive policing initiatives, the focus on reducing the violent crime and property crimes. Our Crime Prevention Specialists are always available to assist at your businesses and at your residences, with identifying and implementing good crime prevention strategies.

Commander’s Safety Tip of the Month
By Luke C. Languit, Commander

With Marijuana being legal to possess and use in New Mexico now, it’s important that everyone in the community is aware of what state law outlines. On April 1st, Marijuana/Cannabis can be purchased from licensed dispensaries for recreational use. Individuals selling or giving Marijuana to another individual still constitutes the felony crime of Trafficking a Controlled substance. So it is important that Marijuana is only purchased from licensed dispensaries. Only individuals that are 21 years of age or older can legally purchase Marijuana. An individual can possess up to two ounces (fifty-six grams) of marijuana, or sixteen grams of concentrate Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), or at home six plants per individual or twelve plants per household.

Marijuana cannot be consumed or smoked in public, if your police officers observe the use of marijuana in public, the individual will be detained and issued a criminal citation. So please ensure if you or a family member use Marijuana, you use at home and not in the public’s view.

Outside of using Marijuana in public, your police officers will not use the following to constitute reasonable articulable suspicion of a crime and the following is not a basis to stop, detain or search an individual: the odor of Cannabis/Marijuana or cannabis extract or the odor of burnt Cannabis or Cannabis extract. The possession of or the suspicion of possession of Cannabis without evidence of quantity in excess of two ounces of Cannabis, sixteen grams of Cannabis extract or eight hundred milligrams of edible Cannabis. The possession of multiple containers of Cannabis without evidence of quantity in excess of two ounces of Cannabis, sixteen grams of Cannabis extract or eight hundred milligrams of edible Cannabis. Now these limitations shall not apply when police officers are investigating whether an individual is operating a vehicle under the influence of or impaired by alcohol or a drug or any combination of both.
**APD FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER**

(FAC) is committed to providing victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and their families with a safe setting to assist in addressing and overcoming the trauma of their experience and break the cycle of violence.

Due to Covid-19, appointment is necessary.

- Domestic Violence Resource Center, 24 hour hotline (505) 248-3165
- SANE - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, 24 hour hotline (505) 883-8720
- Rape Crisis Center of New Mexico, 24 hour hotline (505) 266-7711

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**This Simple Technology Could Help Burglars Find Tech in Your Car**

*By Alex Lauer, InsideHook’s Senior Editor*

**If you want to avoid a broken window, try turning off Bluetooth**

Car burglaries are not uncommon. There’s a good chance you know someone (or someone who knows someone) who has woken up to a smashed window, especially if you live in a larger city and rely on street parking. But how do thieves choose which cars to pilfer?

New reporting from Wired finds that Bluetooth scanners are being used by some criminals to target cars with expensive technology, like smartphones and laptops, even if the items are hidden. In other words, if your iPhone is on and emitting a Bluetooth signal, a burglar may be able to detect it using something as simple as an app and might zero in on your car.

“Right now we do know that thieves are utilizing them,” Monic Rueda, a crime prevention specialist at the San Jose Police Department in California, told Wired. This official confirmation runs contrary to the idea that Bluetooth scanners are an urban myth.

To better understand how exactly it works, Wired lays it out like this:

“You can easily install a Bluetooth scanner app; it uses your smartphone’s own internal Bluetooth sensors to find nearby signals. They not only list everything they find, but provide details like what type of device they’re picking up, whether that device is currently paired to another over Bluetooth, and how close the listed devices are within a few meters.”

The obvious antidote to this tactic is to never leave valuable technology in your car. But we’ve all been told since getting our driver’s licenses to never leave anything of value in our vehicles, and of course we still do because we’re not perfect. So if you do leave your computer (handheld or otherwise) in the glove compartment, under a coat or in the trunk, the best course of action is to either turn the device off or turn off the Bluetooth functionality so it can’t be detected.

Although it should be said that Bluetooth scanners aren’t an epidemic, and most car bandits are more likely to wield a blunt object than an app. Wired even quotes car security researcher Tim Strazzere who posits that taking the time to scan for items gets in the way of the criminal mantra: “Save the time, go fast, grab everything.” But it takes seconds to disable Bluetooth, so as I always say: better safe than forced to drop another grand at the Apple Store.

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**3 Signs of a Prize Scam**

*Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice*

Who doesn’t dream of winning a lot of money or a big prize? That’s why scammers still use the promise of a prize to get your money or personal information. The good news is that there are ways to tell you’re dealing with a scam.

Here are three signs of a prize scam:

1. **You have to pay to get your prize.** But real prizes are free. So if someone tells you to pay a fee for "taxes," "shipping and handling charges," or “processing fees” to get your prize, you’re dealing with a scammer. And if they ask you to pay by wiring money, sending cash, or paying with gift cards or cryptocurrency to get your prize, don’t do it. Scammers use these payments because it’s hard to track who the money went to. And it’s almost impossible to get your money back.

2. **They say paying increases your odds of winning.** But real sweepstakes are free and winning is by chance. It’s illegal for someone to ask you to pay to increase your odds of winning. Only a scammer will do that.

3. **You have to give your financial information.** There’s absolutely no reason to ever give your bank account or credit card number to claim any prize or sweepstakes. If they ask for this information, don’t give it. It’s a scam.
What to Know About Real Contests and Prizes
Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice

Plenty of contests are run by reputable marketers and non-profit organizations. But there are some things to know before you drop in a quick entry or follow instructions to claim a prize.

- **Real sweepstakes are free and by chance.** It’s illegal to ask you to pay or buy something to enter, or to increase your odds of winning.

- **Contest promoters might sell your information to advertisers.** If you sign up for a contest or a drawing, you’re likely to get more promotional mail, telemarketing calls, or spam.

- **Contest promoters have to tell you certain things.** If they call you, the law says they have to tell you that entering is free, what the prizes are and their value, the odds of winning, and how you’d redeem a prize.

- **Sweepstakes mailings must say you don’t have to pay to participate.** They also can’t claim you’re a winner unless you've actually won a prize. And if they include a fake check in their mailing, it has to clearly say that it’s non-negotiable and has no cash value.

A special note about skills contests. A skills contest — where you do things like solve problems or answer questions correctly to earn prizes — can ask you to pay to play. But you might end up paying repeatedly, with each round getting more difficult and expensive, before you realize it’s impossible to win or just a scam. Skills contests can leave contestants with nothing to show for their money and effort.

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**TIP HOTLINE: 505-843-STOP**

Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives from justice. Without anonymity of 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 tip 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.

**Felony Gun Crime + Arrest = Up to a $1,000 CASH REWARD**

Know someone who has used a gun to commit a crime, a felon in possession of a firearm or someone in possession of a stolen firearm?

Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers by: Calling 843-STOP
Submit Online Tip at crimestoppers.com
WebTip at P3Tips.com
Download P3 Tips mobile app.
Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

Mike Kruchoski, Chair
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Albuquerque’s six Community Policing Councils (CPCs) work to promote and maintain inclusive, respectful, and cooperative interactions between the community and the Albuquerque Police Department. Our goal is to ensure Constitutional community policing. With that in mind, we focus our efforts on principles commonly called the “Four C’s”: communication, collaboration, consensus-building, and cooperation.

In order to foster greater communication within our SE CPC community, we’re launching a “portal” to regular, weekly posts about our values, perspectives, and work. Please get acquainted with us at:

https://tinyurl.com/CPC-SE-welcome

Did you know, the SE CPC has its own “playlist” on YouTube? Did you know, there are many opportunities to become better informed – and more deeply engaged in our collaboration to build a safer and more prosperous community for all our neighbors? Come explore the many ways you can work with us as we work for you!

Join us for our upcoming meeting….

❖ April 21, 6:00 pm – SE Community Policing Council Zoom Meeting

register using this link:  https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISlOiNaReuLTfgtm6nNGg

Southeast Area Command

April 20th
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

Starbucks
1314 Gibson Blvd SE

Please join us for coffee and conversation.
“The Team”

Outreach in the International District

By: Marisa Vigil

Eighteen amazing months—the Team continues to reach the most vulnerable in the International District to provide safety and resources. This effort began October 16, 2020 and continues to grow; consistently the work is accomplished with individuals from Code Enforcement, the SE Crime Prevention Specialist, SE PRT officers, waste management, individuals from COAST and frequently individuals from ACS. Everyone involved offers a unique piece to the puzzle making it possible to address many barriers the individuals are facing. Individuals that the team contacts are given snacks, water, dog food, hats, gloves, socks, and sometimes clothing. If an individual would benefit from a LEAD referral, the TEAM can complete that process providing substance abuse referrals; transportation for specific services, if necessary, can be provided as well.

At each location, if an individual that is contacted has a Felony Warrant, PRT officers assist in the arrests of those individuals. Riding with PRT during the transportation to the Prisoner Transportation Center (PTC) allows additional time to discuss opportunities of Substance Abuse treatment and/or sober living options if they express interest. Our goal is to assist those in the International District with various resources and promote safety for all in multiple ways.

Endorphin Power Company
and
Albuquerque Center for Peace & Justice

Wednesday Lunch Outreach

By: Tiffany

It seems like just the other day that I went for my first Wednesday Lunch doing service here at EPC. I was rushing and running late as I glued my eye lashes on while trying to fix my lipstick (lol). I still laugh at that memory – why did I think that anyone in the camps or alleyways would care what I looked like? Just a few stops/camps into our lunches I was shell-shocked by the reality that this could be any of us! Life isn’t promised any one of us, any of us could end up unsheltered and hungry. I give back and find joy in doing so every Wednesday that I go out with APD and provide a sack lunch to people that may not otherwise eat lunch. The fulfillment I get from giving back and the bonds that are created humble me. I am grateful to be a part of such an amazing service project.
The Nob Hill – University Public Safety ECHO focuses on cases and issues in the area but the discussions and presentations benefit everyone across the community.

Join us to discuss problems and concerns in the area and for presentations addressing Mental Health, Substance Use, Community Health, Policing and skills for public safety. This is a great opportunity to meet community members and city stakeholders working in these important areas or dealing with various public safety issues.

Coming sessions are:

♦ April 13, 5:00 - 7:00 pm – ACS Community Forum for New Offices—Cesar Chavez Community Center 77505 Kathryn SE
♦ April 20, 1:00 - 2:30 pm – the ADAPT Program—addressing problem properties
♦ April 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm – SE Community Policing Council Meeting

register using this link: https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISlOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg

It’s easy to participate via zoom:

Join us to plan and develop priorities for this program:

Online survey - cabq.gov/nobhill-usurvey
Invite list – email nobhill-uecho@cabq.gov and ask to be included in invitations to sessions.

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via Zoom via PC, Mac, iOS or Android:
cabq.gov/nobhill-uecho OR https://zoom.us/
Meeting ID: 505-662-4455 Password: NobHill-U

PHONE IN:

Dial: 1-669-900-9833 or 1-646-558-8656

Enter the meeting ID: 505 277 3877 # - then hit # again

CONTACT Public Safety ECHO Coordinator Maria Wolfe at 505-917-5559 or mwolfe@cabq.gov
https://www.cabq.gov/echo
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- **3 April 2022**: 8:00 am ABQ Cleanup SE Quadrant Phil Chacon Park
- **10 April 2022**: 7:00 pm ACS Community Forum for New Offices—Cesar Chavez CC
- **17 April 2022**: 9:00 am Coffee with a Cop Starbucks - 1314 Gibson SE 1:00 pm Nob-Hill Public Safety ECHO Zoom Meeting
- **24 April 2022**: 6:00 pm SE CPC Zoom Mtg
**REPORTING OPTIONS**

Telephone Reporting Unit  
242-COPS (2677)

Online Reporting: [https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online](https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online)

APD App:  
Search ABQ Police in Google Play or the App Store

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The Southeast Substation will be under construction for the next few months so we urge our SE residents to utilize the other area commands for reporting purposes as well as the Triangle Substation located at 2901 Central Ave NE.

**Vision Statement**

APD’s vision is an Albuquerque where the community and the Police Department work together through mutual trust to build a thriving community.

**Mission Statement**

APD’s mission is to build relationships through community policing that will lead to reduced crime and increased safety.