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Message from the Commander

By Luke C. Languit, Commander, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and was able to spend the holiday with family and loved ones. As we start this New Year, from a public safety perspective, we here in the Southeast Area Command are excited to get to work and roll out innovative operations that will reduce the homicides and gun violence.

If you have stopped by the Phil Chacon Memorial Substation, then I am sure you have seen the construction of the new substation. We hope to have the new substation completed by the end of this year.

I would like to let you all know, due to current staffing levels, the department is proactively changing schedules to ensure that there are more officers in service at any given time, compared to the coverage now. Because of this, the Field Services Bureau officers or patrol officers, will be re-bidding this month, and the new bid and schedule will go into effect at the end of this month. Once the new bid starts, we will be putting a strong focus on partnering up our patrol officers with neighborhood block captains, and business coalitions. I would definitely welcome and appreciate any ideas you may have to increase the communication and information sharing between our patrol officers and the community.



Commander's Safety Tip of the Month

By Luke C. Languit, Commander

I stepped outside this last week and really noticed the difference in temperature in the mornings, its cold!!! With the cold weather, there is unfortunately still the crimes of cold weather opportunities, specifically auto theft warm-ups. Warming up your car and stepping inside just for a second, is all it takes for these auto theft offenders to spot your car and steal it while it is warming up.

Please be aware of this crime trend now that the cold weather is upon us. I would like to provide you with some information and tips to prevent auto thefts.

- Always lock your doors
- Remove your keys from the vehicle
- Do not leave a spare key near your vehicle
- Do not have any items of value, in plain sight that can be seen through the vehicle windows
- When you leave your vehicle always roll up all the windows
- Park in well-lit areas
- Install an anti-theft system and audible alarm system

Vehicle engine kill switches or remote start engine systems that warms up your vehicles without the key, however, will turn off if the key is not inserted is a tool to reduce auto theft warms ups. There are also vehicle immobilization systems and tracking systems as well. Please get ahold of the APD Auto Theft Unit or come into the station and meet with our Crime Prevention Specialist to learn more.

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Christmas 2021

The Southeast Area Command Holiday Operation was truly a success. 12 families were provided food and gifts making their holiday truly special. In partnership with the New Mexico Boys and Girls Club and Wilson Middle School the officers and civilian personnel within the Southeast Area Command were able to provide something special to a few families in need. This was a humbling opportunity that created a foundation of trust and rapport with these families in the Southeast Area Command.

Lieutenant Justin Trebitowski
Southeast Watch III



Why you Shouldn't Keep Your Garage Door Open Unattended

By Nassau County Sheriff's office

In hot climates—and the even warmer summer months—it's common to see garage doors left open, even if only a foot or so off the ground. An uncomfortably hot garage can make this seem like a good idea, but there are a number of reasons why you shouldn't keep your garage door open unattended.

There are better ways to cool your garage

A well-sealed and insulated garage won't heat us much as a garage more exposed to outside temperatures. If controlling the heat is an issue for your home, then it's worth investing in insulating your garage and adding adequate ventilation (ductwork, security windows, fans). An insulated garage must also have an insulated door, though, or the effect will be minimal. If all of these elements are in place, your garage will certainly be cooler with the door closed than with it left open (and all the accompanying risks).

Stress on the door

In the fully open or fully closed position, the garage door's system is under the least stress from spring tension. Since leaving it fully open isn't a safe idea (unattended), homeowners who leave the garage up just a few inches may vent some air, but are overall adding to the strain on the door system, decreasing its lifespan.

Animals and insects

As soon as the weather-stripped seal opened, there are a number of critters that may be willing to move right in. Insect infestations can happen quickly, but even larger animals like rodents can make themselves at home—or at least wreak havoc. It's also possible for animals or birds to enter by accident and find themselves trapped when the door is later lowered.

Tempting thieves

From tools to stored items to even your car itself (and/or its contents), the open garage door is a great temptation to thieves. So unless your garage is extremely empty, leaving it open is like leaving an open invitation.

Home invasion

How many of us leave the interior garage door unlocked? If this is your common practice, then leaving the garage door up isn't just a risk to what's in the garage, but to everyone inside your home. It's almost like leaving the front door wide open for home invasion. Even quiet neighborhoods with low crime rates can still fall victim to criminal activity, so it's best to not provide easy access.

Hijacking the automatic opener

Finally, if you've ever reprogrammed or added a garage door remote to your automatic opener, you know it can take less than a minute. If your door is open fully, any sneaky would-be thief could program a generic fob to open your door whenever they like! And that partially-opened door? With the right tools, someone can reach up and pull the release handle to gain full access.

The garage door is the largest opening into your home, so to keep your residence safe, make the most of the security features of a closed and locked door—and the peace of mind that comes with it.

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

Crime Prevention & Safety

<https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety>



SE Area Command
DOJ Scorecards

www.cabq.gov/police/documents-related-to-apds-settlement-agreement

Audits

- View Audit Related to Back Investigations

-View Audit Related to Civilian Complaint and BSD Site Location

-View Audit Related to Electronic Control Weapons and Download Date

-View APD Scorecards



ABQ 311

Help me clean up graffiti in our community and download the "ABQ 311" App. It's easy, if you see graffiti in our community stop in a safe area and take a photo. Pin your location and give a brief description of what and where the graffiti is located so our city employees can easily respond for clean-up.

5 Ways to Prevent Catalytic Converter Theft

By Philip Reed, *Automotive Expert, Nerd Wallet, USA Today*

Catalytic converter theft is on the rise nationwide. Thieves can steal this antipollution device in a matter of minutes and sell it to scrap metal dealers for several hundred dollars for the precious metals it contains.

A replacement for a stolen catalytic converter can cost as much as \$3,000 for the often-targeted Toyota Prius, says Colby Sandman, owner of Muffler Tech in Sacramento, California, who saw an uptick in thefts as the lockdowns took hold. Now, his shop replaces 15 to 20 stolen catalytic converters each day.

Such a theft is a "crime of opportunity," Sandman says, so removing that easy opening will cause these cat burglars to move on to easier prey.

Here are the top tips from mechanics and law enforcement agencies to avoid a wrenching experience and a costly repair.

1. Know if you're a target for catalytic converter theft

Call a good local muffler store and ask what cars have been targeted in your area, Sandman recommends. I called a shop and, sure enough, they reeled off many vehicles affected nearby, such as Ford trucks, Honda Elements and Jeep Cherokees, that had often been seen in the shop for a catalytic converter replacement.

"The Prius is the No. 1 vehicle for cat thefts" in the Sacramento area, Sandman says. As an ultra low-emissions vehicle, the Prius has a catalytic converter that contains more of the rhodium, palladium and platinum that render pollutants harmless.

Trucks and SUVs are often hit by thieves because it's easy to slide under the vehicle rather than jack it up. Sometimes thieves unbolt the catalytic converter, but more often they just cut the connecting pipes using a battery-operated saw.

2. Install an anti-theft device on your catalytic converter

Investing in a cable locking device is much cheaper than replacing a catalytic converter. The internet is filled with such devices to protect the catalytic converter, which is part of the exhaust system that runs along the bottom of your car.

Here are a few of the popular devices:

- A steel shield that fits over the catalytic converter, requiring time and extra tools to remove.
- Cages made of rebar or other high-strength steel that's difficult to cut.
- Stainless steel cables welded from the catalytic converter to the car's frame.
- Some muffler shops will custom-weld such a device to your car. But Sandman cautions that attaching the catalytic converter directly to the car's frame can be noisy since the exhaust system otherwise is suspended from the car by sound-buffering hangers.

3. Paint your catalytic converter

Some sources recommend using a high-temperature fluorescent orange paint, such as those sprayed on barbecue grills, on your catalytic converter and then inscribing your vehicle identification number in the painted surface. This makes it traceable, and in theory at least, a reputable scrap metal dealer might decline to buy it.

5 Ways to Prevent Catalytic Converter Theft *(continued)*

By Philip Reed, Automotive Expert, Nerd Wallet, USA Today

4. Set an alarm or camera to catch thieves

You can turn up the sensitivity of your car alarm so that it goes off when thieves jostle your car. That's fine, but as Sandman points out, then the alarm blares when your cat jumps on the car in the middle of the night. Other alarms are designed to be activated when the car is tilted, such as when it's jacked up. Installing a motion-sensitive dash cam can notify you of a theft in progress or possibly record the license plate of the getaway car.

In addition to alarms, Chavarria recommends getting motion-sensitive lights and parking in your driveway or a closed garage whenever possible. She also suggests getting to know your neighbors so you can recognize strangers who might be casing parked vehicles. I checked my local Nextdoor.com and found almost a dozen accounts of catalytic converter thefts in the past three months.

5. Check your car insurance

Comprehensive insurance covers stolen auto parts.

If you have full coverage — liability insurance, plus collision and comprehensive policies that repair or replace your own car — you're covered, minus your deductible amount. It's typically required if you have a loan or lease. If you have a vehicle at high risk for a catalytic converter theft, you might consider lowering your deductible amount.

If you carry liability coverage only, you're not covered for theft.

What to do if your catalytic converter is stolen

If you come out in the morning and start your car, you'll know by the loud exhaust noise that your catalytic converter was stolen. Here are a few steps that can get you going again:

Aftermarket catalytic converters are cheaper, but make sure they're allowed in your state. A good muffler shop should know what's legal. In some cases, an aftermarket catalytic converter will be less desirable and prevent future thefts.

Ask your mechanic if driving your car without the catalytic converter will further damage it. If not, drive only to the repair shop.

Contact your insurance company and take pictures of the damaged exhaust pipe where the catalytic converter used to be.

File a police report, which can easily be done online in many jurisdictions. This will help police track such crimes and might assist in arrests.

While your new catalytic converter is being installed, ask the repair shop about adding an anti-theft device to prevent future thefts.

Upcoming Events

- **Public Safety ECHO—Zoom Mtg**
- January 19, 2022
- **CPC Meeting**
January 20, 2022

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



Starting a Neighborhood Watch

The following steps show how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood.

You or a neighbor decides to host an initial Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Whoever is going to host the meeting calls the APD Crime Prevention Office at (505) 768-2006 to provide their name, address and phone number. After making the call, the Crime Prevention Office will send a "starter packet" that will include, among other items, a form to collect information from your neighbors.

The host or designee goes up and down the block contacting the neighbors and recording their name, address and phone number on the form.

The host then sends the completed list back to the Crime Prevention Office in the self-addressed envelope provided in the starter packet.

After the CP Office receives the list from the interested party, a Crime Prevention Specialist will contact the host to set up a date and time for the Neighborhood Watch meeting.

The CP Specialist will then mail out invitations to each person whose name appears on the list. Fliers will also be sent to the host to be given out to the neighbors as a "last minute" reminder.

At the meeting, the host provides chairs and simple refreshments.

The Crime Prevention Specialist will conduct the meeting and towards the end, facilitate the group's selection of a Block Captain who will function as the neighborhood leader and will serve as a contact person for the Albuquerque Police Department.

The Block Captain is responsible for contacting new neighbors and for providing updated information to the Crime Prevention Office (Block Captain replacement, etc).

The block is now organized and may collectively purchase Neighborhoods Organized Against Crime (NOAC) Street Signs. The signs may be ordered (by the Block Captain only) through the Crime Prevention Office. The Block Captain may also join the Albuquerque Block Captains Association (ABCA). The block can also officially participate in the annual National Night Out celebration held the first Tuesday of August each year.

For additional information call APD Crime Prevention (505) 768-2006

Crimemapping.com

Receive alerts in
your area; view calls
for service for your
block or a radius of
up to two miles of an
address

Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

Suzy Sanchez Beg, Chair

Community Policing Council: Bridging the Gap between Community and Police

Within the City of Albuquerque, the Federal Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) established six CPCs in coordination with each of the six APD Area Commands. Each month in the Commander's Monthly Newsletter, information related to the effort and on- going work of the SEACPC will be described. Each CPC has a Council of community members elected to provide the interaction between the Area Command officers and community citizens.

Presentations by APD and other organizations with the City provide information to the community a forum is provided for questions to be asked and answered.

The CPCs have established a common set of Guidelines for the actions of the CPCs. The Mission of the CPC Council is to promote and maintain inclusive, respectful, and cooperative interactions between the community and the APD to ensure Constitutional community policing reforms are met and sustained.

The SEACPC normally meets via Zoom Webinar each third Thursday of each month.

Announcements are provided with the Agenda of the meeting at the website

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

Please join us on Thursday, January 20th to learn about Restorative Justice with Tonya Covington!



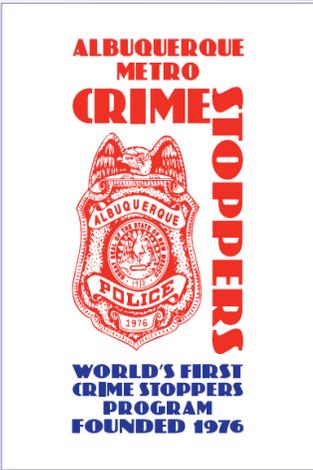
Our Southeast CPC is very active and involved in many of the most important issues facing our community. We have excellent speakers and presentations, even in these times that are constrained by health concerns and precautions.

Will you share the gift of our efforts with your friends and neighbors? All of our materials are easily accessed on-line at CABQ.gov. More specifically, now that we have become an official City of Albuquerque organization, we have our own special electronicportal at: [Community Policing Councils — City of Albuquerque \(cabq.gov\)](https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/community-policing-council)

That link will take you to a Google list of CPC headlines. The top one will bring you to a city map showing where the six Councils have their boundaries. Just to the left of the map is a list of live links to everything from our public forum agendas to our annualreports and videos of past webinars.

Anyone who might like to join a CPC Council can easily find the area that represent their home or place of business. They will also find easy ways to apply for membership in the appropriate Council.

Some councils are short of members and will welcome additional statements of interest. Councils provide an opportunity to build stronger ties between the Community and its Law Enforcement Officers. CPCs host informative meetings, and develop recommendations that can positively change the City of Albuquerque.



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.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Help Stop Gun Violence

Anonymous Tips | Cash Rewards

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS 505-843-STOP

SAV IT HERE ONE ALBUQUERQUE



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:

- ♦ **January 19** – APD Real Time Crime Center - Cameras and Videos – Donald Lewis, RTCC Bridge Manager

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.

VIDEO CONFERENCE IN

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>**



REPORTING OPTIONS

Telephone Reporting Unit
242-COPS (2677)

Online Reporting: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online>

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



To access a traffic accident report, you can download a fillable form from the New Mexico DOT website and take to any substation once completed. If in need of an accident example sheet, contact the Phil Chacon Substation at 256-2050 and one could be emailed to you.

◇ New Mexico Uniform Crash Report: <http://nmtrafficrecords.com/resources/new-mexico-uniform-crash-report-2/>

Substation Hours of Operation

Phil Chacon Substation:	Monday—Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Triangle Substation:	Monday—Thursday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	Friday—Saturday	8:00 am - 10:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm



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.

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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.

WWW.CABQ.GOV/POLICE

