

# Southeast Area Command

Albuquerque Police Department

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## Message from the Commander

By: Commander Josh Richards, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

#### I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July holiday!

We are now officially past the halfway point of 2025—this year is flying by! That said, crime continues to trend downward, and the partnerships within the International District are proving to be a key factor in this success.



One trend of concern, however, is auto burglaries. The few incidents we have seen have primarily involved unsecured vehicles with valuables left inside. Please remember to lock your vehicles and remove all items when leaving them unattended.

I also want to take a moment to sincerely thank all of our Southeast Area Command partners who donated to the department-wide appreciation event hosted by the command staff. This event honored both our professional and sworn staff across the Albuquerque Police Department. We were proud to host our employees at the *Freedom Fourth* celebration at Balloon Fiesta Park, and your generous donations helped make it a truly special event.

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Thank you all once again for your continued support and partnership!

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# **Message from Chief Medina**



Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend and wow, we are already halfway through a very successful year so far.

I would like to start off by sending a huge thank you to everyone at the Sandia Peak Tramway who launched a fundraiser in honor of K-9 Rebel who was tragically killed in the line of duty. Through the Rides for Rebel fundraiser, the Tram raised \$20,000 in Rebel's honor which will go

toward a new training park in Rebel's honor to help train future K-9s for many years to come. Our community is incredible and we can't thank you all enough for your support.



Our department recently launched it's first ever Bike with a Cop event, and it was a huge success. We had more than 20 people take part in the 6-mile ride with our bike officers, and we hope to have many more in the future. Thank you to everyone who came out and learned safety tips from our dedicated officers.

We are always looking for more ways to engage with the community and this was an idea that came directly from our University Proactive Response Team.



As we are right in the thick of summer, I wanted to provide an update on our drone program as we are utilizing this vital technology to help patrol the Bosque. After several days of what are believed to have been man-made fires along the Bosque we have now launched our drones to help patrol the open space area and spot any suspicious activity or fires

Open Space Officers are immediately dispatched to investigate further.

Thank you as always for your continued support, and stay tuned for some more announcements coming this month on summer safety!

-Chief Harold Medina

## **Auto Burglary Prevention**

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

#### What Steps Can I Take To Prevent Becoming a Victim?

This is what your car looks like to a thief!

What Items Are The Most Commonly Stolen from Vehicles?

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Cash	Firearm
Vehicle Title	Gym bag
Laptops/Tablets	Jewelry
Cell Phones (& Chargers)	Keys
Passport	Mail
Garage Door Opener	Purse
Wallet (even if under seat)	Tools



#### How can Auto Burglary lead to Residential Burglary?

Garage Door Opener or House Key in the Car

Registration or Mail in the Car

## Home Burglary

- Vehicle Registration Carry it with you; do not leave it in the vehicle.
- Mail Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your car, especially where visible. This has your name and address on it.
- Garage Door Opener Avoid leaving this in your car if possible, it is the key to the largest door in your home.
- Keys Never leave keys in your car
- Remove visible items from your vehicle. Leaving items visible in your car provides opportunity. Be
  aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat or in the
  trunk, especially at a gym. Take these items with you.

#### Lock Up!

- Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even for quick errands.
- Close all windows, including vent or wing windows and sunroofs.
- Consider installing an alarm and use it! Many people believe that alarms no longer make a
  difference, however, they do remain an effective deterrent to a burglar. Criminals will choose the
  easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from one with an alarm and one without they
  will burglarize the one without.

#### Park Safely!

- At home, park in your garage if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors.
- Park in a well-lighted area.
- Check to see that your vehicle is visible from pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- Avoid parking in remote areas with no visibility i.e. behind buildings.



More than 1,010 children have died of heatstroke, because they were left or became trapped in a hot car over the past 25 years. It's important for everyone to understand these tragedies can happen to anyone — but are always preventable.

#### **Know the Facts**

- A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's. When a child
  is left in a vehicle, that child's temperature can rise quickly and the situation can
  quickly become dangerous.
- Heatstroke begins when the core body temperature reaches about 104 degrees. Death occurs at a core body temperature of 107 or above.
- In 2024, 39 children died of heatstroke in vehicles up 35% from 2023.
- In 2018 and 2019, we saw a record number of hot car deaths 53 children died each
  year the most in at least 25 years, according to NoHeatstroke.org.

#### **Everyone Can Help Prevent Hot Car Deaths**

#### **Parents and Caregivers**

- Never leave a child in a vehicle unattended for any length of time.
   Rolling windows down or parking in the shade does little to change the interior temperature of the vehicle.
- 2. Make it a habit to check your entire vehicle especially the back seat before locking the doors and walking away. Over 50% of pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths are a result of a parent or caregiver forgetting a child in a car.
- Ask your childcare provider to call if your child doesn't show up for care as expected.





- **4.** Place a personal item like a purse or briefcase in the back seat, as another reminder to look before you lock. Write a note or place a stuffed animal in the passenger's seat to remind you that a child is in the back seat.
- 5. Store car keys and fobs out of a child's reach and teach children that a vehicle is not a play area.

## Everyone — Including Bystanders Secure Your Car

Always lock your car when you aren't using it. Even if you don't have a child of your own, a child in your neighborhood could get into your unlocked vehicle.

Over 230 children have died from vehicular heatstroke since 1998 because they gained access to a vehicle and became trapped.

#### Act Fast. Save a Life.

If you see a child alone in a locked car, act immediately and call 911. A child in distress due to heat should be removed from the vehicle as quickly as possible and rapidly cooled.



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# NATIONAL GUARD FACT SHEET

## NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE

The New Mexico National Guard will be assisting the Albuquerque Police Department with non-law enforcement duties.



## **DUTIES**

- Scene Security (outer perimeter containment at critical incidents)
- Traffic Control
- Assist Prisoner Transport Center (booking procedures, collect & document evidence)
- Support APD Drone Program (Operate & monitor drone deployments, monitor video feeds, assess dangerous environments from RTCC
- Assist the Shield Unit (support administrative staff who prepare thousands of criminal cases for prosecution)

## MYTH BUSTING

- Will NOT be armed
- · Will NOT be in military vehicles
- Will NOT make arrests
- Will NOT conduct traffic stops
- Will NOT detain anyone
- Will NOT use force
- Will NOT do any work related to immigration

## **UNIFORM**

Members of the NM National Guard will wear black polo shirts and brown pants.



## **VEHICLES**

National Guard members will drive Albuquerque Police PSA vehicles.



## **PROTECTION**

National Guard members will wear protective vests when helping with scene perimeters and conducting traffic control. They will also carry OC spray (pepper spray).



## **TRANSPERANCY**

Members of the Guard will wear On Body Recording Devices (OBRD) and will follow APD policies to record interactions.





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## HOJA INFORMATIVA DE LA GUARDIA NACIONAL

#### ASISTENCIA DE LA GUARDIA NACIONAL

La Guardia Nacional de Nuevo México ayudará al Departamento de Policía de Albuquerque con tareas no relacionadas con el cumplimiento de la ley.



## **DEBERES**

- Asegurar la escena (contención del perímetro exterior en incidentes críticos)
- Control de tráfico
- Asistencia al Centro de Transporte de Prisioneros (procedimientos de reserva, recopilación y documentación de pruebas)
- Apoyar el programa de drones de APD (operar y monitorear despliegues de drones, monitorear transmisiones de video, evaluar entornos peligrosos desde RTCC)
- Ayudar a la Unidad Shield (apoyar al personal administrativo que prepara miles de casos penales para su procesamiento)

## **DESMINTIENDO MITOS**

- NO estarán armado
- NO estarán en vehículos militares
- NO se harán arrestos
- NO se realizarán paradas de tráfico
- NO detendrán a nadie
- NO usarán la fuerza
- NO realizaran ningún trabajo relacionado con inmigración.

## UNIFORME

Los miembros de la Guardia Nacional de Nuevo México llevarán camisetas tipo polo negras y pantalones marrones.



## **VEHÍCULOS**

Los miembros de la Guardia Nacional conducirán vehículos PSA de la Policía de Albuquerque.



## PROTECCIÓN

Los miembros de la Guardia Nacional usarán chalecos protectores cuando ayuden con los perímetros de las escenas y el control del tráfico. También llevarán gas pimienta (spray OC).



## TRANSPERANCY

Los miembros de la Guardia usarán dispositivos de grabación corporal (OBRD) y seguirán las políticas del Departamento de Policía de Albuquerque (APD) para grabar las interacciones.





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## **SWIM PASSES**

#### Stay safe this summer by swimming in our community pools. It's easy!

Go to a pickup location listed below for a free pass OR take the pledge below to generate a digital pass.

Swim passes are good at all City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Pools.

#### **PICKUP LOCATIONS**

Please click the links for full listing of locations







APD Area Commands



Bernalillo County Fire

#### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

For decades, we have offered swim passes to metro youth to give them a fun and safe place to hang out during the summer.















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Thank you to all of our sponsors - this program would not be possible if not for your generous contributions.



**ABQ 311** 

Help me clean up graffiti in our community and download the "ABO 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.

## Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

CPC.ABQ.Southeast@xemaps.com

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



Join us for our upcoming meeting....

◆ July 17th 6:00-7:30 pm – SE Community Policing Council Meeting

Southeast Command Meetings

Meeting times: Meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month.

Cesar Chavez Community Center - 7505 Kathryn Avenue SE

However, if you prefer to attend virtually, here is the link to join us by Zoom: <a href="https://cabq.zoom.us/j/88936665733">https://cabq.zoom.us/j/88936665733</a>

# 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.

- 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

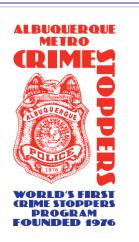
Member Information

Council Chair: Peter Belletto

Council Vice-Chair: TBD

Other Members: Jeffrey Archuletta

Chris McDaniel



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



**ABQ 311** 

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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

Web Tip at P3Tips.com

Download **P3 Tips** mobile app.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Help Stop Gun Violence

Anonymous Tips | Cash Rewards

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS 505-843-STOP

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

### Upcoming sessions for

### Nob Hill-U Public Safety ECHO

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#### **Downtown ECHO:**

◆ July 10th 1:00- 2:30 pm – Downtown Public Safety ECHO \*\*

◆ July 10th 1:00- 2:30 pm - Nob-Hill/University Public Safety ECHO \*\*

◆ July 22nd 1:00- 2:30 pm – Downtown Public Safety ECHO \*\*

♦ register using this link: <a href="https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89315045751#success">https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89315045751#success</a>

\*\* It's easy to participate via zoom:

#### **VIDEO CONFERENCE IN**

via Zoom via PC, Mac, iOS or Android:

2nd Thursday Meeting ID: **893-1504-5751** Password: **Downtown** 4th Thursday Meeting ID: **896-0256-6056** Password: **Downtown** 







#### REPORTING OPTIONS

## Telephone Reporting Unit 242-COPS (2677)

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

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

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday and federal/public holidays

## Albuquerque Police Department

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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.

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**July 2025** 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4 CLOSED	5	
			Nob-Hill/University Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm		HAPPY Atte of July! INDEPENDENCE DAY		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
				Downtown Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm			
13	14	15	Nob-Hill/University Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm	SE Community Policing Council Meeting 6:00pm	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
				Downtown Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm			
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