Message from the Commander

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

Happy March everyone! Your officers have been working their new schedules for a few weeks now, and the coverage is a lot better, our response times to calls for service should only improve with having more officers available for calls for service during the peak busy times during the day. Your officers continue to locate prolific drivers of crime, clearing felony warrants and initiating felony charges.

As presented previously, our Restorative Justice campaign is off to a great start. I have already met with a business and multiple neighborhood associations here in the Southeast and provided the information and resources on the city’s Restorative Justice Program.

Planning for the upcoming Gateway Hub and the Gibson Public Safety District, we have already received a lot of feedback and ideas on APD’s role and response for the Gibson Public Safety District.

I am excited that several new businesses will be opening their doors in the Southeast Area Command in the upcoming months. Additionally, a lot of great organizations and stakeholders within the Southeast Heights are planning huge community events, which we are excited to participate in, these events will be great for our community and department.

Commander’s Safety Tip of the Month

By Luke C. Languit, Commander

I have attended several community meetings where quality of life issues are affecting our businesses and neighborhoods. One of the common issues is the crime of Criminal Trespass. To provide some background, there is both a city code and a state statute for criminal trespass, in which offenders can be criminally cited for or arrested and booked into the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center for.

I would like to be very clear that businesses have the right to post a criminal trespass sign on their property, whether it is posted in their parking lot or on the business itself. There are several sign shops in Albuquerque that have the criminal trespass signs which also includes the criminal trespass ordinance and statute numbers on the sign itself. When businesses have a posted criminal trespass sign on their property, it strengthens the criminal case, where the argument that the offender did not know that they could not be on the property without a lawful/business purpose is not credible, and ultimately the offender is held accountable for victimizing that business.

In trespass situations, based on several different circumstances and facts, especially if the police officer personal observes the trespass, we as law enforcement can still conduct enforcement even if there is no posted criminal trespass sign. Example being your residence, you do not need to have a posted criminal trespass sign on your residence to allow police officers to conduct enforcement. If an individual trespasses on to your personal property where you live, and they do not have permission or authorization from you to be there, they can be criminally cited and or arrested and booked. As long as you, the resident, pursues criminal charges against this offender to hold them accountable, then there is always enforcement actions that we as law enforcement can take.
Common-sense steps to stay safe this St- Patrick’s Day
By Peter M. Rogers, Frontpoint Security

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When I think about St. Patrick’s Day, there are a few words that come to mind: Irish, green, shamrocks, rainbows, gold, and beer.

With 149 million people in the United States celebrating on Saint Patrick’s Day – an incredible figure for a holiday that is not legally recognized as a holiday.

St. Patrick’s Day is the most popular holiday for beer drinking with the average person having 4.2 drinks and 32% of adult admitting to binge drinking. On St. Patrick’s Day beer sales increase 174% and spirit sales increase 153%.

Unfortunately, a holiday that celebrates drinking, leads to drunk driving and alcohol-related accidents. These accidents are often fatal. In 2018, 73 people in the US were killed in drunk driving crashes over on St. Patrick’s Day.

Safety is our top priority so here are some tips to help keep you protected and to avoid any alcohol-related injuries.

Create a plan for your St. Patrick’s Day activities

1) Designate a driver. Under no circumstances should you drink and drive. Have a volunteer or designate someone to remain sober for the duration of the evening.

2) Have a backup driver plan. If no one volunteers to be the designated driver or your designated driver is unexpectedly unable to go out, make sure you have an alternate plan to get home. Options include calling an Uber or Lyft, asking a sober friend for a ride, or renting a room at a nearby hotel. Also remember that many cities and bars offer safe driving alternatives on St. Patrick’s Day, so check to see if your location for the evening is partnering with taxis, Uber, or Lyft.

3) Don’t bring valuables. In most cases, a night out for St. Patrick’s Day will not require you to wear expensive jewelry and accessories. Limit yourself to the necessities, such as a small amount of cash and your phone. The less you bring, the less you risk losing.

Be aware of your surrounding when at the bars

4) Hydrate and eat. Don’t drink on an empty stomach and keep your belly full with Irish specialties, such as a shepherd’s pie or corned beef sandwich. Drink water to stay hydrated.

5) Stay by your drinks. Always remain by your drink and never leave it unattended. You should also never accept a drink that has been opened for you.

6) Watch out for your friends. Friends don’t let friends drive drunk. The motto holds true especially on holidays such as St. Patrick’s Day. If your friend is intoxicated and looks like they’re about to get behind the wheel, take their keys and arrange a different way to get them home.

If you are the designated drive, take extra precautions

7) Drive slow. You might be sober, but remember that you’re not the only one on the road. Buckle up and be attentive to other cars, pedestrians, and potential police checkpoints.

8) Turn on the lights. With some many people headed out to celebrate, burglars may take advantage of empty homes. Use smart lights and wireless light controls to light up your home.
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Celebrate at home instead of going out

9) Host the party. Consider hosting a party at your home instead of going out to a bar. It’s a safer setting where you can control the flow of alcohol. It also allows you to...

10) Let friends to stay the night. Another benefit of having a party at home is having a safe place for friends to sleep. If they drink too much, take their keys and arrange an area for them to rest until the morning.

Don’t forget to wear green (unless you want to be pinched!) and keep you and your friends safe this St. Patrick’s Day by following these tips. We hope you have a safe and festive holiday!

For more information on drunk driving, visit NHTSA and MADD.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS, Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) advocates that the effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in crime and improve the quality of life for neighborhoods. CPTED is a successful strategy that can be applied to business, industry, residential and public properties.

The following components encompass a holistic CPTED approach to design:

Natural Surveillance: The ability to see and be seen – visibility.

Access Control: Placement of physical barriers, limited entrances/exits, and locks make it more difficult for a potential offender to commit a crime.

Territorial Reinforcement: Creates a sense of ownership and empowerment by members of a community to monitor their neighborhood and protect their space.

Maintenance: A well maintained space shows ownership and will attract legitimate, law abiding users.

If you would like a CPTED survey of your business or residential property please call the Southeast Area Command and speak with Laura Kuehn, Senior Crime Prevention Specialist or Jose Brionez, Crime Prevention Specialist, (505) 256-2050.
Start with the Basics – Crime Prevention
Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS, Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

Being safer doesn’t require changing your lifestyle, personality or the things you enjoy doing. Planning ahead can keep you safer at home, at work, and while enjoying your favorite activities. Incorporating crime prevention strategies into your daily routine is easier than you may think. Below are some ideas to get you started.

While at Home:
• Have your key in hand when approaching your residence.
• Wait outside if anything appears suspicious – open door, broken window, etc.
• Keep doors and windows locked at all times; consider supplementary locks if you leave a partially open window for ventilation.
• Leave a key with a trusted neighbor or family member. Never hide a key outside in a flower pot, under the doormat or in a fake rock.
• Trim landscaping for visibility.
• Utilize exterior lighting – leave exterior lights on all night. Consider motion sensor lighting for the sides of your home.

APD Crime Prevention Specialists are available to conduct a home security survey and provide recommendations on target hardening strategies. To schedule an appointment, please contact your Area Command Substation: https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety/crime-prevention-personnel

Enjoying time outside can boost your mood, vitamin D level, and is an essential benefit of living in the Land of Enchantment.

While at Play:
• Advise someone of your route/routine before you head out.
• Vary your route and schedule so you are not predictable.
• Carry proper identification.
• Be aware and alert to your surroundings.
• Carry the necessary tools in case of an emergency.
• Avoid outdoor activities after dark.
• Use personal protective gear.
• Know your limits.
• Play well with others – mask up and invite your friends (but no more than 4)!
• Make safety a habit.
• Everyone can’t do everything, but everyone can do something.
Taking precautionary and target hardening measures can reduce your chances of becoming the victim of an auto theft.

**Protecting your Auto:**

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors and take your key, even if you will only be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Park your vehicle in a visible area with good lighting.
- Never leave a second set of keys hidden inside or attached to your vehicle.
- If you have a garage use, as an alternative park in your driveway.
- Lock the garage door and your vehicle.
- Do not leave the title inside the vehicle.

**Devices can Help:**

- **Kill Switch** – Interrupts the electrical, fuel or ignition system.
- **Steering Wheel Lock** – Prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees; visible from outside the vehicle.
- **Collar** – Prevent the steering column from being stripped.
- **Brake Lock** – Prevent the brake from being engaged to remove the transmission from Park.
- **Etching** – Etching the VIN number on the vehicle’s glass can make it less valuable to thieves.

Auto burglary is a crime of opportunity; vehicles are easy targets and often contain property that is attractive to thieves.

**Take these Precautions:**

- Leave nothing in plain-view inside your vehicle.
- Park in visible, well-lit areas.
- Roll up windows and lock doors.
- Place items in your trunk before reaching your destination.
- Secure the trunk, hatches, bed-mounting tool boxes and canopies.

**Don't Leave these Behind:**

- Garage door openers
- Electronic items (laptops, cell phones)
- Luggage/bags
- Financial documents/instruments
- Cash
- Firearms
- Mail
- Wallets/Purses

**Upcoming Events**

- CPC Meeting
  - February 17, 2022
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.
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:**

- **March 15, 5:00–7:00 pm** – Mental Health Response Advisory Committee – contact mdietzel@cabq.gov for meeting invitation
- **March 17, 6:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting
  *register using this link:*  [https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gjSIOSNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gjSIOSNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg)

**It’s easy to participate via zoom:**

Join us to plan and develop priorities for this program:

- **Online survey** - [cabq.gov/nobhill-usurvey](http://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/](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](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.


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.