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Message from the Commander

By: Commander Josh Richards, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

For the Month of May, I am excited to update the area command on the different initiatives the SE officers are working on in the area command. We have continued efforts to secure the Walking School Bus (WSB) programs. As the last two weeks of the school year the WSB will be operated every day of the week. The walking school bus is operated for Whittier elementary school and Wilson Middle school. Officers are assigned to increase patrols in the area and address encampments to make the route safe and secure for the children and volunteers.



Key Actions Taken:

- Patrol presence during peak WSB times has been increased. PRT and field officers have conducted safety briefings in the area.

2. Crime Reduction – Neighborhoods & Central Corridor

The area continues to experience property crimes and drug-related activity, particularly along the Central Avenue corridor and in adjacent neighborhoods.

Trends Observed:

- We have seen a decrease in violent and property crime in the area command, but we still have work to be done.
- Increased reports of open-air drug sales between Louisiana and San Mateo. Several aggravated assaults and robberies have been linked to transient encampments.

Response Measures:

- Night and weekend patrols have been bolstered, particularly in problem areas.
- PRT is coordinating with narcotics teams for undercover surveillance along Central. A partnership with Code Enforcement and the City's Crime Prevention team is yielding targeted abatement responses at vacant properties.

3. Homeless Outreach & Crisis Mitigation

Homelessness remains a major pressure point, contributing to quality-of-life calls, mental health incidents, and drug-related offenses. Our area command is working with service providers and the other city resources to help address these issues.

Initiatives Underway:

- Deployment of PRT teams in coordination with Street Outreach workers.
- Daily welfare checks at key encampments, with a focus on de-escalation and service connection.
- Coordination with Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS) for non-criminal crisis response.

Challenges:

- Service capacity remains limited—especially shelter and transitional housing options.
- Repeat encounters with individuals declining services or returning after displacement.

Moving Forward:

- Officers will continue to work with City and private entities to help address the issues, provide resources and conduct law enforcement when needed.

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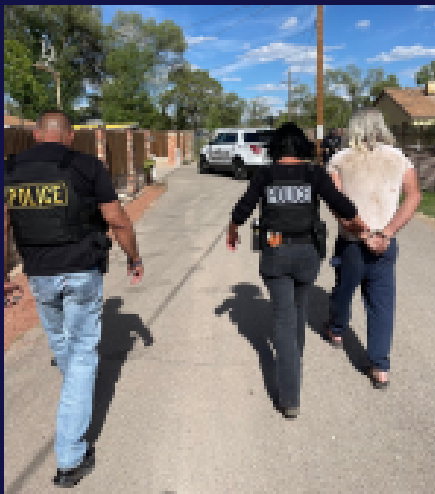
Message from Chief Medina

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

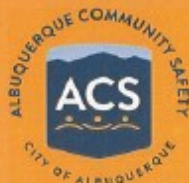
\$100 for Long Guns & Pistols



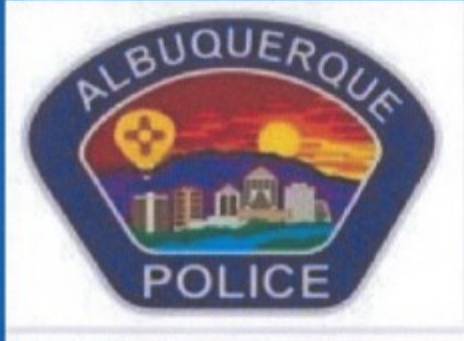
- *Bring firearms unloaded and in the trunk of the vehicle
- *Drive-thru event
- *No ammunition accepted
- *No CASH Exchanges for 3D and ghost guns

NEW
MEXICANS
TO PREVENT
GUN VIOLENCE

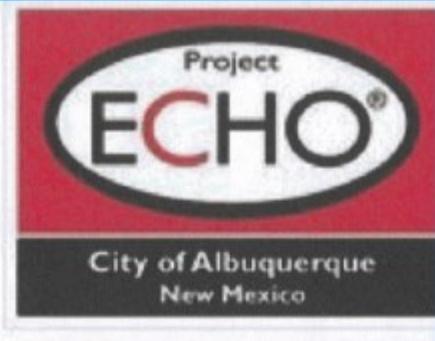
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Nob Hill/University Area Public Safety ECHO

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>





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.

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....

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:

<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/88936665733>

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:

Council Vice-Chair: TBD

Other Members:

Jeffrey Archuletta

Paul Chavez

Chris McDaniel



TIP HOTLINE:
505-843-STOP



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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.



Crimemapping.com

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

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.

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.

Nob Hill-U Public Safety ECHO - Will Return Soon !

Upcoming sessions for Downtown ECHO:

- ♦ **May 8th** **1:00- 2:30 pm** – Downtown Public Safety ECHO **
- ♦ **May 15th** **6:00-7:30 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting
- ♦ **May 22nd** **1:00- 2:30 pm** – Downtown Public Safety ECHO **

- ♦ *register using this link:* <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89315045751#success>

**** 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

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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





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<div> Nob-Hill/University Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm</div>	<div>1<div></div><div>Downtown Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm</div></div>	2	3
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11	12	13	<div>14<div> Nob-Hill/University Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm</div></div>	<div>15<div> SE Community Policing Council Meeting 6:00pm</div></div>	16	17
18	19	20	21	<div>22<div> Downtown Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm</div></div>	23	24
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