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Message from the Commander

By Luke Languit, Commander, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

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Happy November everyone!!! Commander Johnny Yara retires beginning of this month, and I personally want to thank him for the impact he has had on our community and the impact he has had on me throughout my entire career. I have big shoes to fill, however, I am excited to give it my all. I myself am settling in and have already met several amazing people and groups/communities within the Southeast Area Command. From meeting PB&J Family Services, Central New Mexico College (CNM), our faith based community like Monte Vista Christian Church, and Holy Ghost Church, or our living communities like Manzano Del Sol Village, just to name a few, I am amazed and grateful how the people and stakeholders in our community care and want to improve our quality of living. I am excited to start these relationships and to work on our shared goals.

There are some changes to reporting that the department has taken that I would like to share with you. I believe these changes come at a perfect time with our departments staffing levels. Our Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) in the past, could only complete specific or certain police reports involving unknown offenders. Now TRU can provide police reports with unknown or known offenders, and will ensure police reports are being forwarded to the appropriate unit for follow up investigation. So please take advantage of this, this frees up our patrol officers to respond to emergencies, and eliminates any wait times for you. Property crimes, white collar crimes, simple battery and assaults, all of these incidents, TRU can complete the police report and ensure they are forwarded to our investigators. Contact (505)242-2677 to make a police report through TRU.

December 1st is the go-live date for the department's new reporting system. With the new reporting system going online, the administrative personnel at the substations will also be able to complete police reports, involving unknown or known offenders. With the changes to TRU and with our administrative personnel at our substations now being able to complete police reports, my hope is this will free up our police officers to respond to the emergencies and in-progress crimes.

Lastly I would like to present the SPIDR Tech pilot program. This is new technology to communicate more effectively with people who use smart phones to report emergencies to 911. SPIDR Tech is an application that sends a text message to 911 callers to let them know their call was received and police have been notified. The caller will also receive text updates and other important information to prepare for the arrival of law enforcement. All messages generated are automated and require no additional resources from dispatch staff or officers. SPIDR Tech will also allow 911 callers to provide feedback about communication with law enforcement.



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**APD
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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

Commander’s Safety Tip of the Month

By Luke Languit, Commander

With the days becoming colder and colder, we have recognized in the Southeast that property crimes and crimes of opportunity, such as robberies, seem to increase at the end of the previous month and the start of the new month. I imagine it may be due to bills being due at the end and beginning of the months, maybe due to a lack of housing security. Although I cannot put my finger on the exact cause of this trend, I do want to pass this information on so you can take steps to reduce your chances of being victimized. Again, with it being colder, please be aware of auto theft warm-up thefts. When you go outside to start your vehicle to warm up, go inside for a minute, come back outside to find your vehicle stolen. These auto theft warm-up thefts happen and they increase as it gets colder. If you have to warm up your vehicle, there are anti-theft devices that can be purchased and/or installed to reduce your vehicle from being stolen. Also anyone who has been burglarized will know that the impact of the crime runs far beyond the loss of belongings. The financial impact of burglary can be significant for many people, but the emotional stress that comes from being burglarized often lasts much much longer. From feeling guilty for not having done more to prevent it to losing faith in society to feelings of anger, mistrust, isolation and fear.

While there’s no way to 100% deter these kinds of crimes, some preventative measures can be taken in an effort to protect you and your loved ones.

Here are just a few simple steps you can take to ensure you’re not the next victim of a burglary:

- Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened
- Keep your garage doors shut and the connecting doors inside the garage locked
- Join a neighborhood watch
- Invest in a security system with a sign affixed to the front of your property
- Never leave keys under flower pots, doormats, or in other hiding places
- Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and televisions
- Never leave a message on your voicemail or email advising that you are away
- Make a complete list of your valuables, record the serial numbers of all numbered items, mark all unnumbered items with your driver’s license number, and keep the list in a secure location such as your bank safe deposit box.

When you have your residence broken into, you feel violated, you do not feel safe in your own home. Even the littlest or simplest steps, as presented above, will make the difference.

Crime Prevention & Safety

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



Carjacking Safety Tips: How to Avoid Becoming a Victim

A carjacking is one of the scariest things that can ever happen to a driver. It's a violent crime that involves stealing a car by force, often at gunpoint or knifepoint. According to the National Crime Victimization Survey, an average of 49,000 completed and attempted carjackings occurred in America each year. Although your risk of being a carjacking victim is probably pretty low, there are a few precautions you can take to keep you and your vehicle safe.

Why Does Carjacking Happen?

Carjacking occurs for a variety of disturbing reasons, including fleeing the scene of a crime, as a part of a gang initiation ritual, or even just for fun. It is most typically a crime of opportunity. Since there are so many potential cars on the streets and victims to target, car thieves scope out the situation and choose the most vulnerable cars and people. Carjacking is also often linked to other crimes, and your vehicle could be used as a getaway car without you even knowing it.

Who Can Be Affected by Carjacking

The short answer is absolutely anyone. Carjacking is most often associated with inner-city neighborhoods notorious for gang violence, but car theft can happen to anyone anywhere. Since this is a crime of opportunity, carjackers often don't choose victims by age, sex, or race. However, people who appear distracted or that park in isolated areas are especially vulnerable.

What Carjackers Look For

These are some of the opportunities that carjackers commonly look for:

- Self-serve gas stations
- Desolate intersections with stop lights
- Parking garages
- Residential driveways

Carjacking Scenarios

One common carjacking strategy is to bump your car from behind to make a minor fender bender appear like an accident. The carjacking occurs when the driver pulls over and gets out to assess the damage. Carjackers have also been known to stage other types of accidents to take advantage of Good Samaritan drivers. Two other common scenarios involve a carjacker flashing their lights behind you in order to signal a maintenance problem, or following you to your home and attacking when you pull in the driveway.

Tips to Prevent Carjacking

- Park in well-lit areas
- Always be hyper-aware of your surroundings
- Equip your car with an anti-theft device
- Lock your doors while driving
- Avoid driving alone at night when possible
- Don't stop for apparently stranded strangers along the road. Note their location and pull over in a safe place once you've passed to call for help.

What to do After an Attack

If you are threatened with a weapon, give up your car – your life is worth more than it is. Try to note as many physical characteristics of the carjacker as possible so that you can provide a detailed report when you call the police. But as always, avoiding a potentially dangerous situation is the best way to prevent an attack. Always carry a cell phone with you when you exit your vehicle and use your best judgment when driving and parking in unfamiliar areas.

Upcoming Events

- **Public Safety ECHO—Zoom Mtg**
November 17, 2021

- **CPC Meeting**
January 2022

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

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.

10 Ways to Stop Criminals from Choosing Your Home

Here are ten creative ways to deter burglars from targeting your home and prevent a break-in. Learn how to keep you and your family safe all year round.

Break-ins happen all the time. If someone wants to break into a house, they can probably find a way to make it happen. While home security systems have been proven to deter burglars, they aren't guaranteed to stop a bad guy in their tracks. Since there is no sure-fire way to keep your home from danger or damage once it has been selected as the target, the best course of action is to take preventative measures to ensure your home is not singled out. Below is a list of ten ways to stop criminals from choosing your home.

Keep in mind that the main goal is to keep your home from being targeted. Trust us, prevention is always better than dealing with the aftermath of a home break-in. So without further ado, let's dive right in.

Home Security Tips

We've tested and reviewed the most popular doorbell cameras, home security systems, you name it. These systems certainly help to deter burglars and home invaders, but there are other home security tips to keep in mind. These security tips and tricks are easy to implement, and you'll get peace of mind from day one. And it starts with lighting!

Lighting Is Everything - The first and most important deterrent is bright lighting. When criminals are casing potential target locations, they look for dark places that look empty and are difficult to see at dusk or in the dark. A well-lit yard allows your home to be visible to neighbors and people passing by. So we recommend leaving a few interior lights on while you are gone to create the illusion that someone is home and to keep criminals from targeting your home. You might also want to look into a spotlight camera. We recently got hands-on experience with the Ring Spotlight, and that's always a good choice for surveillance plus lighting.

Avoid an Empty Appearance - As mentioned above, it is important to keep your home from appearing empty. As well as leaving a light on inside, you should also leave a TV on or turn on the radio while you plan to be away. Giving the impression that there is movement inside is a great way to deter burglars and looky-loos.

We also recommend that you have a plan for your mail if you plan on being away from home for an extended period. If it becomes visible or obvious that you have not collected packages or newspapers, your house might become an easy target. Leaving packages on your doorstep will also entice porch pirates or package thieves who are up to no good.

Do Not Showcase Valuables - Another thing that you need to consider is the visibility or accessibility of your expensive or large items. This is especially important to remember when tidying up the yard. Often, expensive items such as a new grill, a parked riding mower, or a nice car that is parked visibly near the home will attract burglars. If they see that there is something expensive in the yard or near the home, they will assume that high-ticket items can be found inside as well.

Did You Know: Leaving fancy items in your yard, like a brand new lawnmower, is not only vulnerable to theft, it also tells burglars that more expensive items might be found inside your home.

Keep Your Keys With You - A lot of people think that keeping a hidden key is a safe and handy way of having a spare key in case of an emergency. Unfortunately, this is not such a great idea. The reality is that criminals are aware of this practice and will often search for a hidden key before attempting another way into your home. It is also common for burglars to watch the activity around the homes they are casing. If they are watching your home to see whether or not it is a house that they want to break into, they may notice the key and exactly where you have placed it.

10 Ways to Stop Criminals from Choosing Your Home (continued)

Make Entry Difficult - This might seem like a no-brainer, but there are a lot of small details that can make your house appear to be a good target. These can include thin or poorly secured windows, doors with cheap door locks, or easily opened garage doors. These things can, however, be easily fixed. You should make sure you have thick windows with visibly locked latches, new doorknobs and deadbolts (or better yet, smart locks), and secured garage doors. If an entry looks like an easy access point, it probably is.

Cover Your Windows - Closing your blinds and curtains is important as well. You'll need to make sure potential intruders do not have a clear view into your house that could expose any of your belongings or hint at the fact that you are away. If a criminal has no incentive to break into your house, he or she will likely choose a new target.

Eliminate Blind Spots - A lot of people fail to consider how important it is to keep their house visible from the road and the yards of neighbors. If a burglar can easily hide from passers-by behind bushes, appliances, or fences, he or she may feel confident about targeting your home. If, however, there is nowhere for a burglar to hide, they will be less likely to hang around.

Unruly trees and shrubs are common items that can create blind spots or hiding spots. So we suggest keeping your trees and bushes trimmed to eliminate the blind spots they might create.

Beef Up Your Doors - Thick and stately doors can also be a great deterrent. If you have strike plates on your doors and your doors look like they are a challenge to break through, burglars will have less confidence about the speed with which they can enter your home. If it appears that it would take a long time to enter your home, they will likely not want to remain visible for a long enough time to break in.

Pro Tip: If you have panes of glass on your doors, make sure they are secure and that they do not allow a visual line of sight into the home. It is also a good idea to place a deadbolt or other locking mechanism on your door where it cannot be reached through a window.

Keep Your Yard Free of Tall Objects - Having objects such as ladders, trees, or large appliances near the house can be an invitation for burglars to climb to a high window or the roof to find a better point of entry. They can also provide cover behind which a potential intruder could hide. A better idea is to keep tall items locked away and to trim trees in a way that would make them difficult to climb. You should also rid your yard of objects such as large rocks or other heavy items that could easily be thrown into windows.

Keep Your Garage Closed - This is another no-brainer, but you might be surprised at how often people leave their garage doors cracked open, unlocked, or raised. Always make sure there is no possible way for an intruder to enter your garage. If your garage is left in a compromised state, it is easy for an intruder to enter it and close the door to remain hidden while he or she figures out a way to break in. Even if a burglar finds it difficult to enter your home from the garage, you risk having tools or other expensive items being stolen when your garage is left unprotected.

We recommend looking into Vivint and other smart home security systems — as these brands often sell remote garage door controllers and garage sensors. In fact, we recently tested and reviewed Vivint smart home security system with their garage opener, and it gave us a little extra peace of mind.

Make a Plan

Although these deterrents are proven to work well in keeping potential burglars from entering your home, it is always a good idea to meet with your neighbors before leaving your home for an extended period. Be sure to have a plan ready if they do notice a break-in. Ask them to call authorities first, then notify you.

Another important aspect of your planning should include the safe-keeping of the valuables in the home. The days of hiding things in the floorboards are over. The best way to keep jewelry, guns, cash, and other valuables safe is to keep them in a large safe that is bolted to the ground or into the wall.

There are also home security systems that you can monitor from your phone, laptop, or desktop computer. The whole idea is that you feel that your home, its contents, and your family are safe from harm.

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

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Home Security Systems

In addition to doing the things listed above to avoid break-ins, if you do not currently have a home security system, you should consider getting one. Having a home security system will not only act as a deterrent, but it will also alert you and the authorities of any incidents.

There are some pretty neat features available with some home security systems. One of the features to look for is the capacity for magnetic sensors that can be installed on the windows. You should also make sure the home security system is easy to maintain and easy to use. User-friendliness should be paramount. If you want to learn more, head on over to our top-rated home security systems guide.

You should not wait to secure your home with a home security system. Your peace of mind and the safety of your loved ones, belongings, and your home are too important to put off.

How to Protect Your Home from Invasion—Home invasion can be financially and mentally devastating. The FBI estimates a burglary occurs every 13 seconds, and in 2019, victims of property crimes (excluding arson) collectively suffered almost \$16 billion in losses.

But numbers only tell part of the story. We also know that the emotional impact of home invasion goes far beyond loss of money or belongings; we're also left feeling unsettled and frightened in our own home, a place we once felt safe.

Though crime has largely decreased in many communities in the U.S. over the past 15 years, that's certainly not an excuse to let your guard down. Here at SafeHome.org, we routinely test and review hundreds of products and services to help you make your home security experience, and while we've seen a few lemons here and there, the bottom line is this: Simply installing a deadbolt lock on your front door isn't going to be enough.



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.



Safety Tips To Foil A Purse Snatcher

As with most crimes, purse-snatching is a crime of opportunity. Criminals are attracted to targets that are easy and inviting. Your best defense is to take steps to make your property uninviting to criminals. In other words, the harder you make it, the less likely you are to become a crime victim.

You can minimize your chances of becoming a purse snatching victim by following a few simple precautions:

Don't carry a shoulder bag over your shoulder. This makes it easier for a thief to grab your bag, knock you down and injure you.

Carry a small clutch-type handbag underneath your arm.

Don't walk with your purse dangling or wrap the strap around your shoulder, neck or wrist. A strong tug from a thief could injure you.

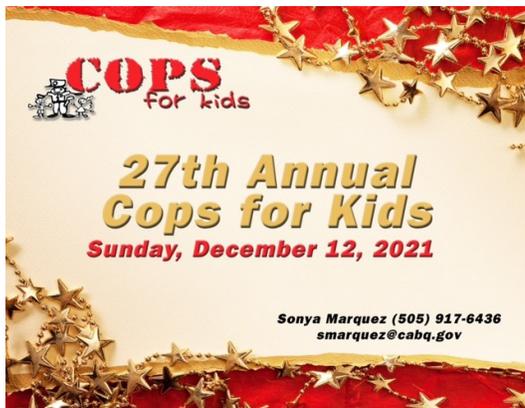
"Fanny packs" are a safe alternative to the traditional purse. They're worn tight and close to the body, making them harder to grab.

Shop with a friend. You're safer when you're not alone.

Don't carry large sums of money, valuable jewelry or all of your credit cards in your purse. Instead, carry only what you need for the day. This includes one check instead of the whole checkbook.

Don't leave your purse in shopping carts or on counters -- even for a moment. That's an invitation to a thief.

While nothing is foolproof, common-sense precautions will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a purse snatching. Practicing these safety tips will act as a deterrent to purse snatchers and increase the likelihood that thieves will pass you by and move on to an easier



Donate to help support the 27th Annual Cops for Kids

27th Annual Cops for Kids. The holiday season is quickly approaching and plans are being made for the 27th annual Cops for Kids event. Cops for Kids is a yearly event where officers are paired up with underprivileged children for the day.

On average (100-120), children are selected to participate in this Christmas event each year. Referrals for consideration come from the City of Albuquerque/Bernalillo after School Programs throughout the city and county. Children are selected based on certain criteria and available funding.

This years event will be on Sunday, December 12, 2021 and is often the only Christmas these children will have.

This has been a successful event for the past (26) years, because of community partners like you. Please consider sponsoring one or more children this year at a mere \$100.00 per child. Your donation is tax-deductible. Donations can be made at crimestoppersnm.com (select Cops for Kids from the drop down menu) or you can contact Sonya Marquez at smarquez@cabq.gov or 505-917-6436

The Lunch Crew

Delivering Sack Lunches with a Smile, Hope, and Courage

By: Tiffany Johnson

Every Wednesday, a group of residents, from the Endorphin Power Company (EPC) along with APD officer(s) from the Project Response Team (PRT) spend time visiting with and delivering lunches to individuals probably experiencing homelessness.

It feels like just yesterday that I was sitting in that park that we were just at, wondering when I would get my next meal, asking myself “how did I get here?”. I was lost on such a dark road, thinking that I was completely alone... or so I thought. It wasn't until I came to EPC and started doing the Lunch Crew with PRT that I started to realize that we are never really alone. There is always “someone” out there with a helping hand. I was once that person receiving lunches, having a quick conversation, asking for help so I understand how it feels and it brings me so much joy to be the one on the giving help side.



Although most conversations are quick, the Crew provides resource information when needed and encourages the individuals to access the many available resources. The Crews intention is simply to do community outreach, provide simple smiles along with Hope and Courage to positively impact the individual in hopes of bettering their situation in turn bettering the community. Many of the EPC residents that participate in the delivery of the lunches relate to the situations of those they talk with bringing Hope and Courage to their situation. Doing this activity with APD has been encouraging and reinforces the importance of a supportive community for the EPC residents as well as the individuals who are provided with a lunch and smile. It's about building positive relationships and keeping the community safe.

“The Teams” One Year Anniversary

By: Marisa Vigil & Suzy Sanchez Beg

October 16, 2021, was ONE Year since the team came together. This year has been simply amazing. The collaboration, teamwork, willingness, motivation, and community has made this a successful project. Suzy and I are so grateful that we have had this opportunity and look forward to the growth and future opportunities.

Below are a few thoughts about the last year along with some memories:



Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

Suzy Sanchez Beg, Chair

Community Policy Council: Bridging the Gap between Community and Police

SECPC meets the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Your SE Area CPC will not meet until January 2020

For more information, please contact us at Community Policing Councils — City of Albuquerque

The Albuquerque Community Policing Council is looking for caring, community-oriented, and engaged city of Albuquerque residents, looking to improve policing in their communities.

- Our mission statement is To Communicate, cooperate, and collaborate to build trust, leading to safer, community-oriented policing.

We are tasked with taking voting action on APD policy issues and recommendations brought forth by the public and through council participation, organizing a monthly meeting that keeps the local community engaged with policing issues, and fulfilling stronger ties between APD and the City of Albuquerque.

The only requirements for membership are that prospective Councilmembers must be over 18 at the time of application and live or work within the boundaries of one of the 6 APD Area Commands. There is no education or employment pre-requisite to serve on one of the six local councils*. As we are an agency tasked with promoting change, a progressive outlook is helpful, and the position calls for a minimum of roughly 8-10 hours per month.

Prospective council members are asked to submit a Statement of Interest which will be considered by the local Council chairperson, and he/she will then be invited to meet with council members. Prior participation in the monthly meetings is looked upon favorably, as is a passion for helping institute closer ties between APD and the community, a positive work ethic, new ideas, and a desire to institute positive change.

The Nob Hill-University Public Safety ECHO is happening the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The first two sessions averaged 50 participants and addressed key issues.

PUBLIC SAFETY PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, November 16, 5-7 p.m. – Mental Health Response Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 17 – Nob Hill-University Public Safety ECHO

Please join us for this application of the globally recognized Project ECHO model to address community safety. Residents, workers, educators and businesses from the Nob Hill and University communities are invited to share skills, increase knowledge, and solve problems related to public safety.

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 Maria Wolfe 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.

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