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Message from the Commander

By: Commander Josh Richards, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

Happy October and welcome the 2025 International Balloon Fiesta!!!!

On behalf of the International District and the Albuquerque Police Department Southeast Area Command, I would like to welcome all the travelers visiting the great State of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque for the Balloon Fiesta!

As we prepare for this exciting event, I want to take a moment to remind everyone to stay safe. Please allow extra time for travel, as traffic will be heavier than usual, and remember to remove valuables from your vehicles to help prevent crime.

With the arrival of October and the close of summer, I am proud to report that the officers assigned to the Southeast Area Command have worked tirelessly to maintain momentum and achieve significant reductions in all major crime categories. We continue to take a strong stance on crime enforcement throughout the area command to ensure the safety of all who call the International District home. While we know there is still more work to be done, the dedication of your officers is evident both in the community and in the data.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward together as one community, committed to safety in the Southeast Area Command and across the entire City of Albuquerque. Until next month, stay safe, stay vigilant, and remember—if you see something, say something!



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Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! It's my favorite time of year in our community when chile is roasting and Balloon Fiesta is under way!

If you haven't yet made it out to Balloon Fiesta and you see our Horse Mounted Unit on the field, please say hello! We have a new horse Scottie, and this is his first Balloon Fiesta he's working.

We officially launched a cutting-edge Drone Program to boost crime-fighting and community safety. Since August, the drones have completed more than 200 flights and assisted in four arrests. Housed in rooftop "hives" across the city, the drones can deploy within seconds, providing officers with real-time intelligence and video before they arrive on scene. The program is already proving to be a game-changer—enhancing officer safety, gathering key evidence, and responding to incidents like ShotSpotter alerts within 90 seconds.



I want to extend a big thank you to our community for coming out to National Coffee with a Cop Day!

We had events at locations all throughout the city and had a great turnout and meaningful conversations with our officers.

I know you all took time out of your busy lives to spend time with us and we appreciate it!



-Chief Harold Medina

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

October 4th – 12th





The poster features a dark brown background with a subtle pattern of pumpkins. In the top left corner, a white spider hangs from a web. In the top right corner, a white spiderweb is visible. In the bottom left corner, another white spiderweb is shown. The text is arranged in a central column, with the event name in large, stylized letters and the date and time in green, textured letters. The address is in white, and the activities are in orange. The OneAlbuquerque logo is centered below the address. At the bottom, the contact information is provided in white. A cartoon ghost holding two pumpkins is positioned on the right side of the poster.

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OCTOBER 29, 2025

5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

7505 KATHRYN SE, 87108

HAUNTED HOUSE, GAMES, FOOD, CANDY, AND MORE!

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CALL 505-256-2680 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Halloween Safety Tips

- S**tay in groups
- C**ostumes should be well fitting and flame resistant
- A**lways test makeup
- R**emember to look both ways when crossing streets
- E**xamine all treats before eating
- S**tay on sidewalks when possible
- A**void dark houses
- F**lashlights + glowsticks for visibility
- E**njoy with caution!

**American
Safety Council**

October is Crime Prevention Month – Get Involved

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS
Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

The National Crime Prevention Council encourages everyone to become involved in keeping themselves and others from becoming victims of crime. There is a wide array of threats to public safety and health, and this month, NCPC's iconic mascot McGruff the Crime Dog tackles one each week:



The poster features McGruff the Crime Dog, a brown dog wearing a tan trench coat and a dark tie, standing with his arms crossed. To his left, the NCPC logo is displayed above the text "CRIME PREVENTION MONTH" in large, bold, white letters. The word "MONTH" is highlighted in an orange box. Below the main title, the text "OCTOBER 2025 CRIME PREVENTION MONTH" is written in bold. Further down, a paragraph encourages participation, and a list of weekly themes is provided.

OCTOBER 2025 CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

Help McGruff the Crime Dog® and the National Crime Prevention Council take a bite out of 21st century crime. Anyone can become a crime fighter by using the tools found below.

A different theme will set the tone for each week of the month:

- Week 1: Counterfeit Pills and Fake Products
- Week 2: Preventing Violence Against Women
- Week 3: Community Involvement
- Week 4: Gun Violence and Firearm Safety

<https://www.ncpc.org/programs/crime-prevention-month/>

Explore the website for information on combating 21st century crime such as counterfeits and intellectual property theft and for the basics on staying safe at home in your neighborhood and community.



TIP HOTLINE:
505-843-STOP



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.

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?

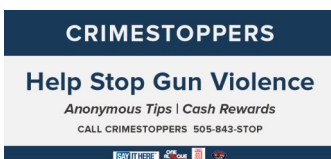
Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers by:

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



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Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

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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....

♦ **October 16th 6:00-7:30 pm – SE Community Policing Council Meeting**

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

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>

Member Information

Council Chair: Peter Belletto

Council Vice-Chair: TBD

Other Members:

Chris McDaniel

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 & Downtown ECHO:

- ♦ **October 9th** **1:00- 2:30 pm** – Downtown Public Safety ECHO **
- ♦ **October 15th** **1:00- 2:30 pm** – Nob-Hill/University Public Safety ECHO **
- ♦ **October 16th** **6:00– 8:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting
- ♦ **October 23rd** **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.

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October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Nob-Hill/University Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9  Downtown Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm	10	11
12	13	14	15  Nob-Hill/University Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm	16  SE Community Policing Council Meeting 6:00pm	17	18
19	20	21	22	23  Downtown Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	