

# Southeast

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*Albuquerque Police Department*

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## Message from the Commander

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



I hope everyone has adjusted and settled into the new school year. The Phil Chacon Memorial Substation or known simply as the Southeast Sub, located at Kathryn and Louisiana Blvd, is now closed due to construction. The construction of the second phase of our substation should take approximately a year. So now that the substation is closed, if you need help or assistance in person, please go to the Foothills Substation or the Northeast Substation, or the Triangle Substation in Nob Hill. If you do not need assistance in person please utilize our Telephone Reporting Unit,

online reporting, and the APD Mobile App from your smart phone. The Southeast Area Command is still providing crime prevention resources and assessments, so please set up arrangements at the Triangle Substation for crime prevention support.

I would like to provide an update on two of our major initiatives that we had last month, the first being a wave of homicides against members of the Muslim community, and with Coronado Park closing, the increase in encampments at the Parks in the Southeast.

The beginning of August, there was enough evidence to link previous Muslim victim homicides together, so one of the first things we did was communicate with Muslim leaders, ensuring that information was being shared back and forth. We needed to ensure we dedicated all of our investigative resources to identify and capture the individual responsible, however, we also needed to dedicate resources to ensure safety for the Muslim community. I believe we were able to accomplish both, the best that we could, with the resources we had.

On the investigative side we formed a partnership between the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office, the FBI, the United States Attorney's Office, NM Crime Stoppers, NMSP and NM DPS. We were able to set up a 24-hour unified command post and two mobile command posts, purpose of these command posts were to receive information and tips. Within the first week of August our investigators were able to identify and apprehend the individual responsible for this horrific wave of homicides. Currently he is being held on a preventative detention hold at the detention center.

In response to ensuring the safety of the Muslim community, the Southeast Area Command brought in PRT teams from the other area commands and the tactical section officers and they were assigned everyday (until the offender was apprehended) to conduct afternoon into graveyard patrols throughout the entire Area Command. The shootings had occurred in the Southeast Area Command and they were evening/nighttime. So these officers were conducting high visibility patrol responding to only suspicious persons/vehicle calls for service, or Shot Spotter calls. In addition to this pro-active response we assigned PRT officers and patrol officers to each Muslim prayer site and each Muslim school. For the prayer sites, an officer

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## 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.

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

## Message from the Commander *(Continued)*

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

remained on scene during each of the five daily prayer times. At the schools we ensured an officer was there for drop off and pickups. In addition we had periodic watches set up for all of patrol at each of these locations.

Lastly we did outreach/engagement for this response which included speaking on safety awareness and crime prevention to the UNM student population (believe they had over 600 attendees, many being Muslim students), we worked with the city to set up through 311, warm food deliveries for anyone scared but needing food, and the same for mental health and counseling services, anyone affected by this could call and get providers to come to them.

Towards the end of August and into this month, we will be continuing for the foreseeable future, conduct daily enforcement at Phil Chacon and Wilson Park. The issues at Coronado ranged from drug trafficking, assaults and battery, and homicide. So Southeast PRT has seven day a week coverage and every day they are going out to Phil Chacon and Wilson Park and conducting enforcement (I can explain what our enforcement is at the next CPC meeting). We formed a partnership with APS Police and City Security to supplement our efforts. In addition we are working with city departments e.g., Parks and Rec, Solid Waste, ACS, FSC, Planning, to come up with a cleaning and pick up schedule. Even if the cleaning and pickup may not be every day, our PRT officers will be out there every day doing enforcement. I have also met with ACS and FCS and have explained they can go out there every day and pass out resources and transport those willing to get services.

I hope everyone had a safe Labor Day Holiday!!

## Home Burglary

*By: City of Albuquerque Crime Prevention Unit*

### Things to do to keep your home safe.

Residential burglary rates are generally dictated by the active involvement of individual citizens and cooperative education efforts by neighborhood associations and other community groups. Homeowners who are willing to take certain steps to prevent this type of crime, along with the assistance of local law enforcement, can reduce and sometimes prevent break-ins and burglaries.

### Home Security Check List

- Keep doors locked when you are at home alone.
- Close and lock windows when leaving your home.
- Secure all swinging doors with dead-bolt locks. Use locking bars to secure sliding doors.
- Don't hide spare keys. Give them to a trusted neighbor.
- Check your smoke and alarm systems once a month.
- Use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are at home.
- Ask a neighbor to watch over your home and pick up deliveries while you are away.
- Identify your belongings by engraving an identifying number on your possessions.
- Ask your police or sheriff's department for a home security survey and follow up by taking care of any deficiencies.
- Join or start a Neighborhood Watch.

## Equipping a Safe Room: 5 Things to Consider

By: Bobby McAfee



SE Area Command  
DOJ Scorecards

[www.cabq.gov/police/  
documents-related-to-  
apds-settlement-  
agreement](http://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

A properly equipped safe room provides your family a secure space to gather in the event of a home invasion or other threat. Police say home invasions are far too common and put innocent people's lives at risk. Any crook desperate enough to break into a house while someone is home likely has few objections to behaving violently once inside. That's why it is so important to make at least one room in your house a safe room.

Here are some things to keep in mind when equipping a safe room:

### Safe Room Essentials

The kind of safe room we're talking about is not a bunker. It is not designed for you to hole up in for days. Instead, it provides a secure, but temporary, hideout location until help arrives and your house is secure. Make sure the safe room is large enough to accommodate the whole family, and everyone can access and secure your safe room quickly. Consider running timed drills to practice various routes to your safe room.

### Solid-Core vs. Hollow-Core Door

A criminal can easily break through a hollow-core door. So, when equipping your safe room, use a solid-core, exterior steel slab door instead. Paint the door to match the others in the house to avoid drawing the intruder's attention to the fact the room is special.

### Reinforced Door Frame and Hinges

Even if you install a solid-core exterior steel slab door to your safe room, the door is only as useful as the door frame encasing it. Replace your standard door frame with a reinforced steel frame. Use screws at least three-inches long in the hinges and strike plate. This provides additional security to your door and reduces the likelihood an intruder can kick in the door.

### Interior-Locking Deadbolt

Your safe room should use more than a doorknob lock. Equip your safe room with a heavy-duty reinforced deadbolt you can lock from the inside. Make sure the deadbolt goes at least one-inch into the door frame. The lock should not include a keyed chamber on the exterior side, as that could potentially allow an intruder to pick the lock to gain entry.

### Phone Access and Security Cameras

If an intruder enters your home, you need a way to contact the authorities for help. Keep a cell phone and charger in the safe room at all times. Don't assume you will have your cell phone on your person in the instant you have to make a dash for your safe room. Adding security cameras outside your safe room and a monitor inside gives you a view of what is happening so you can relay details to the police and know when help arrives.

While a safe room is your last line of defense against home invasion, having a monitored home security system is your first. The presence of an alarm system is shown to be the best deterrent against break-ins. If the crook decides to take his chances and break in anyway, the alarm siren will notify your family to take shelter while dispatchers call police.

[Crimemapping.com](http://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



## 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.

## Don't Fall Prey to a Student Loan Forgiveness Scam

**Student loan forgiveness may be a blessing for you—don't let a scam ruin it.**

*By Lindsey Ellefson, LifeHacker*

Millions of Americans may be eligible for up to \$10,000 in federal loan forgiveness (and up to \$20,000 if they received Pell Grants) thanks to an announcement from President Joe Biden last week. This news has been a cause for celebration for some and anger for others, as most major political moves are, but it's also creating a setting that is absolutely perfect for scammers. Here's how to avoid any loan-forgiveness-related scams.

### Know exactly how to get your forgiveness if you qualify

The first step in avoiding scams is knowing if you're even eligible for the student loan forgiveness. Under the Biden administration's plan, individual loan borrowers making up to \$125,000 annually and married couples or heads-of-household making up to \$250,000 may be eligible for up to \$10,000 of forgiveness. If you got a Pell Grant and your income falls under those guidelines, you may be eligible for \$20,000 in forgiveness. If you're a student right now and your parents still claim you as a dependent, your forgiveness is based on their income.

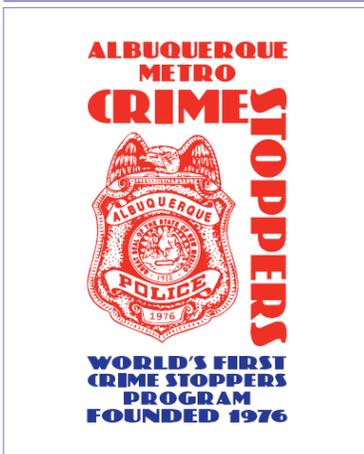
For about 8 million people, the forgiveness will be automatic because the Department of Education already has their info. For everyone else, the DOE is working on an application that can be filled out. Sign up for alerts from the DOE on the department's website so you'll know right away when that application opens.

To that end, be wary of any and all emails you receive about student loans. Check to be sure they're from genuine government agencies and be cautious about entering any personal information into a website you don't absolutely trust.

### Avoid the scams

The Better Business Bureau and the DOE have both made it clear that scams in the student loan world are abundant, and the BBB is being proactive about warning against any new ones that this new forgiveness program may incentivize. The BBB suggests these methods for avoiding scams:

- Know the terms of your loan and the relief program, as outlined above.
- Go directly to government websites and only use those.
- Never pay money for a free government program. If you're being told you can get more benefits or faster benefits for a fee, you're being scammed.
- Be on alert for any out-of-the-blue calls, emails, or text messages claiming to be from the government, as real government agencies only contact you that way with permission.
- Double-check websites to avoid fake agencies and programs. Scammers can make look-alike government websites, so be on the lookout for real ones with .gov addresses.
- If you are suspicious of anything, reach out to the government agency directly for verification and, if your suspicions were correct, report the scammer you encountered.
- Fact-check everything, even if you're getting your info from a trusted friend, as their social media may have been hacked or they may have fallen victim to a scam themselves.



**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](http://crimestoppers.com)
- WebTip at [P3Tips.com](http://P3Tips.com)
- Download P3 Tips mobile app.

Crime Prevention & Safety

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



## Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

Mike Kruchoski, Chair  
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At a recent meeting, our Council members were surprised: “I don’t know what your mission is! Do you know what it is?” Since then, several community members have offered their opinions that “CPCs Are Not Fulfilling Their Mission!” So, what IS our mission?

The Court-Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) is rather terse: “to facilitate regular communication and cooperation between APD and community leaders at the local level.” But what does that really mean? The CPC Ordinance (O-20-27) hardly clarifies it, adding only “collaboration” and “consensus-building” to our responsibilities. Furthermore, the CPC Guidelines state, “The mission of the Community Policing Council (Council) is to promote and maintain inclusive, respectful, and cooperative interactions between the community and the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) to ensure Constitutional community policing reforms are met and sustained.”

Okay, but none of that really addresses a key concern that had been voiced: “Lack of [two-way] communication... Zoom-only meetings exacerbate [this] communication problem.”

In many ways, we share that concern. That’s why the SE CPC took the lead in March 2022 to advocate for ‘hybrid’ meetings, offering both ‘in-person’ participation at the Cesar Chavez Community Center and ‘virtual’ participation via Zoom. One of our Council members personally purchased special audio-visual equipment (the \$999 Meeting Owl Pro) for testing, then pushed the City bureaucracy to officially order one. Ultimately we (SE CPC) conducted the City’s first hybrid CPC meeting on May 19th.

Since then, we’ve pushed back on the City’s mandate to conduct our Zoom sessions in the webinar format – referred to by one national organization as the ‘listen-only’ mode (essentially a lecture by supposed experts). First, we directed our CPC Liaison (Kelly Mensah) to ‘promote’ Zoom attendees to ‘panelist’ status so they could be seen and heard while asking questions or offering feedback. That seemed to be well received, and it was adopted by several other CPCs.

Still, Zoom’s webinar format left a lot to be desired. Community members really want to be heard in a back-and-forth, collaborative conversation about issues facing us all. So, last month, the SE CPC told our CPC Liaison to convert our recurring webinar to Zoom’s regular meeting format. That allows each of you the opportunity to be seen and heard without any special status (and permissions) as a ‘panelist,’ should you choose.

Our impression is that our community members welcomed that change – and our commitment to hearing your values, experiences, and perspectives.

So, please, spread the word, and work with us, as we work for you! We look forward to hearing your feelings about these changes. You can email us at the address above. And please follow us at <https://tinyurl.com/CPC-SE-this-week> for ongoing updates about our work.



**CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE**

*Join us for our upcoming meeting....*

◆ **September 15, 6:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Zoom Meeting

*register using this link:* [https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gISIOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISIOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg)

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:**

- ◆ **September 7, 1:00- 2:30 pm** – Nob Hill-U Public Safety ECHO \*\*
- ◆ **September 15, 6:00-8:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting  
*register using this link:* [https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gISIOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISIOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg)
- ◆ **September 18, 10:00- 2:00 pm** – Nob Hill Pup Parade at Morningside Park
- ◆ **September 21, 1:00- 2:30 pm** – Nob Hill-U Public Safety ECHO \*\*

**\*\* 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](mailto: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](http://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 Public Safety ECHO Coordinator Maria Wolfe at 505-917-5559 or [mwolfe@cabq.gov](mailto:mwolfe@cabq.gov)**  
<https://www.cabq.gov/echo>



# Southeast Area Command



**September 2022**

## Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 1:00 pm Nob-Hill Public Safety ECHO Zoom Meeting	8  10:00 am Coffee with a Cop -Cesar Chavez Community Center 7505 Kathryn Ave I SE	9	10 9:30 pm VIN Etching -CNM
11	12	13	14	15 10:00 am Cookies with a Cop -Walgreens 2950 Central SE	16	17
18	19	20	21 1:00 pm Nob-Hill Public Safety ECHO Zoom Meeting	22 6:00 pm SE CPC Zoom Mtg	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## 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*

Triangle Substation:	Monday—Thursday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	Friday—Saturday	8:00 am - 10:00 pm
	Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Phil Chacon Substation: Closed for Renovation**



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.

### 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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