



# Southeast

Area Command

*Albuquerque Police Department*

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## Message from the Commander

*By: Commander Josh Richards, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation*

### Good September, International District!

It is State Fair season and soon to be Balloon Fiesta time. Summer is winding down, and I am pleased to report that your SE Area Command officers have been working hard, with increased productivity compared to

last year. Proactive policing is up, arrests are up, and traffic enforcement has also increased. We are on pace to close out the summer with all major crime categories continuing to trend downward.

This month, we are ramping up police activity around the State Fairgrounds and along East Central Avenue. These efforts will include proactive policing, undercover operations from our specialized units, traffic enforcement from our Motors Unit, and continued collaboration with our city partners to provide resources for our unhoused community members.

Thank you all for your support over the past nine months. I hope you are seeing the results of the hard work your officers are putting in. As always, please feel free to reach out by email if you have a specific issue I can assist with.

Until next month, enjoy the State Fair and get ready for the Balloon Fiesta!



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# Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoyed their summer. With a new school-year underway, I wanted to remind the community of our Campus Crime Stoppers partnership. This has created a safe anonymous outlet for our students, school faculty and parents to report any suspicious or criminal activity. It's as simple as a text of "ABQCS" to 738477. The stickers to the right are handed out in most APS schools and the QR code takes you to more ways to report.



APD and the One Albuquerque Fund recently hosted a 300+ person conference. It was an honor to be the first U.S. city to host the annual Safety of Our Cities Conference which first originated in Canada. Police Chiefs from across the U.S. and Canada as well as professionals from the tech industry and alternative response entities like the Albuquerque Community Safety Department, came together for an innovative 3-day conference. The panel discussions and presentations all focused on how all three industries can work together to make our communities

safer.

As we've shared this year we are down in all major crime categories, we have also seen a significant decrease over the last three years in homicides. This year, homicide detectives have solved 40 of 48 cases, in addition to 22 cases from previous years, bringing the homicide clearance rate to 129%.

As we can only imagine what families in our community impacted by these crimes have experienced, we hope that this sends a clear message that if you attempt to commit a crime in our community, especially of this magnitude, there is a very high likely you will be caught.



And a big congratulations to Cadet Class 132! 13 new officers just graduated and are currently on On The Job Training before they are assigned their official area commands.

APD now hold four academies a year which allows for officers to be out on our streets working quicker from the previous format of only two academies a year.

With both the pre-hire program and the L.E.A.P. program, we are making it easier for qualified candidates to get hired. Anyone interested in applying can do so at [apply.apdonline.com](https://apply.apdonline.com).



Chief Harold Medina



# Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

## October 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>



# Community Engagement has a Nice Ring to It

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS  
Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

“Empowering people at the community level to Take A Bite Out Of Crime® should be the goal because that’s the one thing all criminals hate.” National Crime Prevention Council, September 24, 2024.

Community engagement has long been a proven crime reduction strategy. Community-based policing strives to address the root causes of crime by collaborating with stakeholders, including neighborhoods, businesses, non-profit and social service organizations.

Community Policing, starts with community, and there are a number of ways - large and small - that you can become involved with your community, below are just a few:

## **One Albuquerque Volunteers, <https://www.cabq.gov/abq-volunteers>**

- If you are looking **to** volunteer or are looking **for** volunteers, this is your site. It has both community volunteer opportunities and City of Albuquerque volunteer opportunities.

## **Community Policing Councils, <https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council>**

- If you are interested in public safety and want to have a voice in community-police relationships, attend a meeting in your Area Command and find out what it is all about.

## **Public Safety ECHO, <https://www.cabq.gov/echo>**

- If you are interested in problem solving, ECHO is based on the medical model, ECHO’s “all-teach, all-learn” format is an opportunity for community members to bring real scenarios before subject matter experts and attendees from diverse disciplines to work on real-world problems.

## **Neighborhood Associations, <https://www.cabq.gov/police/community-outreach-engagement/neighborhood-associations>**

- If you are interested in keeping it closer to home, neighborhood associations are a building block of community participation and allow individuals with common concerns to participate in collaborating with the City.

## **Neighborhood Watch, <https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety/starting-a-neighborhood-watch>**

- If you are interested in keeping it ever closer to home, Neighborhood Watch is a grassroots, block-by-block organizing effort that brings neighbors together in cooperation and community.

## **Citizen Police Academy, <https://www.cabq.gov/police/programs/citizen-police-academy>**

- If you want a deep-dive into law enforcement, the CPA is a twelve-week program designed to teach the “philosophy, policies and principles of law enforcement and ethical conduct governing police services in our community.”



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**SAFETY**

**DAY**

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COMMUNITY BBQ | BLOOD DRIVE | VIN ETCHING



**SAT, SEPT 13, 2025**

**9:30AM - 2:30PM | FREE!**

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**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?

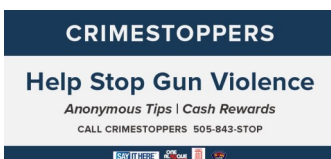
Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers by:

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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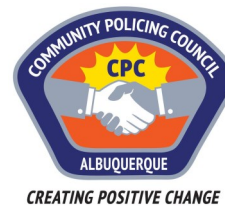
## Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

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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....*

♦ **Septembe 18th 6:00-7:30 pm – SE Community Policing Council 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>

### **Member Information**

*Council Chair: Peter Belletto*

*Council Vice-Chair: TBD*

*Other Members:*

*Chris McDaniel*

### 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

# Community Policing Councils

Kelly K. Mensah, Community Policing Council Liaison

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We say the CPC is about Communication, Collaboration, and Cooperation to promote Consensus building, between neighborhoods, and the Albuquerque Policing Council.

We also say that “CPC” stands for “Common People Can.”

At the September Southwest Community Policing Council earlier this month at the Central and Unser library, a veteran well into his 60s, and a retiree from the City stood up and told us he had a great story to tell APD. The Council and I were all interested to hear the story, but told the gentleman he could present it toward the end of the meeting.

This was an important CPC as twice a year, Chief Harold Medina hits Area Command CPC to deliver what he calls “The State of the Department.

The Chief’s address was well received by the 15 or so people in the room and the 10 more online, and afterward SW Area Commander Rene Barraza went over the Area Command stats for the month of August. This was also a positive report as crime numbers are down all over the city. We then had an area discussion about things going on in SW Albuquerque and the gentleman got his chance to speak.

“I’m a Navy Veteran, and a retiree of the City’s security force,” he said, “and I have had a huge problem going on for some years now.” “My neighbors all day long, play this loud music from their home and their cars, all day and all night! I’m retired, I just want to relax and I can’t in my house.” “I’m pretty sure,” he continued that they are doing some illegal things there as well.”

The Community Policing Councils are a City-run fully-volunteer program within the City limits with the goal of taking Albuquerque-resident input to help the City build the nation’s best police force. The CPCs were originally recognized by Mayor Richard Berry in 2013 as part of the process of increasing public relations between APD and the residents it serves. We were made official in the year 2020 by the Albuquerque City Council and currently run 7 meetings monthly around the City.

Commander Barraza and the Council spoke to the man about his issues and his list of complaints; the emergency operator system, the importance of the legislature in passing pro law-enforcement legislation, the difficulty in Albuquerque of incarcerating misdemeanor offenders, and other issues that contributed to this gentleman’s frustration. The Commander went deep into his past as a patrolman and spoke about the laws governing excessive noise, intimidation, and other things, and he was invited to send a reminder email. He also indicated that he does not use email. He left that day with a phone number to the Substation, and a promise from Commander Barraza to have a patrol check on his block from time to time.

In my 5 years as CPC Liaison for the City, I have found this one-on-one interaction, and the ability to let your local police department know what is happening, is the most effective feature of the Community Policing Council. The Council does offer law-enforcement related education opportunities, the opportunity to submit recommendations that must receive a response from the Chief within 45-days, and monthly meetings with excellent and pertinent speakers from city, county, state and US government, the court system, the Bernalillo Metro Detention Center, legislators and representatives of local non-profits attempting to help improve the city, but the direct interaction with APD command staff is the cherry on top of the sundae.

We are currently looking for SE Councilmembers who have about 5 hours monthly to attend meetings, keep up on what is happening, have good ideas, and want to help their community. That’s about it for requirements, and, oh, would like to meet good neighbors who are similarly-focused in making a difference.

If you or someone you know qualifies, please reach out to me at the information below, or fill out our application here: <https://www.cabq.gov/community-policing-council/community-policing-council-application/community-policing-council-application>



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:**

- ♦ **September 11th 1:00- 2:30 pm** – Downtown Public Safety ECHO \*\*
- ♦ **September 17th 1:00- 2:30 pm** – Nob-Hill/University Public Safety ECHO \*\*
- ♦ **September 18th 6:00– 7:30 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting
- ♦ **September 25th 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*

### 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.

[WWW.CABQ.GOV/POLICE](http://WWW.CABQ.GOV/POLICE)





# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <div> Nob-Hill/University Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm</div>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 <div> Downtown Public Safety Echo meeting 1:00pm</div>	12	13
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