

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMAND

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Commanders Corner:



~ **Commander Ray Del Greco**

July Newsletter

Albuquerque Police Department – University Area Command
Monthly Newsletter – June 2025
Serving with Honor, Integrity, and Accountability

CASA Oversight Concludes: A Historic Milestone for APD

In a landmark moment for the Albuquerque Police Department, the Court Appointed Settlement Agreement (CASA) with the United States Department of Justice has officially come to a close. After more than a decade of rigorous reform efforts, APD reached 95% compliance with the terms of the agreement, triggering the end of federal oversight and returning full control of departmental operations to APD leadership.

This achievement reflects the tireless work of our officers, command staff, and community partners. It marks a new chapter—one in which we carry forward the principles of constitutional policing, community trust, and transparency, but with renewed autonomy and local accountability.

Bike Officer Z. Earles Nabs Armed Fugitive Near Poki Poki

University Bike Patrol Officer Z. Earles made a critical arrest in June outside the old Poki Poki restaurant near Central Ave. Officer Earles recognized a

suspicious male loitering in the area and conducted a stop. The subject was found to have four outstanding felony warrants for shoplifting and was known to be armed and dangerous.

Thanks to Officer Earles' alertness and swift action, the suspect was safely taken into custody without incident—removing a repeat offender from our streets and highlighting the value of proactive community policing.

Drug House Shut Down at Indian School and Carlisle

Officers assigned to the University Area Command's Proactive Response Team conducted a targeted investigation that led to the closure of a known drug house near Indian School and Carlisle NE. Following the arrest of individuals engaged in narcotics activity and the discovery of significant public safety hazards, the property was officially deemed substandard and uninhabitable.

This success story reflects our continued commitment to eliminating crime at its roots, disrupting drug networks, and restoring safety and quality of life for our residents.

Looking Ahead...

As we move into the second half of 2025, the University Area Command remains focused on:

- Sustaining the gains made under CASA reforms.
- Strengthening community relationships through visibility and communication.
- Targeting high-crime properties and repeat offenders with precision enforcement.

We thank our community for its support, and we're proud to continue building a safer, stronger University Area—together.

Commander's Note:

"We didn't just meet the bar—we raised it. With the end of CASA, we are now fully empowered to lead with both constitutional principles and bold enforcement. Expect nothing less from your University Area Command."

Stay safe and stay connected,

Ray Del Greco

Commander

University Area Command – Albuquerque Police Department



Message from Chief Medina



Hello Albuquerque! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend and wow, we are already halfway through a very successful year so far.

I would like to start off by sending a huge thank you to everyone at the Sandia Peak Tramway who launched a fundraiser in honor of K-9 Rebel who was tragically killed in the line of duty. Through the Rides for Rebel fundraiser, the Tram raised \$20,000 in Rebel's honor which will go

toward a new training park in Rebel's honor to help train future K-9s for many years to come. Our community is incredible and we can't thank you all enough for your support.



Our department recently launched it's first ever Bike with a Cop event, and it was a huge success. We had more than 20 people take part in the 6-mile ride with our bike officers, and we hope to have many more in the future. Thank you to everyone who came out and learned safety tips from our dedicated officers.

We are always looking for more ways to engage with the community and this was an idea that came directly from our University Proactive Response Team.



As we are right in the thick of summer, I wanted to provide an update on our drone program as we are utilizing this vital technology to help patrol the Bosque. After several days of what are believed to have been man-made fires along the Bosque we have now launched our drones to help patrol the open space area and spot any suspicious activity or fires starting. If anything is spotted, our

Open Space Officers are immediately dispatched to investigate further.

Thank you as always for your continued support, and stay tuned for some more announcements coming this month on summer safety!



-Chief Harold Medina

Auto Burglary Prevention

Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS
Senior Crime Prevention Specialist

What Steps Can I Take To Prevent Becoming a Victim?

This is what your car looks like to a thief!



What Items Are The Most Commonly Stolen from Vehicles?

Cash	Firearm
Vehicle Title	Gym bag
Laptops/Tablets	Jewelry
Cell Phones (& Chargers)	Keys
Passport	Mail
Garage Door Opener	Purse
Wallet (even if under seat)	Tools

How can Auto Burglary lead to Residential Burglary?

Garage Door Opener or House Key in the Car

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Registration or Mail in the Car

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Home Burglary

- **Vehicle Registration** – Carry it with you; do not leave it in the vehicle.
- **Mail** - Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your car, especially where visible. This has your name and address on it.
- **Garage Door Opener** - Avoid leaving this in your car if possible, it is the key to the largest door in your home.
- **Keys** - Never leave keys in your car
- **Remove visible items from your vehicle.** Leaving items visible in your car provides opportunity. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat or in the trunk, especially at a gym. Take these items with you.
- **Lock Up!**
 - Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even for quick errands.
 - Close all windows, including vent or wing windows and sunroofs.
 - Consider installing an alarm and use it! Many people believe that alarms no longer make a difference, however, they do remain an effective deterrent to a burglar. Criminals will choose the easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from - one with an alarm and one without - they will burglarize the one without.
- **Park Safely!**
 - At home, park in your garage if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors.
 - Park in a well-lighted area.
 - Check to see that your vehicle is visible from pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
 - Avoid parking in remote areas with no visibility – i.e. behind buildings.



ALBUQUERQUE METRO CRIME STOPPERS

WORLD'S FIRST CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM FOUNDED 1976

TIP HOTLINE: 505-843-STOP

3 Ways to Submit a Tip

1. Tip Line
3. Tip Form
2. Tip App

How Crime Stoppers Works

Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers is a community program that relies on anonymous tips to solve crimes and to locate fugitives. 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 \$2,500. 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..

Please join us for
NOB HILL & UNIVERSITY AREA PUBLIC SAFETY ECHO

Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO

Wednesday July 23, 2025
1:00pm

Presented by
Lt. Armando Hernandez
APD Criminal Investigations

Topic: Juvenile Crime

Join US at the University Area Command

This event will be an in-person or on Zoom

Announcements

- [Albuquerque Metro CRIME STOPPERS \(505\)843-STOP](#)

Invite People Concerned about Safety

Do you know people who should be included in our Public Safety ECHO? If so, please invite them! Feel free to forward this message to community members or send information to ddeloach@cabq.gov to have someone added to the list. This is a public, open forum and we welcome all.

Do you have a Public Safety Issue?

If you would like to submit a case to be presented, we want to hear about your concerns, issues and situations. Contact us about any scenario involving safety in Albuquerque that you want to discuss at a future Public Safety ECHO session.

If you do not feel comfortable presenting, a member of the Hub team is able to present to the network on your behalf. Email, **Darryl De Loach**, if you have a topic you would like addressed please contact; ddeloach@cabq.gov.



On Zoom or In-person at the Albuquerque Police
Department Substation, 1009 Bradbury Drive SE

JOIN the Nob Hill Public Safety ECHO

Open to all Nob Hill residents, business
owners, and community partners

What you'll gain

- Practical tools for neighborhood safety
- A direct connection with law enforcement and community leaders
- A space to share concerns and build local solutions

**Join us in-person or sign
up to meet on Zoom here**



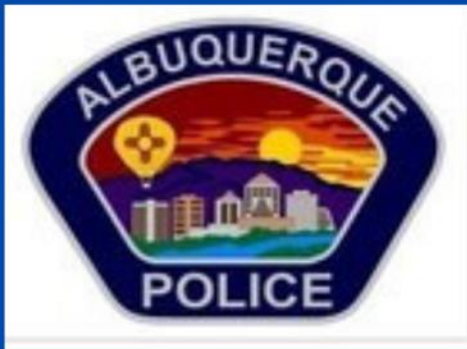
**Let's build safety from the
ground up – together.**

Questions?

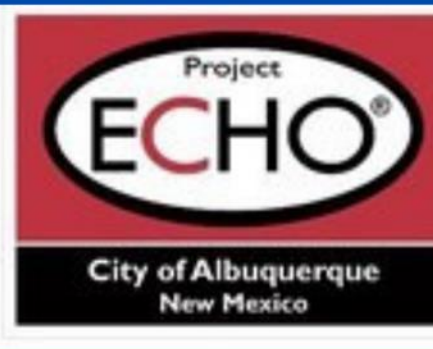
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Nob Hill/University Area Public Safety ECHO

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>



Kick-Off to Summer Safety

Summer is an exciting time for everyone, kids are out of school and it's time to have fun but summer can also bring along some serious dangers that can be life threatening. Swimming and playing outside all day are popular activities during the summer time. It is very important that both parents and children know about water safety, and ensure they keep properly hydrated when participating in outdoor activities. Included are a few tips to keep everyone safe this summer.

Water Safety

Practice constant, adult supervision around any body of water, including pools and spas. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in New Mexico for ages 1 to 44 years old. Each year over 8,000 people drown in this country. Nearly 4,000 of those drownings occur during the summer months of June, July, and August.

Stay away from all ditches, arroyos and channels.

- No swimming
- No playing nearby
- Swim only at swimming pools
- Don't attempt a swimming rescue in the arroyo or river. You could become the next victim.
- Call 911 immediately
- If caught in the water, point feet downstream and wait for help.

Heat Related Illness

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a result of excessive heat and dehydration. The signs of heat exhaustion include paleness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, fainting, and a moderately increased temperature (101-102 degrees F) which, in this case, is not truly a fever, but caused by the heat.

TREATMENT: Rest and water may help in mild heat exhaustion, and ice packs and a cool environment (with a fan blowing at the child) may also help. More severely exhausted patients may need IV fluids, especially if vomiting keeps them from drinking enough.

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is the most severe form of heat illness. It can occur even in people who are not exercising, if the weather is hot enough. These people have warm, flushed skin, and do not sweat. Athletes who have heat stroke after vigorous exercise in hot weather, though, may still be sweating considerably. Whether exercise-related or not, though, a person with heat stroke usually has a very high temperature (106 degrees F or higher), and may be delirious, unconscious, or having seizures.

TREATMENT: These patients need to have their temperature reduced quickly, often with ice packs, and must also be given IV fluids for re-hydration; Call 911 immediately. The patient may have to stay in the hospital for observation since many different body organs can fail in heat stroke.

Preventing Heat-Related Illnesses

You can prevent heat-related illnesses. The important thing is to stay well-hydrated, to make sure that your body can get rid of extra heat, and to be sensible about exertion in hot, humid weather.

Your sweat is your body's main system for getting rid of extra heat. When you sweat, and the water evaporates from your skin, the heat that evaporates the sweat comes mainly from your skin. As long as blood is flowing properly to your skin, extra heat from the core of your body is "pumped" to the skin and removed by sweat evaporation. If you do not sweat enough, you cannot get rid of extra heat well, and you also can't get rid of heat as well if blood is not flowing to the skin.

Dehydration will make it harder for you to cool off in two ways: if you are dehydrated you won't sweat as much, and your body will try to keep blood away from the skin to keep your blood pressure at the right level in the core of your body. But, since you lose water when you sweat, you must make up that water to keep from becoming dehydrated. If the air is humid, it's harder for your sweat to evaporate -- this means that your body cannot get rid of extra heat as well when it's muggy as it can when it's relatively dry.

The best fluid to drink when you are sweating is water. Although there is a little salt in your sweat, you don't really lose that much salt with your sweat, except in special circumstances. "Sport drinks" such as Gatorade® will also work, but water is usually easier to obtain.

It's also important to be sensible about how much you exert yourself in hot weather. The hotter and more humid it is, the harder it will be for you to get rid of excess heat. The clothing you wear makes a difference, too: the less clothing you have on, and the lighter that clothing is, the easier you can cool off.

Drink Plenty of Water!!!



Area Commands in the Albuquerque Metro Area:

- **Foothills Area Command**

Jeff Russel Memorial Substation: 12800 Lomas Blvd NE – (505)332-5240

- **Northeast Area Command**

John Carrillo Memorial Substation: 8021 Osuna Rd NE – (505)823-4455

- **Northwest Area Command**

Michael King & Richard Smith Memorial Substation: 10401 Cibola Loop Ct. NW – (505)768-4850

- **Southeast Area Command**

Phil Chacon Memorial Substation: 800 Louisiana SE – (505)256-2050

- **University Area Command**

1009 Bradbury Dr. SE – (505)768-4994

- **Southwest Area Command**

Shawn McWethy Memorial Substation: 6404 Los Volcanoes Rd. NW – (505)831-4705

- **Valley Area Command**

Gerald Cline Memorial Substation: 5408 2nd St. NW – (505)761-8800

- **Don Perkins Public Safety Center**

302 Central Ave. SW – (505)768-4735

Valley Area Command - Old Town Substation:

2060 Central Ave SW
(505) 242-6643 **(OPEN WEEKENDS)**

University Command – Triangle Community Substation:

2901 Central Ave. NE
(505) 924-8335 **(OPEN WEEKENDS)**