

WELCOME TO THE DON PERKINS  
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER  
E-NEWSLETTER



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# Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well! I can't believe we're already into February, but we have so much planned for the year ahead. I've been spending time at the Roundhouse with the ongoing Legislative Session advocating for several bills we have put forth.

Operations on Central Avenue continue as we now have a dedicated Major over this effort to help clean up the area while providing individuals much needed resources.

From our Traffic Division enforcing speeding and other roadway violations, to our specialty units checking on individuals and criminal activity, to our High Risk Victims Unit (HRVU) assisting individuals and investigating human trafficking, the initiative is a department wide effort.



We have an exciting announcement for our community in the Southeast, with the grand re-opening of the Phil Chacon Memorial Substation. The new substation has been a long time coming and now has amenities for community members and our officers.

The 21,000 square foot facility is made up of three different zones, with a secured booking area and holding cells, as well as evidence storage. The substation also houses a new community room that can fit up to 100 people.



As a way to better connect with the community, we are putting more focus into Nextdoor. We will continue using our page to share proactive information, including upcoming community events, crime data, operation results, safety tips and important community updates. We have also created another account, @APDInfo, to allow us to share, interact and post in some of the neighborhoods across the city.

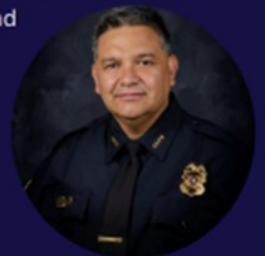


### 'Gotta catch 'em all!'



In Old Town this past weekend, we hosted our first Cops vs. Kids event in partnership with Old Town Hobbies and Games. There was a great turnout and we received significant feedback from kids and parents that they'd like more events like this.

We will continue to find more ways to engage with the community, and I encourage you to reach out, and get in touch with us if you have ideas to partner in your community or at your business. Please contact our Community Engagement Manager at Angelinanavarro@cabq.gov.



-Chief Harold Medina

## VALLEY COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL

On Thursday, January 23, 2025, The Valley CPC Meeting was very informative as they elected the council officers for 2025.

Followed by the current crime report in which Commander Jose Sanchez provided the most recent crime trends in the Valley Area Command.

Superintendents of Police Reform, Eric Garcia, spoke about his responsibilities, regarding the review of use of force, officer training and officer involved shootings within APD as well as the court approved settlement agreement progress. Also joined by Commander Scott Norris with APD Internal Affairs, Force Division and Lt. Jennifer Garcia, who also addressed the Consent Decree through the DOJ.

This focus lead to various and interesting discussions with many ideas being exchanged on a variety of issues.

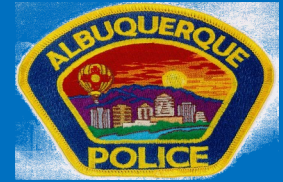
The next CPC meeting will be Thursday, February, 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at Los Duranes Community Center, or you can sign up to view on Zoom.

To register go to <https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa/community-policing-council> and click the monthly meeting calendar link. You will see a link that will get you registered. To view on Zoom click the link to register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Got more questions? Any ideas for topics or recommendations? Feel free to email Kelly K. Mensah your Valley CPC Liaison at Email: [kmensah@cabq.gov](mailto:kmensah@cabq.gov)

Thank you and hope you can be at the next meeting.

*From Your Valley CPC  
Community Policing Council Liaison  
Kelly K. Mensah*



**Don Perkins  
Public Safety Center**

Open: Mon—Fri  
Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Closed 12:00 – 1PM  
for Meal Break

**Dayshift Patrol**

**Schedule:**  
7:00 AM—5:00 PM  
**Mon-Thurs**

**PATROL:**

- Officer Jake Capraro
- Officer Richard Sedillo
- Officer Corbin Waquie
- Officer Jesus Gonzalez
- Officer Jacob Casaus

**Swing shift Schedule:**

6:00 PM—4:00AM

**Wed-Sat**

- Officer Liame Koste
- Officer Alicia Martinez
- Officer Nicholas Dickerson
- Officer Jose Gomez
- Officer Kevin Vega

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- Jacob Lucero

## CRIME PREVENTION—ROMANCE SCAMS

**Warning Signs!  
Tips to protect yourself**



- Sudden request for money, usually for an “Emergency” - Never send cash, gift cards, put money on a reloadable debit card, or send money on transfer apps.

- They promise to meet you in person but always make up an excuse.
- Their profile photo appears polished like a model. Utilize a Google image search to investigate the profile photo.
- Limit the amount of personal information

you provide and include on your dating profile app.

- Approach the topic slowly and discuss it with friends and family, take note of any concerns or doubts.

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### JOIN THE APD-CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

#### Next session March 2025

The Citizen Police Academy is a tuition FREE, twelve-week program designed to introduce members of the community to the Albuquerque Police Department.

Class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6PM – 9PM for 12 weeks.

Students Requirements:  
<https://www.cabq.gov/police/programs/citizen-police-academy>

Click the link below for the Online Application:

<https://www.cabq.gov/police/programs/citizen-police-academy/citizens-police-academy-online-application>

### KIDS CORNER—GUN SAFETY



### Downtown Public Safety ECHO

(Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)  
**Do you have a Public Safety issue?**

This is an open, public forum and ALL are welcome. Join US for our Monthly Zoom sessions to address Community Safety Issues.

#### **All Teach & All Learn!**

Together, We build skills while we share knowledge and the best practices to keep our community healthy and safe.

Stay Tuned for Youth-led ECHO sessions in March.  
Nob Hill & University ECHO will return in the Spring!



Join Us, alternating **Thursdays at 1pm.**

On Zoom: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89315045751> EVERY 2nd THURSDAY  
<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/89602566056> EVERY 4th THURSDAY of the month

The Password is: **Downtown**

Or LIVE in the studio at **519 Central** (Studio 519/.govTV)

For further information visit: [www.cabq.gov/echo](http://www.cabq.gov/echo)

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