

# UNIVERSITY AREA COMMAND

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## Commanders Corner:

### September Newsletter:

Summer is winding down and kids are back to school and officer in the University Area Command are hard at work trying to reduce crime in the area command. University Area Command officers with University of New Mexico officers conducted a "Return to School" crime operation in the University area. The results of that operation are as follows:

- **Felony warrants- 22**
- **Felony Arrests- 11**
- **Misdemeanor warrants- 13**
- **Misdemeanor Arrests- 4**
- **Traffic stops- 5**
- **Citations- 5**

This one day operation lead to a double digit drop in seven (7) day crime rates for the area command in every crime category tracked for the week.

APD's University Area Command partnered with New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence, Albuquerque Isotopes, UNM Lobo Football, NM United, and Crime Stoppers for a gun buy back event. Within one hour and twenty minutes \$20,000 in cash was handed out for firearms. The total number of firearms are as follows:

(11) AR-15 / AK-47 Rifles

(68) Semiautomatic Pistols

(208) Firearms total

Participants were also given 500 free tickets to either a UNM Lobo Football Game, Albuquerque Isotopes game, or NM United Soccer game.

The University Area Command will be having a "Coffee with a Cop" hosted by Dunkin' Donuts here at the University Substation at 1009 Bradbury SE on Tuesday September 10, 2024 from 0900-1100 hours. If you're able please stop by and have some coffee and get a chance to ask your officers any questions you may have.

Thank you as always for the opportunity to serve you all, Ray



~ Commander Ray Del Greco



## Message from the Chief

Hello Albuquerque! It's my favorite time of year, as football season is upon us! This time of year also comes with back to school and I'm sure many parents are getting back into the swing of things.

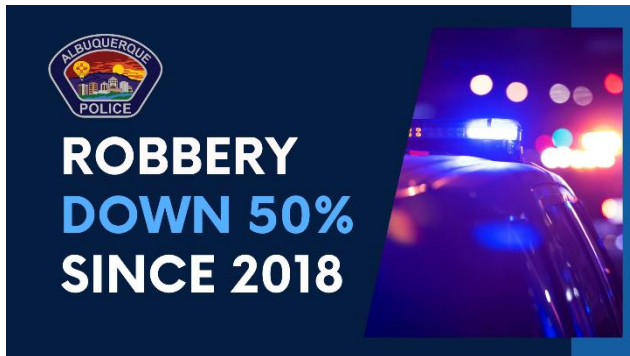
We are doing a lot of work getting involved with the school district and helping provide additional ways for students, faculty and parents to report. We hope to have more information on this soon that we will be sure to share with the community.

I would also like to acknowledge, our department has had a challenging month as we lost an officer from our agency. Officer Bianca Quintana had been with APD for two years and worked out of the Foothills Area Command. Bianca was a mother to two boys, a wife, daughter, and sister and we are doing everything we can to support her family during this time.

Bianca's funeral services have been set for September 9, at 10:30a.m. at Legacy Church, located at 7201 Central Avenue N.W. The family welcomes the community to honor her, during a celebration of life.

As for our crime fighting efforts, we continue to have an increased presence of officer's downtown on Friday and Saturday nights. We know this area is of concern and we have made it a priority.

We recently announced robberies are down 50% since 2018 and this goes to show the progress we are making as a department in terms of tackling crime.



We have a robust DIVRT team made up of mostly civilian staff members focused on retrieving video surveillance footage and other digital evidence that assists sworn personnel in their investigations.

By having this civilian team, it frees up time for officers and detectives to focus on their caseloads. Crime Stoppers, APD's detective academy, and internal information sharing amongst divisions have had the strongest impact in identifying and charging repeat or violent offenders, such as those committing robberies.

And to kick off the month, we have an exciting community event coming up. This will be a largescale Coffee with a Cop event partnering with the Dunkin' Community Cruiser. The event will be held on September 10, at the University Substation from 8-11:00a.m., and there will be FREE coffee and donuts.



*-Chief Harold Medina*

We hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support!



## **APD Provides Public Safety Tips During State Fair and Balloon Fiesta**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – As the Albuquerque Police Department prepares to keep the public safe during the New Mexico State Fair and next month's Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, APD is providing tips for residents and visitors to take to keep themselves and their belongings safe.

**The State Fair runs from Sept. 6 – 16; and the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta runs from Oct. 6 – 14.**

- Always roll up windows, lock the doors and take the keys even if you will be away for a short time.
- Remove ALL items from your vehicle whenever possible, but at the very least remove items from view – even items that might have the perception of value. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- Do not leave unsecured firearms in your car. Thieves know that some people travel with firearms for safety, and historically, they have targeted visitor's at large events like the State Fair.
- Some auto burglars break-in to steal your identity – consider removing your registration and insurance paperwork from the glove box. Put them in your pocket with your driver's license. The law only requires the paperwork be in the vehicle when it's being operated.
- Park your vehicle in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance. You want your vehicle to be easily seen.

APD is implementing tactical plans for the State Fair and the Balloon Fiesta. The Traffic Division will focus on both pedestrian and increased vehicle traffic around the fair, while the DWI unit will be on alert for drunk drivers. There are also plans for sobriety checkpoints during the fair to keep streets safe.

APD's Auto Theft Unit will aggressively work to keep visitors' vehicles safe from theft and burglaries, continuing a successful partnership with the New Mexico State Police, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and the New Mexico Auto Theft Prevention Authority. During last year's Balloon Fiesta, a tactical plan resulted in no break-ins or auto thefts at the main hotels where visitors stayed.

The State Fair has almost half a million visitors during its run. With such large crowds, parents should take extra precautions to ensure children are within eyesight at all times. Look for the New Mexico State Police Mobile Command Unit on Main Street to Tag Your Tot.





# WHERE'S A COP WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

*COFFEE WITH A COP*

**WHEN: SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**WHERE: UNIVERSITY SUB**

1009 BRADBURY DR SE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87106

**TIME: 8:00AM - 11:00 AM**

**FREE**

**TREATS: COFFEE & REFRESHERS**

*Join the Albuquerque  
Police Department  
for coffee &  
conversation!*



# University Area Command Events

## **Public Safety ECHO**

Information about the City of Albuquerque's Public Safety ECHO program.

### **Upcoming Sessions:**

- Nob Hill and the University Area sessions - Wednesday, September 18
- First Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)
- Third Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)

### Contact Us

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**Coffee with a Cop**: September 10, 2024

**Address:** 1009 Bradbury Dr, 87106

**Time:** 8am -11am