



# Southeast Area Command

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## Message from the Int. Commander

By: Int. Commander Josh Richards, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Interim Commander Josh Richards, and I will be overseeing the Southeast Area Commander for the foreseeable future.

I have been with the Albuquerque Police Department for 17 years, during which I have served in a variety of divisions. I began my career in the Southeast Area Command before moving to other parts of the city. After more than five years in the Field Services Bureau, I transitioned to the Special Operations Division.

When I promoted to sergeant I had the privilege of returning to the Southeast Area Command as a graveyard sergeant. I also served in the Special Operations Division and the Support Services Division before promoting to lieutenant. As a lieutenant, I worked in the Field Services Bureau and the Special Operations Division. Last year, I promoted to interim commander, and I am honored to now serve as the interim commander for the Southeast Area Command.

We have some exciting news for 2025: the new Southeast Substation is nearly complete! We will be holding our grand rededication ceremony on January 31, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate alongside Phil Chacon's family and showcase this significant investment in the Southeast community.

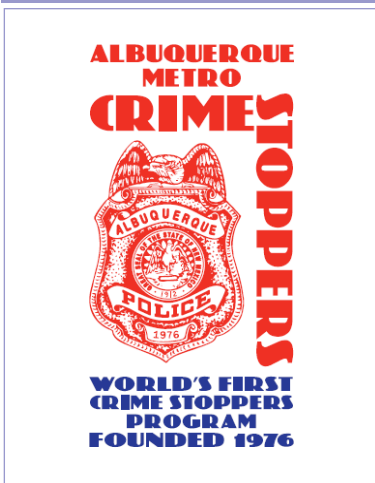
We also have ambitious goals for the Southeast Area Command this year. Our efforts along Central Avenue will remain a priority as we continue addressing crime, providing resources to vulnerable populations, and creating a safer environment for community members and business owners alike.

I look forward to working with everyone who calls the International District home. In closing, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who support my officers and the Albuquerque Police Department. Your support is invaluable as we work together to make the Southeast the best place to live in Albuquerque.

Thank you.

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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?

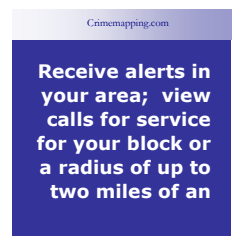
Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers by:

Calling **843-STOP**

Submit Online Tip at **crimestoppers.com**

Web Tip at **P3Tips.com**

Download **P3 Tips** mobile app.



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## How to Recognize and Avoid a Scam

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All scams have one thing in common. They attempt to get you to act from a place of emotion rather than one of intelligence. It is why a scammer uses familiar businesses, charities, government agencies or outright scare tactics to get our attention.

The top scams are imposter scams and romance scams. Imposter scams can be someone stating that they are from a well-known company and you have overpaid for a service or product and they need to complete a refund by remotely accessing your bank account; or someone telling you that your utility bill is overdue and your electricity will be turned off if you don't pay....by gift card, credit card, or bank transfer. Or, perhaps someone pretending to be from law enforcement calling to say you have a warrant for not reporting to jury duty and if you don't pay will be arrested. The list spans only the imagination.

If you receive such a call, text, or email. STOP. Don't respond. Contact the company or entity directly to verify validity if you are at all in doubt. And, yes, you can check for warrants in Bernalillo County at [https://bcapp.bernco.gov/BCSO\\_WarrantInterWITS/](https://bcapp.bernco.gov/BCSO_WarrantInterWITS/)

Romance scams are the fastest growing type of scam affecting older adults. It is profitable for the scammer, sometimes netting them hundreds of thousands of dollars or more. Romance scammers will often groom their victims and invest time in making the relationship *seem* real. Some indicators of a romance scam:

- Can't meet you in person. If they do make plans, they will always fall through.
- Will ask you for money.
- Tell you how they want to receive payment, in a way hard for you to get back:
  - ◊ Western Union or Money Gram
  - ◊ Gift Cards + PIN Number
  - ◊ Money Transfer App
  - ◊ Cryptocurrency

Tactics to avoid romance scams:

- Avoid losing money to a scammer:
  - ◊ Never send money to someone you haven't met in person (and some you have)
  - ◊ Stop communicating immediately if something is not right.
  - ◊ Talk to a friend or family member you trust
  - ◊ Search online for the name plus the word scammer or position they say they hold plus the word scammer
  - ◊ Reverse search profile images and/or images received from the person

A few simple steps to avoid a scam: block unwanted calls and text messages; don't provide personally identifying information to an unexpected request; resist the pressure; never pay someone who insists on payment by gift card, wire transfer service like Western Union or Money Gram or cryptocurrency; finally, STOP, talk to someone you trust.



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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**

In order to foster greater communication within our SE CPC community, we're launching a "portal" to regular, weekly posts about our values, perspectives, and work.. Please get acquainted with us at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CPC-SE-welcome>

Did you know, the SE CPC has its own "playlist" on YouTube? Did you know, there are many opportunities to become better informed – and more deeply engaged in our collaboration to build a safer and more prosperous community for all our neighbors? Come explore the many ways you can work with us as we work for you!

## APD

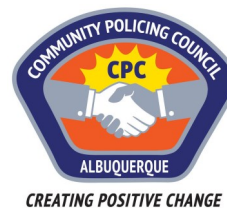
### FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

(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



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

We plan to resume our *hybrid* meetings, which the SE CPC was instrumental in bringing to the City.

Cesar Chavez Community Center (7505 Kathryn Ave SE)

However, if you prefer to attend *virtually*, here is the link to join us by *Zoom*: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/88936665733>



# with Police

On December 12th, Giovanni's Pizzeria hosted a Pizza with Police event with proceeds from sales going to the APD Chaplain's Unit.

Thank you to all who helped make this event successful!



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:

- ◆ **January 22nd**     **1:00- 2:30 pm** – Nob Hill-U Public Safety ECHO \*\*
  - ◆ **January 16th**     **6:00-8:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting
  - ◆ **February 5th**     **1:00- 2:30 pm** – Nob Hill-U Public Safety ECHO \*\*
- ◆ *register using this link:*     [https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gISIOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISIOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg)

**\*\* 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**



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**

Triangle Substation: Monday—Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday—Sunday 8:00 am - 7:00 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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Albuquerque, NM 87108

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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)





# January 2025

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| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8<br><br>1:00 pm Nob-Hill<br>Public Safety<br>ECHO Zoom  | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16<br><br>SE Community<br>Policing Council<br>Meeting 6:00pm | 17  | 18  |
| 19  | 20  | 21  | 22<br><br>1:00 pm Nob-Hill<br>Public Safety<br>ECHO Zoom | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |