

Albuquerque Police Department Chaplain Unit

Mission & Guiding Principles

- Provide for the support of department employees and their families.
- Provide counsel and guidance to persons in crisis in the Albuquerque community.
- Provide a great work environment by working effectively with each other.
- Apply the highest standards of excellence to providing support to those requesting assistance.
- Maintain a presence that fosters the highest ethical conduct among employees.
- Foster public confidence and support by attending civic events and being available during periods of heightened public interest.
- Contribute positively to our Department and our community.
- Recognize that the spirit of service is essential to fulfilling our mission.



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Chaplain's Corner – Head Chaplain Barbara Tegtmeier

Barb Tegtmeier has been an APD chaplain since May 2018 and currently serves as Head Chaplain. She grew up in Los Alamos and graduated from ENMU in Portales with a BBA. Her first job in Honolulu, Hawaii, as a CPA led to VP of Finance positions at Time Inc. and Cort Business Services where she specialized in acquisitions, mergers, and poor performing business turnarounds.

After her retirement in 2014 Barb became a Certified Lay Minister with Christ United Methodist Church, leading a ministry outreach called Messy Church, Vacation Bible School, children, youth, and young adult ministry. In 2019 Barb began serving as the Pastor of Cornerstone UMC in the South Valley.

Barb's other interests revolve around building relationships with people in our community at the Interfaith Bible Compassion Center in the International District, Adobe Acres Community Association, Adobe Acres Elementary School, Albuquerque Interfaith Coalition, and the Girl Scouts.

A quote from Barb: "I see the Holy Spirit at work every time I drive through Albuquerque neighborhoods in any capacity in which I am serving. And I am most proud working next to APD officers, support staff, and my fellow APD volunteer Chaplains to provide prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness to the City of Albuquerque's citizens."



2021 APD CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR

Chaplain Joe Gonzales loved being an APD Chaplain! We could think of no better tribute upon his unexpected death in November 2021 than to honor his service as a chaplain by naming him APD Chaplain Unit of the Year for 2021. Joe enthusiastically absorbed all he learned in training, with the goal to be the most effective chaplain he could be to our officers and the families in our community who experience the sudden loss of a loved one. When he was out on calls with families he focused on them and their needs with compassion, grace, a warm smile, and hug. Chaplain Joe was willing to go the extra mile for people wherever he went in life. He will be greatly missed.