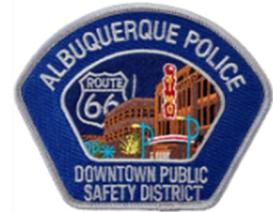


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APD TEAM of the Month For January 2024 "Valley Downtown Public Safety District" —(Day shift)



(L to R) Officer Hannah Goodman, Officer Eric Giles, Officer Geoffrey Cummings, Officer Richard Sedillo, Officer Mike Avila, Sergeant Mel Acata.

Congratulations, to the Downtown Public Safety District! In January, The Downtown Public Safety Unit was selected as team of the month. This unit is both proactive and reactive patrolling our beats as they respond ASAP to safety concerns. They partner with ABQ Street Connect to provide connections and resources with stranded unhoused individuals and aid with behavioral health referrals. This includes providing resources with service providers while also conducting outreach.

These are the officers that serve in your area. Their rapport within the downtown community is remarkable as they establish relationships that are meaningful with stakeholders, schools, residents and businesses. Most importantly they support one another and work as a team. They go above and beyond their normal duties. In November 2023, they observed two hawks that were injured and ensured they were taken to local wildlife rehabilitators. In the past months, they have made several arrests with subjects who traffic narcotics, and recovered large quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl. They were tasked with the Central Corridor Operation, along with 2- POP properties. Officers conducted bi-hourly patrols covering eight blocks of Central Ave and have identified issues at both locations. They are complimented by numerous on-site community members and if you see them feel free to say, "Hello."

(P-O-P = Problem Oriented Policing)

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF HAROLD MEDINA

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season with your friends and families. Thank you to all of our staff that worked through the holidays and spent time away from your loved ones, we appreciate all that you do to help keep our community safe.

As we begin a new year, I am reflecting on our successes of 2023, and how we can improve as a department into 2024. Last year, we continued to have tremendous progress within our Homicide Unit. We hit a clearance rate of more than 90%, and we saw a significant decline in homicides as well.

As a department, we also had multiple divisions working proactive operations throughout the city which we know had a positive impact on crime. From the shoplifting operations that impacted quality of life issues at our shopping centers, to our Traffic Division, doubling citations from the year prior making our roadways safer, to our Downtown TEAM overtime, which has made vast improvements for those who live and work Downtown.

There is much more I want to focus on in the year ahead. This year will mark my fourth year as Chief and I'm incredibly proud of the work we've accomplished.

Looking ahead, I plan to share more information regularly with our community on progress we are making on the DOJ Court Approved Settlement Agreement, recruiting, crime and community engagement.

As part of this effort, I'd like to share the Chief's Weekly Snapshot showing where we've seen a decline in crime categories and where we have room to improve. The percentages to the right, show the preliminary stats from 2023 compared to 2022, the other data are total numbers for 2023.

CHIEF'S SNAPSHOT	
VIOLENT CRIME	-6%
HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATE	90%
AUTO THEFT	-7%
FELONY ARRESTS	5,679
FELONY WARRANTS	5,255
FIREARMS RECOVERED	723
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	78,193



“Thank you to our community for your continued support and for working with us as we continue to grow and evolve as a law enforcement agency.”

~Chief Harold Medina~

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The swing shift officer's continue to work hard at keeping our community safe.

This cold weather doesn't stop them from getting out there and being proactive .

Swing shift Schedule:
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 Wed-Sat

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PSA—HECTOR RIOS



Police Service Aid Hector Rios was currently assigned to the Downtown unit but shortly afterwards he got accepted into the APD Police Academy where he will be starting his new career.

Mr. Rios is dedicated to making our community a safe place to live and work. He also volunteered to assist facilitate in a Public Safety ECHO session.

When he is not working, he loves camping, snowboarding and watching movies. One of his favorite things to do is researching history in buildings and around the world.

“I’m very nerdy from time to time but I love my family and they are the most important thing.”
 ~Hector Rios ~

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Auto Theft Prevention

Taking precautionary and target hardening measures can reduce your chances of becoming the victim of an auto theft. The listed tips below can help can make your vehicle an unappealing target for auto thieves.

Precautions

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors and take your key, even if you will only be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- Park your vehicle in a visible area with good lighting.
- Never leave a second set of keys hidden inside or attached to your vehicle.
- Park in attended lots, when possible, providing more potential for witnesses.
- If you have a garage use, as an alternative park in your driveway.
- Lock the garage door and your vehicle.
- Do not leave the title inside the vehicle.

Devices

- **Kill Switch** – Interrupts the electrical, fuel or ignition system.
- **Steering Wheel Lock** – Prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees; visible from outside the vehicle.
- **Collar** – Prevent the steering column from being stripped.
- **Brake Lock** – Prevent the brake from being engaged to remove the transmission from Park.
- **Etching** – Etching the VIN number on the vehicle’s glass can make it less valuable to thieves.

The majority of auto thefts take place night or in the early morning hours, and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes.

For further Information visit ://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety/auto-theft

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY JANUARY 9, 2024

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

"Happy Law Enforcement Appreciation Day to all our men and women in uniform, past, present and future. Thank you for Serving and Protecting, God Bless!!"



DOWNTOWN PUBLIC SAFETY ECHO

(Extension For Community HealthCare Outcomes)

Every 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00 PM -2:30PM
Join us to address community safety issues, build skills, learn new tools and best practices for a healthy and happy, safe Downtown.

VIDEO CONFERENCE IN
VIA ZOOM, PC, MAC IOS OR ANDROID:

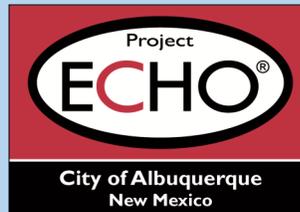
Zoom in: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/83993189320>

Meeting ID: 893 9318 9320 Password: **Downtown**

Phone in: dial 1-646-558-8656

Enter the meeting ID: 896 9318 9320 # - then hit # again.

The session will be videotaped to share on the city's website.
For further information please log on to: www.cabq.gov/echo
Or contact Darryl DeLoach, Social Services (ECHO) Coordinator
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Officer's of the Downtown unit rescued 2 hawks that were injured. CABQ Animal Protection Services were contacted as they specialize in taking care of local wildlife.