



# Southeast

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### Message from the Commander

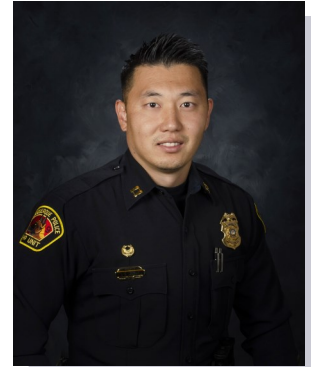
*By Luke C. Languit, Commander, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation*

With the school year about to start, I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. The Southeast Area Command was very fortunate to have been involved in amazing events such as our International District Clean-up, our beginning of summer barbeque at Wilson Park, and Summerfest in Nob Hill.

We will be having our officer appreciation event at the Phil Chacon Memorial Substation on August 12 where we will be unveiling the new substation. Please stop by and interact with and thank your officers.

Your officers continue to work hard, working on proactive operations to disrupt and prevent shootings, speeding and drag racing, and apprehending property crime and violent crime offenders. I am also proud of the partnerships that we have built in the community, and with agencies such as the District Attorney's Office and Kirtland Airforce Base.

I hope to see you all on August 12!



### Commander's Safety Tip of the Month

*By Luke C. Languit, Commander*

Would like to provide a tip on preventing burglaries. Whether if it is your residence or business, please start with getting ahold of our Crime Prevention Specialists to conduct Crime Prevention through Environmental Design reports/recommendations for your homes and businesses.

Motion detecting lights and cameras can be a great deterrent and very useful with providing evidence to identify and charge offenders. If it is evident that entry was made and items stolen, please preserve the scene and call for an officer to respond to process the scene for evidence such as DNA and fingerprints. If you notice a cigarette butt, or a cup that was not belonging to you, there is the likelihood and chance that it may link the offender to the burglary.

Additionally if you are going out of town on vacation or business trip, please let us know the dates that you will be gone and we can set up periodic watches and increased patrols to deter any crimes from being committed.

An information sharing platform and/or a neighborhood block watch is also very useful in deterring and stopping property crimes from occurring. You know what cars belong in your neighborhoods, or if suspicious individuals are walking around casing, being able to share descriptions and putting neighbors on alert, really does go a long ways. We would be more than happy to assist and help organize a new neighborhood block watch. Or if you have a neighborhood block watch and would like to revitalize it, please stop by and let me know, we will make sure our officers get involved and collaborate with you.

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**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.

Due to Covid-19,  
appointment is necessary.

- 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

## THE LATEST SCAMS YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF IN 2022

*By Louis DeNicola, Experian*

### Phone-Related Scams

Scammers may try to get in touch with you by phone, and some phone scams rely on smartphones' capabilities to access the internet and install malware.

- **Robocalls:** Robocalls have people's phones ringing nonstop with increasingly natural-sounding recorded voices. They may offer everything from auto warranties to vacations, or issue a threat to try and get your attention. Some robocalls can even respond to your questions.
- **Texts:** You may receive a text message from an unknown number or email address. Often, these smishing attempts include a link to a scammer's website or app.
- **Impersonators:** Scammers impersonate IRS personnel, police, survey takers, relatives, delivery people and well-known companies to threaten you or gain your trust. They use scare tactics related to your Social Security number, criminal record or account before asking for your personal, account or credit card information.
- **Apps:** Scammers may try to get you to install a malicious app to steal your information. Or, they might create a nearly identical copy of an existing app and then make money from in-app purchases.
- **QR codes:** QR codes have gained popularity as a touchless option to do things like read a restaurant menu or make a payment during the pandemic. However, scammers place their QR codes in inconspicuous spots, and scanning the code could prompt you to make a small purchase or enter your credentials on a look-alike website.

Also beware of two relatively new types of tools and tactics that scammers are using in 2022:

### SIM Swapping

SIM swapping happens when a thief steals your number and assigns it to a new SIM card in a phone they control. It's the same process you go through when you get a new phone and the mobile carrier gives you a new SIM card. The scammer uses your SIM card to steal your information to log in to your accounts and either enter a verification code or reset the account password using the code or link sent to the phone.

You might be able to contact your mobile phone operator and add extra security or temporarily freeze number porting to help protect yourself from SIM swapping. Also, see if your accounts let you use a non-SMS multifactor authentication option, in which you provide two pieces of proof to verify your identity.

### One-Time Password (OTP) Bots

An alternative to SIM swapping, some scammers are using so-called OTP bots to trick people into sharing the authentication codes that are sent to them via text or email, or that they have to look up in an authentication app or device.

The bots may initiate a robocall or send you a text imitating a legitimate company. For example, the robocall may look and sound like it's coming from a bank. The voice asks you to authorize a charge and tells you to input the code you're texted if it's not one you made. In reality, the bot is attempting to log in to your account, which triggers the system to send you the code. If you share the code, the scammer can then log into your account.

### Zelle Scams

Scammers are turning to Zelle, the peer-to-peer payment app, as a means to steal people's money. The scammer will email, text or call you pretending to work for your bank or credit union's fraud department. They'll claim that a thief was trying to steal your money through Zelle, and that they have to walk you through "fixing" the issue. Then, they may instruct you to send the money to yourself, but the money will actually go to their account.

## Catalytic Converter Thefts - Why Criminals Steal Them and What You Can Do to Protect Your Vehicle

By: *Fast Guard Alarms*

Since 1975 and the demand for cleaner air, catalytic converters are manufactured in a way that reduces harmful emissions. Part of this process includes a section in the catalytic converter which houses three expensive precious metals (rhodium, palladium, and platinum). Each of these three precious metals are extremely valuable, but rhodium specifically has fluctuated from \$16,000.00 to \$25,000.00 per ounce since 2020. Many catalytic converters have about 1/3 of an ounce of rhodium in them. Criminals see a catalytic converter as an easy target to make fast money and with little repercussions. In most US cities, a catalytic converter theft is considered a misdemeanor.

### TOP VEHICLES TARGETED BY CATALYTIC CONVERTER THIEVES:

The Toyota Prius is by far the most targeted vehicle. This is because it's a hybrid and the majority of the time it's running on battery power (as opposed to the engine). The less an engine is used, the more precious metals remain inside the catalytic converter, which makes it more valuable. Other vehicles on the list are the following: Toyota Tundra, Toyota Tacoma, Honda Accord, Honda CRV, Mitsubishi Outlander, Ford F-250, Ford F-350, Nissan NV vans, and certain models of school busses. Many others are on the list, but keep in mind some vehicles are targeted simply because they are higher off the ground which makes stealing the catalytic converter faster and easier.

### THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING TO REPLACE A STOLEN CATALYTIC CONVERTER:

Speaking with owners of muffler shops, we were surprised to hear how expensive it can be to replace a stolen catalytic converter. Depending on the make, model, and with some vehicles having two catalytic converters, the cost of parts and labor can range from \$1,500.00 to over \$9,000.00. On top of the financial burden, there's the frustration of being without your vehicle. Sometimes a replacement can take several weeks or months depending on parts availability.

### WHAT CAN I DO RIGHT NOW TO PROTECT MY VEHICLE'S CATALYTIC CONVERTER?

Today more than ever before, catalytic converter thieves are becoming extremely bold. They are targeting vehicles in shopping center parking lots in broad daylight and sometimes even threatening physical harm to passers-by. The most immediate action you can take is to get a catalytic converter anti-theft device. There are several types to choose from depending on your budget and vehicle type. You can purchase a shielding device or cage which are put in place to block the thief from easily accessing your catalytic converter. These devices can be a bit pricey depending on installation fees. There are also catalytic converter alarms that are designed to scare away the thief before they can do any harm to your vehicle. These alarms range from \$29.99 at CatalyticConverterAlarm.com to \$179.99 at CatStrap.net. Additional catalytic converter protection tips: 1. Avoid parking in dark and remote places. Many thieves target vehicles that are parked on poorly lit streets. 2. Have the last 8 digits of your VIN engraved on your catalytic converter. If your catalytic converter is ever stolen and recovered, the police can easily trace it back to the owner. 3. Spray paint your catalytic converter with high-temperature bright automotive paint. Honest scrap yards will not accept a catalytic converter that appears stolen. 3. Make sure your auto insurance policy will cover a catalytic converter theft. Also, ask your insurance agent if you would qualify for a discount if a protection/anti-theft device was installed. Some insurance companies do offer discounts.

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DOJ Scorecards

[www.cabq.gov/police/  
documents-related-to-  
apds-settlement-  
agreement](http://www.cabq.gov/police/documents-related-to-apds-settlement-agreement)

#### Audits

- View Audit Related to  
Back Investigations

-View Audit Related to  
Civilian Complaint and  
BSD Site Location

-View Audit Related to  
Electronic Control  
Weapons and Download  
Date

-View APD Scorecards

[Crimemapping.com](http://Crimemapping.com)

Receive alerts in  
your area; view  
calls for service for  
your block or a  
radius of up to two  
miles of an address





## Netherwood Park Event

*By Laura Kuehn, NCPS, ICPS*

Beginning Wednesday April 27th from 5pm to dusk and running every Wednesday through September 28th (weather permitting) Netherwood Park hosts food trucks, entertainment and more to bring neighbors and friends together. An event calendar is located on [www.DaysInTheParkAbq.com](http://www.DaysInTheParkAbq.com)

On July 13th a special guest, McGruff the Crime Dog joined the fun along with Albuquerque Police Department Officers and Crime Prevention Specialists.



## Crime Prevention Tips Personal Safety

*By Columbia Public Safety*

Crime usually happens to “the other guy”. Often, this is the case. But, what if crime happens to you? Would you be prepared? What would you do if someone tried to rob you? Tried to abduct you? Tried to hurt you?

“Prepare for the worst, hope for the best”. Good advice, if not extreme in both respects. Consider another option: educating yourself in what can happen, what to expect if something bad does happen to you, and how to handle the situation to minimize the possibility of being hurt – or worse.

### Keys to Survival – “Street Smarts”

- Being aware of your surroundings. What is the landscape around you? Are you in a well traveled area, or on a sparsely populated street, hidden from view? Are those around you walking with purpose, or are they just “hanging around”, watching others? Trust your gut feelings. If you feel something’s not right, it probably isn’t right.
- Keep in well populated areas. Don’t consider walking through an alley to save a block of walking. The exercise will do you good, and who knows who, or what, is in that alley?
- Walk with purpose. Look confident. Know where you’re going, and if you get lost, make it look like you know where you are. Confidence is power. Make sure everyone around you knows that you’re aware of them, and aware of your surroundings. If you’re not easily surprised, you’ve won “half the battle” already.
- If you’re being followed, or see a person or group ahead you want to avoid, make changes in your path. Cross the street (and walk on the other side), walk in another direction, or duck into a well populated place (a busy store, restaurant etc – someplace you may easily lose yourself in, and leave sight of the other person or group). Quickened your pace.
- In social situations (in public), or when otherwise distracted (at the ATM, pumping gas into your vehicle, etc), work on keeping an eye on your surroundings. Don’t become so immersed in your activity that you lose touch with your surroundings.
- Know your neighborhood. Identify “safe havens” (places with people that are well lit) you can go to if you feel threatened.
- When walking adjacent to a two way street, consider walking on the side of the street against traffic (IE on a west bound roadway, walk east bound). It is harder for suspects in vehicles to stop and commit a crime if their victim is walking against the way they are driving.
- Keep your arms and hands free. Don’t carry groceries in your arms, for example; use a cart. The more encumbered you are, the less you can move and escape.
- If possible walk in groups. The more people, the less likely a criminal is to strike.
- Have your keys with you when you’re approaching your parked vehicle, or your home or office. If you see suspicious people, avoid your destination and go to a “safe haven”.
- When walking, stay away from hidden doorways, shrubs, and other areas that criminals may hide when stalking their prey.



## 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.

## Crime Prevention &amp; Safety

<https://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety>

## ***Crime Prevention Tips Personal Safety***

*(continued)*

### **If You Are Confronted, Robbed, or Assaulted:**

- YOUR LIFE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!!! Don't do anything to provoke a suspect, and do everything to make him "happy" so he leaves the area, and leaves you alone.
- If someone tries to harm you, to sexually assault you, to apprehend you, "make a scene", and make noise. Kick, scratch, fight back any way you can. If its property he wants, give it to him. If it's his life you want, resist in any way you can.
- Remember: Fight for your life, not your property.
- Give the suspect whatever property he demands. Property can be replaced; your life cannot.
- Resist telling criminal demanding cash that you have none. This may enrage him, and he may strike out in anger. Consider carrying cash "for a rainy day" to give and satisfy a criminal.
- Make a mental note of the suspect's description. This is secondary to protecting your life. If you're able to get a description, that will help police to identify the suspect. Observe how the suspect flees (on foot, in a vehicle, on a bike, etc). What direction did they flee? If in a vehicle, description of the vehicle?
- Consider a "drop wallet" that does not have your driver's license or ID card inside. This way, a thief doesn't have your home address. If you don't have a "drop wallet" during an offense, give him whatever you have. Your objective is to get out of this situation quickly, and unharmed.
- Call 911 as soon after an offense as possible. Tell 911 you were the victim of a crime against your person. If you feel you need an ambulance, ask for one. Even if you weren't harmed by the suspect, the trauma of such an event can potentially bring on other health related issues. Better safe than sorry.



## **TIP HOTLINE: 505-843-STOP**

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](http://crimestoppers.com)
- WebTip at [P3Tips.com](http://P3Tips.com)
- Download P3 Tips mobile app.

#### **CRIMESTOPPERS**

#### **Help Stop Gun Violence**

Anonymous Tips | Cash Rewards  
CALL CRIMESTOPPERS 505-843-STOP





## Southeast Area Community Policing Council (SEACPC)

Mike Kruchoski, Chair  
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Soon after the Community Policing Councils (CPCs) were established, we embraced what we call “The Four C’s” – communication, cooperation, collaboration, and consensus-building. These principles are so important that we cited them in the City Ordinance (<https://tinyurl.com/CPC-ordinance>) that now guides us. Of these four, we start with communication: listening carefully so we can give thoughtful consideration of all perspectives we hear, then striving to share those messages clearly and concisely with APD and the City.

We’ve worked diligently to create new and better tools for communication. For example, we continue to improve our Google Forms surveys to understand your concerns, suggestions, and comments. We archive key documents in Google Drive to provide easier and faster access to them. And we upload informative videos from our recorded meetings and media coverage to our YouTube playlists:

<https://tinyurl.com/CPC-SE-YouTube>  
<https://tinyurl.com/CPC-ABQ-YouTube>

Our workload is daunting at times, so it’s often a challenge to post the most recent news to our weekly “one-stop” page. Check it out, please:

<https://tinyurl.com/CPC-SE-this-week>

And you might notice, we try to take full advantage of ways to simplify your engagement with us. For example, we use short links that are easier to remember – and to share in a phone call:

<https://tinyurl.com/CPC-SE-quick-links>

So, please, spread the word, and work with us, as we work for you!

You can email us at [CPC.ABQ.Southeast@xemaps.com](mailto:CPC.ABQ.Southeast@xemaps.com).

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

♦ **August 18, 6:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Zoom Meeting

register using this link: [https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gISlOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISlOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg)



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## Southeast Area Command



**August 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

**UNM SE Heights Clinic**  
**8200 Central Ave SE**



*Please join us for coffee and conversation.*

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:**

- ♦ **August 17, 1:00 - 2:30 pm** – Nob Hill-U Public Safety ECHO \*\*
- ♦ **August 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm** – SE Community Policing Council Meeting  
*register using this link:* [https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gISlOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg](https://cabq.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gISlOiNaRcuLTfgtm6nNGg)

**\*\* 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

CONTACT Public Safety ECHO Coordinator Maria Wolfe at 505-917-5559 or [mwolfe@cabq.gov](mailto:mwolfe@cabq.gov)  
<https://www.cabq.gov/echo>





# Southeast Area Command



## August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 1:00 pm Nob-Hill Public Safety ECHO Zoom Meeting	18 6:00 pm SE CPC Zoom Mtg	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26  10:00 am Coffee with a Cop -UNM SE Heights Clinic 8200 Central SE	27
28	29	30	31			

## REPORTING OPTIONS

Telephone Reporting Unit  
242-COPS (2677)

Online Reporting: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/file-a-police-report-online>

APD App:  
Search ABQ Police in Google Play or the App Store



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*

Phil Chacon Substation:	Monday—Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Triangle Substation:	Monday—Thursday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
	Friday—Saturday	8:00 am - 10:00 pm
	Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm



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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### 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)



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