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From the Commander's Desk

Greetings everyone,

The past couple of weeks has been spent honoring those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The Department participated in Police Week and our personnel were able to attend many events such as the Law Enforcement Memorial event at Civic Plaza, the Blessing of the Badges, and the Memorial Bike Ride . Last year we held the re-dedication ceremony for our John Carrillo Memorial Police Substation on National Peace Officer's Day and it seems like just yesterday that we celebrated the life of Officer John Carrillo and recognized his service to the community and APD. Although Police Week has ended, please take the time to say hello to your police officers and thank them for their service.

We are finalizing the upcoming date for our Northeast Area Command Officer Appreciation Day which is always a great success thanks to our many participating Neighborhood Associations and area businesses; more to follow soon.



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Please enjoy your newsletter and be safe.

Respectfully,
Commander Bonnie Montoya



NE OFFICERS WORKING HARD FOR YOU

We are well into our new shift bid for the year, and already, the officers have taken on the Northeast Area Command in full stride.

The most significant calls to note are Team 2's apprehension of two offenders who forced their way into a home while armed with a knife. One of the offenders fled on foot and was apprehended after officers created a perimeter in the area in order to capture the fleeing suspect.

Team 4, which is during the afternoon hours into the evening, were able to make 15 felony

arrests; 33 misdemeanor arrests, along with issuing 186 moving citations.

Officers on Team 6 conducted a tactical plan in one of the areas that has been experiencing a higher rate of residential burglaries. This plan is ongoing and is part of our problem oriented policing project for the command.

Graveyard officers conducted tactical plans concentrating on areas of concern around construction zones and copper theft

incidents within the command. These officers have been working with our specialized units in an attempt to deter certain types of crime such as auto and residential burglaries as well as robberies.

These officers also were able to conduct traffic tactical plans around speeders in the Academy areas as well as the drag racers on Montgomery. Between two officers, they were able to issue 41 moving citations to violators.



Crime Prevention Corner

The summer months are coming up and the kids are going to be getting out of school along with folks wanting to go on vacation. During these months, we can note that criminal activity does slightly rise.

If you plan on going on vacation during the summertime months, plan ahead to secure your home.

- ◆ Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence and report suspicious activity
- ◆ Install automatic timers on lights, TVs and radios to give the impression someone is home.
- ◆ Be extra cautious about locking all doors and windows.
- ◆ Let neighbors, family and friends know when you plan to return from a trip.

Oftentimes, I receive information or requests regarding a specific neighborhood or business due to an increase in criminal activity. I will research the area of concern and find that there is no call history in that area.

No one has called in on the problem to 242-COPS, especially if it has been ongoing situation. Sometimes, I am told that no one wants to call in due to fear of retaliation from an offending party they may be having a problem with, so they just let it continue. As a reminder, a person does not have to call and give all of their information. They may remain anonymous.

However, keep in mind if an officer needs to get a hold of you because they need more information regarding the call, it would be beneficial to leave a contact phone number or request an officer make contact with you at another location so that you may update them with information if the situation permits.

If you have safely obtained a license plate or description of suspects, please let officers know.

You may call me after the fact to follow up if you would like and I can give you the outcome. However, I cannot always give out all of the information depending on the type of call and privacy for the victim.

Whether you are an established neighborhood watch group or neighborhood association or if you know of someone who would like a safety presentation, please contact me at the Northeast Substation. I will be happy to come out and speak on how to keep your homes safe or knowing what to look for when it comes to suspicious activity.

We will be looking at future trainings as well here at the substation, so if there is one that you would like us to look into conducting, please contact me at 505-796-1915 or spress@cabq.gov



What is a Periodic Watch?

Every day we receive phone calls or folks who come in to our substation to request a periodic watch for their address or a specific area they have seen unwanted activity. Folks also request a vacation watch which is one in the same thing. A periodic watch runs for a certain period of time, such as two weeks or less depending on what the request is. A periodic watch is read to the officers at the time of their briefing. The officer will then attempt to drive by the area during his or her shift around their response to calls for service. Supervisors are also asked to conduct the periodic watch since they do not answer the amount of calls officers do.

We are also receiving many phone calls to extend a periodic watch or to keep a permanent periodic watch on an area. We are asking that if the activity is no longer occurring in the area or hasn't for some time, then please do not call to extend the watch or request a permanent watch as there are many other periodic watch requests that officers need to concentrate on. If the area starts to have an increase of activity again, then please contact our substation to let us know so that we may have officers focus once again on the area. Officers do keep watch over their areas and when they have down time, they will drive by or concentrate on an area that may be experiencing a higher incidence of activity through their tact plans.

Below is a sampling of what we may request of you, the citizen, when asking for a periodic watch:

- ◆ *Caller's Name*
- ◆ *Business Name*
- ◆ *Address*
- ◆ *Phone number - home and/or work*
- ◆ *Do you want officers to contact you if something should occur?*
- ◆ *What is the issue that is going on? **Please provide as much detail as possible***
- ◆ *Suspect(s) description*
- ◆ *Suspect(s) vehicle description*
- ◆ *Day(s) of the week the patrol has been requested and the times requested.*



FOR SAFETY'S SAKE!

We have been receiving quite a few 311 calls regarding speeding in residential areas and surface streets. It is crucial everyone slow down and be mindful of the posted speed limit, stop signs, bike paths, and pedestrian traffic. We are also seeing many accidents which could otherwise be avoided if only the driver were not distracted by talking or



texting on their cell phones, putting on make-up or eating with both hands, yes, both hands, while driving a motor vehicle. It is so important to be aware of your surroundings and part of that awareness includes how you, the motor vehicle driver, is focusing on the roadway and on the other drivers sharing the space. With school out, more children will be playing outdoors and riding bikes and skateboards so please be mindful of them as well.



As a reminder, please slow down in road construction zones for the safety of the workers as well as yourself.

Last but not least, plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time to make it through our very busy city streets.

Together we can make this a safer city to drive in if only we would all slow down and be courteous and cautious drivers.

National Missing Children's Day

The roots of National Missing Children's Day go back to the 1970s and 1980s. A number of high profile child abductions revealed there were no organized plans and efforts to find missing children. The first case was Etan Patz who disappeared from a New York City street while on his way to school, on May 25, 1979.

In 1983 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 National Missing Children's Day. Since then, U.S. presidents have annually marked this day.



Unfortunately, child abductions can happen to any child, anywhere, to any family. No one is immune to child predators. We don't say this to scare you but to help promote awareness and education to help you guard against it. Did you know the U.S. Department of Justice estimates more than 50,000 children are victims of non-family abductions annually.

What you can do:

- Review and enforce child protection and safety awareness regularly with your children
- Be ever vigilant
- Establish neighborhood watch groups
- Become involved
- Report anything suspicious...immediately
- Create and maintain records of your children...current photos, fingerprints, DNA sample



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When: The last Monday in May

Memorial Day is officially celebrated on the last Monday during the month of May. Memorial Day is dedicated to service men and women who gave their lives for freedom and for this wonderful country. It is also a time to remember loved ones who have passed away. The roots of Memorial Day go back to 1865 and the end of the Civil War.

Memorial Day was traditionally celebrated on the 30th of May. In 1971, Congress changed it to the last Monday in order to afford a three day holiday weekend but regardless of the date, we encourage you to attend a parade, and to visit a cemetery to honor and remember our service men and women as well as your loved ones.

Did you know? Memorial Day was first called *Decoration Day*. It was changed to Memorial Day in 1882.

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Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops and once a year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well.

- Jennifer M. Granholm

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Important Phone Numbers

FOR EMERGENCIES - 911

NON-EMERGENCIES - 242-COPS (2677)

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Coronado Mall 875-0500

Foothills Area Command 332-5240

Southeast Area Command 256-2050

Valley Area Command 761-8800

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