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Today's guest speaker was Albuquerque Deputy Chief of Police Harold Medina



Deputy Chief of Police Medina used to work as a Commander for the Albuquerque Police Department. He left in 2014, then took a position with the law enforcement at the Laguna. When the new Albuquerque administration was being formed, Chief Geier requested that Officer Media return to assist in revitalizing and redesigning the Albuquerque Department. It wasn't an immediate rush to return, but eventually, Chief Geier's persistence was successful and Deputy Chief of Police Medina was onboard. Deputy Medina's discussion today provided a quite extensive review of the department's progress, and current direction for improving our community. In general, crime is decreasing. Auto thefts are trending down. Last year, they were down 20%, but still excessive. Homicides are still increasing. Analysis indicates that the vast majority of Albuquerque crimes do not come from 'outsiders', but are perpetuated by community residents with a meth addiction. The local drug dealers are usually gang members. Studies have concluded that there are six particular areas of our community that contain a larger than average number of criminals living addresses. Eighty percent of the criminals come from one particular area. The Police Department is evolving with the goal of becoming more successful at making our community a much safer place, and a better place to live, work and play. Community Policing is the comprehensive term being used to define the process. Community Policing includes nearly every aspect of the program, and for it to succeed, there has to be an increase in the number of officers on the force. An increase in officers appears quite possible. There are 35 cadets in the current Academy class. There is a separate class that includes 30 lateral officer hires. Officer involvement in the community has a changed emphasis too. In the past, the Academy provided awards for the Top Marksman and Most Fit graduate. Those acknowledgements still exist because the skills are important, however, the Academy now also provides awards for other more community involvement and human interaction skills. Community relations programs are now an even more important part of the Police Department operations. There has been an increase in the number of youth camps. A greater participation in the National Night Out block captain visits; Coffee with A Cop; and other programs with the goal of getting businesses involved to an even greater degree than had been the case in the past. The 'Bait Car' program has been revived and enhanced (and as noted above, has already assisted in the reduction of area car thefts). The officers are spending more time in assisting victims of crime. The 6 major areas of criminal infestation discussed above are receiving a higher concentration of officer involvement. Each area will be assigned a specific Lieutenant, and the related support staff. Their direction will be to find a solution to the problems in that area and show definitive progress within one year. An example of one of the Lieutenant centric groups is in the Internal District (alias War Zone) where that Lieutenant will be assisted by 2 drug detectives; 2 detectives for general crimes and 1 detective concentrating specifically to property crimes. The "Beat Cop" approach will assign specific officers to each of the 450 civilian Block Captains for the area's Neighborhood Associations. Those officers will concentrate on being the familiar policeman of the area. They will be responsible for getting to know businesses and residents within their assigned region. The Police Department will have a Theme of the Month to emphasize various issues that need special attention. Businesses are being asked to participate by assisting their employees and customers to become more educated about the topic. The October theme will be Domestic Violence Awareness. Deputy Chief Medina provided his email address - hmedina@cabq.gov - for your use should you ever have a question or concern for which you would like more information, or police attention. We very much thank Deputy Chief Medina for his service... And for his taking the time today to provide us with honest insights into the Department's activities and vision for the future. He is genuinely concerned about making our community a safer and better place.

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Business Leads:

None noted for today

Reciprocity:

Thank you to Andrew Sanchez—Revelco for installing an anti-theft device on my daughter's car.

Thank you to John Mead—John Thomas Jewelers for a great shopping experience.

- Mario Hernandez

◆ First announcement of a potential new member:

Essential Pest Management
Representative: Patrick Wallace
Category: Pest Control
Sponsor:

◆ Second announcement of two potential new members:

Susie N Cleaners and Alterations
Representative: John T Baerman
Category: Dry Cleaning & Alterations
Sponsor: Tim Baca

Excel Manufacturing Inc
Representative: Ryan Lujan-Grace
Category: Precision and Prototyping Machining
Sponsor: Andrew Sanchez

If you have an objection to any of these companies becoming a member, or if you have information that you feel should be considered during the application review process, please contact Membership Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper (jdzipper@comcast.net or 505-259-5959) as soon as possible.

- ◆ Our Annual Jim Fanning Memorial Trap Shoot will be Friday, September 14th at 8:00 am. Sign up sheets will be available at our breakfast meetings starting this coming Tuesday. If you don't have a shotgun, other members will make loaners available. Guests are welcome at \$75 each. The grand prize for this year's raffle will be for his & hers handguns (or \$1,600 towards any purchase at Los Ranchos). Second prize will be \$1,000 gift certificate at Palms Trading, or John Thomas Jewelers, or Black Briar. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. If you have questions, contact TJ Maloy; Jack Zipper; or Executive Director, Kevin.

Badge Board Greeters

Aug 28th	Tim Baca—Kangen Water
Sept 4th	NO MEETING _ LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Sept 11th	Barry Porter—Express Employment Professionals
Sept 18th	
Sept 25th	

Upcoming Speakers

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