

EAGA Business Builder

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There was not a speaker scheduled for today.

Members in attendance discussed possible options for solving our city's crime problem

The conversation today was started by comments from Mario Hernandez and Nate Roybal. We are all aware of the crime problem plaguing our city and how they are escalating instead of diminishing. Nate noted some of the city's statistics. APD categorizes crime into three groups: Crimes against persons; Property crimes (arson, burglary, auto thefts); and Social crimes (Drugs; Gambling; Weapons related). Property crimes are 5 times greater than personal crimes and 10 times greater than social crimes. Over all there are currently 60,000 crimes reported in the city each year. That is 7 per hour and 1 every 8 minutes. And that total does not include the great number of crimes that just go un-reported. Changes have to be made. Everything rises on leadership and we need to become more proactive. There has to be a way around the current atmosphere of people not getting involved out of fear of prosecution, persecution and alienation. We have to figure out a way to work together to make good things happen. Today's meeting was a general discussion to get possible ideas or suggestions that we as a group can put forward to begin to solve the problem. Below is a summary that Mario put together noting the comments and thoughts presented by members at the meeting. We will have another follow-up meeting on September 29th to again discuss the situation.

Crime & Homeless Solutions

1. Enforce the law and have more severe consequences. Stiffer penalties.
2. Replace Chief of Police
3. Get out from under DOJ
4. Stop the catch & release practice.
5. Support the police better.
6. Move homeless out of town if they do not utilize shelters.
7. Criminal cases need to be tried quickly.
8. Get drug problem under control.
9. Elect officials that will be tough on crime.
10. Create fear of being prosecuted.
11. Accountability with our police dept and elected officials.
12. Make ABQ unwelcoming to transients, homeless & criminals.
13. Redirect the dialogue w/ the media and press for the truth to be reported.
14. End free public transportation
15. Deputize "home watch"
16. Improve 911 response.
17. Shame criminals and family.
18. Close borders.
19. Improve Economic Development.
20. Business community involvement & collaboration.
21. EAGA crime group/ Alliance
22. Utilizing a "Private" security company that will collaborate w/ other business owners.
23. Community involvement. Build relationships w/ govt officials, police, & other organizations.
24. Make sure our judges are reviewing the crime stats.
25. Toughen up consequences to repeat offenders.
26. Build opportunities for homeless- vocational schools, and have them physically clean up the city with picking trash and weeds.

- ◆ **Please note that we will not have a meeting on September 5th in recognition of Labor Day.**
- ◆ **The next Board of Directors meeting will be right after breakfast on September 12th.**
- ◆ **We still need Badge Board Greeters and Speakers for upcoming meetings. See below for available dates.**
- ◆ **This year EAGA's Dr. Jim Fanning Memorial Trap Shoot will begin at 8:45am on October 6th at the Albuquerque Trap Club (9617 Broadway Blvd, SE). The event is free for EAGA members. Guests may be invited at a cost of \$100 each. Participants will shoot 50 rounds (a few more if you make it into the playoff round). There will also be breakfast, lots of door prizes, a raffle, and a gathering at Rio Bravo Brewing after the event. Grand prize for the raffle is a very nice trap gun. Signup sheets and raffle tickets will be available at the Tuesday morning meetings in September.**
- ◆ **First announcement of a new member application:**
 - SunState Solar, Inc**
 - Representative: Glenn R Felty, Jr**
 - Category: Solar**
 - Sponsor: Rich Rosley**

If you have an objection to this company becoming a member, or if you have information that you feel should be considered during the review process, please contact our Membership Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper (via telephone number 505-259-5959 or email at jdzipper@comcast.net) as soon as possible.

Badge Board Greeters

Sept 05th	There will not be a meeting – Labor Day Holiday
Sept 12th	Joe Sierra—Century Bank
Sept 19th	Rich Rosley—A-TECH Security
Sept 26th	
Oct 03rd	
Oct 10th	Michael Kocurek—Atmosphere Commercial Interiors
Oct 17th	
Oct 24th	
Oct 31st	
Nov 06th	Michael Kocurek—Atmosphere Commercial Interiors
Nov 13th	

Upcoming Speakers

Sept 05th	There will not be a meeting – Labor Day Holiday
Sept 12th	Kevin Lorenzen—Aflac
Sept 19th	John Mead—John Thomas Jewelers
Sept 26th	Follow-up discussions regarding solutions for protecting our businesses
Oct 03rd	Timmy Simms—Territorial Scaffolding
Oct 10th	
Oct 17th	
Oct 24th	Lawrence Herrera—Performance Ranch
Oct 31st	
Nov 06th	
Nov 13th	

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