

## Inside District 8

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT 2 LIEUTENANT

### Meet Ernie Martinez

#### What does your job entail?

I have command of Denver Police Department District 2- Sector 2 (east of Colorado Boulevard, north of 6th Avenue.) It's full-spectrum police services, coordinating a 360-degree approach: calls for service, internal and external partnerships that include other city agencies, investigative operations, technology, education and training. My (our) goal is ensuring our community is safe from crime by being proactive, partnering with our great community, and building friendships based on relationships and trust.



Ernie Martinez

#### What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy the friendships we have and nurture, I love problem-solving the many aspects of the complex social fabric we live in today and I love this great calling of being a police officer (I'm in my 35th year) with the caring, 'can do' police officers who I have the pleasure of serving with.

#### What kind of impact do you hope to have in the community?

I want to leave the community we serve better than it was when I took ownership of my command - better in trust from our neighbors, better in relationships and problem-solving partnerships, better in friendship. Correspondingly, the same applies with my officers and colleagues, which will lead to improved impact on crime and increased safety.

#### What do you do for fun outside of work?

My wife and I love hiking, four-wheel driving and spending time with our family, including our four grandsons. I love reading and most importantly striving to live a faith-filled life.

#### What is something the community might not know about you?

I've always volunteered in my adult life, as a coach at many levels, as a board member to several police nonprofits (currently Director of the National Narcotics Officers Associations Coalition), and especially in the Church. I was recently ordained a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Denver.

#### Is there anything else you would like to share?

I love the calling of being a Denver police officer. When attending other police functions out of state, it's clear DPD is an agency that does things the right way and ahead of the curve in comparison to others – something to be proud of!

## Denver Police Department honors Top Cops District 2



L to R: Corporal Timothy Scudder, Officer Matthew Chase, Commander Mike Calo and the Top Cop Committee.

Officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle theft in progress in an underground parking garage. Officer Matthew Chase and Corporal Timothy Scudder drove into the garage to search for the suspects, while Commander Mike Calo parked his police vehicle at the exit to block the suspects from escaping. Scudder spotted the suspects and ordered them to stop and put their hands in the air. The suspects drove away from Scudder and rammed his vehicle to escape. Chase attempted to stop the suspects, returned to his vehicle and gave chase. The suspects hit Scudder's car again and then hit Calo's vehicle at the garage exit. The suspects then drove to a different area of the parking garage attempting to escape and Scudder rammed the suspects' vehicle with his police vehicle. Chase pursued the suspects as they fled the garage and used a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) to end the pursuit. Both suspects were arrested.

## District 5

Officers responded to a shooting and discovered a male victim with a gunshot wound to his back. Officer Derek Solano tended to the victim, keeping direct pressure on the severely bleeding wound until paramedics arrived. Solano remained with the victim as he was transported to the hospital, keeping him calm and alert. The victim survived and the suspect was arrested. The chief paramedic commended Solano for his composed focus on the patient, acknowledging he would likely not have survived his injuries had Solano not provided the care he did at the time.



Officer Derek Solano

### What's happening at The Center for African American Health

The Center for African American Health offers a free year-long Fit Body & Soul (FBS) program with access to a healthy lifestyle coach, opportunities to talk with a nutritionist, passes to recreation centers, and the latest information on eating healthy and physical activity. For more information and to register, call 303-355-3423 ext. 108 or email [FBS@caahealth.org](mailto:FBS@caahealth.org).

The Center's 16th Annual Collaborative Health Fair is Saturday, March 10, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3801 Quebec St. The free event offers routine health screenings, education sessions and family-friendly activities. To volunteer or become a sponsor, call 303-355-3423 ext. 110 or email [Wafa@caahealth.org](mailto:Wafa@caahealth.org).



#### 2018 Public Meetings



- 1) Thursday, February 22 @ 5:30PM
- 2) Tuesday, March 13 @ 5:30PM
- 3) Tuesday, April 3 @ 5:30PM (if needed)
- 4) Tuesday, April 17 @ 5:30PM (if needed)

Stedman Elementary School | 2940 Dexter St.

**Project:** Fairfax Neighborhood Park

**Purpose:** Join Denver Parks & Recreation for a series of public meetings where we will discuss the future park along Fairfax Street, between E. 28th Ave. and E. 29th Ave. Four unique meetings are scheduled to ensure ideas are fully developed and that the community has provided ample input on park plans. Your engagement in this project is necessary for its success! Please plan on attending all meetings that you are able to.

To request Spanish language interpretation, please email [Laura.Morales@denvergov.org](mailto:Laura.Morales@denvergov.org).  
A sign language interpreter or CART will be provided upon request. Three business days notice is requested.  
Contact [SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org](mailto:SignLanguageServices@denvergov.org).

For any other public accommodation requests/concerns contact [DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org](mailto:DisabilityAccess@denvergov.org).



For more information, visit [www.denvergov.org/ParkProjects](http://www.denvergov.org/ParkProjects)

## Help create complete neighborhoods

Join your neighbors and Councilman Chris Herndon to weigh in on upcoming Blueprint Denver strategies for creating complete neighborhoods in our growing city. Complete neighborhoods have the right mix of housing options, safe sidewalks, transit access, diversity, right-sized development, parks and open space and more.

Date: March 15, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Location: DSST: Stapleton High School cafeteria, 2000 Valentia St.

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Childcare and Spanish interpretation will be provided. A sign language interpreter or CART services will be provided upon request; contact [signlanguageservices@denvergov.org](mailto:signlanguageservices@denvergov.org) three business days before the meeting. For other public accommodation requests/concerns related to a disability, please contact [disabilityaccess@denvergov.org](mailto:disabilityaccess@denvergov.org).

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### Resources

Denver Human Services  
Montbello Office  
720-944-3666

District 2 Police Department  
720-913-1000  
Michael.Calo@denvergov.org

District 5 Police Department  
720-913-1400  
dist5@denvergov.org

Department of Motor Vehicles  
720-865-4600

Denver Public Schools  
720-423-3200

Denver Workforce Center at  
Montbello  
720-865-4600

City of Denver Services  
311

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**Council District 8 website**  
[denvergov.org/councildistrict8](http://denvergov.org/councildistrict8)



Councilman Chris Herndon visits Women in Kind, a coworking space designed for women.

### What's happening in March

#### Registered Neighborhood Organization Meetings

**Greater Park Hill Community**  
March 1, 6:30 p.m.  
2823 Fairfax St.

**Northeast Park Hill Coalition**  
March 8, 6 p.m.  
3921 Holly St.

**East Colfax Neighborhood Association**  
March 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Counterpath Press  
7935 E. 14th Ave.

**Stapleton United Neighbors**  
March 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Park Recreation Center  
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

#### Community Events

**Neighborhood Climate Action Forum**  
March 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
March 10, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
2823 Fairfax St.

**Fairfax Community Park Public Meeting**  
March 13, 5:30 p.m.  
Stedman Elementary School  
2940 Dexter St.

**Blueprint Denver Workshop**  
March 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
DSST: Stapleton High School cafeteria  
2000 Valentia St.

**Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge History Series**  
March 15, 5:30 p.m.  
The Cube- Stapleton MCA  
8371 E. Northfield Blvd.

**Police District 5 Community Meeting**  
March 15, 6 p.m.  
Central Park Recreation Center  
9651 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.

**Stapleton Egg Scramble**  
March 24, 10 a.m.  
Runway 35 Park

**Police District 2 Community Meeting**  
March 28, 6 p.m.  
3921 Holly St.

### IRS scams targeting taxpayers

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, is making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets and usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and must pay promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. The scammer may threaten arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. Victims with limited English proficiency are often approached in their native language. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Scammers may tell victims they have a refund waiting to try to trick them into sharing private information.

The IRS urges all taxpayers to exercise caution before paying unexpected tax bills.

The IRS does not:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement agencies to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.