

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report December 2008



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- In December, Southeast Impact Team members conducted a series of surveillance tac plans which resulted in 55 arrests. The Albuquerque Retail Assets Protection Association (ARAPA) alerted the impact team about a subject who fraudulently obtained thousands of dollars worth of computers from Walmart. The team obtained search warrants and arrested the subject. The team also partnered with Probation and Parole on a roundup that netted 11 arrests on outstanding warrants. The joint effort also seized cocaine, marijuana, a pistol and 2 shotguns.
- The Nob Hill business district hosted a Shop and Stroll on December 4th. The Southeast Area Command was actively involved in the event, led by Sgt. Armijo. All of the command's PSAs and bike units participated to insure that the event was a huge and safe success.
- The Southeast Area Command had a total of 10,373 calls for service, wrote 2,196 reports, wrote 3,592 moving violations and arrested 969 offenders.

Foothills Area Command...

- The Foothills command worked with local business and ARAPA to suppress property crimes during the holiday season. The command conducted "loud party" presentations at local high schools. Over 1,250 students attended the presentations.
- Tac plans were executed on Montgomery between Tramway and Eubank responding to citizen complaints of drag racing and loitering.
- Several tac plans were conducted, including traffic enforcement and school zone enforcement. A school holiday plan was developed, high visibility patrols were conducted at local businesses, warrant roundups were implemented, as well as homeless outreach and deterring illegal sales along Tramway.
- PSAs continued to strictly enforce handicapped parking violations and illegally parked/abandoned vehicles. Officers placed speed monitors at high traffic areas to assist with speed and traffic safety issues.
- Command staff conducted field briefings in the East Central corridor to show a high police presence.

Valley Area Command...

- Impact Team detectives initiated several undercover operations in Old Town to insure safe shopping during the holiday season. One operation caught a suspect stealing several packages from an undercover bait car. The suspect confessed that he saw a "Coach" shopping bag and wanted to give the contents of the bag to his girlfriend for Christmas.
- Dayshift officers fielded a call from Albuquerque Healthcare for the Homeless involving a man and woman fighting. As a result of the thorough questioning and follow up, the officers learned that the man was wanted for rape in another jurisdiction. The suspect had been a long-time fugitive. Officers acted quickly, set up a perimeter around the hotel where the fugitive was hiding and took him into custody without incident.
- Swing shift officers provided a strong security presence and assisted with traffic control in the Martineztown, Barelás, Reynolds, and Old Town neighborhoods during the Holiday Shop & Stroll and other holiday-related events.

Southwest Area Command...

- Area command officers conducted multiple tac plans to address resident complaints about speeding, illegal U-turns and other traffic infractions.
- Officers located and recovered several stolen and vandalized vehicles abandoned in an illegal dumping area near Gibson and 105th Streets.
- Officers participated in a warrant roundup with NMSP, BCSO and Corrections Department Adult Probation and Parole. Their combined effort resulted in three arrests.

Northwest Area Command...

- On December 2nd, an APD Lieutenant's vehicle was burglarized. Police equipment and a 12 gauge shotgun was taken. Officer R. Crawford saw a vehicle matching the description of the thief's vehicle. Officer Crawford initiated a traffic stop and the occupants of the suspect vehicle fled. Officer Crawford apprehended one suspect and other Team 8 officers located another offender close by. All of the stolen equipment was recovered. The offender's vehicle was also stolen and was returned to its rightful owner.

- On December 26th, Officer M. Avila was dispatched to Presbyterian Hospital to investigate a stabbing call with little information on the active incident. After speaking with the victim, Officer Avila could only provide assisting officers with a general location of the incident. Officers A. Andolina, F. Garcia, N. Begay and B. Carr began to search the area. The officers not only identified the crime scene, but also the suspect and promptly took him into custody.
- Members of Team 4, Sgt. Armendarez and Officer V. Trevino led the effort to sponsor families for the Christmas holiday. Because of their outstanding efforts, Officer Trevino and his fellow team members were able to provide meals and gifts to 77 families in our community.

Northeast Area Command...

- Northeast area command officers conducted a highly successful, month-long Holiday Shopping tac plan. In preparation for the holiday season, the area command worked extensively with security firms in the Uptown area that included Winrock and Coronado Mall security, the Uptown Performance Team, and area businesses. The collaborative tac plan resulted in over \$56,000 worth of property recovered and 40 arrests for misdemeanor and felony offenses. On December 16, Officer A. Cook was working the mall tac plan when he heard a broadcast advisory about an armed robbery at a bank in the area of Eubank and Spain. Officer Cook located the offender at the intersection of Montgomery and Louisiana and followed him south on Louisiana. Officer Cook coordinated the response of additional units who took the suspect into custody at Louisiana and Menaul NE. The officers recovered the cash, and turned the case over to the FBI.
- On December 30th, Officer S. Altman and Recruit Officer D. Nix responded to an attempted residential burglary call. The victim described both the suspect and the suspect's getaway vehicle. The officers patrolled the neighborhood and located the suspect's vehicle near the crime scene. They initiated a traffic stop and identified three suspects. The victim identified the suspects in the primary attempted burglary. Officer Jury arrived as the backup officer and informed Officer Altman that the suspects also matched the description

of another attempted burglary. A burglary detective responded and the suspects admitted to approximately 40 other residential burglaries. They were booked into the MDC.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to three call-outs in December.
- In review, the Field Investigative Unit had another top year with AFIS hits on latent fingerprints. Crime Scene Specialist R. Sanchez had 58 hits this year breaking last year's record. Coming in a close second was Crime Scene Specialist R. Triana with 55.
- In December, the Division received over 4,216 evidence items, 4,511 items disposed, 736 notification letters were sent to property owners and 201 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The Morale Committee decorated the 911 Center for the holiday season. The committee also provided each employee with a gift bag filled with an assortment of fruit.
- The 911 Call Center continues to brainstorm at monthly meetings with the Albuquerque 311 Call Center to identify beneficial solutions to common problems.
- The DPS successfully audited the 911 Center's access to the National Crime Information Center. Additionally, CALEA completed the inspection of the 911 Center in December and provided positive feedback.
- 97.3% of the 911 calls received by the Emergency Communications Center were received and answered within 10 seconds. APD's goal is 92.5%; the national standard is 90%. APD's monthly goal to answer 242-COPS calls is 90%. In December, 98.7% were answered within 30 seconds.

Planning & Policy Division...

- The Planning Section conducted stakeholder meetings for the FY09-13 Strategic Plan were held in order to obtain suggested strategies and goals. The Section expects the finalized plan to be completed by February 2009.
- The Planning Section continued to apply, process and manage multiple grants for the Department. In December, the Planning Section processed critical DWI grants for the holiday season.

- The Inspections / Accreditation Section completed the on-site CALEA assessment. Overall, the assessors were very impressed with APD's adherence to CALEA standards. The department expects that APD will be awarded it's sixth accreditation award in March.

Open Space Division...

- Officers cited four offenders for graffiti near the Tijeras Arroyo.
- Bosque foot patrols discovered two illegal camping sites and cited one person for illegal possession of alcohol.
- Officers conducted 200 City park welfare checks and 50 City pool checks.
- The Search and Rescue Coordinator served as team leader for a SAR mission in the Sandia Mountains. A lost hiker near the La Luz trail was recovered, suffering from a case of mild hypothermia.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During the month of December, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1481 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1204 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 277 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 206 trips to MDC and accepted 220 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The Prisoner Transport Unit provided 60 hours of additional service in the month of December by operating on Tuesdays from 1400 hours - 0200 hours. The additional hours of overtime are funded under the PTU budget.
- The Unit estimates the savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of December to be \$31,800.

Professional Standards Division...

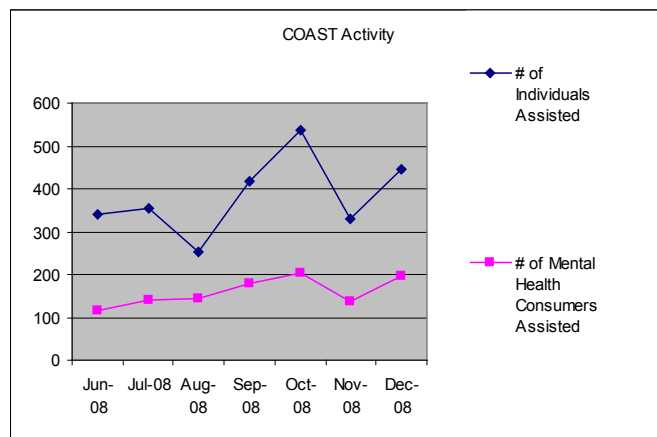
- The Basic Training Unit graduated 30 cadets from the 101st Cadet Class on December 23, 2008. The unit started 66 cadets in the 102nd Cadet Class on December 8, 2008; that class is scheduled to graduate May 29, 2009.
- The Recruiting Unit received 322 interest cards and participated in two community events.
- The Background Unit seated 10 Police Service Aides for the December 8, 2009, PSA class.

Strategic Support Division...

- The next Safe City meeting is scheduled for January 21. The agenda will include whether

the Central/San Mateo area would be a feasible project for the community to address in 2009.

- The interactive web-mapping tool continues to grow. ARAPA has been actively using the alert mapping system. The December ARAPA meeting was used to enroll attendees in the website. In January, ARAPA will no longer send alerts by any other means than via the website.
- Division staff attended a meeting sponsored by the Associated Builders and Contractors to push enrollment in the Construction Industries Crime Alliance web site.
- COAST and APD continue to examine how to change behavior regarding chronic inebriate behavior in our community. They developed Challenge Forward, an approach that involves weekly group meetings to address serial inebriates at Los Altos Park. Staff created an extensive "intake" form and met with each



person living in/around the park. They then assessed each for their particular needs and came up with individual treatment plans.

Metro Division...

- The Traffic Unit helped with mall tactical operations during the holiday season. The unit also participated in the City's annual Luminaria Tour. Officer Cobos assisted with the seizure of several pounds of meth on Interstate 40.
- The Horse Mounted Unit patrol assisted the Southeast Area Command with a tac plan, using horseback and truck patrols.
- The Bomb Squad was called to Albuquerque Sunport to investigate a grenade image in the x-ray machine. After investigation, the squad identified the grenade was found to be a practice/inert grenade.
- The DWI Unit conducted three sobriety

checkpoints that resulted in 39 DWI arrests and ten vehicle seizures.

- The Air Unit rescued two stranded people west of Rio Rancho, one a pregnant woman. Air 1 landed and transported the stranded couple to waiting medical personnel.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Crisis Intervention Team participated in the Holiday Tac Plan targeting criminal activity at area malls. Their work netted two in-progress felony arrests, cleared four felony and three misdemeanor warrants.
- The Gang Unit provided critical intelligence on five homicide investigations this month and worked with Armed Robbery detectives to clear two robberies with the arrest of a SNM gang member.
- The ROP Unit conducted hundreds of hours of surveillance on suspected bank robbers, making seven felony arrests.
- The Vice Unit had six felony arrests, cleared seven felony and ten misdemeanor warrants while initiating a long term investigation into a suspected escort service operation.
- Valley Narcotics detectives served a search warrant on a residence in the Southeast when they came across two grams of crack cocaine and a handgun. One subject was detained and found to have a federal warrant.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives responded to a request from the Foothills Area Command. ESN detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for a vehicle that contained a handgun, a quantity of crack cocaine and over \$6,000 in cash.
- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Units recovered \$340,790 worth of stolen vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit investigated a case centering around defrauding people through a web site. Coordinating with the Fort Worth, TX Postal Inspector's Office, they apprehended a suspect.
- The Burglary Unit apprehended a prolific career criminal, recovering property from burglary victims on approximately 90 cases. The Unit contacted the local media to show the property to alert other victims for potential identification and recovery.
- Over 40% of all arrests associated to the Crime Stoppers Unit have been made in the last three months. The Unit's new staff and approach have

been responsible for the improvement.

- The Homicide Unit responded to three violent crime call-outs this month and submitted four cases to the District Attorney's Office.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 33 cases and submitted 31 cases to the District Attorney's Office.

Trend Analysts

