

# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report December 2010



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## APD Notables...

### Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast's IMPACT Team completed a holiday tactical plan that began on November 18. The plan resulted in 16 felony arrests, 14 felony warrants, 9 misdemeanor arrests, and 8 misdemeanor warrants.
- Day shift officers addressed increased panhandling in the area of Central Avenue between Girard and Monroe, resulting in 44 misdemeanor citations being issued.
- Officers Holly Garcia and Dan Garcia received coffee cups awards for their quick response to an in-progress residential burglary. The burglary suspects were still inside the house when both officers arrived. One suspect tried to escape by running. Officer Dan Garcia chased him and eventually caught him. Officer Holly Garcia took the other suspect into custody. All property was recovered and returned to the owner.
- Laura Kuehn of Crime Prevention completed certification of Broadstone Towne Center Apartments, 1801 Gibson SE as a participating member of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

### Foothills Area Command...

- Area command staff implemented a tactical plan dubbed "Crime Free Holidays" and was a tremendous success. The efforts put forth by Crime Specialist Agripina Neubauer, Sergeant Thomson and her detectives, and officers from all three watches were nothing short of a total team effort. The focus of the project was a reduction in property crimes during the holiday season. The plan was successful in reducing auto burglaries by 45% and auto thefts by 20%.
- Detective Lund and the IMPACT team conducted a warrant round up on December 16th. Detective Lund enlisted the services of APD Property Crimes, Prisoner Transport and the United States Marshal Task Force Officer. The group was able to apprehend eight offenders and cleared 16 felony warrants and two misdemeanor warrants. One of the individuals arrested was an APD Top 5 Property Crime offender.
- In December, officer Chad Wilder was dispatched to a location near Tramway Boulevard and Central Avenue. An elderly woman was transporting her husband (of over 50 years) to the hospital for chest pain. She

pulled over when she noticed he was no longer breathing and called 911. AFD arrived but could not resuscitate the gentleman. The man was not transported from the scene and lay on the sidewalk. Officer Wilder requested a blanket from AFD to cover body and ease the visual shock of the wife. He worked diligently to console the woman and gather her family to support her. Officer Wilder showed great compassion for the wife at the scene and even went to her residence several days later to check on her. I'm sure she appreciated his compassion during such an emotionally overwhelming time in her life. Officer Wilder represented the Albuquerque Police Department in the best light possible, given the solemn nature of the call.

- Officers Garcia and Olivares conducted a drinking in public tactical plan on east Central Avenue bus stops to address quality of life issues in the area. The plan resulted in 11 misdemeanor citations being issued.
- On December 17, a man drove a motor scooter through the a local retailer's parking lot with a friend's toddler on the seat with him. The man was highly intoxicated and tried to sell the child to the store's manager. Officers Jeff Jones and Stephanie Gomez arrived on scene and were able to take the man into custody on a felony child abuse charge. He also had a misdemeanor warrant stemming from a prior DWI.
- On December 18th, officers L. Neil and K. Todacheenie were dispatched to a northeast Albuquerque location. The call was in response to a male subject who was wearing a red hooded sweatshirt attempting to gain entry into different vehicles in a parking lot. Three witnesses saw the subject enter two different vehicles. When officers arrived on the scene, they located the subject and identified him. The victims stated no one had permission to enter their vehicles. The offender, a juvenile male, was booked into the Juvenile Detection Center for two counts of auto burglary.

### Valley Area Command...

- On December 17th, several calls were dispatched to graveyard officers about transients being out in the extreme cold. The shelters were at capacity and the bus station did not allow their facility to be used as a temporary shelter, despite the pleas and offers to provide security. Sgt. Paul Heh took the initiative to contact UNMH, who agreed to provide shelter

to all of the transients who were brought in. Officer Nieves stayed at UNMH and provided additional security. Officer Gabaldon even went to his house and grabbed two jackets he wanted to donate to two of the men who had no jackets. Officer Roberto went to Wal-Mart and purchased meals and new shoes for the transients without shoes.

- Weekly briefings were conducted downtown on Friday nights in December. Team 8 was responsible for the downtown area on New Year's Eve. Crowds were about double the amount of a normal Friday night, despite the bitter cold weather. The officers all maintained a strong presence downtown and as a result, the number of police related incidents was lower than any non-holiday Friday night.
- Day shift officers worked in conjunction with IMPACT detectives on the month-long Holiday Tactical Plan. Officers were assigned to Old Town, Downtown and the Renaissance area. As a result, there were very few crimes committed during this year's shopping season. Three commercial burglaries occurred in Old Town after the tactical plan hours.
- Officer Nelson arrested a male for child abuse after he was found to be DWI in his vehicle with his child present. Through investigation, Officer Nelson learned that the man had his child blow into his interlock device to start the vehicle.
- The 2010 Cruiser Tact Plan was concluded. Over 3,000 citations were written and 118 arrests were made. Officers towed 136 vehicles and wrote 496 noise violation citations.

### Southwest Area Command...

- In December, Southwest day shift officers continued with the holiday tactical plan for local businesses that was started in November. Officers were assigned to the 111 Coors NW and Goff/Bridge shopping areas. The increased presence resulted in a reduction of residential burglaries of about thirty percent.
- In December, Team Two conducted a speeding tactical plan at Atrisco and Central. The plan netted almost one hundred citations for speeding, no insurance, no drivers license and related offenses.
- Teams One, Two and Three will continue the efforts into the new year, but an emphasis on tactical plans that address the illegal use of cell phones by drivers will be initiated. The initiative comes as a result of complaints by

citizens about drivers almost causing accidents due to talking and texting while driving.

- Team Three located two subjects who were wanted in Dallas, Texas for the kidnapping of an individual who was later safely released in Albuquerque. Officers were able to locate the offenders and take them into custody without incident. The offenders, and case responsibility, was turned over to the FBI.
- The Southwest Impact Team conducted a joint operation with the Vice Unit to target prostitution on Central in the area of Atrisco. Seven people were arrested for promoting and solicitation of prostitution.
- On December 12th, officers were dispatched to a southwest location to respond to a suspicious person call. Dispatch advised that a male subject was walking when several males in a vehicle pointed a gun at him. Officer D. Nix quickly arrived in the area and located a vehicle matching the description given by the victim. The subjects were positively identified. Officer Nix took case responsibility and the offender was arrested for felony aggravated assault and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Officer Nix had the vehicle sealed and obtained a search warrant. He executed the search warrant the following day and recovered the gun used in the incident.

### Northwest Area Command...

- The top ten calls for service locations remain a high priority for the area command. Park tactical plans resulted in 11 citations being issued as well as numerous graffiti referrals being reported. All three squads continued to enact directed patrol at area command apartment complexes. Numerous tactical plans were initiated throughout the area command resulting in a large number of citations being issued as well as DWI arrests being made.
- Day shift officers continued to address panhandling problems throughout the area command. Thirteen panhandling citations were issued in December. A total of 35 vehicles were towed based on officer's observations and citizen complaints.
- Several tactical operations were conducted in response to speeding complaints received from citizens and observations by officers. The tactical operations netted 133 citations.
- Swing shift officers responded to the most calls for service of any shift in the command.

Watch III continued its highly successful traffic initiative throughout the command garnering multiple citations and arrests. Shift officers have also continued to handle the parks and recreation center (Taylor Ranch) by conducting surveillance for various criminal activities. Several arrests for narcotics and drug related incidents have been made.

- The IMPACT Team initiated a Holiday Tactical Plan in an effort to be proactive addressing the increases associated with thefts. The Team coordinated with stores and malls in the area command so that loss prevention personnel could share their radios with Impact to get quicker responses to “grab and runs” that usually get away before the call has been dispatched through Communications. The plan resulted in 16 felony arrests, seven misdemeanor arrests, three executed search warrants and over \$3,000 in merchandise recovered.

### **Northeast Area Command...**

- On December 6, officer A. Cook was dispatched to a northeast location to respond to a call regarding an auto theft. A trucking company reported the theft of a tractor and two trailers. One of the trailers contained about 60 flat screen televisions. Officer Cook turned the case over to Impact detectives and assisted them in the arrest of the main offender. The case resulted in the recovery of 23 televisions, the execution of four search warrants and the arrests of 16 subjects.
- Bike units conducted the Mall Tactical Plan made 34 arrests most of which were related to shoplifting. Units in Team 4 wrote over 80 citations which were related to tactical plans in the Northeast Area Command.
- On December 18th, officers from Team 5 responded to a warrant call at a northeast apartment. An unknown caller reported to Crime Stoppers that a man who was hiding out at the apartment complex had a felony warrant. Officers reviewed booking photographs and prepared themselves by setting up on the apartment tactically before making contact. Once they knocked, they were able to see the man who walked to the back of the apartment to escape. They quickly got him into custody without incident and booked him into MDC on the outstanding warrant.
- The Northeast Holiday Tactical Plan resulted in 247 people arrested or issued citations for misdemeanor crimes. The total felony arrests

were 65.

- On December 21, officers J. Martinez and I. Maes responded to a call about an auto burglary in progress. The caller was from an off-duty APD dispatcher who was following the offender. Both officers responded quickly and were able to locate and arrest the offender, a 13-year-old who had fled the scene on a bicycle. The offender was booked into the JDC on burglary and possession of burglary tools.

### **Scientific Evidence Division...**

- Criminalistics responded to one call-out in December.
- The Identification Unit processed 1,840 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 2,026 arrests into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 65 court dispositions, 15 employment, 23 evidence and 100 FBI background requests.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,309 evidence items in December. 981 items were disposed, 288 notification letters were sent to property owners and 157 items were returned to owners.

### **Communications Division...**

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff answered 62,183 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in December. There were 23,216 calls for 911 and 38,967 calls for 242-COPS.
- 911 Operators answered 96.35% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.58% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- Center staff selected nine candidates to fill some of the vacant positions (3 operators, 6 dispatchers) and are in the hiring process.
- In December, an Albuquerque Journal reporter interviewed the Center’s 911 operators and manager. An article highlighting the interview appeared in the January 2, 2011, Albuquerque Journal and provided useful information about when to call 911 and mentioned some of the weird calls that the Center receives.

### **Professional Standards Division...**

- The Recruiting and Selection Unit received 330 interest cards in December.
- The Basic Training Unit commenced the 105th cadet class and conducted evaluations on the

progress of each cadet.

- The Recruiting and Selection Team administered the city entrance exam on-site for the PTU. The recruiters had been holding pre-assessment tests for applicants who want to test their physical abilities prior to testing weekend.

### Planning and Policy Division...

- All of the furniture purchase orders for the new Sixth Area Command were processed, with an expected delivery date of mid to late February.
- The GREAT and ODWI grants were approved by the Finance and Government Operations Committee in December.
- Planning staff collaborated with Technical Services staff to develop a SharePoint site that would take the entire Policy and Procedures Review Board process online. Each Board member will be able to view the item up for discussion at their leisure; they would be able to post questions and discussion; and finally vote on the item. The new process would allow a longer review period, memorialize discussion about the item, and aid the legal analysis and approval time.
- Inspections/Accreditation Lt. Eric Jordan secured three evaluators to participate in the mock assessment, scheduled for April 2011.

### Technical Services Division...

- The Tiburon Version Management Program (VMP) upgrade hit a snag this month when APD rejected the Tiburon work plan for the project. As with any significant IT project, the work plan must identify tasks, deliverables, and the resources required for completing the task. Tiburon executives are planning to meet with the Chief in January to seek a way forward.
- The Crime Lab QueTel evidence system migration to the new server stopped due to the unplanned retirement of the Systems Analyst assigned to the project. QueTel is taking over, re-working the plan, and expects to complete the migration in January.
- Progress on the public safety broadband 700 MHz network slowed this month as the state prepared for the new governor and new players throughout state government.

### Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In December, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,598 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police

Department arrested 1,338 prisoners and other agencies arrested 260 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 203 trips to the MDC and accepted 54 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.

- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of December was \$28,027.99

### Strategic Support Division...

- In December, there were 82 incidents submitted on the CONNECT web site by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity. Of these alerts, 47 were from ARAPA partners; seven were from Hospitality Partners; 13 by FISOA partners; 12 by CICA Partners; one by Apartment Partners; one from Commercial Property and one from Foothills.
- In December, 32 new registration requests were received for the various areas contained in the CONNECT web site. CONNECT had a total of 1,625 visitors in 30 days for an average of 54.167 visitors/day.
- In December 2010, SSD staff was asked to build an area in the CONNECT website for Recycling and Pawn shop partners. On Tuesday, December 21, 2010, a demo of this area was unveiled at a meeting with recycling partners.
- The Hospitality Partnership met on December 2, 2010 with 20 partners in attendance. It was decided that beginning in January the meetings would be moved to different hospitality "cluster" areas around the City to try to engage more hoteliers in the partnership.
- For the Warrants publications between December 2009 to December 2010, 381 individuals with active felony warrants were featured in the ad with 307 persons with warrants being resolved.

### Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 2,075 citations in December.
- The DWI Unit arrested 168 people for driving while intoxicated.
- The Seizure Unit confiscated 142 vehicles in December, totalling \$138,147.
- On December 2, Air1 and crew participated in the annual Cops for Kids fly-in. Air1 flew Santa Claus and his two elves to a local retailer for the event. Air1 was then placed on static display for the children.
- On December 21, at approximately 0800 hours, Air5 heard a call over Valley dispatch channel of a hit and run involving a black Jeep Liberty that

fled the scene. Moments later the vehicle was observed eastbound on Menaul in the Northeast area command and soon after parked near the Wal-Mart at Carlisle and Menaul. A female suspect went inside Wal-Mart. Ground units conducted a vehicle stop, where the vehicle and offender were verified.

### Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was not activated in December, but did respond to 289 calls for service during the month.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 59 building searches, 12 area searches and made two apprehensions.
- In December, the Horse Mounted Unit (HMU) attended 91 events and patrolled for 199 hours. HMU conducted a land navigation training with SWAT in the east mountains to get better acquainted with the new GPS equipment and also practiced approach tactics on horseback against armed subjects in a rural environment.
- The Bomb Squad was called out ten times in December.
- On December 3, the APD Bomb Squad was called to the IRS building at 5338 Montgomery in response to a male subject who brought a suspicious briefcase into the building and refused to say what was inside when asked if there were any weapons or explosives inside. The building was evacuated. The APD Bomb Squad used remote means to examine the briefcase and determined that it didn't contain any explosives.
- On December 7, the APD Bomb Squad was called to a local residence in reference to a piece of military ordnance. Upon arrival, it was determined that the ordnance was a WWII 45mm mortar. It was determined to be inert. It was taken by the bomb squad.

### Investigations Bureau...

- In December, the ROP Unit assisted with a homicide investigation that occurred in October. Homicide detectives and the ROP Unit utilized several confidential informants to gain information about the suspects that resided at a suspected residence. Homicide detectives and the ROP Unit obtained enough information to obtain arrests warrants for three suspects. They also obtained a search warrant for the residence. ROP detectives established surveillance of the location and observed the suspects of the homicide with firearms. The suspects used the

firearms to fire multiple rounds at the undercover detectives. All three were apprehended without further incident and the search warrants were executed by SWAT.

- On December 20, the ROP Unit obtained a conviction for a suspect who pled guilty for felon in possession of firearm and using a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence. The man will serve 22 years in federal prison. The man's initial crimes included multiple robberies of local restaurants in the Northeast Area Command in 2009.
- On December 27, ROP detectives observed a stolen 2005 Nissan Pathfinder at a northeast residence. ROP detectives established surveillance and later apprehended a male and female, both self-admitted gang members. The female was booked into the detention home for stealing her mother's vehicle. The male was booked into the MDC for the stolen vehicle and one outstanding felony warrant out of Grants, NM.
- During December, the Vice Unit assisted in two major investigations while also maintaining street level prostitution investigations. The first investigation began when an undercover vice detective arrested a prostitute and she provided information related to a murder. The murder occurred last summer. Homicide detectives met with her and collected more information regarding the case. The Vice Unit used the new information to collect more names of people that had direct knowledge of the case. The Unit made other arrests during the investigation that eventually led to two separate arrest warrants being issued for the murder. Vice and ROP worked together and were able to successfully apprehend the two offenders after they had fired upon detectives two separate times. Vice Unit detectives also assisted the Gang Unit with surveillance and apprehension of three home invasion offenders.
- The East side Narcotics Unit identified and arrested two individuals who were found to be major distributors to Sandia and La Cueva High School students. Subjects were also used to identify members of the Mexican Cartel from whom they were purchasing their narcotics.

# Trend Analysts





