

# *Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report February 2010*



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## **APD Notables...**

### **Southeast Area Command...**

- Southeast's Impact Unit made a total of 57 self-initiated arrests and cleared 30 cases. The Unit implemented a prostitution tactical plan on several dates that resulted in 14 arrests and 8 warrants. Unit detectives assisted the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office with locating several witnesses for two different cases.
- Southeast day shift officers continued to address traffic hot spot areas throughout the area command and conducted community events at Kirtland Elementary School.
- Laura Kuehn of the Southeast's Crime Prevention Unit researched calls for service and prepared crime statistics and crime maps for the upcoming La Mesa Community Improvement Association annual meeting.
- The Southeast Area Command responded to 9,533 calls for service; wrote 2,045 reports; issued 4,218 moving citations; and arrested 1,412 people, 179 of those for DWI.

### **Foothills Area Command...**

- Watch I officers conducted several tactical plans in response to citizen complaints that focused on quality of life issues. Watch I issued 666 moving citations, made 89 (45 felony) arrests, and conducted 821 quality of life enforcement actions.
- Watch II officers have continued to reach out to the community in order to share information about the development of tactical plans. Using of the tactical plans to locate stolen vehicles at apartments, officers recovered seven stolen vehicles including one that had been stolen in California. Watch II officers issued 688 moving citations, arrested 116 subjects (47 felony), and conducted 964 quality of life enforcement actions.
- The Foothills Impact Team collaborated with Foothills bike officers on a Problem Solving initiative focusing on burglary surveillance. The partnership was very successful, resulting in a 40% reduction of auto burglaries and a 33% reduction of residential burglaries in February. The Impact Team's investigation into stolen property on an internet site led the Unit to one arrest and the recovery of stolen property and methamphetamine. A residential burglary investigation led to the recovery of over \$30,000

of stolen property and methamphetamine.

- Watch III officers implemented a stop sign enforcement tactical plan at Constitution and Chelwood Park which resulted in 13 citations issued in just one hour. Another tactical plan was conducted to prevent traffic making illegal moves to circumvent construction. Over one week, officers issued one misdemeanor arrest warrant, one felony arrest warrant, one arrest for possession of marijuana, one citation for littering and 146 moving citations. In totals, Watch III officers issued 1,269 moving citations, arrested 211 subjects (51 felony), and conducted 1,634 quality of life enforcements and referrals.

### **Valley Area Command...**

- Watch 1 officers from Team 8 made an arrest for possession of a stolen vehicle. During the investigation, officers found the occupants to be in possession of narcotics. Watch 1 officers Archibeque and Gutierrez made an arrest for criminal sexual penetration, aggravated burglary and false imprisonment involving a suspect from Los Lunas.
- Watch 2 bike officers conducted an operation in the area of St. Francis Church as a result of citizen complaints about the transients bothering kids who attend school in the area.
- Watch 2 officers conducted a tact plan at two locations in response to reports of persons breaking into vacant buildings. A total of four offenders were arrested and charged with breaking and entering.
- Valley officers conducted a panhandling tactical plan that resulted in 56 citations.
- Watch 3 officers Sandy and Jacobo attended the San Jose Neighborhood Association Meeting and then took the time to ride around the area with some of the residents who wanted to point out some problem areas to the officers. As a result of them taking the time to do this, a joint task force was initiated with bike units and BCSO to tackle a gang issue that was brought to their attention.
- The Valley power team was utilized for Party Patrol on Friday nights.
- Responding to complaints about speeding in the Tingley and Alcalde SW area, officers issued 36 citations and made one misdemeanor arrest.
- The Valley Impact Team continued to work hard to get criminals off our streets with 33 in custody felony arrests. The Team also wrote seven arrest warrants and made 44 warrant

arrests, both felony and misdemeanor.

- Valley's Metro Court Liaison, Lisa Martinez, worked 137 new cases for the Valley Area Command and 112 for Metro.
- Yvette Garcia, the Valley's Crime Prevention Specialist, attended seven community meetings in the area command. She also completed a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) inspection and did research for 11 different apartment complexes or businesses for the calls for service at various locations.

### **Southwest Area Command...**

- On February 1, Officer Padilla arrested two burglary suspects at a Southwest residence. The pair were responsible for numerous burglaries in the Southwest Area Command.
- On February 9, Officer Render arrested a subject who burglarized a local grocery store pharmacy. The offender had switched off the alarm system and had entered the pharmacy, taking a large amount of prescription medicine. Review of surveillance video identified the offender as an ex-employee. An arrest and search warrant was obtained and executed at the offender's home, resulting in the recovery of over 3,000 pills.
- Team One implemented a tactical plan in order to combat an increase in residential burglaries in an area command neighborhood. Over the previous six weeks, eight residential burglaries occurred in the neighborhood. Officer Stella Candelaria and Officer Augie Sena implemented a plan to increase patrols and gathered information from the Crime Analysis Unit to identify potential future crime locations and collaborated with CNAU and Crime Prevention to get residents involved with resolving issues. In February, there were no burglaries reported.
- Officer Heitzman responded to numerous shoplifting calls at the Wal-Mart located at 3500 Coors SW, resulting in several felony arrests.
- While conducting a tactical plan in the Alamosa Skate Park, Officer Arias issued several citations for drinking in public, narcotic use and fighting.
- Grave Shift officer R. Sedillo conducted a tactical plan in Upper Pat Hurley Park in response to frequent complaints that subjects were present in the park after hours, often drinking and using drugs. Officer Sedillo issued 10 citations during implementation of the plan.
- On February 28, Officer D. Moore was dispatched to a northwest residence to respond

to residential burglary in progress call. Officer Moore and Air-1 arrived and observed the suspect's vehicle leaving the area with the victim's property. The suspects abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers set up a perimeter, and with the assistance of Air-1 were able to apprehend the two suspects. The property was returned to the victim.

### **Northwest Area Command...**

- Watch I officers answered 1,419 calls for service and responded to an additional 772 on-site calls generated by officers on the shift. Watch 1 officers completed 77 DWI arrests and issued 757 moving citations.
- Watch I conducted numerous directed patrol efforts in apartment complexes within the area command, and identified parking violations and other issues. The effort led to a decrease in auto burglaries reported in the locations as well as these type of calls throughout the command.
- Officers Olivas and Chavez placed a subject into custody on DWI charges. After further investigation, they discovered that the offender also had in his possession 111 grams of cocaine.
- Watch II officers conducted traffic tactical plans at high-visibility intersections that included Kayenta/Mcmahon (25 citations), Montano/San Ildefonso (15 citations), Coors/Western Trail (16 citations), Ladera/Unser (15 citations), Irving/New Vistas (51 citations), Unser/Western Trails (27 citations), Golf Course/Taylor Ranch (2 towed vehicles), 2500 Coors Rd. NW. (6 handicap violation citations), and Volcano Vista High School (1 citation).
- The Northwest Impact Team utilized increased saturation patrols based on current crime statistics. The Team conducted an intensive surveillance on several TCK gang members that had been involved in many burglaries. The effort resulted in three arrests. In February, the Team arrested six for residential burglaries with numerous cases cleared and more to be followed up with soon.
- Watch III officers amassed 890 traffic citations for the month due to tactical plans.
- Swing shift officers conducted a quality of life tactical plan throughout the month of February. Every beat and almost every street was covered in the tactical plan, Officers looked for graffiti, trash, code violations, abandoned vehicles and other CEPTED problems. The plan resulted in 51 graffiti referrals, the identification of 52

abandoned vehicles, 112 code referrals, 204 parking citations, 38 handicap parking citations, and 40 red-tagged vehicles.

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

- Officers Gene Marquez and Shannon Miera were dispatched to a grocery store at Louisiana and Montgomery to respond to a robbery that had just occurred to an individual. A short time later, the offender vehicle was spotted and subsequently stopped at Menaul and Pennsylvania. A male and a female suspect were both arrested. Also in the vehicle was a five year old boy who was obviously neglected. Lt. Cordova noticed the child's condition and got the young boy a meal. The boy devoured the hamburger and fries. CYFD was called to the scene and a hold was placed on the child. The pair were also found to be suspects in a separate robbery attempt on Albuquerque's West Side.
- In response to multiple complaints of panhandlers in the Northeast Area Command, Team 2 officers initiated a tactical plan. As a result, a total of 35 business contacts were made and 6 misdemeanor citations were issued for panhandling. Team 4 officers also conducted a panhandling tactical plan which resulted in 14 citations issued. There have been far fewer complaints of panhandling as a result of the operation.
- Officer A. Cook was on patrol when he stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The suspect was found to have four outstanding felony warrants. After he was placed in custody, an inventory search of the vehicle was completed. During the search, approximately 2,000 narcotic pills were discovered. A subsequent search warrant was obtained by narcotics detectives, and the suspect was found to be a repeat narcotics offender and was booked on additional felony charges.
- Impact Team detectives conducted a joint operation with the United States Secret Service to arrest a large ring of white collar crime offenders. The investigation focused on two brothers who were well-known fraud, forgery, auto theft and auto burglary offenders, as well as their associates. As a result of the investigation, twenty-three arrest warrants were generated. In a span of two days, fifteen of the twenty-three offenders were placed in custody.
- Officer Jones was contacted by the manager of a local hotel regarding suspicious activity in a room. Officer Jones made contact with

the occupants and their two children. Through investigation, Officer Jones arrested the pair for trafficking methamphetamine, and the two children were placed with CYFD. Twelve grams of methamphetamine were seized.

- While on proactive patrol, Officer Pitzer observed a pick-up run a stop sign. A traffic stop was initiated, and the officer found that the driver and passenger had outstanding warrants for property crime offenses and that they had just broken into a vehicle. The offenders later admitted to numerous burglaries and auto thefts. Detectives cleared more than seven burglaries due to the arrest.

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

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to three call-outs in February.
- The Field Investigation Unit day shift responded to 303 calls; swing shift responded to 566 calls; and the graveyard shift responded to 282 calls, for a total of 951 field investigator calls between the three teams. The teams also responded to 57 field service calls. The teams generated a total of 558 reports in February.
- In February, the Identification Unit processed 1,839 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,234 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 364 court dispositions, 155 employment and 55 firearms background checks.
- In February, the Evidence Unit processed over 3,690 evidence items, 47,085 items were disposed, 32 notification letters were sent to property owners and 209 items were returned to owners.

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

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) staff answered over 56,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in February. There were 20,555 911 calls and 35,503 242-COPS calls. 911 Operators answered 97.86% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.76% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- A briefing was held by the Communications Staff for Animal Welfare Officers to review proper methods of declaring emergencies on the

police radio.

- The position of dispatcher opened for applications in mid-February and will close March 5th. Five vacancies remain to staff the center at minimum needed levels.

### **Planning & Policy Division...**

- Division staff developed a Sharepoint site that allows anyone with internet access and permission to view APD grant information. The site also notifies the appropriate program manager when the status of the grant has changed and when grant funds are spent. The site also has all of the grant agreements and associated legislation attached to the file as PDFs for easy reference.
- Division staff developed objectives for FY11. The objectives are proposed by each department and set goals that can be measured and reported to City Council and the administration.
- Division staff have developed an omnibus grant bill that will speed the approval process and allow the Department to spend grant money soon after it is awarded; allowing the Department to take advantage of additional funding opportunities. Both administration and City Council staff have reviewed the resolution and have given permission to proceed. Planning staff hope to have the resolution finalized and enacted by the end of FY10.
- Construction of the Sixth Area Command is proceeding smoothly. The cistern and most of the north and west perimeter concrete block wall were completed in February.

### **Prisoner Transport Unit...**

- During the month of February, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,688 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,350 prisoners and other agencies arrested 338 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 204 trips to the MDC and accepted 95 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of February was \$24,654.35.

### **Strategic Support Division...**

- Chief Schultz and Division staff attended a regional CONNECT initiative on February 5 sponsored by the New Mexico Municipal League and the Sheriff's and Police Officers Association to discuss the development of a

regional initiative with police departments across the state. Chiefs from 30 jurisdictions attended.

- In February, 79 incidents were submitted on the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Of the alerts, 38 were from ARAPA partners; five were Hospitality Partners; seven were by FISOA partners; nine were by CICA Partners; six were by Downtown Partners; three were from North I25 and 11 were new Law Enforcement Hot Sheet submittals.
- Fifty-three new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained within the CONNECT website. In February, there were a total of 2,076 visitors in 28 days for an average of 74.143 visitors per day.
- The Crime Analysis Unit created 194 bulletins/maps.

### **Traffic Division...**

- On February 3, Air1 responded to a possible home invasion at a northeast residence. While en route, a patrol unit advised that they had observed a subject matching the description of one of the offenders jump a wall near Tramway and Candelaria. Upon arrival, Air1 immediately started a FLIR search of the area and located a subject talking to a resident near where the officer last saw the possible offender. Air1 observed the subject running northbound through the backyard and attempting to conceal himself in the backyard of another residence. Air1 directed ground units to establish a perimeter around the residence. A K9/SWAT search team was established, and Air1 directed them to the hiding subject. The search team gave the offender several verbal announcements to surrender but he made no attempts to. Units advised that they did have felony charges against the subject. Based upon this information, a police service dog was utilized to detain the subject.
- On February 19, Air 5 assisted the Region 1 Task Force with a narcotics surveillance in which multiple vehicles were followed throughout the city. One male subject was arrested and 175 pounds of marijuana were seized.
- On February 3, all Traffic Division swing shift officers helped the NM State Police close Interstate 40 due to weather conditions. On

February 26, swing shift officers responded to a fatal call-out on Interstate 40 eastbound at Sixth Street.

- The DWI Unit conducted two sobriety checkpoints in February, resulting in 14 DWI arrests. The DWI Seizure Unit checked in 181 seized vehicles in February, for a total value of \$90,620.

### **Special Operations Division...**

- SWAT was activated seven times in February. Activations included a barricaded subject armed with a gun; a warrant with two subjects wanted in connection to a double homicide; and a barricaded subject wanted on felony warrants.
- In February, the K-9 Unit made six apprehensions and completed 36 building searches.
- On February 18, the Bomb Squad was called to a northeast location to respond to call of a found pipe bomb. The caller had found the pipe bomb while cleaning his deceased brother's house. He had moved the pipe bomb to the front door where it was located by bomb squad personnel. The APD bomb robot was used to pick up the pipe bomb and move it to a location where it would cause less damage if it exploded. A fuse could be seen exiting the pipe bomb. A disrupter was used to render the bomb safe. The pipe and explosive powder were collected for possible prosecution and/or destruction.
- The Horse Mounted Unit's Sgt.. Collins conducted a readiness exercise. The exercise demonstrated quick deployment in both standard uniform with horses and in full riot gear with horses. The officers donned gas masks and rode in the bosque to Montano Road and back to the stables, totaling about 10 miles and several hours in riot gear.
- The HMU retired "Dually", a 21 year-old Shire Draft. He was replaced by "Draco" a 6 year-old Percheron Draft who was donated to the HMU by a citizen from Edgewood.

### **Investigations Bureau...**

- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 817 referrals for review and possible assignment in February. The Unit cleared 72 cases, sending 13 cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 10 cases and conducted 11 computer forensics examinations.

- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 52 verifications and six hours of surveillance.
- The School Resource Office Unit responded to 863 calls for service, completed 42 felony arrest/warrants, 93 misdemeanor arrest/warrants and made 317 home visits for truancy.
- The Homicide Unit responded to three violent crime call-outs in February.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 30 cases and submitted 20 cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. The Unit also made seven felony arrests and responded to nine robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to eight sex crimes call-outs. The Unit cleared 32 cases in February, sending 15 cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 19 cases in February, sending 10 of those to the District Attorney's office. Unit detectives reviewed 412 domestic violence cases.
- COAST assisted 407 individuals and wrote 36 reports.
- Eastside Narcotics initiated a buy/bust operation at the northwest location, targeting an individual who was trafficking ecstasy pills. Two subjects were taken into custody, and over two hundred ecstasy pills were seized. A handgun was also seized. Due to the firearm seizure, an effort will be made to have the ATF or FBI take over the prosecution. Eastside Narcotics detectives assisted in a joint operation with the Secret Service, State Probation and Parole and APD's Gang Unit to target a white collar ring dealing in methamphetamine and counterfeit bills. Five individuals were taken into custody and a meth lab was safely processed.
- The West Side Narcotics Unit produced 32 felony arrests in February, including arresting three high school students for attempting to sell marijuana from their MySpace page.
- The Gang Unit arrested several known gang members for murder, larceny, burglary and other charges.
- The ROP Unit made six felony arrests for homicide, armed robbery and burglary.
- The Vice Unit conducted a "john" operation near a local high school in response to complaints from students that were being harassed on their way to school. The operation netted five arrests. The Unit made a total of 33 misdemeanor and six felony arrests for the month.
- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit closed 75

cases in February. The Unit recovered \$317,255 in property. The Unit conducted a VIN etching event at a local Target, marking 253 cars.

- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared six cases in February which were responsible for about \$159,600 in losses to their victims.
- The Burglary Unit closed 60 cases in February, recovering \$50,735 in stolen property.
- The Pawn Shop Detail investigated seven cases in February, with a total value of \$2,555. The Detail received 14,618 reports from pawnshops.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 152 tips, sending 34 of the tips to other agencies for investigation. Two of the four “Fugitives of the Week” were arrested in February.

### **Records Section...**

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 2,983 calls in February.
- The CopLogic system received 203 reports in January, saving the Department an estimated \$8,210 and 304.5 hours of officer time.
- The False Alarm Reporting Unit collected \$64,317 and noted 902 false alarms in February.
- Central Records scanned 97,963 pages of reports and made 17,807 entries into FileNet.
- The Data Entry Unit entered 6,804 reports.

### **Open Space Section...**

- Open Space officers set up a “bait bike” operation once again on Central near the Rio Grande River. An offender attempted to steal the bike, valued at more than \$1500 and was arrested for felony larceny.
- Following up on a complaint about dogs being off leash in the Los Poblanos and Bear Canyon Arroyo Open Space areas, Open Space officers worked a tactical plan that resulted in 30 citations issued.

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

- The Basic Training Unit instructed 34 cadets (includes 1 AFD) in the 104th Cadet Class.
- The Advanced Training Unit began MOE Phase 1 and conducted PIT training for Field Service officers.
- The Recruiting and Backgrounds Unit received 313 interest cards in February. 106 people signed up for recruit testing in February; 60 attended and 30 passed.
- The West Side and Tactical Ranges began the M&P 9mm handgun transition for the entire department.

- The Wellness Unit conducted the fourth assessment of the cadet class, resulting in an average of 91%.

# Trend Analysts





