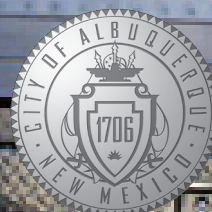
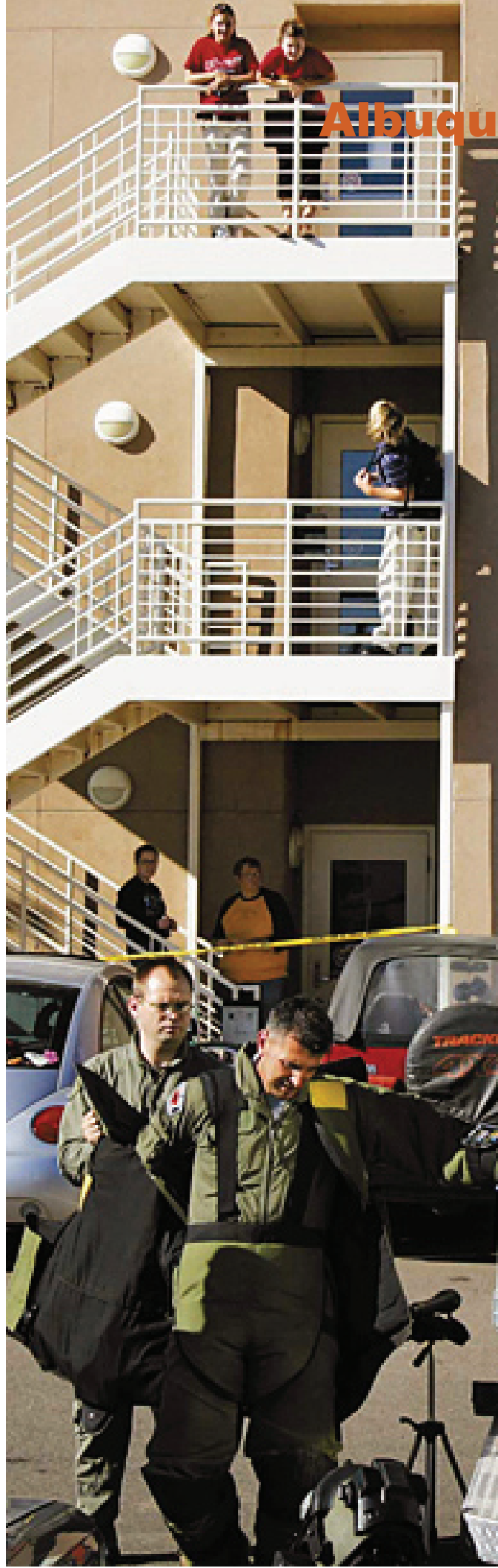


# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report February 2011



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## APD Notables...

### Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Impact Team made 50 self-initiated arrests, cleared 40 cases, executed four search warrants, and authored 16 arrests warrants. Detective Barela utilized an informant to purchase crack cocaine at Central and Wyoming NE. Two subjects were taken into custody and a stolen vehicle was recovered.
- The Impact Team participated in a large coordinated vice operation that resulted in 35 arrests for prostitution, solicitation, narcotics, and possession of a stolen vehicle.
- All three day shift teams contributed to the quality of life POP project. The project focused on locations that had a high concentration of public use and foot traffic, including parks and bus stops. The project resulted in 82 citations and three arrests.
- Swing shift teams concentrated on large item pickup notices throughout the area command, while bike officers were productive and visible in the Nob Hill/University area.
- On February 1 during one of the coldest nights on the graveyard shift, Southeast officers conducted an ATL Bull's-eye for a recent stolen vehicle. Officers Adam Portillos and Pat Hernandez located the vehicle and waited until more back up officers arrived, including a K-9 Unit before performing a felony stop. Due to the quick response and weather conditions (icy roads) the two suspects never attempted to flee the traffic stop and were taken into custody without incident.

### Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills officers and detectives continued to address the transient criminal population that frequent the hotels in the Foothills Area Command. There was a significant increase in the number of felony arrests, recovery of narcotics, weapons, and wanted subjects. The area command's relationship with the hotel owners and managers continues to grow. By targeting criminals that use the hotels as a base of operation, APD is discouraging them from victimizing local residences, merchants and citizens.
- On February 9, Detective Gonterman located a black Buick with an incorrect license plate. The Foothills Impact Team conducted surveillance and observed that a man and a woman were

staying at a local hotel with another woman. The subjects were found to be in possession of methamphetamine. The man's probation officer was contacted and he was later booked for a felony probation violation. East Side Narcotics followed up with information obtained in the case and executed a search warrant at a local residence. Approximately 7.5 grams of methamphetamine was seized and a stolen firearm was recovered.

- On February 25, Detective Stone located one of Albuquerque's most wanted property crime offenders. The man was staying at a hotel near Tramway and Central and was apprehended.
- Detective J. Stott was able to identify an offender of a theft of a credit card and fraudulent signing of a sales slip. Detective Stott obtained an arrest warrant for the offender and took her into custody.
- Members of the Foothills Impact Team prevented a murder plot in February. A 911 call was received describing a male, armed with a shotgun and walking around an apartment complex. Detective Lund, from a distance, observed the suspect enter a silver vehicle with several other subjects inside. Detective Lund clearly observed the shotgun concealed under the male's baggy jacket. The offenders were taken into custody without incident. One of Albuquerque's oldest drug offenders was in the vehicle and was found to be in possession of 12 rocks of crack cocaine. Two males were taken into custody and both were convicted felons.
- Officers A. Garcia and Olivares conducted a tactical plan to address panhandling near the I-40 off ramps in the area command. Officers conducted the operations towards the end of their shift, just prior to rush hour. Violators were contacted by Officers Garcia and Olivares and made aware of the city ordinance prohibiting panhandling; offenders were identified and logged by the officer. Violators were told they would be given a warning that any future contacts would result in a citation. Fifteen violators were warned, and one was cited when he returned.
- On February 12, Officer Dorian was patrolling the parking lot of a local motel when the officer observed a white Saturn turn into the parking lot from Central Avenue at a high rate of speed. The driver drove erratically through the parking lot and traveled directly to Officer Dorian's unit before making a sharp turn into two parking

spaces. Officer Dorian initiated his emergency equipment and prepared to cite the driver. The driver concealed his identity and ran from Officer Dorian. The driver was apprehended after a foot chase. Officer Dorian, through diligent investigation, identified the driver and found that he had several felony warrants out of multiple states.

### Valley Area Command...

- Day shift officers initiated a traffic tactical plan in response to neighborhood complaints from the Barelás Neighborhood. Officers generated over 60 citations and made several arrests.
- Valley Impact Team detectives completed a case in which a man posed as an employee of a communications company in order to steal copper. A warrant was obtained and he was placed under arrest.
- Valley Impact Team detectives continued their warrant roundup in the Valley Area Command. Most of the offenders had a long history of property crimes. During the roundup, detectives made three felony arrests for narcotics offenses, two felony arrests for auto burglary, and three arrests for felony warrants.
- Officers Wheeler, Gibbs and Tosta apprehended two suspects in the abandoned Anasazi Building downtown. The offenders were vandalizing the building and caused more than \$100,000 in damage and also were stealing copper wire.
- Officer Roberto responded to a "Bull's-eye" stolen vehicle call. She spotted the targeted vehicle and the offenders fled. With the assistance of K-9 and other members of her team, one of the offenders was taken into custody.

### Southwest Area Command...

- Team One officers conducted a month-long tactical plan at Coors and Central in response to increased complaints about aggressive panhandlers. The tactical plan involved field briefings as well as periodic checks. Nine panhandling citations were issued and eight people were transported to area hospitals due to severe intoxication. Team One officers also made several felony arrests.
- Team Two officers continued their tactical plan for traffic violations at Sunset and Central, and as in past months almost one hundred citations were issued at this location. Team Two also conducted a tactical plan at 98th and Avalon

due to an increase in gas runs and beer thefts. The tactical plan was also necessary as the offenders were becoming more aggressive. In one instance, an offender pushed a patron down while exiting the store.

- Team Three made several felony arrests in the month of February, including the seizure of a sawed-off shotgun during the stoppage of a vehicle for a narcotics violation. Inconsistencies in the stories told by the occupants of the car prompted further investigation resulting in the discovery of a quantity of heroin and two firearms. The case was turned over to the Gang Unit for further investigation. Team Three officers also conducted a tactical plan at Helen Coronado Elementary School to address parking violations which were creating a hazard for students. Nineteen citations were issued and an information campaign was initiated to help everyone parking at or near the school understand what constitutes a parking violation.
- PSA T. Carmen conducted an illegally parked vehicle tactical plan during the month of February. Enforcement actions were taken on all illegally parked vehicles including handicapped parking and vehicles for sale. He wrote 54 citations and red tagged 13 vehicles. Other parking tactical plans were conducted throughout February resulting in 48 parking citations issued and four vehicles being red tagged.
- Officer D. Richter conducted a hotel tactical plan in response to the increase in criminal activity in and around the local hotels in the Southwest Area Command. The officers made numerous business contacts with hotel employees and issued one warrant.
- Despite minimal information, Officer Arias was able to identify the offender vehicle in a road rage incident. He was able to track down and positively identify the offenders with additional information. He executed a felony arrest and recovered two firearms.
- In February, Watch I officers conducted 10 tactical plans; responded to 1,859 calls for service; made 30 felony and 61 misdemeanor arrests; 26 DWI arrests; 16 domestic violence arrests and issued 681 citations.

### Northwest Area Command...

- Graveyard officers completed tactical plans in February that addressed quality of life issues as well as criminal trends which had been identified

through various means. Noise enforcement, park patrols, traffic complaints and handicap parking issues were given special attention. The statistics from the tactical plans show that they have been effective in decreasing citizen complaints and disturbances, particularly in the apartment complexes in the Northwest Area Command.

- Day shift officers continued to keep panhandling out of the area command by issuing nine citations. The officers completed 12 felony arrests, 43 misdemeanor arrests and issued ten summons. The watch conducted regular field briefings at high volume calls for service locations as well as at the shopping malls to maintain high visibility at the high traffic locations.
- Speeding enforcement continues to be of high priority within the command. Most resources were focused on Irving Boulevard from Coors to Universe, focusing on speeding and other various violations. In conjunction with this plan, a school zone protection plan was enacted specifically around Volcano Vista High School, Tony Hillerman Middle School and Tierra Antigua Elementary School.
- Swing shift officers focused on high traffic areas, enacting tactical plans focusing on issues identified by statistics and citizen complaints. Officers focused much of their attention on the big box stores and strip mall areas up and down the Coors Boulevard corridor concentrating on vagrants, shoplifters and other offenders/offenses. Bicycle officers were tasked with reducing the number of auto burglaries which had spiked over the last month in and around area command restaurants. The tactical plan resulted in a 40% reduction of these offenses over the same period a year ago.
- The Northwest Impact Team focused on the POPTRAC on auto thefts, due to current crime statistics showing an increase near Coors and Sequoia as well as the large gym parking lots. Field units were advised of hot spots and suspect information and coordinated efforts with specialized teams gathered information and shared it with other area commands. At the end of the month, a substantial decrease was experienced in auto thefts.

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

- Team 2 officers completed 27 felony arrests in February. Officer J. Oguin completed 13 of the

arrests himself.

- On February 27, officers were dispatched to a local retailer in response to an attempted robbery. Upon arrival in the area, Officer A. Gonzales saw a subject matching the description of the offender leaving the area on foot. A perimeter was quickly set up and about 10 minutes later that same subject attempted to leave the area riding a bicycle. He was detained and positively identified as the offender in the original call. While conducting the investigation, another call came in about someone breaking into a shed in the area and stealing a bike. The bike was the same one the offender was riding and the witness to the commercial burglary also identified the suspect as the offender in that incident as well. The offender was arrested and charged with commercial burglary and shoplifting.
- Detectives Roach and Brown were called out to investigate four auto burglaries. Detectives responded to a large retailer and interviewed witnesses. From the interviews, detectives were able to determine who the offender was and his location. A search warrant was completed on the offender's residence, and the offender was arrested. Four auto burglaries and a residential burglary were cleared with the arrest.
- Officer C. Garcia was able to break up a ring of subjects stealing cell phones from Verizon stores throughout the city. With a few bits of evidence, he was able to identify two suspects and that information was followed up on by Northeast Impact Detectives. The case could have easily been brushed off with a report but Officer Garcia's tenacious personality and drive stopped the thefts and prevented further loss.
- On February 20, Officer G. Vigil responded to a large retailer on Montgomery in response to a larceny call. Target's loss prevention staff had a female in custody for shoplifting. When Officer Vigil arrived, he recognized the female as the offender to countless thefts at the retailer involving thousands of dollars of stolen property. The woman would distract the front staff of the store and then had her young children push a cart of merchandise to her vehicle and load it. She would then leave the store and drive away. The woman had done this throughout the state and had a felony warrant. Officer Vigil built a case on her and booked her on the felonies of child abuse, contributing to a minor, and shoplifting. The children were taken

and given to the State for custody.

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

- Criminalistics responded to two call-outs in February.
- The Identification Unit processed 1,714 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 1,954 arrests into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 55 case dispositions, 58 employment background checks, 122 firearms checks, 122 FBI checks and 24 from other agencies.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,038 evidence items in February. 18,778 items were disposed, 212 items were returned to owners, and \$1,810.78 was recovered from auction income. An additional 1,224 items have met final disposition processing requirements and are pending destruction court orders.

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

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff answered over 56,235 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in February. 911 Operators answered 97.02% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.71% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- APD 911 Communications hired four dispatchers and two 911 operators in February.
- Planning has begun for the State revenue funded (\$1.8 million) 911 telephone system upgrade. A meeting was held with Qwest, Plant/CML, State DFA representatives and other parties to address the initial call flow and system cut over.
- Staff attended a meeting with the NM Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and other area 911 Center managers on February 17. The NM Commission will be presenting at a future supervisory meeting and eventually at all employee briefings to increase knowledge and awareness of the staff of both agencies.
- Staff attended a meeting held at the APD 911 Communications Center with the NM Department of Transportation and other 911 agencies to discuss efficacy of establishing a joint traffic center equipped with a war room for meeting on issues impacting multiple jurisdictional agencies.

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

- In February, there were 110 incidents submitted on the CONNECT web site by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Of these alerts, 46 were from ARAPA partners; 12 were Hospitality Partners; 17 by FISOA partners; 6 by CICA Partners; 12 by Apartment Partners; 1 Foothills; 16 by Pawn & Recycling Partners. Additionally, there were 33 Alert Update Comments to these postings, which were provided by personnel from the various partnerships.
- In February, 27 new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained in the CONNECT web site.
- In February, CONNECT had total of 1727 visitors in 30 days for an average of 57.567visitors/day.
- CICA met on February 8 with 33 partners in attendance.
- The Hospitality Partnership met on February 24, with approximately 30 partners in attendance. Subsequent to the Hospitality meeting, Detective Vicente Alvarado provided training to personnel from partner hotels regarding their roles as hotel and motel management and their employees on how to be on the lookout for suspicious activity or guests; approximately 70 persons from various hotels across the city attended this training.
- Crime analysis continues to develop, update and track offenders in the Most Wanted Property Crime Offenders for the ABQ Journal ad for December 2009 to Feb 2011. This updated information is then disseminated to all members of the CONNECT web site so that partners area kept update on the status of these property crime offenders.

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

- A meeting was held in February with the District Attorney's Grand Jury Division to work on clearing up errors on felony completed cases. The meetings improve communication with the District Attorney's office, so that the Department can submit proper documentation daily to aid in felony prosecution.
- The Advanced Training Unit assisted with the development of the 105th Cadet Class. The Unit also conducted MOE/Physical assessments for 69 APD officers; three UNM officers; four APD retirees and six officers from the Attorney General's Office.

- The Basic Training Unit assisted with cadets to complete the 80-hour firearms program. The Unit participated in the “Tip a Cop” Program that raised over \$8,500 for charity.
- The Recruiting and Selection Unit received 231 interest cards in February and signed up 128 people to test.

### Planning and Policy Division...

- Work continued to finalize the FY11-15 APD Strategic Plan. The final plan is expected to be printed and distributed in March 2011.
- Sixth Area Command construction is nearing completion. All of the furniture for the facility was delivered and installed, and technology (computers, copiers) was partially installed in February.
- A training session for the Policy and Procedures Review Board was held on February 15 for the new PowerDMS system. All proposals will be posted to the PPRB discussion group and approved online. The new procedure will improve the speed at which new proposals are evaluated and will allow for greater evaluation.
- The Inspections/Accreditation Unit continued to prepare for the Department’s mock assessment in preparation for CALEA’s on site inspection and evaluation. The mock assessment is scheduled for April.
- The Planning Section applied for Grant to Encourage Arrests (\$384,000) in February; two STOP grant applications were also prepared.

### Technical Services Division...

- The Tiburon Version Management Program (VMP) upgrade team focused on hardware architecture, transitioning from individual servers to a virtual environment using VMware. In a virtual hardware environment, division staff can expand hardware computing capabilities through software commands using VMware.
- The Systems Analyst 2 assigned to the Crime Lab was hired and started this month. One of his first tasks will be to replace the outdated, unreliable evidence label printers. The Division is in the process of securing funding and expects to begin replacing the failing label printers in April. The Systems Administrator position at the Crime Lab closed and applications are being reviewed.
- The new administration at the State continues to review the 700 MHz data network project. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC)

has not finalized the specifications for 700 MHz hardware. Vendors will begin mass production of 700 MHz hardware once the specification has been finalized.

- The label camera rollout out began with minimal problems encountered.

### Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In February, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,657 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,336 prisoners and other agencies arrested 321 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 193 trips to the MDC and accepted 40 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of February was \$34,195.23.

### Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 2,587 citations in February.
- The DWI Unit arrested 202 people for driving while intoxicated.
- The Seizure Unit confiscated 145 vehicles in February, totalling \$247,719.
- On February 23, Air 5 responded to a northwest location in response to a battery call. While on scene, Air 5 was advised of a white vehicle that left the scene and that a male subject had been dragged by the vehicle. Air 5 began a search and obtained a vehicle registration for the vehicle and proceeded to the residence listed. As Air 5 arrived, the vehicle was seen driving into the area and parking in front of the residence. Units were advised and Air 5 directed their response. As units were staging, the male offender ran out of his residence and began to drive away in the same white vehicle. Units were able to stop the vehicle and take the offender into custody. He was booked on felony battery charges.
- On February 24, Air 5 responded to a call of errant motorcycle driver in the Southeast area command. The motorcyclist was fleeing every time he observed a police unit and running through traffic control devices and speeding. Air 5 located the motorcyclist southbound on San Mateo from Gibson at a high rate of speed and took over visual observation of the suspect from ground units. Air 5 maintained visual on the suspect while he ran red lights, drove into opposing lanes of traffic and on sidewalks at a high rate of speed when no ground units were in the area. The motorcyclist was tracked by Air 5

until he made it to the Northeast area command where he parked the motorcycle on the northeast side of Coronado Mall and entered the mall. Northeast units were advised and responded to the scene, taking the suspect into custody in the food court area. The motorcycle was determined to be stolen.

### Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated three times in February, and responded to 444 calls for service during the month. The three call-outs were to address barricaded subjects.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 44 building searches, seven area searches and made three apprehensions.
- On February 11, the APD Bomb Squad was called to Los Lunas, NM in response to a grenade found underneath a mobile home. The grenade was taken for later destruction.
- On February 17, the Bomb Squad responded to the Northeast Area Command to address 50 pounds of smokeless powder that was turned in at the facility. The powder was collected for destruction.

### Investigations Bureau...

- On February 11, the Gang Unit assisted a joint operation with the Vice Unit. On February 17, the Gang Unit arrested a man who was wanted on a felony warrant for attempted murder, aggravated battery, and a kidnapping.
- On February 2, the ROP Unit assisted with a homicide investigation. The investigation led ROP detectives to contact and apprehend a suspect who was wanted for an outstanding felony warrant for burglary. On February 4, the ROP Unit apprehended a man who was wanted for attempted sexual assault in the first degree. The warrant was issued from Goshen, NY. ROP detectives worked with the agency to have the individual apprehended. On February 24, the ROP Unit assisted with a Career Criminal Section Operational Plan. The operation targeted street-level narcotics trafficking and prostitution.
- During February, the Vice Unit led and took part of a Career Criminal Section undercover operation. The operation was conducted on February 24. It included all units from the Career Criminal Section and yielded 13 felony arrests, six felony warrants, 11 misdemeanor arrests, and 11 vehicles were towed. The units

seized quantities of crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana.

- Westside Narcotics detectives issued seven misdemeanor warrants, completed two felony arrests, and seized 2.5 grams of methamphetamine and one firearm. Detectives issued a search warrant at a local tattoo parlor, yielding three guns and four grams of cocaine.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives completed 35 felony arrests, wrote 15 search warrants, completed 15 controlled buys, and submitted 19 cases to the District Attorney's Office. The Eastside Narcotics Unit seized 15 grams of methamphetamine, 78 grams of cocaine, 349 grams of heroin, and 700 grams of prescription medications.
- Task force officers seized 4,997 grams of methamphetamine, 252 grams of heroin, and two pounds of marijuana. The task force issued 12 search warrants and completed 14 felony arrests.

# Trend Analysts

