

***Albuquerque Police Department  
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## **APD Notables...**

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

- Southeast CNAU officers teamed up with the Gang Unit and SRO Officer Rob Debuck to address a problematic house in northeast Albuquerque. The occupants were identified as problems at Highland High School and in their neighborhood. The residents had been in gang fights, had committed assaults with firearms and had been identified as leaders of a new gang. The property was determined to be substandard and the residents were removed. The collaboration between CNAU, the Gang Unit and SRO personnel proved to be an effective crime prevention tool.
- The area command is working on a major project with the Safe City task force to combat problems in the San Mateo and Central area. Command staff had been looking for ways to reduce the calls for service at that intersection. Dayshift officers initiated a tac plan utilizing donated office space which allowed officers to observe criminal activity from a birds-eye point of view. Several arrests were made as a result of the tac plan and it will continue through February.
- The Southeast Impact Team was contacted by the Crimestoppers Unit who supplied information regarding the whereabouts of two wanted subjects. The two suspects might have been responsible for some of the auto burglaries of APD officers' vehicles where firearms were stolen. Both were taken into custody without incident.

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

- Foothills graveyard shift teams worked together to respond to a shooting in which a female victim was shot twice in the head. Working on a tip, several officers successfully took the suspect into custody. Graveyard shift officers conducted several tac plans which focused on traffic enforcement, drag racing and a local bar. Officers issued 707 moving citations, made 124 arrests (43 of them for felony offenses), and conducted 843 quality of life enforcements and referrals.
- Dayshift continued to monitor and issue citations during rush hour traffic. Several tac plans were conducted to address traffic enforcement, school zone enforcement, homeless outreach, and

illegal sales along Tramway. Watch II officers issued 681 moving citations, arrested 106 subjects (34 for felonies), and conducted 929 quality of life enforcements and referrals. PSAs continued to strictly enforce handicap parking regulations and vehicles that are illegally parked or abandoned.

- Foothills Impact Team officers busted a major auto burglary ring, resulting in 6 arrests.
- Watch III officers conducted tac plans to deter panhandling, traffic enforcement and illegal parking. Watch III officers issued 859 moving citations, arrested 175 subjects (41 for felonies), and conducted 1,275 quality of life enforcements and referrals.

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

- Dayshift officers conducted a tac plan to address aggressive panhandling along the frontage road and Interstate 40. Officers took a "zero tolerance" approach, issuing 49 citations for panhandling.
- Swing shift officers conducted an undercover operation to address prostitution, panhandlers, and narcotics. Officers made 2 arrests for prostitution, 1 arrest for assault, and 1 arrest for three misdemeanor warrants.
- Graveyard officers conducted a warrant round up in the San Jose area where recent activity indicated an influx of gang presence. Officers made arrests for 3 felony warrants and 5 misdemeanor warrants.
- Graveyard Team 8 initiated a temporary bike officer program which was very successful from its inception. During the first five minutes of riding bicycles on the first night, Officers Vollmer and Fox made a car stop which resulted in a narcotics arrest and the seizure of one handgun. The next night, they seized two more handguns and an AK-47 rifle. During the first two weeks of bike patrol, the officers made 3 felony arrests, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 1 DWI arrest, issued 7 traffic citations and 6 citations for excessive noise

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

- Team 2 officers conducted a tac plan in the area of Coors and Iliff, focusing on the hotels and motels clustered there, resulting in one felony and three misdemeanor arrests.
- In response to citizen complaints, officers from the area command conducted a tac plan at

Central and Atrisco. Ten offenders were cited. In another tac plan at Mountain View Skate Park, gang members were identified, graffiti referrals were made and APD provided a visible police presence at the park.

- In response to illegal dumping and stolen vehicle complaints, Officer Gunderson organized a tac plan for the mesa area west of Gibson Boulevard. Officer Gunderson recovered three stolen guns, five stolen vehicles, made three felony arrests for possession of stolen firearms and issued one felony warrant.
- Three individuals were arrested for auto burglary in the area command. The three targeted police vehicles. Several pieces of property were recovered.

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

- On January 30th, Officer Matthew Tinney and Officer James Burton responded to an auto burglary in progress. Officer Tinney quickly made contact with the caller who told him that she saw two males already inside her neighbor's Jeep. She said that she then saw them walk down the street and try to get into another vehicle. When the two males heard her exit her house, they ran. After a short struggle Officer Burton apprehended the runner while Officer Tinney detained the second offender. The offenders had burglarized numerous other vehicles in the area and caused damage to other property.
- Watch II conducted 28 tac plans in direct response to citizen's complaints of criminal activity.
- Officers Steward and Erickson arrested two subjects for auto burglary. The two have been linked to numerous other crimes in the area command.
- Officer Juarez located and arrested a suspect in a bank robbery at the Wells Fargo Bank at Coors/ Sequoia.
- Officer Erickson received APD's Uniformed Officer of the Month award from Chief Schultz.

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

- On January 21, Officer J. Marentes was dispatched to a call reporting that luggage with airport tags were thrown into a dumpster. Officer Marentes conducted an exhaustive investigation and identified three subjects who had been burglarizing local hotels. Officer

Marentes obtained video of all of the subjects handling the stolen merchandise and placing the luggage in a stolen vehicle (which she also recovered). Officer Marentes located two stolen satellite transmitters worth \$100,000 each.

- On January 4, Officer D. Moore responded to a report of a road rage incident along Louisiana NE. Upon arrival, Officer Moore spoke with the victim and confirmed that an unidentified male driving a white Ford F-150 had pulled a gun on the victim. The victim was able to get a license plate number. Using the information supplied by the victim, Officer Moore went to the offender's home address and located the vehicle which was trying to leave the area. A felony stop was conducted. A suspect was arrested for aggravated assault and a weapon was found inside the truck.
- On January 14, Officers Danny Anzo and Matt McElroy were dispatched to a disturbance call where they discovered an apartment fire on the third floor of the building. Officers evacuated residents from adjoining apartments and ensured that other apartments were vacant. A suspect was apprehended by Sergeant Larry Pocci, arrested and taken for a mental health evaluation.

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

- In January, the Major Crime Scene Team responded to three call-outs.
- The Photo Lab continued to print casework for the District Attorney's office and the Public Defender's office. The photo lab was also nominated for team of the month and will go before the selection committee in the near future.
- The Evidence Unit received over 4,174 evidence items for the month. Of those, 3,641 items were disposed, 359 notification letters were sent to property owners and 330 items were returned to their owners.

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

- In January, 96.9% of 911 calls received were answered within 10 seconds and 99% of 242-COPS calls were answered within 30 seconds. A standard established by a national 911 organization requires 90% of 911 calls be answered within 10 seconds. APD standards are 92.5% for 911 and 90% for 242-COPS.
- In 2008, the center handled over 800,000 incoming phone calls (300,000 911 calls; 500,000 242-COPS calls). The dramatic

improvement in center performance is seen clearly in the 2008 performance statistics when compared to 2007:

<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
911- 95.6%	911 - 83.4%
242-COPS - 97.0%	242-COPS - 89.2%

**Planning & Policy Division...**

- The Division continued to make progress on the design and construction of the department’s Sixth Area Command. Construction drawings and manuals were completed at the end of January and submitted to City staff for review.
- Planning section staff worked closely with Family Advocacy Center staff to submit an Office of Violence Against Women grant. The \$750,000 grant, if approved and awarded, will be used to encourage arrest policies and enforce protection orders in order to reduce the incidences of stalking and domestic violence.

**Open Space Division...**

- Open Space officers conducted multiple tac plans, including speed enforcement and removal of illegal camp sites in the Bosque.
- Open Space officers participated in two search and rescue call-outs, recovered 2 stolen vehicles and seized one DWI-related vehicle.

**Prisoner Transport Unit...**

- During January, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,855 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. APD arrested 1,512 prisoners and other agencies arrested 343 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 251 trips to the MDC and accepted 287 walk-in prisoners at the MDC. The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of January is \$38,601.46.

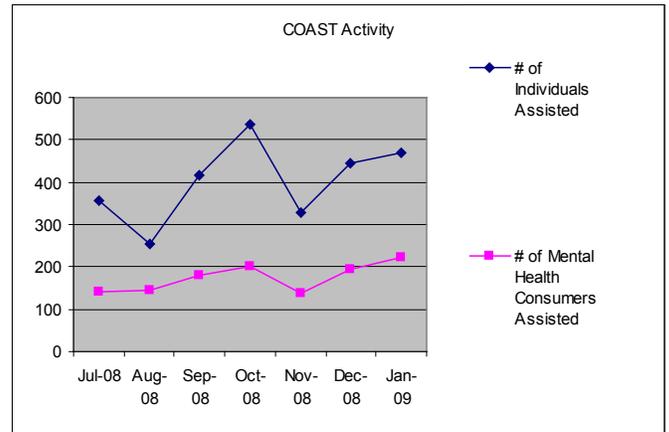
**Professional Standards Division...**

- In January, the Basic Training Unit instructed 42 police cadets in the 102nd cadet class. The class is schedule to graduate May 29. The Advanced Training Unit graduated 9 Police Service Aides from the 25th PSA class.
- The Recruiting Unit received 414 interest cards, attended 4 community events and 2 career fairs. The unit scheduled 246 applicants for weekend testing.
- The Background Unit conducted weekend testing on January 10 and January 31. The unit

tested 85 candidates and initiated 49 cadet files, 7 PSA files and 2 lateral files.

**Strategic Support Division...**

- In January, the division continued to advance the community policing web development goal, placing 48 incidents on the community policing interactive website. Eleven new registrations were received for the ARAPA website; 28 new registrations were received for the hotel/motel website; 1 new registration was received for the CICA website and 6 new registrations were received for the North I-25 website.
- Division staff met with Marcy Cook of the Uptown Progress Team about developing an interactive web site for the Uptown area. Ms. Cook collaborated with APD in the past to organize a crime prevention/business group and wanted a method to communicate public safety issues in the area.
- COAST met with Transitional Living Services (TLS) staff and discussed how TLS can better work with APD/COAST and CIT to serve the needs of their clients.



- Division staff assisted Coalition to End Homelessness with a point-in-time street count of the homeless to determine HUD Continuum of Care funding. The count used five outreach events spread over four days at hours ranging from 0500 to 1900 hours in all quadrants of the city. COAST members, APD officers and workers from HCH and St. Martin’s assisted in the effort.

**Metro Division...**

- The Traffic Section conducted three police escorts and conducted numerous traffic tac plans that resulted in hundreds of citations.

The division continues to work with APD area commands to address traffic issues specific to their areas.

- The Bomb Squad responded to a call from a local post office about a suspicious briefcase that was left next to the drive-up mailboxes. Robots were used to try to open the case. When it was unsuccessful, X-rays were used and the case was determined not to contain explosives.
- The Bomb Squad was called to Sandia High School in reference to chemical bombs. One bomb had exploded and two others were found that had not. Officer Williamson determined that the offenders were related to a previous call from a retailer who noticed the offenders buying materials to make chemical bombs. Using the surveillance video from the store, the offenders were identified and arrested.
- The DWI Unit conducted three sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 24 DWI arrests and four seized vehicles. The DWI Seizure Unit checked in 232 vehicles, booted 54 vehicles, returned 82 vehicles, and auctioned 122 vehicles, resulting in a total of \$208,986.50.

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

- Valley Narcotics executed a search warrant in the Southeast Area Command that netted half an ounce of crack cocaine, two handguns and \$6,200 in cash. The FBI took possession of the money and the offender was booked on narcotics charges as well as being a felon in possession of a firearm.
- Eastside Narcotics served a search warrant at a northeast Albuquerque residence. In process of searching the house, a methamphetamine lab was located. It was rendered safe without incident, and two subjects inside the house were booked on seven outstanding felony warrants.
- Westside Narcotics served a search warrant at a northwest Albuquerque residence. During the search, two and a half pounds of high-grade marijuana worth an estimated \$9,000 and one handgun was seized.
- The Gang Unit made 11 felony arrests in January and cleared 8 felony warrants. The unit spearheaded the "Memphis Boys" investigation and made multiple arrests in the investigation, including the suspected ringleader.
- The ROP Unit continues to lead the way in addressing bank robberies in Albuquerque. In January, the unit arrested five subjects who were

suspected of committing up to 25 robberies. The unit also made 12 high-profile felony arrests.

- The Vice Unit conducted a massage parlor operation, assisted the Gang Unit with surveillance on a homicide suspect, and made 7 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests.
- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Units recovered \$452,002 worth of stolen vehicles in January. The Auto Theft Unit did one VIN etching event during the month, etching 215 vehicles. This was the most vehicles APD has ever etched in one event.
- Field officers responded to a loud party call and while they were there they found several motorcycles on the property with their VIN numbers ground off. Detectives searched a search warrant on the property and located five stolen motorcycles and a Cadillac Escalade with altered VIN numbers. Two suspects were identified and several burglary and auto theft cases will be cleared because of the investigation.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit investigated a case involving embezzlement of money from a local business by the business's bookkeeper. The owner of the company performed an audit and realized that the bookkeeper had indeed embezzled money from the company. WCCU officers promptly arrested her. During the investigation, the general manager was found to have also embezzled money from the company and he was also arrested.
- The Burglary Unit obtained an arrest warrant for Timothy Duncan, who was mistakenly released by the Los Lunas Correctional Facility. Unit detectives lured Duncan into arriving at a pre-arranged site, where he was apprehended.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 147 tips in January, resulting in 7 arrests.
- The Homicide Unit responded to four violent crime call-outs in January.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 22 cases and submitted 12 cases to the District Attorney's office in January.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 5 sex crimes call-outs, assisted with 4 violent crime call-outs, and cleared 25 cases, sending 12 of those to the District Attorney's office. The FASTT Unit cleared 16 cases this month with four of those going to the District Attorney's office.

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