

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report July 2008



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Several surveillance tactical plans were conducted resulting in numerous felony arrests. A “reversal” operation was jointly conducted with Eastside Narcotics resulting in nine arrests. A night burglary tactical plan resulted in the arrest of a suspicious person who had an outstanding manslaughter warrant. A surveillance operation also resulted in the discovery of a ring producing fake NM identification cards and forged checks.
- Southeast officers assisted with many community events in July, including celebrations at Mesa Verde and Netherwood parks, Mom’s Club at Loma Linda Community Center, Lowell Elementary School Festival and the Mariachi Spectacular at the Veterans Memorial.

Foothills Area Command...

- Officers have been working with Hotel Circle businesses, COAST, the Northeast Area Command, and APD Strategic Planning to address panhandling and other types of crimes affecting the businesses. Those businesses have seen a decrease in problems since the initiative began.
- Day shift conducted 10 tact plans with high visibility throughout the Foothills Area Command, which included patrolling parks and libraries, as well as monitoring illegal loitering around hotel/motel areas. Watch II issued 625 moving citations, arrested 131 subjects (36 felony), conducted quality of life enforcement and made 953 referrals.
- The Impact Team spent the month working a citywide armed robbery tact plan. Detectives continued to investigate recent Foothills robberies, conducted photo arrays and worked with Crime Stoppers to identify offenders. The Impact Team assisted/arrested six subjects for armed robbery.

Valley Area Command...

- Dayshift officers initiated a tact plan to address the criminal activity in Coronado, Robinson, and Columbus Parks. The operation resulted in 20 misdemeanor arrests, 1 felony arrest, and 7 misdemeanor citations.
- Swing shift officers conducted multiple traffic tact plans in July to address community

complaints of speeding. They were located at Guadalupe Trail/Bayita Pl, Alameda/Railroad Tracks, 5th/I40, and 6th/I40.

- Graveyard officers Rico, Hensley, and Trujillo obtained a search warrant in conjunction with Valley Narcotics which resulted in the seizure of 1,200 pounds of marijuana.
- Swing shift officers continue to address the criminal activity in the Los Duranes neighborhood. Sgt. Todd Hudson helped coordinate a joint effort between the City and area residents to trim back trees in order to increase the lighting and reduce hiding places for drug use in the park.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officers conducted a tactical plan at Sage and Sapphire the entire month, resulting in over 300 citations. The operation targeted speeders in response to complaints by the community about the area.
- A chase began at Central and Atrisco that involved several area commands. The chase was due to a female removing her two children from CYFD. The female was arrested and later charged due to her involvement in several armed robberies with her boyfriend.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I conducted 14 continuous traffic enforcement and park patrol tactical plans, which resulted in 308 citations being issued for various violations in and around high-traffic areas.
- Sgt. A. Sedillo and officers from Team 8 were able to locate and apprehend 6 auto burglars who had committed a number of auto burglaries over the last month.
- Watch III conducted 22 continuous criminal activity tact plans ranging from purse snatching surveillance to parking enforcement issues at “big box” stores throughout the Coors corridor. Numerous individuals and 4 warrants were served during these operations.
- Narcotics use and disruptive behavior at the skate park on Coors Bypass was handled with a day to day tactical operation. Watch III officers took the opportunity to visit face-to-face with parents picking up or dropping off their children at the skate park to instruct them about bike and skateboard safety, as well as general safety practices.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officer Dave Parsons responded to a residential burglary call. A 13-year old girl was in the home at the time of the burglary and was calling while the burglar was in the residence. The girl remained on the line with the 9-1-1 operator until the officers arrived and apprehended the burglar. This burglar is a suspect in several other burglaries in the Northeast Area Command.
- Officer Lopez responded to a hit and run accident at Montgomery and San Mateo. One of the vehicles involved was a rental car and the offender used a false identity. Officer Lopez used his investigative skills to identify and track the offender down, leading to a nearby hotel where three other felony arrests were made for parole violations. A computer used to manufacture fake identification cards and nearly \$17,000 was seized.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to eight call-outs.
- A purchase order for a new mobile crime van was completed and delivery of the van is expected during the fall of 2008.
- The next Citizen CSI class is slated to start on September 3, 2008. Detectives and lab personnel are preparing for the 10-week class.

Communications Division...

- COAST provided six briefing sessions for all the 911 center employees to familiarize the staff with how they operate, when they should be called on an issue, and so on. They spoke to the 0630, 1430 and 2230 shifts on two separate days.
- All 911 positions (61) are filled and employees have completed training. Of the 51 authorized dispatch positions, 33 positions are filled with trained employees with another 15 employees in training and two on military leave. The 33 trained employees are committed to working overtime to ensure the center has all radio positions covered.
- All console equipment was serviced by the manufacturer under warranty, increasing the ability for employees to sit or stand while at their positions.

Homeland Security Division...

- The Division received an award from the FBI for the Division's work in breaking up a counterfeit

driver's license ring.

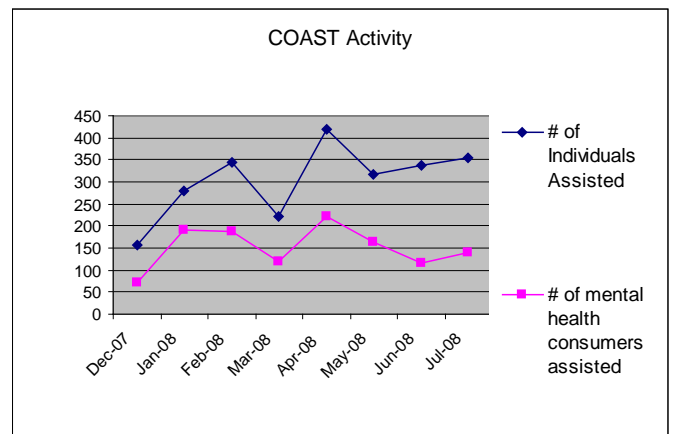
- Homeland Security officers provided instruction in joint agency training with the FBI team from Albuquerque on fugitive tracking and overland movement.

Planning & Policy Division...

- Collected data for the FY08 Performance Plan.
- Developed a proposal for a literacy program for local youths and for children under duress.
- Drafted a plan to reduce APD's fuel consumption by 10% or more.
- Developed an automated timesheet that will aid APD in processing grants and payroll; a pilot project with several APD units is expected soon.

Strategic Support Division...

- The Safe City Team attended a briefing with Traffic Engineering to discuss monitoring cameras and utilization of technology in the Safe City project area.
- The Safe City project will be celebrating the Safe City project's first anniversary at the August 5 National Night Out event. The event will be held at Triangle Park, where the APD Triangle Minisubstation is located. In conjunction with that event, a VIN etching will be held.
- Approvals for ARAPA membership to the website began in June. APD will ask ARAPA partners to use the alert submittal system for discussion at the July meeting. The web developer (Netsential) has been able to develop a live incident mapping for ARAPA alerts to populate a map when submitted.



- The first SIP candidate remained in treatment in Turquoise Lodge during the month of July, giving this person over 30 days of sobriety. This individual was homeless, living on the

streets of Albuquerque, for over 17 years.

This person has had 176 documented contacts with law enforcement and the criminal justice system since 1993. Although progress in the SIP program can only be measured day by day, this candidate appears to be committed to sobriety and motivated to staying out of jail.

Open Space Division...

- Officers participated in a seven-day tact plan centered around the July 4th holiday.
- Officers conducted 70 City pool checks.
- Officer set up and guided SAR team members on multi-pitch climb providing instruction on advanced anchor construction in the Sandia Mountains.
- Officers served as team leaders on ARRT SAR missions, rescues and evacuations of injured hikers, and a NMNG helicopter pick-off in the Sandia Mountains.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During July 2008, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1725 prisoners. The Albuquerque Police Department processed 1415 prisoners and other agencies processed 310 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Transport Unit made 232 trips to MDC and accepted 109 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The PTU provided 60 hours of additional service in July by operating on Tuesdays from 1400 hours - 0400 hours. The additional overtime hours are being funded under the DWI Seizure account.
- The savings in man hours and fuel costs for July totaled \$49,721.53.

Professional Standards Division...

- In the Basic Training Unit, 39 cadets remain in the 100th cadet class and 38 cadets remain in the 101st cadet class. The mentor program and warm-up week are proving to be a huge success. The State Academy and all of the satellite academies throughout the state are reviewing this program.
- The Firearms West Range trained approximately 789 personnel. The Tactical Range trained approximately 854 individuals.
- The Recruiting Unit received 332 interest cards, 130 possible recruits signed up to test, and 54 actually showed to test. The Unit also attended 6 community events/ recruiting functions during

the month of July.

Metro Division...

- The Traffic Unit managed the traffic into and out of the Balloon Fiesta Park for the Freedom 4th celebration. Despite record crowds, the operation went well.
- The Horse Mounted Unit used the month to prepare the horses and officers for an intensive training academy in Flagstaff, AZ. The training will include basic and advanced equitation, duress training, and general obstacle control.
- The Bomb Squad responded to several "post blasts" of mailboxes in the NW area of the City.
- SWAT participated in several dignitary protection duties and assisted in the serving of six high-risk warrants.
- The DWI Unit arrested 246 people for DWI, 59 of which resulted in seized vehicles.
- The Air Support Unit assisted the Field Services Bureau in apprehending four felony offenders. The Air Support Unit also won the 2008 FLIR Vision award, the second time that APD has won the award. The \$1,000 award will be donated to All Faith's Receiving Home on behalf of the Unit.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Homicide Unit responded to eight violent crime call-outs in July.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 17 cases and submitted two cases to the DA's Office.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 10 sex crime call-outs. The Unit cleared 40 cases, with 14 of those going to the DA's Office.
- The Auto Theft and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$761,932 worth of stolen vehicles. The Auto Theft Unit conducted one VIN etching event, and approximately 15 cars were etched. The Auto Theft Unit also arrested several auto thieves. They also recovered one stolen firearm and approximately 30 rocks of crack cocaine.
- Burglary Unit detectives assisted Valley field officers to arrest several people who were involved in a string of home invasions where they identified themselves as police.
- Valley Narcotics suspected a truck was smuggling marijuana. The subsequent warrant resulted in the seizure of 1,090 pounds of marijuana as well as a handgun and the truck that was transporting the drug.

Trend Analysts

