

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report July 2009



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast Area Command officers and support staff participated in several community events this month including the Kirtland Addition Homecoming Parade and the Nob Hill 5k Fun Run. Both of these events were well represented by officers, the mobile substation and Crime Prevention staff.
- The Area Command had a very busy month; providing presentations to schools, daycare facilities, neighborhood associations and conducting field briefings at problematic locations throughout the Command. Area Command officers continued to focus on noise ordinance violations and wrote several hundred quality of life citations.
- The Southeast Area Command Impact Team continued to do excellent work and has been called upon by ARAPA and Crime Stoppers on numerous occasions to track down and arrest offenders that were identified but had managed to avoid apprehension.
- Area Command officers worked with ABQ Ride security personnel to rid Rapid Ride bus stops of panhandlers and intoxicated subjects. The ABQ Ride security officers provided the command with a list of subjects who have been given criminal trespass notices so area command officers can easily identify repeat offenders and cite or arrest them for criminal trespass. The combined efforts of two City departments have proven to be an effective tool.

Foothills Area Command...

- Graveyard shift officers held regular field briefings and tact plans at various points along Montgomery and Tramway in reference to high traffic volumes and speeding. Watch I officers conducted several tac plans that focused on quality of life issues including vandalism, panhandlers and auto burglary. Watch I officers issued 723 moving citations and made 83 arrests, 38 of which were felonies.
- Watch II officers issued 557 moving citations, 39 felony arrests, 63 misdemeanor arrests, and 5 domestic violence arrests. 13 criminal summonses were issued. Watch II officers conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals. Officers continued to enforce the aggressive panhandling ordinance and assist transients with help when needed. Speed

monitors were placed at high traffic areas to assist with speed and traffic safety issues.

- The Foothills Impact Team conducted briefings and attended field briefings on a regular basis. The Impact Team conducted eight search warrants, three arrest warrants and submitted 20 cases to the District Attorney's Office. Nine cases were cleared by arrests and 16 were cleared exceptionally.
- Watch III officers continued implementing the Business Relationship Improvement Plan with businesses throughout the command. Several tac plans were conducted that focused on driving violations in residential areas. Other tac plans included patrolling area parks and shopping centers to discourage panhandling and other criminal activity. Watch III officers issued 1,463 moving citations, arrested 219 subjects (73 felony), and conducted 1,818 quality of life enforcement and referrals.

Valley Area Command...

- Officers from all watches participated in a tac plan focused specifically on Downtown. Officers' emphasized enforcement of noise ordinance violations and panhandling. During the month of July, officers issued 280 loud music citations, 70 loud motorcycle noise citations, 33 vehicle noise citations, and 808 miscellaneous traffic citations. Officers also took enforcement action on 157 panhandling violations. The hard work of the officers has improved the environment in the Downtown area.
- Impact Team detectives received information from community members about possible narcotic trafficking at Martinez Town Park. Detectives quickly initiated an undercover operation and arrested two male adults for drug trafficking within the same week of receiving the complaint.
- Dayshift officers conducted multiple traffic tac plans in response to citizen complaints.
- Swing shift officers from Team 6 responded to a breaking and entering in progress. Upon arrival, officers witnessed the offender run from the house. After a foot chase, the offender was captured. The offender was also found to be in possession of narcotics. The officers conducted a complete investigation and submitted the case to the DA's office for prosecution.
- Graveyard officers continue to conduct occasional self-initiated bike patrols in the Downtown area. Their efforts resulted in 56

misdeemeanor citations and 6 misdemeanor arrests.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officers S. Candelaria, J. Carrasco, K. Toadacheenie and C. Seidel conducted a tac plan in Westgate focused on curtailing gang criminal activity taking place in neighborhood parks. Operation Westgate Storm resulted in one felony arrest for a felony warrant and added charges; one felony arrest warrant for aggravated assault; two towed vehicles; eight traffic citations and the recovery of a shotgun.
- Area Command officers conducted a tac plan to address complaints of motorists speeding on Sage SW, between 98th Street and Unser Boulevard. Officers issued 38 citations. Another tac plan on 98th Street netted 49 citations.
- Officers Carr and Guillory conducted a tac plan to combat ATV violations in the area of Anderson Hills. Officer Carr issued six citations and towed three ATVs from the area.
- Officers Brokaw, Hernandez and Guillory were able to identify and arrest a male subject who attempted to rob a local bank.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch 1 had their highest arrest totals of the year, netting 28 felony and 152 misdemeanor/domestic violence arrests. Traffic enforcement statistics were the highest of 2009 as well, with 1,070 moving citations and 83 DWI arrests.
- In conjunction with Crime Prevention Specialist Pete Gelabert, Watch 1 conducted an illegal parking plan near Eagle Ranch NW that resulted in numerous citations.
- Watch 2 issued 895 citations. Many of the citations were issued due to citizen's complaints and the related traffic enforcement tactical plans initiated.
- Watch 3 personnel utilized bait cars and unmarked vehicles to combat burglaries in Beats 637 and 639. The Impact Team also focused on the two beats, making several arrests. The ongoing investigation tied the offenders to multiple burglaries in the area.

Northeast Area Command...

- The Domingo Baca Skatepark at Corona/Wyoming N.E. has opened to the public. Almost immediately, the Area Command began receiving complaints of vandalism to equipment, graffiti and disturbances. Bike Patrol officers

were put on notice to make skateparks within the area command a high priority. Officers Keiper, Montgomery, Carter and Solis conducted a tac plan during the month of July. Graffiti referrals, citations, security and positive police/citizen contacts were enacted during the operation. The area command has received several positive comments from parents who appreciated the police presence.

- Officer Simon Drobik worked with businesses in the area of Menaul and Wyoming NE and addressed concerns of vagrancy, disorderly conduct, and larcenies. He wrote 93 misdemeanor, parking, and moving citations during the month in the area.
- On July 26, 2009 Officer William Harris and Sergeant Jim Fox located two children, ages four and six, who were reported missing by their mother from a local hotel. Due to the officer's fast response and quick actions, they located both children in the room of a male offender who was in the initial stages of molesting them. The children were safely returned to their mother and the offender was charged.
- Area Command officers were dispatched to the Wal-Mart at Academy and Wyoming to apprehend a male subject who had stolen high-end electronics and was trying to escape the store by crawling up to the roof of the garden center. The subject was monitored by store security until officers arrived and set up a perimeter. The subject stashed his stolen items, cut his way through the fabric covering of the garden center roof and then ran back in to the store. Once in the store, Officer Middleton pursued him down several aisles, where he was apprehended. The subject was taken into custody by officers.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Field Investigation Unit continued to have a very busy month. Dayshift officers responded to 414 calls, swing shift officers 478 calls and graveyard 401 calls, for a total of 1,293 calls between the three teams. The teams also responded to 68 field service calls. While at the calls, the FI's/FET's collected numerous items of evidentiary value. They archived a large amount of latent fingerprints, and created 497 photo CDs.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,864 items-5,809 items disposed, 304 notification letters were sent to property owners and 222 items

were returned to owners.

- The Identification Unit processed 971 fingerprints into the AFIS and TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 210 employment and 36 firearms background checks.

Communications Division...

- In July, the staff of the 911 Emergency Communications Center answered over 73,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS phone calls. Of these calls, over 25,000 were 911 calls and 48,000 were 242-COPS calls. A total of 94.88% of the 911 calls were answered within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%) and 97.74% of the 242-COPS calls were answered within 30 seconds (APD goal 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- Five new employees completed classroom training at the end of July. Over 200 applications for 911 Operator positions were accepted in July. Testing and interviews of qualified candidates will begin in August.
- The APD 911 Center is hosting and participating in a statewide work group to determine the best methods for development of a more advanced 911 infrastructure in New Mexico. 911 needs to meet the technical demands of a mobile society and this group is working with engineers and industry professionals to develop a network prepared to handle text, video and other technologies flooding the market.

Planning & Policy Division...

- APD advertised its intent to receive bids for the construction of the Sixth Area Command on July 29th. The advertisement will be posted again on August 5th. All bids are required to be received by August 25th. Construction on the new facility is expected to begin in early 2010.
- The Planning Section applied for a \$500,000 2009 COPS Technology Grant. The grant package includes funding for a technology staff, computers for the Communications Center and a new server. The Section also received award documents for the 2009 Recovery Act JAG grant which totaled \$2.8 million dollars. The grant will primarily be used to fund six critical positions within the Department.

Open Space Division...

- Open Space Division officers conducted 300

hours of patrol during the Bosque Fire Patrol tac plan.

- On July 22, Division officers conducted an ATV tac plan, issuing four citations.
- On July 24, Division officers conducted a traffic enforcement tac plan, issuing 30 citations.
- During the month of July, Division officers conducted 250 City park checks and 100 City pool checks.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During the month of July 2009, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,891 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1579 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 312 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 250 trips to MDC and accepted 224 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The Prisoner Transport Unit participated in one tac plan in the month of July. The PTU assisted BCSO at the Journal Pavilion for a concert on Tuesday July 14th. The operation generated no arrests.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of July was \$37,099.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Basic Training Unit maintained 22 cadets in the 103rd Cadet Class. The class is expected to graduate October 16, 2009.
- The Advanced Training Unit started the 22nd Lateral Class, consisting of four laterals that will graduate on August 7, 2009.
- The Background Unit worked 66 background files, including 62 cadet files for the 104th Cadet Class. The Unit tested 86 prospective recruits on July 18th and 19th; 14 candidates were selected and seated for the 104th Cadet Class.
- The Recruiting Unit received 388 Interest Cards in July. The Unit also attended three career fairs and four community events.

Strategic Support Division...

- Planning continued to include the Safe City area at Central and San Mateo to be involved with National Night Out on August 5. Walgreens has volunteered the use of their southern parking lot along Central. Division staff worked with ARAPA and PSP members to make this one of three locations where APD will profile citizens and businesses working together for a safer community.

- Chief Schultz and Karen Fischer were invited by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to attend an Executive Session to discuss best practices related to Safe City programs that have been implemented in select jurisdictions across the country. The PERF-sponsored event was held at Target Corporate headquarters in Minneapolis, MN and provided an opportunity to discuss the success of the community policing partnerships that are part of APD's Safe City and CONNECT initiatives. From this session, PERF will be publishing a best practices document that will be distributed to other jurisdictions who are looking to implement similar programs.
- In July 2009, 37 incidents were placed on the community policing interactive web site by a combination of business partners and APD personnel. Of the alerts, 24 were from ARAPA partners; two by hotel/motel partners; eight by FISOA partners; one by North I25 partners; and two from CICA.

Records Section...

- The Data Entry Unit entered 7,302 reports in July.
- The UCR Unit made 4,171 UCR modifications in July.
- CopLogic saved APD an estimated \$13,200 in July, saving 294 hours of officer time on 330 reports.
- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,866 reports in July.

Metro Division...

- The Horse Mounted Unit patrolled the Freedom Fourth celebration at Balloon Fiesta Park. The Unit also spent seven patrol days in the Bosque.
- The Bomb Squad was called to a Southwest Albuquerque location in response to a pipe bomb in a truck. The pipe bomb was collected and preserved for evidentiary purposes. The Squad also responded to a call near Highway 337. Two suspicious backpacks were thrown into the back of a truck. When the owner of the truck threw one of the backpacks onto the ground, it started to smolder. When the Bomb Squad arrived, x-rays of the backpacks showed that they were part of a mobile meth lab.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 74 building searches, 21 area searches and had six apprehensions.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Unit

- recovered \$582,805 worth of stolen vehicles in July. The Auto Theft Unit held two VIN etching events during the month, marking over 70 vehicles. The Auto Theft Unit arrested two prolific motorcycle thieves based on video of a crime from Presbyterian Hospital. The Unit worked closely with heavy equipment rental agencies to deter theft of construction equipment. The program netted 10 offenders in July, and cleared additional related cases.
- Detective Chamber worked with the Secret Service on a fraud and racketeering case involving several offenders who were defrauding victims statewide. White Collar detectives executed multiple search warrants and three suspects were arrested. The suspects were responsible for nearly two million dollars worth of theft based on fraudulent schemes. More arrests are pending.
- The Burglary Unit arrested several juvenile repeat offenders in July. A Top-5 offender who is 18 years old was arrested. He was also listed as a Crime Stoppers Fugitive of the Week. His 14 year old brother is a known burglar as well. Career criminal and Top-5 offender David Moya was arrested after he committed a residential burglary. Neighbors observed him break into a home. When police arrived, he tried to flee in a vehicle, attempting to run over pursuing officers. He was later apprehended as he fled on foot.
- The Pawn Shop Unit began to run every item pawned item that has a serial number through APD's system to see if it was reported stolen. The Unit sends the information to all Impact sergeants for investigative purposes.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 228 tips in July. Six suspects were arrested based on Crime Stoppers tips. A Crime Stoppers tip located a Fugitive of the Week who had four felony warrants. Another tip located two offenders in Roswell who had murdered a 14-year-old juvenile in Albuquerque's Southwest Area Command.
- The Homicide Unit responded to eight violent crime callouts this month. Four cases were submitted to the District Attorney's Office.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 27 cases and submitted 16 cases to the District Attorney's Office this month. The Unit made nine felony arrests.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to six sex crimes callouts. The Unit cleared 39 cases in July, with 10 of those going to the District

Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit made 47 referrals to the provider side of the Family Advocacy Center.

- Valley Narcotics conducted a buy/bust in the Southwest Area Command. Twenty-seven balloons of heroin were seized. Valley Narcotics helped dismantle a mobile anhydrous ammonia meth lab in the Northeast Area Command.
- Eastside Narcotics officers arrested two career criminals with past arrests for forgery, fraud, auto theft and narcotics.
- Westside Narcotics served two warrants, utilizing SWAT. During the warrant service, heroin and a simulated explosive device were seized.
- The Gang Unit completed seven warrant arrests in July while assisting on six homicide callouts. The Unit located two criminals in Roswell, NM who are suspects in the murder of a 14-year-old boy in southwest Albuquerque.
- The ROP Unit made 11 felony arrests, including three homicide offenders. The trio were in possession of 14 stolen firearms and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.
- The Vice Unit conducted several operations during the month, making 38 arrests, six of which were felonies.

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