

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report June 2008



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Area Command participated in Juneteenth celebrations. The Kirkland Addition held its annual event at the Thomas Bell Community Center and there was a new event this year at 111 Hermosa SE. Both events were a big success.
- The zero-tolerance initiative that the SE has implemented has had a huge impact on panhandling and transient-related incidents. Officers wrote over 175 drinking in public citations/arrests, 75 panhandling citations/arrests and 296 criminal trespass orders and/or citations/arrests.
- Officers participated in several community events at various locations throughout the area including Aspen Ridge Apartments and the Fair Heights neighborhood. SE's bike units assisted with a pool and bike safety event for children.

Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills has been working with Hotel Circle businesses, COAST, the Northeast Area Command, and APD strategic support to address panhandling and other types of crimes affecting the businesses. Tact plans included speeding enforcement throughout the command, warrant roundups, illegal loitering near Hotel Circle, and welfare checks at City of Albuquerque libraries. Tact plans were at the request of neighborhood associations and business owners. Businesses have seen a decrease in problems since the initiative began.
- Tact plans were conducted on Montgomery between Tramway and Eubank, responding to citizen complaints of drag racing and loitering. These resulted in several citations and towed vehicles.
- Officers along with K-9 conducted operations which led to arrests and recovery of thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise at the RV wholesale businesses along Central.
- Watch II issued 645 moving citations, arrested 97 subjects (34 felony), and conducted 1,020 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- Officers coordinated and participated in a large skateboarding event on June 21st with the assistance of the traffic unit. The event was a great success with 500 citizens participating in the event. Officers have also been manning

shifts at the Manzano Mesa Community Center for the "Teen Night Out" program. There have been no problems, with positive feedback on the security efforts.

Valley Area Command...

- Swingshift officers have been working very hard to address the problems associated with cruising in the Downtown area. The weekend tact plan has resulted in 1,899 traffic citations so far. There has been a significant decrease in traffic congestion and noise as a result of the tact plan.
- Dayshift officers conducted multiple speeding tact plans in the areas of Rio Grande/Luke, Coal/Walter, 12th/Iron, 5th/Haines, Lulac/Mountain, and in the Vista Del Norte Neighborhood. These areas were selected as a result of resident complaints.
- Graveyard officers conducted a tact plan targeting drag racers in the Renaissance area. Officers issued 43 citations, towed 3 vehicles, and seized a gun.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officers concentrated enforcement at Mountain View Park due to complaints of increased drug activity, resulting in five citations and one arrest.
- A field briefing was conducted at Pro's Ranch Market. The location held its grand opening and there were very heavy crowds.
- The area command continued to concentrate on the Coors/Central area. In the latest tact plans, many citations were issued. In addition, numerous arrests for felony and misdemeanor warrants were executed.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officers participated in a tact plan in the area of La Cueva High School. This tact plan is to address vandalism and auto burglaries. The tact plan began in the middle of June 2008 and is expected to run through the end of July 2008.
- Officer Bryan Price and Officer Chermaine Carter had numerous contacts with transients/homeless in Los Altos Park as part of an outreach program to stop them from living in the park. As part of a joint tact plan with the Foothills Area Command, Officer Price and Officer Carter then issued criminal trespass notices to several subjects in the surrounding area. Both officers continue to work toward the goal of eliminating the transients from living in

the park.

- Officer Ferris Simmons arrested a male suspect for shoplifting and possession of drug paraphernalia. Based on the subject's behavior during her contact with him and other incidents he was a suspect in, she felt he might be a sexual predator. Officer Simmons tagged his marijuana pipe into evidence and requested that his DNA be run through CODIS. On June 16, 2008, she was advised that CODIS had two hits on him in unsolved criminal sexual penetration and kidnapping cases. Due to her diligence, the suspect was charged with those crimes.

Northwest Area Command...

- Six major POP tact plans have been implemented at apartment complexes within our command. All six facilities rank in the top 10 for calls for service. Each complex is being reviewed for Crime Free Multi Housing certification issues along with any type of nuisance violations. Contact was made with all apartment management agencies. They were warned and notified of our efforts.
- The area command is conducting a panhandling tact plan that will run daily during the summer.
- Northwest area officers are conducting a fugitive dust tact plan in the area of Paseo Del Norte/ Universe. This tact plan engages individuals who are riding ATVs, dirt bikes or any other type of off-road vehicle in the area.
- Officers cited vehicles on unincorporated or undeveloped lots which have been placed there for sale or advertisement. The tact plan included citations and red-tagging efforts.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to three call-outs.
- The Evidence Unit received over 4,044 items, 1,823 items disposed, 441 notification letters were sent to property owners and 533 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The 911 Communications Center continues to far exceed established national standards for the answering of 911 calls. In June of 2008, 97.83% of 911 calls were answered by center staff within 10 seconds. This brings the 2007/2008 fiscal year performance level to an average of 95.66%! Congratulations goes to the 911 Center employees who achieved this

exceptional performance level.

- During the month of June, all employees attended a briefing session to review proper body ergonomics and how to best utilize the chairs and console equipment to prevent eye strain and repetitive motion injuries.

Homeland Security Division...

- Participated in the planning and oversight of the Great Raft Race Down the Rio Grande.
- Assisted the Bomb Unit, the Auto Theft Unit and the Valley Impact Team on various issues.
- Assisted Bomb Unit with investigation into incident at Federal Courthouse and death that occurred when a pipe bomb exploded.

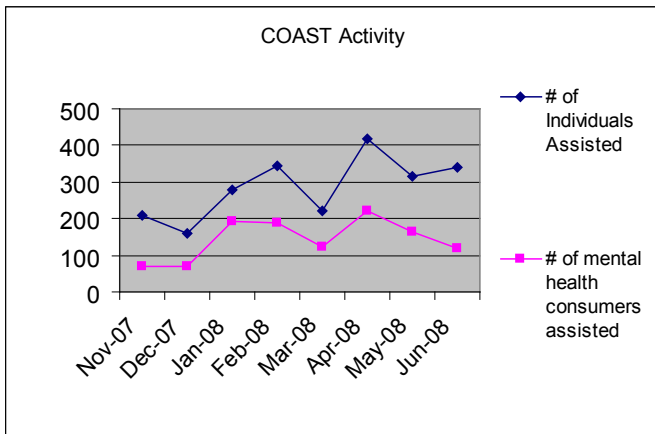
Planning & Policy Division...

- In June, the Inspections / Accreditation Unit underwent their CALEA mock assessment in preparation for their on-site accreditation in December. The assessors found a few items that APD needs to work on, but overall the Department is on-track to receive their sixth accreditation.
- Submitted applications for two technology grants that total over \$2.2 million dollars.
- Resolved a permit issue to allow a remodeling project at the NE substation to continue. The project will convert two offices into a unisex locker room.

Strategic Support Division...

- The Safe City Team responsible for installing monitoring cameras in the project area are reviewing the cameras that traffic engineering uses to monitor traffic load and patterns around the City. The Team indicated that they provide good visibility, and would meet the needs of the project area. The team is awaiting word from traffic engineering as to whether the video system contractor (Siemens) can design the software to allow for the camera "alert" system.
- At the June Safe City meeting, there was discussion about celebrating the Safe City project's first anniversary at the August 5, National Night Out event.
- APD staff met with representatives from the Associated Builders and Contractors to discuss the next possible steps towards building a partnership with members of the contracting industry. The industry representatives will follow up in identifying the crime concerns that are frequent within their industry so that APD

can develop an alert system that is relevant for the crime that impacts the sector.



- Attended the Greater Albuquerque Innkeepers Association (GAIA) general membership meeting on June 19, and following the general membership meeting, APD staff conducted a focus group with interested hotel/motel general managers to identify the crime concerns that impact this market sector.
- Approvals for ARAPA membership to the website began in June. The web developer (Netsential), has been able to develop live incident mapping for ARAPA alerts.

Open Space Division...

- Officers started Bosque Fire Tact Plan/ 12 hrs patrols (6/30).
- Dive Team worked along with assisting agencies provided enforcement and coverage for the "Great Raft Race Down the Rio Grande" (6/7).
- Seven total calls for service taken in Air 5, two 27-3 perimeters worked (6/13, 6/27), and one 27-5 perimeter worked (6/13).

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- Transported 1,678 prisoners to the MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of May was \$47,055.48.
- The PTU participated in two tac plans in the month of June. The first tac plan was a Valley Area Command warrant operation on Bridge and 8th St. SW. The PTU provided services for 5 hours and processed 7 misdemeanor arrestees. The second tac plan was on June 21st in a Southwest Area Command felony warrant operation. The PTU provided 10 hours of services from the command post located at 101 Coors Blvd. SW and processed 27 felony

warrant arrestees.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Recruiting Unit received 319 interest cards, and signed 168 up to test. Sixty-two candidates tested. The Unit attended three career fairs and six community events.
- There are 40 cadets in the 100th cadet class.
- The Advanced Training Unit graduated one lateral officer, three SROs and one re-hire.

Metro Division...

- Traffic Unit staff met to plan operations for the Fourth of July and Balloon Fiesta celebrations.
- The Bomb Squad was called to the Downtown area in reference to a suspicious car parked next to the federal courthouse. An explosive-detecting dog indicated that an explosive material was in the car. After evacuations were conducted, Bomb Squad staff used two robots to remove items from the vehicle. No bombs were found, but three large ice packs were located and found to contain ammonium nitrate.
- SWAT purchased two new police service dogs.
- The DWI Unit conducted four sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 72 DWI arrests and 5 seizures.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- Valley Narcotics detectives stopped a vehicle near 2nd and Menaul for a traffic violation. Through investigation, a quarter kilo of cocaine was found concealed in the vehicle. The vehicle was seized and the two occupants were arrested.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit worked closely with the Burglary Unit to break up and arrest a ring stealing telephones throughout the city.
- The Vice Unit made 101 arrests in June.
- Auto Theft Unit detectives created an auto theft investigators course at the APD Academy. The certified 24-hour course was attended by 27 students from multiple jurisdictions.
- Detective Fassler from the Auto Theft Unit recovered a piece of pottery that was over 1,000 years old at the home of a suspect. The pottery was donated to the Albuquerque Museum.
- Burglary Unit detectives spent hundreds of hours on surveillance and investigation into the T-Mobile burglaries, resulting in 8 subjects in custody and 20 cell phones recovered.

Trend Analysts

