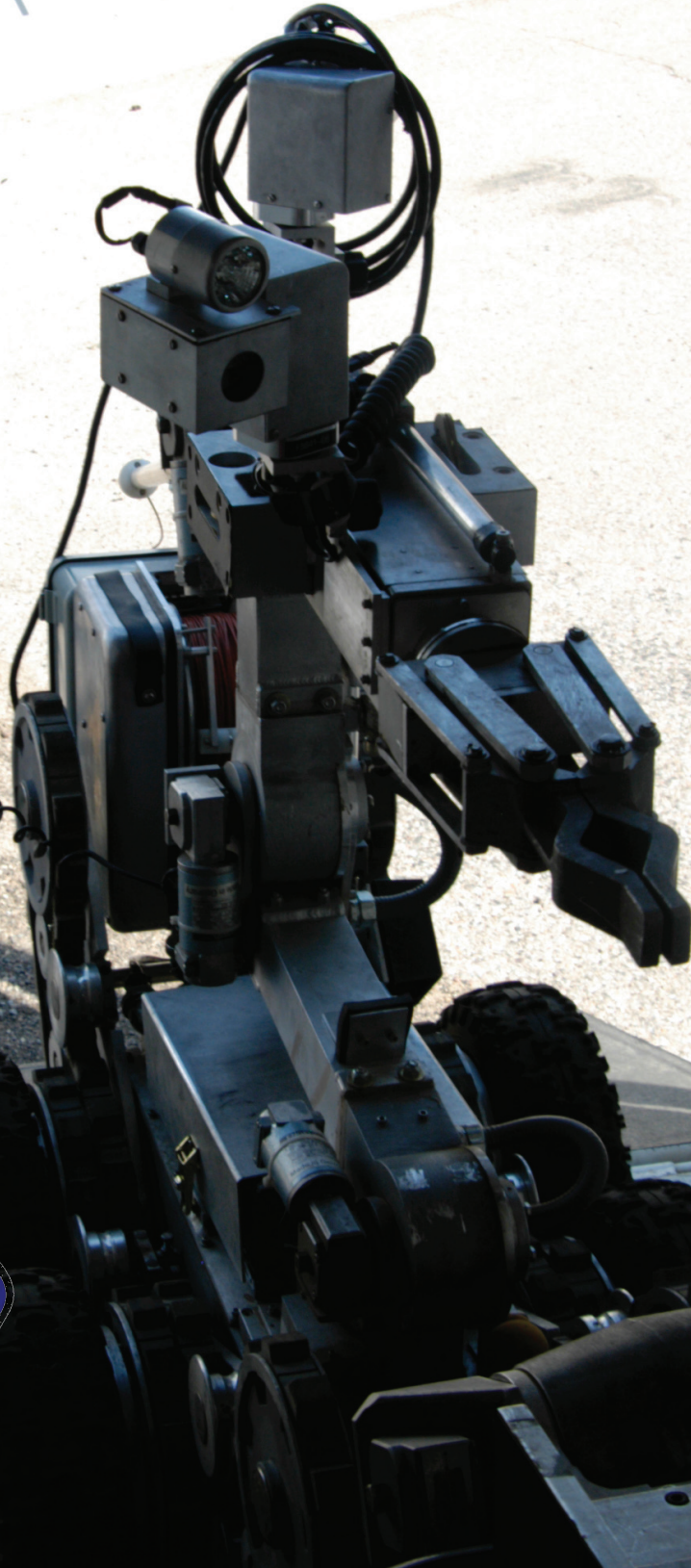


# *Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report June 2009*



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## **APD Notables...**

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

- The Southeast Impact Team collaborated with State Probation and Parole, ICE, US Marshals and ATF to implement a warrants sweep. The combined forces surveyed 96 homes, served 17 warrants, arrested 11 probation violators and seized drugs, money and weapons at the residence locations.
- In other surveillance operations, the Impact Team arrested a man for domestic violence felony warrants in addition to 4 other suspects for heroin trafficking.
- The Impact Team initiated an investigation into a kidnapping incident involving an individual who was kidnapped and robbed at gunpoint. The criminals used stolen guns to kidnap and rob the victim. The kidnappers were also suspected of burglarizing police cars. The Team arrested two men; they recovered a large amount of stolen property and cleared additional open criminal cases.
- Southeast officers, implementing several tactical plans, cleaned up the transient camp problem at the intersection of Carlisle and I-40. Officers displaced the transients from the Urban Forest and the overpass. The City's Solid Waste Department assisted the officers.
- In June, Southeast officers continued to ride the ABQ Ride buses to observe and arrest disorderly riders.
- Southeast officers maintained order during the June Gay Pride Parade and the Juneteenth Celebration in the Kirtland Addition at Thomas Bell Park. Officer presence insured orderly events.
- Officers conducted a tactical plan to address the calls for service pertaining to the homeless population in Bullhead Park. Officers made 58 contacts with homeless people in the park during the month and brought in the COAST team to provide services to the homeless. Officer Norma Endres located an active Meth lab during the homeless tactical plan.

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

- The Area Command conducted a Strategic Targeted Area Response Team (START) in the residential area around Lauren C. Bolles Park. Officers went door to door to interview residents to identify their crime prevention concerns and encourage them to organize neighborhood

watch groups. Area officers and City agencies including Crime Prevention, Criminal Nuisance Abatement, The Public Safety Partnership, Open Space, Animal Control, Solid Waste, and Parks and Recreation participated in the project. The combined teams contacted 350 residents and conducted surveys. The Command held a follow-up meeting to form Neighborhood Watches.

- Officers and Crime Prevention personnel conducted safety presentations for children at La Petite Academy and Albuquerque Nursery School. Officers provided an informational presentation at Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center to inform senior citizens of the different senior citizen scams.
- Watch I officers conducted tactical plans to impact crime patterns such as vandalism, panhandling and auto burglary that reduce quality of life in the neighborhoods. Officers arrested several suspects for auto burglary.
- Watch II interviewed area businesses and provided them with business improvement plans to suppress criminal activity. Squads held field briefings in high crime areas and conducted high visibility patrols in city parks and open space trailhead in the area command.

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

- Day shift officers implemented 117 traffic tactical plans in areas identified by the community. Officers cited 300 violators.
- Valley Area Command continued the Alvarado Transportation Tactical Plan. Officers arrested 3 felons, 5 misdemeanants and executed 4 moving citations.
- In response to reports of illegal parking at the Albuquerque Zoo, bike officers wrote 98 parking citations.
- Day shift bike officers extended the tactical plan at 2nd and Iron in response to community complaints of narcotic use and dealing. Officers arrested 15 felons and 18 misdemeanants.
- In June, swing shift officers apprehended 4 burglars in the commission of 2 burglaries.
- Swing shift officers responded to a suspected felony domestic violence call for service and arrested a male was breaking into a residence. The female in the home had been released from the hospital after the offender tried to kill her the night before. When officers arrived at the home, the offender had fled. Officers remained at the home, conducted an investigation, located and

arrested the suspect within 2 hours.

- Graveyard shift officers continue to strategize with the Downtown Action Team to reduce criminal activity. Graveyard officers directed traffic tactical plans to reduce community complaints during evening hours. Officers issued 100 citations.
- Impact detectives conducted four undercover operations and arrested 7 felons, seized 1oz of heroin, 1oz of crack, ½ oz of marijuana and \$1,200 in cash.

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

- Southwest Area officers conducted tactical plans at a local truck stop to suppress increased prostitution activity in the area. Officers interviewed several suspects; prostitution activity decreased.
- Officers cited 3 individuals and verbally warned 5 other persons for loitering in Upper Pat Hurley Park after hours.
- Officer Guillory conducted a traffic enforcement tactical plan at 79th Street between Colobel and Dennis Chavez. He issued 40 citations and arrested 2 misdemeanants.
- Officers Henry and Trevino executed a tactical plan for the West Mesa Little League District Championship baseball games. The two officers arrested 1 individual and issued 7 parking citations.

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

- In response to citizen complaints of illegal parking in area apartment complexes, Command has and will continue to direct officers to write illegal parking citations.
- All three Watch I teams conducted nightly DWI tactical plans and arrested a number of drunken drivers and cited other drivers for moving violations.
- Watch II has utilized all three teams to conduct multiple traffic tactical plans throughout the area command and issued 670 citations. A majority of the executed plans were in response to citizen and association complaints in the area. The 3 day-shift teams continued to enforce parking and abandoned vehicle violations.
- Officer Troy Weekley and his recruit officer apprehended a suspect committing a burglary at the Wal-Mart located at 2500 Coors Boulevard NW. In addition to the burglary charge, the suspect was also charged and booked on 7 separate felony warrants for his arrest. The

additional charges included burglary and violent crimes.

- Day-shift unit officers assisted COAST officers to identify area homeless. During the joint operation, officers identified and removed two illegal transient camps in the open space area near Coors and Paseo Del Norte.
- Team 2 officers apprehended 2 homicide and robbery suspects from the Denny's Restaurant Robbery/Homicide incident.
- In June, officers responded to a request from the West Mesa Little League to provide presence at the League's District Championships. The event proved safe and enjoyable for the fans.
- The Command continued to implement POP Tactical plans at Cottonwood Shopping Center to suppress burglary, illegal parking, illegal skateboarding, robberies and any other illegal activity. Team members issued multiple citations and made ample contacts to ensure a safe environment for mall patrons.
- Officer Nix investigated a domestic violence call for service. After an effective initial investigation, Officer Nix located the suspect and convinced him to surrender. Officer Nix discovered that federal agents were looking for the suspect on charges that he had made a death threat against a district attorney prosecuting a case involving the suspect and suspected white supremacy gang members. Officer Nix filed felony charges against the suspect.
- Officer Donna Richter and her recruit officer located and returned a missing teenager who had been convinced to meet an Internet predator out of state. Officer Richter analyzed messages the teen had sent and received to determine the teen was in extreme danger. Officer Richter and other Command officers immediately checked the bus terminal and discovered the teen had boarded a bus to Dallas, Texas. Office Richter contacted the Dallas authorities. The Dallas law enforcement located the teen and returned her to Albuquerque. Richter's investigation initiated a federal investigation to locate the suspect. The suspect had apparently planned to lure the child to either Louisiana or Indiana.

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

- On June 26, Northeast Area Command officers responded to a call for service reporting a suspect firing pistols at passing vehicles. Bike officers arrived at the scene and found 3 subjects hiding behind the a Weinershnitzel dumpster.

When the suspects identified the officers, they walked toward the restaurant. Officer Wood and Officer LaForce followed the suspects into the restaurant and promptly arrested 3 Westside Locos gang members and seized 2 firearms, 1 of them stolen.

- In another incident, Officer Pitzer discovered and watched two males parked in a secluded area of an apartment complex. When Officer Pitzer approached the vehicle, one of the suspects jumped out of the car to engage the officer while the other car occupant reached under the car dash. Officer Pitzer ordered the driver back into the car and called for officer backup. Officer Pitzer's swift judgment resulted in the arrest of 2 Memphis Mob gang members on drug and weapons charges, the recovery of 2 firearms and further ammunition for the ongoing federal investigation of the Memphis Mob members.
- On June 11, Northeast Impact detectives served 7 search warrants and arrested 3 of the 4 suspects responsible for the auto burglaries of five National Forest Service vehicles. After the investigation, detectives served warrants and recovered all the stolen weapons and equipment. The officers discovered the suspects were linked to 9 additional burglaries; they turned the case over the federal agents for further prosecution.
- On June officers responded to a Code Raft call in the Embudo Arroyo. Officers served as spotters and provided information to AFD and their rescue deployment. Officers provided encouragement to the 13 year-old youth in the arroyo and rescued him from the arroyo, along with 2 construction workers caught in the current. Officers reported no serious injuries to either victims or rescuers.
- Officer L. Middleton, while conducting a robbery tactical plan, heard the report of a robbery and murder at the Denny's at Coors and Iliff Avenue. Officer Middleton had been manning a perimeter at 9600 Central when he observed a suspect that matched the description of one of the robbery and murder suspects. Officer Middleton guided officers to the identified subject; the officers apprehended the suspect and booked him. The suspect was later identified as one of the Denny's robbery and murder suspects.

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

- The Field Investigations Unit day shift received

349 calls, the swing shift received 480 calls and the graveyard shift received 353 calls, totaling 1,182 called received. The combined teams responded to 62 field service calls and wrote 685 reports. During the calls for service, the officers collected numerous evidentiary value items. They lifted many latent fingerprints and took 464 photo CD's.

- The Disposition Unit processed 23 court dispositions, 405 employment and 35 firearms background checks.
- The Evidence Unit received 4,183 evidence items, disposed 5,657 items, sent property owners 322 notification letters, and returned 272 items to owners.

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

- In June, the 911 Emergency Communications Center staff answered 69,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS phone calls. Of these calls, over 24,000 were 911 calls and 45,000 were 242-COPS calls. 911 staff answered 94.68% of calls within 10 seconds. The national standard is 90%; APD standard is 92.5%. 911 staff answered 97.81% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds; Department goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds.
- Aggressive hiring continued with numerous applicants starting the qualification process in June. Five dispatchers will start classroom training the first week of July; several other candidates in the training process will start with the 911 Center in late August or early September.

### **Planning & Policy Division...**

- In June, Planning Section staff prepared a dozen priority objective reports for the administration and City Council. The reports reflect progress on objectives set for the department at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- The Division applied for a grant to acquire additional bulletproof vests and a Congressionally Selected Award that will aid the Department in its homeless outreach efforts. The Congressionally Selected Award would also provide funding to the Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center for specialized training and equipment.

### **Open Space Division...**

- The Open Space Division executed tactical plans at Central and Tingley to investigate auto

- burglaries. The team arrested two suspects.
- Division officers devoted 160 hours to assist in the search for a Rio Rancho child lost in the river.
- Officers devoted 240 hours to carry out a Bosque fire tactical plan
- Officers supported a search for a downed State Police helicopter crew.

### **Prisoner Transport Unit...**

- During the month of June 2009, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,792 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 246 trips to MDC and accepted 208 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of June is \$39,368.01.

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

- At June's Safe City meeting, the group continued discussions of the upcoming National Night Out event being planned for Central and San Mateo. Walgreens has committed the south side of their parking lot along Central.
- In June 2009, 48 incidents were placed on the community policing interactive website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel. Of these Alerts, 26 were from ARAPA partners; 8 by hotel/motel Partners; 10 by FISOA partners; 1 by North I25 Partners; 1 from CICA and 2 from Commercial Property Partners.
- One new registration request was received from the regional manager at Big 5 Sports was received from the ARAPA web link. Additionally, interested ARAPA members met to discuss membership and posting criteria for ARAPA and are working on guidelines for meeting attendance and membership into the association.
- The Hotel-Motel group met in June and discussed auto burglary as the most significant crime that impacts their sector. Some of the General Managers discussed steps they have taken to address auto burglary with their clientele, including working with them to remove valuables from view to minimize instances of crime on their properties.
- Eleven new partners registered for the CICA web link in June for a total of 32 registered members. The monthly CICA meeting was held on July 1, with 10 contracting partners attending. Attendees remain interested in the partnership

and want to continue meeting on a monthly basis; with expansion of meeting attendance in mind a notice will be sent out to all CICA registrants regarding the Aug meeting.

### **Records Section...**

- The Section's two summer interns have entered all BCSO reports and have written case numbers on all the backlog reports. They are currently helping Central Records on the retrieving backlog. The two interns have been a tremendous help to the Unit.
- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3763 calls in June.
- The implementation of CopLogic continues to save the Department officer hours. 275 reports were filed using CopLogic in June, saving 412.50 hours and saving \$11,200.
- The Data Entry Unit entered 7,370 reports in June.

### **Metro Division...**

- Members of APD's Traffic Section met with Mayor Martin Chavez and Traffic Manager William Westmoreland to evaluate the Department's freeway closure policy. APD continues to work on a process that balances the ability to conduct a proper investigation and the expedient clearing of the freeway. Traffic Section PSAs provided traffic control for the first annual law enforcement motorcycle rally held at Thunderbird Harley Davidson. The Traffic Section began to implement the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in June. STEP grants fund officer overtime to ensure motorist compliance during summer months.
- The Horse Mounted Unit (HMU) assisted the Department's search and rescue efforts during the New Mexico State Police helicopter crash. HMU officers transported the search and rescue team to the advance base camp. The HMU patrolled the Bosque, assisting Open Space officers and the Albuquerque Fire Department in fire detection.
- The Bomb Squad was called to a South Valley location to respond to a suspicious item taped underneath a picnic table. The object was examined thoroughly and found not to be an improvised explosive device. The Bomb Squad was also called to a Southeast residence after an ammunition can full of 20mm aircraft rounds was discovered. The Squad determined that the rounds contained powder, but no explosive



charge. The rounds were subsequently destroyed by the Squad. The Bomb Squad participated in the 2009 Western National Robot Rodeo at Sandia National Labs. The test consisted of ten scenarios over a four day period. APD's Bomb Squad took first place in the competition.

- The K-9 Unit was deployed 76 times for building searches and 16 times for area searches, resulting in 5 apprehensions.
- SWAT assisted with several high-risk warrants and partnered with the U.S. Marshal's Service to provide security at the Federal Courthouse during a high-profile trial.
- The DWI Unit conducted six sobriety checkpoints and 58 saturation patrols in June, resulting in 130 DWI arrests and the seizure of 36 vehicles.
- The Air Support Unit assisted the Department during the Rio Grande Great Raft Race and helped apprehend several suspects during drug buys.

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

- The Homicide Unit responded to seven violent crime call-outs in June, and submitted four cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 10 cases and submitted one case to the DA's Office and made four felony arrests.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to nine sex crimes call-outs and cleared 31 cases, send 12 of the cases to the DA's Office for prosecution.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 14 cases this month with four sent to the DA's Office for prosecution.
- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Units recovered \$277,384 worth of stolen vehicles. The Auto Theft Unit conducted one VIN etching event in June, etching over 80 vehicles. ATU detective Rocky Arries was honored as the National General Contractor's Detective of the Year for his work in the recovery and prevention of heavy construction equipment theft.
- White Collar Crimes Unit arrested a woman and three associates for stealing numerous victims' identities and using their personal information to apply for lines of credit at various businesses. Detective Chambers located the woman at her home, where detectives observed several fake driver's licenses, credit cards, and ID making equipment. Detectives also observed what appeared to be a meth lab in the home.
- The Burglary Unit's Detective Sanchez assisted with the robbery investigation of Denny's

restaurant, where an employee was shot and killed. The incident occurred on a Saturday morning. Even though it was Detective Sanchez's day off, he heard the call and began checking the area. He later located a subject who was identified as one of the offenders.

- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 128 tips in June. Eleven suspects were arrested based on those tips, including two "Fugitives of the Week".
- The Gang Unit completed intensive intelligence work on seven homicide callouts during the month, and made seven high-profile arrests of gang members. One gang member arrest led to the seizure of 10 grams of meth (worth approximately \$3,800) and three firearms.
- The ROP Unit assisted in the Denny's homicide investigation and made three felony arrests, including a man who is suspected of multiple bank robberies in the Albuquerque area.
- The Vice Unit made 34 misdemeanor and 13 felony arrests and conducted a prostitution sting operation on East Central.
- Using a narcotics K-9, Valley Narcotics detectives intercepted a person carrying a bag with three pounds of marijuana at the bus station.
- Eastside Narcotics conducted a joint operation with the FBI to purchase four ounces of meth from a suspected drug dealer. When the operation was completed, three people were arrested on felony narcotics charges, one handgun and five ounces of meth were seized. In a subsequent search related to the investigation, an additional 1.5 pounds of meth were seized along with quantities of cocaine and marijuana. The street value of the meth was determined to be approximately \$7,500.
- Westside Narcotics detectives served a search warrant on a car club member. During the search, four ounces of crack cocaine, \$2,600 in cash and a 2001 Jaguar was seized. The case was adopted by the DEA. Forfeiture proceedings for the money and the car are expected.

# Trend Analysts

