

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report March 2011



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast Impact Team Detective Barela conducted an investigation of a female victim who had been kidnapped and had one of her fingers severed. Through investigation, Detective Barela learned that the victim owed the suspect money for drugs. Through diligent investigative efforts, Detective Barela identified the suspect and he was later arrested in Sandoval County.
- Southeast Impact Team Detective Luke Languit was called to the Nob Hill area regarding an auto burglary. Two suspects were arrested and admitted to 10 additional burglaries in the area.
- Day shift Officer Martin Smith responded to a call of possible child pornography on a computer. Through his investigation and tenacity, a male suspect was later arrested and charged with 200 counts of child pornography.
- Swing shift officers Matt Fisher and Juan Cabrera came into contact with a male subject that was in possession of cocaine and marijuana. He was also dealing the substance. The officers were able to get a search warrant for the narcotic dealer's house. They executed the warrant and discovered that the dealer had body armor and a .44 magnum revolver that was loaded with shredder rounds.
- Laura Kuehn of Crime Prevention worked with City resources and PNM to solve crime issues in a local neighborhood by installing more lighting and other "target hardening" prevention methods.

Foothills Area Command...

- Detective J. Gonterman booked Kaitlyn Jacobs, one of APD's most wanted property crime offender on three warrants.
- On March 29th, Officer M. O'Connell was in the area of Linn and Maxine NE when an auto burglary in progress call was broadcast in the same general location. Officer O'Connell made contact with and spoke with the victim. The victim pointed out a subject who had just burglarized his vehicle. Officer O'Connell was able to place the suspect into custody. As Officer O'Connell was obtaining a statement from the victim, the offender became unruly and started kicking the back-up officer. The suspect was restrained, transported to the MDC and booked

for auto burglary.

- Team One conducted nine tactical plans during March. Eight of the tactical plans focused on traffic enforcement. The tactical plans targeted neighborhood complaints and problem intersections. Officers issued 40 citations and made 6 citizen contacts. The ninth tactical plan targeted panhandlers along the I-40 on and off ramps. Officers issued 13 citations.
- On March 11, several officers responded to an in-progress residential burglary. A neighbor phoned APD and stated that she was watching two or three subjects remove items from the property, including a flat screen television. Officers arrived in the area as the subjects were leaving. Their vehicle was stopped near Morris and San Jacinto at which time the driver was detained. The passenger bailed out of the vehicle as it came to a stop and was able to slip into the surrounding neighborhood. Officers quickly set up a perimeter and a yard-to-yard search was initiated utilizing K-9 units. Unfortunately, an unknowing resident gave a ride to the suspect passenger after he claimed he was being assaulted and chased by unknown persons. The resident did this as the perimeter was being established and apparently did not recognize what was happening. Nonetheless, all of the victim's property was recovered and the driver was booked on several felony charges.
- Also on March 11th, Officer Christopher Maxon responded to a missing juvenile call. Upon speaking with the family and conducting investigation, he determined that the missing teenager was possibly at a Central Avenue location. Officer Maxon went to the location and made contact with the subjects. Officer Maxon conducted an excellent interview of both the missing teenage girl and her older boyfriend. During the interview, the older boy confessed to felony charges and the girl was placed into counseling at the Juvenile Detention Center.
- On March 15th, officers were dispatched to a northeast residence regarding a disturbance call. Officers were advised by dispatch that an anonymous caller stated two unknown females were throwing items around inside the location. When officers arrived they heard loud music coming from the residence. Officers were let inside the house and told "Keith" was the owner. As officers checked the house for any injured subjects, they found the owner passed out on the floor in a back bedroom. The man could not

be roused and rescue was called. The man was found to have an outstanding felony warrant issued by the U.S. Marshals Office. Officers placed the man in handcuffs and continued to check the house. The man got to his feet and ran out of the house. After a search, he was found a short distance away bleeding heavily from a large cut running down his face. It was determined that he had attempted to break into his neighbor's house by using his head to break a window. The man was transported to the hospital and then booked into the MDC on the felony warrant.

Valley Area Command...

- During the month of March, Officer Wheeler made 15 felony arrests.
- Officer Lucero apprehended a suspect who stole \$6,000 of sheet metal from a local business. The suspect was also driving a stolen vehicle and had an active federal arrest warrant.
- Two subjects were arrested at the vacant Anasazi building. The Valley Area Command staff has had continuous problems with vandalism at the location.
- Officer Johnston apprehended an auto burglary offender.
- Several Graveyard shift officers were able to apprehend two suspected burglary suspects and recover property belonging to the victim within an hour of the burglary.
- Valley bike officers conducted a tactical plan in the Tingley Beach area due to the extreme fire danger. The tactical plan resulted in 23 subjects being contacted and several illegal camps were removed.
- Valley dayshift officers responded to a possible explosive device call at Balloon Fiesta Park. A full EOD call-out was conducted that took approximately eight hours to complete. At the conclusion of the call, the devices were found to be hoaxes that a male subject claimed to be using to make bomb detection testing equipment.

Southwest Area Command...

- Team One officers implemented a tactical plan to address speeding at 98th and Gibson. Eight citations were issued for speeding and other traffic violations. In a separate tactical plan to address speeding at Atrisco and Riverview, twenty-two citations were issued.
- Team Two officers continued their tactical plans

for traffic violations at Sunset and Central. Fifty-five citations were issued at the location. A tactical plan that was implemented in February to address thefts at a local gas station was concluded. Five misdemeanor arrests were made for larceny of gas and beer. Team Two also recognized Officer A. Lovato in briefing for making three DWI arrests on dayshift. Team Two ended the month with Sgt. Barela assisting in the capture of two auto theft offenders.

- Team Three officers held two field briefings in the neighborhood around Central and Coors. The purpose was not to address any particular crime or quality of life issue, but rather be in the area and accessible to children and parents taking their children to school. This was done as part of Commander Page's initiative to strengthen ties with the community in this area. Team Three conducted two tactical plans for speeding at Iliff and Atrisco, and 90th and Eucariz. A total of 17 citations. Team Three officers responded to a burglary in progress at Amole Mesa and Gibson. Officers were able to locate the suspects, and after a short foot chase three subjects were apprehended and all the property from the burglary was recovered.
- Swing shift officers conducted numerous traffic tactical plans throughout March, enforcing cell phone use, speeding, seat belts, and stop signs laws. Watch 3 wrote 988 moving citations in March. Officers addressed panhandling and intoxicated persons in the area of Central and Coors. The plan resulted in four hospital transports, one arrest, and one citation for criminal trespass.
- Graveyard shift officers D. Burge and G. Donofrio conducted a tactical plan in a major retail area. The tactical plan was implemented to curtail shoplifting at closing time. Officers Burge and Donofrio frequently patrolled the area in March, effectively decreasing the calls for service at closing time.
- Team 8 Officer J. Brionez increased patrols in the area of a convenience store in an effort to reduce beer runs, gas skips and panhandling.
- Officer Lujan conducted an operation at a northwest location in response to complaints of panhandling and littering in the area. Officer Lujan was able to cite 12 individuals for various violations.

Northwest Area Command...

- Graveyard shift officers conducted regular

field briefings at high volume calls for service locations as well as maintaining high visibility for the citizens who frequent the locations.

- Several tactical operations were conducted in response to speeding complaints received from citizens and the observations of watch officers. The traffic operations resulted in 86 citations, two DWI arrests and 19 parking citations.
- Graveyard shift officers continued to enforce the noise ordinance within the area command. The enforcement yielded 116 citations issued to violators. There were 26 felony arrests, 44 misdemeanor arrests and 17 summons issued for numerous violations.
- Northwest's Impact Team focused on the POPTRAC Robbery plan after a rise of incidents was documented throughout the city. Several specialized units along with the Impact Team initiated an area command-wide operation targeting various numbers of offenses to include robbery, residential and auto burglary, and narcotics-related offenses.
- Detectives Cleland and Perea observed a drug transaction at a local hookah lounge, resulting in two felony arrests. The same night, CNAU and AFD were able to find evidence of numerous violations at the business, temporarily shutting it down.
- Watch III officers conducted numerous tactical operations which included making field contacts with 61 individual businesses and assisting them with crime prevention tips and information concerning activity in and around the area command.
- Speeding enforcement was conducted at numerous high risk intersections identified by data sources in an attempt to reduce collisions. The plan resulted in over 165 citations being issued and a reduction of auto accidents at the identified intersections.

Northeast Area Command...

- Dayshift Team 1 officers who were involved in an ETS Activation helped capture a bank robber.
- Team 2 officers conducted several tactical plans with school resource officers at two middle schools that resulted in six arrests.
- On March 5, Team 3 officers Cook and Knipprath were dispatched to a northeast residence in response to a call of an overdose. Upon the officer's arrival, they found a male subject unresponsive in the bathroom. Rescue arrived and was able to revive the subject. Upon

questioning, the subject gave different personal information to rescue personnel than he did to the APD officers. Further investigation showed that the subject also had over \$3,000 in cash in his pocket. Officers recalled that an unsolved purse snatching had occurred at a local retailer nearby earlier in the day. After speaking to the officer from the call at the retailer, it was discovered that the victim of the purse snatching had \$5,000 in her purse at the time of the theft. Surveillance footage showed that it was the subject from the overdose that had also done the purse snatching. After obtaining a search warrant, the clothing that he wore during the theft was also located. The subject was arrested for the purse snatching, as well as an outstanding felony warrant, and the money was recovered and returned to the victim.

- Northeast Impact Team Detective Brown was assigned a check fraud case generated from a local auto repair shop. Detective Brown discovered that the check was part of a ring targeting Wal-Mart's in five states. Offenders stole a Hertz rental vehicle in Pennsylvania, drove it to New Mexico and started forging payroll checks. The ring was responsible for thefts in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Arkansas. Due to Detective Brown's investigation, five offenders are in custody and two other suspects have charges pending.
- Swing shift bike officers assisted APD school resource officers by conducting a tactical plan to address juveniles who were doing illegal drugs in a nearby park. The two day tactical plan resulted in 11 arrests.
- Team 5 officers conducted several traffic tactical plans (Montgomery/Jefferson 25 citations; Cell phone violations 23 citations; McCloud/Overland 11 citations; Indian School/Espinosa 20 citations).
- Team 6 bike officers Burton and McMurrugh conducted a panhandler tactical plan that resulted in 12 misdemeanor citations, one felony arrest and two misdemeanor arrests.
- Officer Phillips conducted a high visibility tactical plan at a grocery store at Montgomery and San Mateo after several complaints of suspicious people lingering in the area. Two subjects were arrested
- Team 8 officers M. Shook and K. Church conducted an in depth aggravated assault investigation involving multiple subjects and a shotgun. Through their extensive investigation

they completed two felony arrests and warrants and located both subjects.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- Criminalistics responded to four call-outs in March.
- Criminalistics and Field Investigator units participated in a "tag your tots" type event held near Carlisle and Menaul. Around 50 children were swabbed for a DNA sample and the packaged sample was given to the parents for their records.
- The Identification Unit processed 2,053 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 2,189 new and old arrests into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 37 case dispositions, 40 employment background checks, 57 firearms checks, 110 FBI checks and 14 from other agencies.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,663 evidence items in March. 2,193 items were disposed, 219 items were returned to owners, and \$1,004.36 was recovered from auction income. An additional 1,541 items have met final disposition processing requirements and are pending destruction court orders.

Communications Division...

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff answered 65,365 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in March. There were 24,972 calls for 911 and 40,393 calls for 242-COPS. 911 Operators answered 95.04% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 97.82% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- Communications sponsored two students for the Job Shadow program on March 2nd.
- A PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) tour was conducted on March 29th for the State DFA members of the 911 Directors-Managers Affiliate Board

Strategic Support Division...

- In March, there were 117 incidents submitted on the CONNECT web site by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Of these alerts, 36 were from ARAPA partners;

22 were Hospitality Partners; 16 by FISOA partners; 17 by CICA Partners; 1 by Apartment Partners; 1 Foothills; 22 by Pawn & Recycling Partners. Additionally, there were 23 Alert Update Comments to these postings, which were provided by personnel from the various partnerships.

- In March, 38 new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained in the CONNECT web site.
- In February, CONNECT had total of 1,585 visitors in 31 days for an average of 51.129 visitors/day.
- On March 23, the new stopabqgangs.org web site was rolled out at the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. Since the public rollout, the site has had a total of 8,454 visitors in 9 days for an average of 939.333 visitors/day. During this same period of time, 16 task force partners and 14 public tips have been received and processed.
- Crime analysis continues to develop, update and track offenders in the Most Wanted Property Crime Offenders for the ABQ Journal ad for December 2009 to March, 2011 during this period there 450 warrant slots featuring 437 wanted persons, of these, 375 were resolved through the end of March.

Professional Standards Division...

- 272 officers were trained during 2011 Phase I MOE. 226 APD and 46 officers from outside agencies attended.
- The Advanced Training Unit organized classes for active shooter response, gangs, narcotics, BIT, bicycle patrol, Hearing Voices, methamphetamine training-the-trainer, VIN inspection, child safety seat, and IFIC.
- The Basic Training Unit conducted EVOC training, use of less-than-lethal weapons, and PIT maneuvers.
- The Recruiting and Selection Unit received 284 interest cards in March and signed up 113 people to test. During testing on March 26 and 27, 81 people tested and 44 passed.
- The Wellness Unit assisted 216 officers complete their physical training assessment.
- The Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit posted nine units as substandard, and identified 21 properties as problems.
- This month, COP Logic saved 634.5 hours of work by officers in the field, which translates into \$9,760 saved by the department. The

Telephone Report Unit also took 412 reports which saved an additional 1,071 officer hours.

Planning and Policy Division...

- The FY11-15 APD Strategic Plan was submitted to a printer for production, and is expected to be delivered in early April. At that time, it will also be posted on the Department's web site.
- All Northwest Area Command staff have moved into the new Michael R. King / Richard W. Smith Jr. Memorial Substation. Last minute furniture and technology deliveries were received throughout March. Preparations began for an upcoming opening/dedication ceremony.
- The Planning Section submitted an application for a Solving Cold Cases with DNA grant, and assisted EOC staff in submitting a grant for their use. Planning Section staff wrapped up a site visit from the OIG that was reviewing five of the Department's COPS grants. Also in March, Planning received a representative from the State of New Mexico that reviewed several of their pass-through grants.
- The Planning Section prepared the 2012 Omnibus bill for signature and approvals that will pass over \$4 millions dollars in predicted grants at one time.
- The Planning Section assisted with a contract for an on-call psychiatrist to assist with the Department's COAST Unit.
- The Inspections/Accreditation Unit prepared for a mock assessment in April, a "trial run" by invited experts that will provide insight on how well the Department is prepared to defend its accreditation. The full on-site assessment will be held in August 2011.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In March, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,781 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,452 prisoners and other agencies arrested 329 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 213 trips to the MDC and accepted 73 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of February was \$35,998.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 1,659 citations in March.
- The DWI Unit arrested 190 people for driving while intoxicated.

- The Seizure Unit confiscated 156 vehicles in February, totalling \$73,097.
- In March, the Traffic Unit made four felony arrests, 17 misdemeanor arrests, 12 warrants, and seven DWI arrests. The Unit issued 1,459 moving citations, including 66 for cell phone use while driving.
- On March 16, Air 5 responded to a foot chase in progress over Valley air in the area of 12th and Lomas, possibly relating to a beer run. After arriving on scene, Air 5 observed a suspicious male in a red shirt running behind houses. Air 5 established a perimeter and directed ground units to the suspect. He was apprehended. Further information revealed there were possibly two or three other outstanding suspects. Those suspects were located by Air 5 at Central and 10th. Ground units were directed to them and they were taken into custody. One offender had felony charges.
- On March 18, Air 5 assisted BCSO units in locating a subject that fled a southwest location after cutting his girlfriend during a violent domestic dispute. Air 5 set a perimeter, and the subject was located with BCSO K-9 units within perimeter. The subject was arrested for felony battery charges.

Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated 17 times in March, and responded to 592 calls for service during the month. The three call-outs were to address barricaded subjects and to assist with high-risk warrants.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 34 building searches, seven area searches and made five apprehensions.
- On March 1, the APD Bomb Squad was called to a southwest location in reference to a grenade being found at a donation container. The grenade was inspected and collected for later destruction.
- On March 29, the APD Bomb Squad responded to a northeast residence in reference to a homemade device being found in an old refrigerator. The device appeared to be dynamite initially but was later found to be a device manufactured to look like dynamite. The device did have explosive powder in it and was rendered safe at the scene.
- On March 30, the APD Bomb Squad was called to the Balloon Fiesta Park in reference to several possible devices being found by a field officer.

The officer was dispatched to the balloon museum in reference to a male saying he was testing a device, which detects car bombs. The items were inspected remotely and found to be inert.

placed the man under arrest. This case is the state's fourth human trafficking prosecution and it appears the federal government will prosecute the case, which has much longer sentencing capabilities.

Investigations Bureau...

- In March, Eastside Narcotics made 31 felony arrests, wrote 11 search warrants, executed seven search warrants, complete 19 controlled buys and submitted 26 cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- Westside Narcotics detectives conducted a controlled delivery of prescription medication to a subject at a local motel. This was a joint operation that utilized the assistance of U.S. Customs and the U.S. Postal Service. The package had been intercepted from the Philippines by Customs in San Francisco, and forwarded to Westside Narcotics detectives for a controlled delivery. Once delivery was made the suspect was taken in to custody. The suspect was charged with possession, and a total of 813 prescription pills were seized.
- Task Force officers completed 19 felony arrests, wrote 13 search warrants, and executed 15 search warrants. Task Force officers seized 448 grams of methamphetamine, 235 grams of cocaine, 2,635 grams of heroin and seized \$144,000 in cash.
- In early March, ROP detectives spent several days on surveillance of a robbery suspect. On March 4, ROP detectives were on surveillance of the suspect when he began casing several check cashing stores. The man was observed robbing a check cashing store and fled in a vehicle driven by his girlfriend. ROP detectives apprehended both individuals without incident. The man admitted to robbing at least five check cashing stores in the Albuquerque area.
- On March 21st, the Vice Unit implemented an operation to target online prostitution. Unit detectives observed a large spike in girls posting on an internet web site (over 20 per day), detectives made contact with several of them. An undercover detective met with one of the girls and a criminal violation occurred for prostitution. Investigation revealed that the girl was being trafficked by her pimp using force. The Vice Unit obtained an arrest warrant for the man for human trafficking, kidnapping and criminal sexual penetration. With the assistance of the ROP Unit, the Vice Unit located and

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