

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report May 2008



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast officers assisted with several community events in May including the Bike Rodeo in the Valley Area Command, La Mesa Elementary School Literacy Week, Save the Earth Celebration in Nob Hill, and Memorial Day Celebration at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- The Southeast Impact Team did numerous surveillance operations in May. This resulted in 52 self initiated arrests and 22 warrants.
- Laura Kuehn conducted a Safety Social for an apartment complex giving them information on how to report a crime, and tips for safe apartment living.

Foothills Area Command...

- Watch I issued 718 moving citations, arrested 92 subjects (24 felony), and conducted 916 quality of life enforcement and referrals. Watch I conducted strict DWI enforcement and concentrated patrols that resulted in 47 DWI arrests/assists.
- 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.
- Watch III apprehended two armed robbery subjects due to the quick response of Foothills officers.

Valley Area Command...

- Officers conducted multiple speeding tact plans in response to citizen complaints. They were conducted in the areas of Rio Grande/Candelaria, Coal/Walter, 12th/Candelaria, 13th/Iron, and I-25 (southbound).
- Lieutenant O'Connell organized a large-scale operation to address the many concerns of Valley Area Command residents which included the clean up of seven homeless camps; multiple alcohol compliance checks; Gang Unit and Suppression Team "knock and talks"; and a successful Vice Unit operation. The operation resulted in 3 felony arrests, 13 misdemeanor arrests, 5 misdemeanor warrants cleared, 2 seized firearms, seized heroin and marijuana, 15 calls for service, and 5 vehicles towed.
- The Downtown Cruiser Tact Plan kicked

off this month. For the month of May, the tact plan resulted in 926 traffic citations, 95 noise violation citations, 9 DWI arrests, 21 misdemeanor and felony arrests, 86 towed vehicles, and 1 seized gun.

Southwest Area Command...

- Conducted an investigation in conjunction with a routine dispatch that resulted in the confiscation of over 400 pounds of marijuana.
- Conducted numerous speeding, illegal parking, stolen vehicle and abandoned vehicle tact plans.
- Several officers from Team 4 chased and apprehended an armed robbery suspect several miles away from the robbery site.
- Conducted a tact plan to discourage transients from drinking and using illegal drugs at an area park. It resulted in one arrest and an increased police presence.

Northeast Area Command...

- In conjunction with the APD DWI Unit, NE Area Command officers conducted a DWI focused saturation tact plan at San Mateo and Candelaria NE. Two felony DWI arrests, 17 misdemeanor DWI arrests, forty citations and 5 seized vehicles were reported.
- Officer Locke conducted a month-long tact plan in the area of Montgomery and Eubank and along San Mateo NE. The tact plan was conducted to identify and suppress DWI infractions. Officer Richard Locke made 36 arrests, 9 vehicles were seized and 53 citations were issued.
- Detective Duran issued an arrest warrant for a March "Top 5" offender who later arrested on 17 outstanding warrants.

Northwest Area Command...

- POP projects were conducted at West Bluff Park continuously for the month of May. The tact plan generated 21 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felony arrests and 51 citations. An Administrative Warrant was served at a neighboring house and shut down for numerous violations.
- Numerous traffic tact plans have been conducted in high density areas such as I-40/98th, Coors/Quail, McMahon/Ellison, and Ladera/Corona generating multiple citations.
- 29 apartment complexes have been contacted and relationships with management have been established.

- Field officers are conducting on going tactical plans at high call for service locations

tracking for suggested changes to APD policies.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to eight call-outs.
- The Photo Unit supplied cameras and trained Prisoner Transport Unit personnel on how to photograph and document prisoner injuries. The Field Investigator Unit received training and were issued new Nikon D-40X cameras.
- The Evidence Unit received over 4,520 items, disposed 3,697 items, sent 130 notification letters to property owners and returned 80 items to owners.

Communications Division...

- There were 27,252 phone calls to 911 and 44,131 phone calls to 242-COPS in May. Almost 95% of the 911 calls were answered within 10 seconds (the national goal is 90%) and 97% of the 242-COPS were answered within 30 seconds.
- Four new hires started 911 classroom training this month. The entire training process takes close to a year. Emergency Communications is only a few new hires away from having all positions filled.
- The New Mexico Chapter of APCO/NENA hosted the Western Regional Conference in April. The Western Regional conference brought 911 professionals from across the country to receive training, attend vendor shows and network with each other on common issues.

Homeland Security Division...

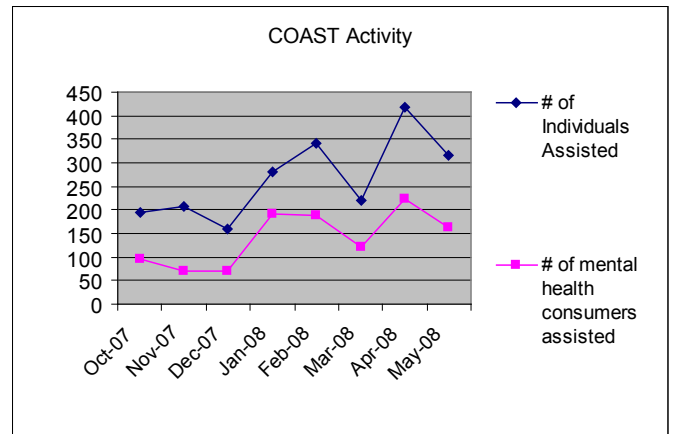
- Audited emergency plans for each of the Area Commands.
- Attended training for Advanced Criminal Intelligence Analysis for the Prevention of Terrorism (40 hours).

Planning & Policy Division...

- Processed 7 grants, including two technology grants totaling over \$2M.
- Inspections / Accreditation Unit continued to prepare for the CALEA mock assessment.
- Construction work began on the Valley and Northeast Substation remodels.
- The Planning Section applied for several IACP awards.
- The Planning Section re-engineered the PPRB process to provide additional accountability and

Strategic Support Division...

- The Safe City implementation team met with various stakeholders from other City departments regarding implementation of cameras. Traffic engineering indicated that they have infrastructure in place which might be able to be utilized to deploy the cameras.
- SSD staff attended the kickoff meetings for the Downtown Action Team’s nightlife consultant RHI; the safety roundtable is scheduled for June 12.



- Balloon Fiesta Park/North I-25 – Work in this partnership area continues to build. A number of representatives from this area had a working group meeting and discussed how the partnership can communicate regarding public safety issues.
- Attended the board meeting for the Associated Builders and Contractors to discuss their possible interest in building a partnership to address crime that impacts the construction industry. Two representatives from this group have indicated that they would be interested in being points of contact with APD to further develop the partnership.
- Spoke with at the Greater Albuquerque Innkeepers Association (GAIA) general membership meeting to discuss next steps in the development of a partnership with hotel/motel in the City.

Open Space Division...

- Located seven illegal campsites in the Bosque.
- A West Mesa tact plan recovered two stolen vehicles.
- Conducted a tact plan to combat several burglaries at Elena Gallegos Park.

- Provided instruction for participants of the upcoming annual Rio Grande River Race.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- Transported 1,837 prisoners to the MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of May was \$49,312.93.
- The PTU participated in a "Weed and Seed" tact plan. The PTU provided service from the operations command post. The PTU processed 32 prisoners at the command post and accepted 16 walk-in prisoners from the operation at MDC.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Recruiting Unit received 351 interest cards, and signed 322 up to test. The Unit attended seven career fairs and six community events.
- The Background Unit testes 151 applicants, with 92 of those progressing to the background stage.
- 31 cadets graduated from the 99th cadet class. There are 41 cadets in the 100th cadet class. A lateral class started on May 19.

Metro Division...

- The Traffic Unit is developing an emergency traffic plan that will guide the Unit during an unexpected event. The Traffic Unit produced the third video on training APD on how to move vehicles from the roadway more quickly.
- The Bomb Squad assisted the NM State Police during a call in Stanley, NM. The live grenade found at the site was rendered safe. The squad also welcomed a new Talon robot from Foster-Miller.
- SWAT sent team members to the invitation-only US National SWAT competition in Denver, Colorado. APD had two first place finishes and one second place finish in the individual competitions.
- The DWI Unit conducted six sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 102 DWI arrests.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft Unit and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$538,125 worth of stolen vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit arrested four "Top 5" offenders in May.
- Detectives in the WCCU worked for several months on a racketeering and prostitution ring with SID and Secret Service agents. Using the

SWAT team, they located several computers and documents that will aid the prosecution. Several subjects were arrested for fraud, prostitution, child exploitation, and racketeering.

- Detectives served a large search warrant on a former "Top 5" offender who was believed to have been buying stolen property from local shoplifters. The warrant was a result of the collaboration between APD detectives and ARAPA. The value of the stolen property that was recovered was close to \$70,000. Detectives also recovered nearly \$30,000 in cash.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit identified an illegal fencing operation, and through coordinated efforts with the Burglary Unit, netted a felony arrest, the seizure of over \$30,000 and the recovery of over \$100,000 in stolen property.
- The Gang Unit made several high profile gang-related felony arrests.

Trend Analysts

