

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report November 2009



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Laura Kuehn certified the Sunrise South Apartments in the Crime Free Multi-Housing program and conducted a Robbery Awareness/Prevention Training workshop for National Insurance on Eubank SE.
- Sandy Pino conducted six neighborhood watch programs, five home security surveys, four business surveys, and six presentations to children.
- Southeast day shift bike officers assisted in traffic control for the annual Turkey Trek run on Thanksgiving and assisted Wal-Mart on Black Friday to ensure safety and security for customers and employees.
- The Southeast Impact team made 28 self-initiated arrests and cleared 41 cases. The Impact team coordinated with ARAPA members to identify and arrest property crime suspects.
- Southeast graveyard shift officers arrested 104 DWI offenders in November.

Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills officers and Crime Prevention staff participated in various events at area schools in order to show a police presence and strengthen community relationships. Foothills personnel served lunch at Apache Elementary School for their Thanksgiving celebration and socialized with students and their parents. Crime Prevention personnel gave an internet safety presentation to local middle school students.
- Graveyard shift officers held regular field briefings and tactical plans at various points along Montgomery and Tramway in response to large amounts of traffic and speeding complaints. Watch I officers conducted several tactical plans that focused on quality of life issues including traffic enforcement, auto burglary and stolen vehicles. Watch I officers issued 665 moving citations, made 72 (28 felony) arrests, and conducted 820 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- Watch II officers contacted businesses in their beats to address concerns. Officers conducted traffic enforcement throughout the command to increase traffic safety. Special attention has been placed in school zones throughout the command. Other tactical plans utilized bike patrol units, including Operation Clean Sweep in the Haines/Eastridge area and increased visibility

at shopping centers during Black Friday sales. Squads held field briefings in high crime areas, community centers, and local schools. Watch II officers issued 612 moving citations, arrested 113 subjects (44 felony), and conducted 944 quality of life enforcement and referrals.

- The Impact Unit worked a POP project targeting residential burglary suspects throughout the command. The Impact Unit conducted surveillance of a known burglar and watched a highly impacted area. During the project, one subject was taken into custody. As a result of the apprehension, residential burglaries have decreased in the area by 50%. In addition, collaboration with the Auto Theft Unit identified three subjects who are now also facing felony charges.
- Watch III officers continued with the Business Relationship Improvement Plan with businesses throughout the command. Several tactical plans were conducted, including citing cell phone violators. The plan resulted in 86 citations. Watch III officers issued 1,083 moving citations, arrested 207 subjects (82 felony), and conducted 1,473 quality of life enforcement and referrals.

Valley Area Command...

- Due to his rapid response and tactical deployment, Officer Brian Archibeque was able to contain a serial commercial burglar who was burglarizing local gas stations. With the assistance of K-9 unit, the suspect was apprehended.
- Graveyard shift officers were alerted that nine kilos of heroin with a street value of approximately three million dollars was being transported to Albuquerque via Greyhound Bus. A response plan was quickly formulated and resulted in three offenders taken into custody.
- Officer Ray DelGreco conducted a firearms training with the assistance of the SWAT team. The training included the shoot house, clearance techniques, shoot/don't shoot situations and firearms retention. The training will be expanded to all graveyard shift officers.
- Valley officers conducted several speeding tactical operations in response to complaints from citizens and City councilors. Numerous citations were issued.
- The Valley Impact team began a two month street-level property crimes tactical plan during the holiday season, using unmarked vehicles and bait vehicle operations.

Southwest Area Command...

- Southwest officers conducted a burglary prevention initiative in several beats within the area command.
- Officer J. Carrasco conducted a traffic tactical plan to reduce speeding and stop sign violators in the area of Snow Vista and De Anza SW. 95 traffic citations were issued.
- The Southwest Area Command held a field briefing at Atrisco Heritage High School, meeting with school resource officers and touring the grounds.
- Officer J. Lee conducted a tactical plan at two Southwest locations that targeted handicap parking misuse in response to complaints. During the plan, the officer issued 11 handicap parking citations and 31 other parking citations.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers responded to 1,537 calls for service; initiated 49 felony arrests; 78 misdemeanor arrests; 785 moving citations; 69 DWI arrests; and issued 13 misdemeanor citations.
- Northwest officers issued a total of 71 parking citations (19 for handicapped parking violations) as part of the illegal parking tactical plan. Several quality of life tactical plans were completed such as park checks, burglary and traffic enforcement efforts.
- Increased presence at various “big box” stores netted two felony shoplifting arrests in November. Aggravated assault charges were also cleared with these arrests. Officers from Watch I conducted a warrant check in the area of Universe NW which resulted in seven felony arrests.
- Impact Team detectives Heller and Perea assisted in the investigation of a homicide. The investigation resulted in the arrest of two suspects as well as the recovery of homicide victim’s body.
- Detective Perea observed suspicious subjects casing the Cottonwood Mall area and he along with his fellow team members initiated a “rolling surveillance” of the subjects. The effort culminated in arrests for felony shoplifting and leads on additional criminal activity.
- Watch III officers conducted traffic tactical plans throughout the month, resulting in a total of 941 citations.
- On November 23rd, Officer Tosta and other officers were able to identify a subject who

was casing houses for possible burglary. After apprehending the subject, they discovered that the individual was a person of interest in another jurisdiction for other serious offenses.

- Officer Victor Trevino is organizing and spearheading his annual Christmas Charity Event. As many as 75 children and their families from various schools within the area command will be provided with gifts and foods for their holiday celebrations. Officer Trevino has raised several thousand dollars from various business in the area command, and most notably Walmart so that a number of our less fortunate friends can enjoy this wonderful season. Thanks Victor and the members of Watch III.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officers McGuire and Lopez were dispatched to a suspicious activity call in which multiple suspects were detained. After further investigation, it was revealed that the suspects were involved in over 16 burglaries, both auto and residential, in and around the Albuquerque metro area.
- Officers assigned to Team 2 conducted multiple operations, targeting traffic violators in areas with high volume complaints. The areas of Comanche/Princeton, Academy/Wyoming, Constitution/Luthy, Harper/Rosewood and Comanche/Washington were targeted. The initiatives resulted in the issuance of 128 citations for traffic violations, as well as a recovered stolen vehicle.
- Officers recovered a total of eight stolen vehicles during the month of November. One felony arrest was made for receiving/transferring a stolen motor vehicle and two other suspects were arrested for felons in possession of handguns. The cases are being followed up through the federal judicial system.
- Bike officers LaForce and Wood had 12 felony and 41 misdemeanor arrests this month, including the arrest of several subjects involved in an organized burglary ring. The ring operated in the Albuquerque metro area and Belen.
- Officer Newbill assisted the Secret Service with a major fraud and forgery ring that operated in Arizona and New Mexico.
- Officer Rascon arrested the November Fugitive of the Month.
- Officer Tapia and Sergeant Sanchez, while working the Holiday Tactical Plan, responded to a robbery victim. Off-duty Detective Dita

Dow had witnessed the crime and relayed vital information to radio. Officer Tapia and Sergeant Sanchez located the offender and arrested him. They were able to recover all of the victim's stolen property.

- Officers M. Espinosa and H. Alvadrez were dispatched to respond to a robbery victim. The victim was able to provide officers with a description of the vehicle the subjects fled in. Within a short time, a vehicle matching the description was observed by Officer C. Compton and a car stop was initiated. The victim's ID and wallet were found on the dashboard of the vehicle and the victim positively identified the subjects. The occupants were taken into custody and booked into MDC.
- Officers Larry Middleton, Robert Woolever and Harold Sennett were dispatched to the area of Louisiana and Corona NE regarding a possible family fight in which a male was battering a female. Officers tracked the couple down, and noted the female had a small child with her. The male was arrested for domestic violence and was found to be in possession of two handguns; one on his person and one in his vehicle. The male was also a convicted felon. The male was arrested for kidnapping, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery, child abuse; unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and felon in possession of a firearm.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to nine call-outs for the month of November.
- The Field Investigation Unit day shift responded to 387 calls, swing shift responded to 432 calls and the graveyard shift responded to 314 calls for a total of 1,133 calls. The Unit also responded to 77 field service calls.
- The Identification Unit processed 1,623 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,657 arrests into Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 241 court dispositions, 125 employment and 39 firearms background checks.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,763 evidence items, 2,095 items disposed, 123 notification letters were sent to property owners and 184 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center

(ECC) staff answered over 59,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in November. The calls were classified as 21,589 911 calls and 37,897 242-COPS calls. 911 Operators answered 96.32% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (the national standard is 90%; APD's standard is 92.5%); operators answered 98.30% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD's goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).

- ECC staff continued to participate in state-wide initiatives such as the "Next Generation 911" working group to prepare and develop a new 911 network capable of handling text, video and photographs over the 911 system. The current 911 system is a very sturdy and strong network, however, it is incapable of handling text messaging and the other features available on many phones.
- ECC staff met with representatives of the 811 center in Albuquerque to discuss how the 811 center should process calls needing to go to 911 for assistance. 811 is a statewide number for anyone to call and find out where it is safe to dig to avoid utility lines.

Planning & Policy Division...

- Division staff worked with the contractor and architect of the Sixth Area Command in order to begin construction of the new facility as soon as possible.
- On-call contractors completed the Crime Analysts office in the Old Main. The new area will allow the crime analysts to develop, analyze and distribute crime data to many different officer groups.

Open Space Division...

- Open Space officers conducted an illegal camp tactical plan on November 4, resulting in four found camps and one citation.
- Division officers conducted 50 City park welfare checks and 25 City pool checks.
- Officer C. Melvin and A. Martinez issued numerous citations for off-leash and fishing license violations.
- Officers Gassel, Okino, Schmidt and Smith worked the Twinkle Light Parade tactical plan to ensure vehicle and pedestrian safety.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During the month of November, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,432 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. APD

arrested 1,203 prisoners and outside agencies arrested 229 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 203 trips to the MDC and accepted 115 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.

- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of November was \$19,968.13.

Strategic Support Division...

- The November Safe City meeting was held on November 18. During the meeting, the Southeast Impact team tactical plan to prevent auto burglaries around Cornell and Central was reviewed. Other items discussed included pedestrian lighting issues around the first block off of Central Avenue; city ordinances and enforcement about noise at night clubs; and an update on the permit at the former Pulse nightclub.
- The Division continued to progress on expanding ARAPA partnerships to a regional level. The New Mexico Sheriffs and Police Officers Association will continue to be an integral part of the regional initiative.
- In November, 61 criminal activity incidents were submitted on the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel. 31 of the alerts were from ARAPA partners; ten by were by hospitality partners; nine were by FISOA partners; two were by North I25 partners; five were from CICA; one was from Downtown; and the remaining three were by commercial property owners. In November, 34 new registration requests were received to become part of the various partnerships. In November, there were 2,393 visitors to the website, averaging 79 visitors per day.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Division assisted with the Toys for Tots collection, Veteran's Day Parade, and Twinkle Light Parade.
- Officer Kraemer arrested a homicide suspect and recovered five stolen vehicles.
- During the holiday season, the Division is helping out with the Mall Tactical Plan.
- The DWI Unit conducted two sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 19 DWI arrests. The Unit also received its new BATmobile on November 30.
- The Air Support Unit responded to a motorcyclist that had fled a traffic stop at Unser and Central. The motorcyclist drove 142 miles

per hour without police pursuit. The offender fled to Belen where he refueled and then drove back into Albuquerque in a reckless manner. He was apprehended by the Gang Unit near the Albuquerque Convention Center.

Special Operations Division...

- The K-9 Unit made eight apprehensions this month and conducted two demonstrations at community events.
- The Bomb Squad responded to 12 call-outs in November. On November 1, the Bomb Squad responded to the field behind the UNM Pit in reference to a suspected pipe bomb. The pipe bomb was rendered safe. On November 23, the Bomb Squad responded to the cargo area of the International Sunport after two crates tested positive for explosives during a screening. The tubes inside the crate were also labeled with explosive placards. The Bomb Squad examined the contents and found that they did not have any explosive material or hazardous devices. It was discovered that the shipper, Los Alamos National Labs, had previously used the containers to legitimately transport explosive in the past and had mistakenly used them.
- The Horse Mounted Unit assisted with several Southeast Area Command tactical plans in November and assisted SWAT with two actions.
- SWAT responded to six activations in November.

Investigations Bureau...

- Valley Narcotics detectives conducted a series of controlled buys at two locations, and were able to obtain search warrants. During the warrant service, \$13,461 was seized. Another interdiction effort yielded five felony arrests and the seizure of 155 pounds of marijuana.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives dismantled a marijuana grow house, seizing 100 plants and pursuing charges against the home's owner.
- Westside Narcotics detectives served a search warrant at a southwest Albuquerque location in response to a series of controlled buys that had taken place earlier. In addition to two felony arrests, a third ounce of heroin and a rifle were also seized.
- The Crisis Intervention Team assisted School Resource Officers with mock lockdown drills at West Side area schools.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit provided assistance to the U.S. Secret Service for multiple dignitary visits.

- The Gang Unit cleared 12 felony warrants and made five felony arrests of gang-related offenders in November.
- The ROP Unit made 12 arrests of high-profile offenders including a person wanted for bank robbery.
- The Vice Unit made nine felony and 32 misdemeanor arrests.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 723 referrals and cleared 53 cases in November.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared seven cases and completed 33 computer forensics examinations.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 35 verifications and 18 hours of surveillance.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 610 calls for service, initiating 38 felony arrest/warrants, 63 misdemeanor arrest/warrants, and made 250 home visits for truancy.
- The Homicide Unit responded to nine violent crime call-outs this month.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 53 cases and submitted nine cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 13 call-outs, and assisted with nine violent crime call-outs. The Unit cleared 38 cases, 18 of those going to the DA's Office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 19 cases in November, submitting five to the DA's Office. Detectives reviewed 445 domestic violence cases.
- The COAST Unit assisted 408 individuals, referring 303 to social service assistance.
- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit cleared 52 cases, resulting in the recovery of about \$266,000 in stolen vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes forensic auditor interns conducted forensic audits on several large-scale embezzlement cases and analyzed numerous boxes of financial data related to upcoming case investigations. In November, forensic auditors assisted in case preparations which financial totals exceeded \$400,000.
- The Burglary Unit closed 58 cases in November. Unit detectives were called to assist Field Services officers who had two subjects and a car loaded with suspected stolen property in custody. Unit detectives conducted a thorough investigation which led them to a hotel room. Unit detectives attempted to contact the occupants of the hotel room, resulting in a SWAT situation after the occupant barricaded himself inside the room. Upon resolution, two

suspects were located in the room, one of which was a previous Top 5 offender. An additional stolen vehicle and thousands of dollars in stolen property were recovered. The suspects were part of a large-scale burglary and narcotics operation. Five search warrants and three arrest warrants have been executed, with over 80 suspects identified.

- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 84 tips in November, resulting in three arrests. Two of the four "Fugitive of the Week" were arrested.
- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to nine call-outs in November.

Records Section...

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,204 calls in November.
- The CopLogic system saved over 364.5 hours and approximately \$9,720 if the reports were taken by an APD officer.
- The UCR Unit completed April 2009 reports, and worked on APD and BCSO supplement closeouts.

Professional Standards...

- The Basic Training Unit currently has 38 cadets in the 104th Cadet Class.
- The Advanced Training Unit conducted 2009 MOE training. The Unit also assisted in planning the APD Quarterly Managers Meeting and developed a weekly training bulletin that was distributed via email to department personnel.
- The West Side and Tactical Ranges prepared for the 2010 handgun Glock to Smith and Wesson transition.
- With the help of the Wellness Unit, the 104th cadet class improved their physical assessment average four percent over their first physical assessment. The Unit continued the implementation of lesson plans for the daily physical training of the 104th cadet class in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine.

Trend Analysts





