

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report October 2009



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Area Command congratulates Lt. Rae Mason on her promotion to Commander (Valley Area Command) and welcomes Lt. Chad Dolan, who will be the day shift watch commander for the Southeast Area Command.
- Southeast crime prevention staff hosted the quarterly Crime Free Multi-Housing Training that included workshops on the Crime Free program and methamphetamine awareness.
- Crime prevention staff also assisted in the Great Pumpkin Halloween party at Cesar Chavez Community Center by coordinating the demonstration of the K-9 Unit, Open Space, mobile sub, and other officers to this event.
- Southeast's Impact Unit investigated a shooting at an APS trade school on Yale Blvd. Through interviews and video surveillance, Unit detectives were able to identify the suspected shooter and arrest him. The Impact Team continued to conduct surveillance on wanted subjects within the area command and take them into custody when located.
- Southeast officers completed the re-banding of their radios that included the mobile sub, pool car and substation radio.
- Southeast officers responded to a total of 10,841 calls for service and issued 4,752 moving citations, initiated 189 DWI and 113 domestic violence arrests and wrote 2,398 reports.

Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills officers and crime prevention personnel participated in various events at area schools in order to show a police presence and strengthen community relationships. Crime prevention personnel gave several internet safety presentations to local middle school students and PTA members. Command staff visited local elementary schools throughout the last week of October to talk about personal and Halloween safety and participate in Red Ribbon Week activities.
- Command staff and crime prevention personnel continued to meet with neighborhood associations on a monthly basis. Command staff maintained contact with neighborhood associations through neighborhood meetings and e-mail.
- Watch I (Graveyard shift) officers held regular field briefings and implemented tactical plans

at various points along Montgomery Boulevard and Tramway Boulevard in response to complaints about high traffic and speeders. Watch I officers conducted several tactical plans that focused on quality of life issues, including traffic enforcement, auto burglary and patrol for stolen vehicles. Over 100 citations were issued and six stolen vehicles were recovered. Watch I officers issued 612 moving citations, made 79 (eight felony) arrests, and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 751 times.

- Watch II Bike Units have been spending a significant amount of time patrolling bike trails in the command to identify an offender who has been placing dangerous obstacles on the paths. Day shift officers conducted tactical plans at local grocery stores to combat an increase in shoplifting. Watch II officers issued 516 moving citations, arrested 132 subjects (47 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 837 times.
- The Foothills Impact Team targeted residential burglary suspects throughout the command. The Impact Team conducted surveillance of a known burglar, surveillance of a highly impacted area, and searched for wanted burglars. A subject was taken into custody, and as a result residential burglaries have decreased.
- Coordinated efforts were made with ARAPA to identify the "Pontiac Push-out Bandits". Two subjects who were responsible for over \$10,000 worth of property stolen from Target and Best Buy were taken into custody.
- Watch III officers continued to oversee the Business Relationship Improvement Plan with businesses throughout the command. Watch III officers issued 991 moving citations, arrested 232 subjects (73 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 1,414 times.

Valley Area Command...

- Valley swing shift officers continued to work the cruiser tactical plan Downtown. A result of the plan is that traffic is relocating from the main corridor of Central Avenue to the outlying streets of Gold Ave. SW and Copper Ave. NW. To date, 2,352 citations have been issued and 162 subjects have been arrested.
- Due to a high number of burglaries in the Downtown area, Team 7 implemented a tactical plan that used one of their officers in a plain clothes capacity. Within minutes, the officer located a suspect. With the help of uniformed

officers, the offender was taken into custody. The offender was linked to six commercial burglaries and had a felony warrant for burglary and a parole violation warrant.

- Valley dayshift officers worked several traffic tactical plans in response to numerous complaints received by citizens about speeding and aggressive driving in their neighborhoods. One tactical plan at 8th Street and Central Avenue generated over 157 citations.
- The Valley Impact Team initiated a tactical plan during the Balloon Fiesta in an effort to prevent burglaries from being committed against tourists staying at the local hotels. There was no notable crime issues reported during this year's Fiesta.

Southwest Area Command...

- Southwest officers conducted field briefings at hotels and motels within the area command during the Balloon Fiesta in order to prevent crime and to deter auto theft.
- Officers conducted tactical plans within the area command that focused on school zones near 86th Street and Tower. Officers conducted a tactical plan near 98th Street and DeVargas SW that resulted in 95 citations, including 34 for speeding and 15 for expired registrations.
- Officers from the Southwest and Northwest Area Commands collaborated to apprehend two subjects who were committing larcenies on subjects in big-box retailer parking lots and stealing vehicles. The subjects were captured after a brief pursuit.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers responded to a total of 1,709 calls for service. Seventy-four misdemeanor arrests and 9 misdemeanor citations were issued. 31 felony arrests and 29 domestic violence arrests were initiated. Watch 1 officers issued 827 moving citations and completed 72 DWI arrests.
- Watch I officers implemented an illegal parking tactical plan throughout the area command emphasizing handicapped parking violations. Northwest officers issued 142 citations, 57 of which were specifically for handicap parking violations.
- Watch II officers conducted continuous traffic and burglary tactical plans throughout the month. Although manpower was extremely low due to numerous special events, statistics were very good. The addition of a mobile command

post and some timely intelligence was of great assistance. Residential burglaries in the Sundoro neighborhood were reduced from eight to one in October. The Taylor Ranch neighborhood also experienced a reduction in burglaries during the month, from 24 to ten.

- Traffic safety tactical operations addressing issues related to the CNM Campus were conducted during October. Numerous citations were issued in conjunction with the use of a speed trailer.
- The Northwest Impact Team continued burglary and auto theft prevention tactical plans. The operation included increased saturation patrols based on current crime statistics, with an emphasis on surveillance of known offenders. Several known burglary suspects were arrested on felony warrants as a result of the operation.
- All Impact Team personnel that had not completed the Rolling Surveillance Training School were given the opportunity and attended training during the month of October.
- Watch III (swing shift) officers, in conjunction with day shift and Impact Team detectives continued the Poptrac operation throughout the area command. A number of high-profile arrests were made by Watch III officers, including a narcotics arrest at Volcano Vista High School where cocaine was recovered and a known drug dealer was identified and arrested. A series of strong-arm robberies were solved with the apprehension of offenders who were located within the area command. An investigation ensued, and officers from several area commands assisted in the apprehension of the suspects a short time later, resulting in numerous cases being cleared.
- On October 16th, Northwest officers responded to a theft call at a local restaurant. Due to the quick response, a perimeter was established and it resulted in the apprehension, arrest and return of cash to the victim's business.
- Watch III continues to be the busiest shift with a total of 2,276 calls for service answered and a total of 732 self-initiated activities. Watch III made 32 felony arrests, 124 misdemeanor arrests, issued 62 misdemeanor citations and 874 moving citations.

Northeast Area Command...

- Northeast Area Command officers were dispatched to a CVS Pharmacy in reference to two people who attempted to fill a fraudulent

prescription. The subjects were arrested and it was learned that the two possessed numerous fraudulent prescriptions and were wanted by the State Drug Inspector and APD narcotics detectives for possessing fraudulent prescriptions.

- Officers were dispatched to a northeast Albuquerque residence in response to a complaint. Upon arrival, officers found a two-year-old child, crying, out in the bitter cold without shoes and only light clothing. The investigation revealed that the child's mother and boyfriend were both highly intoxicated and did not know the child had exited the apartment after the two had gone to purchase more alcohol. Paramedics determined that the child had an irregular heartbeat, very low body temperature, low oxygen saturation, and the appearance of bruising around his head. The child was transported to the hospital and CYFD was notified. The mother and boyfriend were arrested for felony child abuse.
- Officers were dispatched to a northeast Albuquerque residence concerning a possible home invasion. Upon the officer's arrival, the family who resided at the address was outside the home and the offender was inside. A perimeter was immediately set up. The offender was observed exiting one of the home's doors several times, but continued to go back inside. On the male's fourth exit from the home, a K-9 was sent to the subject and he was taken into custody. The male was arrested and booked on residential burglary charges.
- Northeast Area Command officers apprehended two separate burglars while in progress on October 27th. One suspect was in possession of a stolen firearm and was confirmed to be a convicted felon. Hundreds of dollars in stolen property was returned.
- Team 2 officers conducted multiple operations that targeted traffic violators in areas with high volume complaints, including Comanche/Washington, Academy/Casa De Vida, Academy/Wyoming, Harper/Rosewood and Carlisle between Interstate 40 and Candelaria. A total of 101 citations were issued, along with a misdemeanor arrest and 3 towed vehicles.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to 4 call-outs during the month of October.
- The Field Investigation Unit dayshift responded

to 396 calls, swing shift responded to 512 calls and the graveyard shift responded to 400 calls, for a total of 1,308 calls. The three teams also took 76 Field Service calls. While at the calls, FI's/FET's collected numerous items of evidentiary value. They took a large amount of latent fingerprints, and they took approximately 517 photo CDs.

- The Identification Unit processed 1,694 fingerprints into the AFIS system and entered 1,486 arrests into Tiburon criminal history record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 136 court dispositions, 121 employment and 20 firearms background checks.
- The Evidence Unit received over 4,220 evidence items. 3,348 items were disposed, 211 notification letters were sent to property owners and 263 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) staff answered over 65,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in October (23,654 911 calls and 41,989 242-COPS calls). 911 operators answered 96.03% of 911 calls within 10 seconds (the national standard is 90%, APD's standard is 92.5%); operators answered 98.34% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- ECC staff met with Animal Welfare to discuss procedures when Animal Welfare officers need emergency assistance in the field. Reprogramming radios will allow Animal Welfare officers to call police dispatch directly.
- ECC staff continued to attend weekly meetings with 311, the City Epidemiologist, NM Department of Health and Emergency Management to discuss the H1N1 flu season. Maintaining adequate 911 staffing levels and managing incoming calls from worried residents were main topics. Several 911 Center staff have been diagnosed with influenza-type illnesses but the level of service provided to the officers and the community continued to show acceptable performance levels. 911 staff attended numerous briefings on how to prevent the spread of the virus and literature was provided for all employees.

Planning & Policy Division...

- Division staff gained Council approval of the selection of contractor for the Sixth Area

Command. During October, the Planning Manager met with the contractor and architects to ensure that construction would begin in late November.

- Division staff created a final draft of the FY09-13 APD Strategic Plan that will guide APD's progress over the next four years.
- Division staff submitted legislation resolutions on behalf of the New Mexico Gang Task Force and APD's 2009 Justice Assistance Grant; they also submitted a 2009 Recovery Act STOP grant and Bulletproof Vest resolutions.
- The Planning Manager coordinated the creation of a comprehensive transition report to aid in Mayor-Elect Berry's assumption of mayoral duties on November 1.

Open Space Division...

- Open Space officers conducted traffic enforcement on October 1 and 30, issuing 19 citations. Open Space officers located 15 illegal campsites in the bosque, and issued ten misdemeanor citations.
- While patrolling Foothills open space, officers cited 14 people for unrestrained officers. All day shift officers participated in a week-long Balloon Fiesta safety patrol tactical plan.
- The ARRT Dive Team assisted the NMSF with a dive mission in Manzano, NM in response to a report that a murder weapon might have been located in Manzano Lake. A thorough search was conducted, but no weapon was located.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During the month of October, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,755 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. APD officers arrested 1,485 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 270 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 228 trips to the MDC and accepted 168 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.
- Three PTU cadets graduated from the 4th Prisoner Transport Academy on October 9, 2009.
- The Unit saved \$32,428.08 in hours and fuel costs for the month of October.

Strategic Support Division...

- In the designated Safe City Area, APD Southeast Impact Team officers concentrated on reducing auto burglaries near the Central and Cornell intersection.
- Division staff attended a downtown safety

meeting on October 20 and provided a second demonstration of the Downtown safety website. Seventeen registrations have been received so far.

- In October 2009, 78 criminal activity incidents were posted on the CONNECT website by business partners and APD personnel. Of those alerts, 46 were from ARAPA partners; 11 by hotel/motel partners; eight by FISOA partners; two by North-I25 partners; four from CICA; six from Downtown; and one was from a commercial property owner.
- In October 2009, 56 new registration requests were received for the various partnership groups. In 30 days, a total of 1,956 people visited the website, averaging 65.2 visitors per day.
- Twenty hotel/motel partners and law enforcement representatives attended October's APD-Hotel/Motel partnership meeting. At the meeting, APD reviewed activities linked to the State Fair and the Balloon Fiesta. APD discussed plans for the upcoming holiday shopping season.
- APD staff attended the New Mexico Restaurant Association's Executive Board meeting on October 12 to brief them on the partnership and asked APD staff to attend their next statewide board meeting in Las Cruces, NM, on November 5, 2009.
- The Crime Analysis Unit continued working with ICE on deportations of repeat offenders and known gang members. The Unit also rebuilt Neighborhood Association threshold reports and began working with residential burglary data sorted by mode of entry and point of entry.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Division stopped a vehicle for a traffic infraction. During a subsequent search of the vehicles, eight pounds of methamphetamine was discovered.
- The Traffic Division managed the traffic flow for the Balloon Fiesta event.
- On October 2, all APD Traffic officers and supervisors passed the motorcycle recertification test.
- On October 8, the Air Support Unit arrived in the area of 98th and DeVargas SW in reference to a felony narcotics subject who ran from other APD officers. Air 1 assisted Southwest Area Command swing and graveyard shift officers by establishing a perimeter and conducting a FLIR search for the suspect. Air 1 officers found

the suspect hiding in some bushes on the mesa. Utilizing a muzzled K-9 unit, the search team was able to apprehend the offender.

- The DWI Unit conducted two sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 25 DWI arrests and five seizures. The DWI Seizure Unit held an auction in October, selling 50 vehicles for a total of \$56,228. The Unit checked in 163 vehicles for the month.

Special Operations Division...

- The K-9 Unit made five apprehensions this month and conducted two demonstrations at community events. An APD K-9 officer assisted the Las Cruces police department with their K-9 handler testing and selection process.
- The APD Bomb Squad was called to a Northeast Elementary School to investigate a suspicious package that was left across the street from the school. The item was rendered safe by the Bomb Squad and was found to be part of a burglary that occurred just west of the school.
- The Bomb Squad was called to a Northeast residence to investigate an item that was thought to be a grenade. Upon investigation, two grenades were located and found to have explosive material contained within them. The items were collected and taken to the bomb range for destruction at a later time.
- The Bomb Squad supported the Balloon Fiesta event by providing bomb squad technicians and RSP capabilities.
- The Horse Mounted Unit patrolled the Balloon Fiesta during the span of the event and watched over partiers on Halloween night Downtown.

Investigations Bureau...

- Westside Narcotics detectives conducted a joint operation with Northwest Area Command Impact Team officers in October. A confidential informant was utilized to make a controlled purchase from a subject who is known to deal drugs in the area. The suspect's vehicle was stopped and searched. Using a K-9 unit, \$2,590 was seized, along with a 40 caliber handgun and a half an ounce of crack cocaine.
- Valley Narcotics detectives executed a search warrant at a Northwest Albuquerque residence. During the search, detectives located approximately six grams of heroin. Two subjects were arrested for possession of heroin and one subject was arrested for four warrants (one felony, three misdemeanors).

- Eastside Narcotics detectives executed a search warrant at a Northeast Albuquerque home. Inside the residence, detectives located half an ounce of crack cocaine and four grams of ecstasy. One of the residents was found to have an outstanding U.S. Marshall's warrant for his arrest.
- The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) responded to five SWAT activations and followed up on 125 CIT referrals.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit conducted 18 background investigations for SID.
- The Gang Unit followed up a found cell phone that had pictures of a known gang member holding a firearm. The gang member was identified as a convicted felon. Search warrants were served, and the suspect was booked for felon in possession of a firearm. Unit detectives assisted in locating and arresting a gang member for Immigration and Customs Enforcement federal drug charges.
- ROP detectives conducted surveillance on an individual who was a suspect in several recent auto burglaries. Detectives observed two men commit auto burglaries in the Foothills Area Command. When field service officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the two men fled. One man attempted to jump out of the fleeing vehicle and was taken into custody. An arrest warrant was obtained for the driver, and he was arrested at his residence the following day. The driver also has two outstanding felony warrants.
- Working in cooperation with the FBI, the ROP Unit identified a suspect involved in numerous bank robberies. The suspect, known as the "bad teeth bandit", was identified at a residence in Rio Rancho. Collaborating with Rio Rancho DPS, the suspect was arrested without incident and confessed to the bank robberies.
- Vice Unit detectives conducted a joint decoy operation with the Foothills Area Command, netting eight arrests. Unit detectives also conducted an operation to combat Craigslist and Santa Fe backpage internet prostitution rings. The operation resulted in six arrests.
- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$761,697 worth of stolen vehicles in October 2009. The Auto Theft Unit conducted one VIN etching event, and cleared 41 cases by arrest.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit closed 13 cases that had resulted in \$147,476 of losses caused by forgery and fraud.

- The Burglary Unit closed 76 cases by arrest and recovered \$89,071 in property. During a two-week period in October, six commercial burglaries were committed in the Downtown corridor. Some businesses were victimized more than once. Field officers requested help from the Burglary Unit to help identify a suspect that was acting suspiciously in the area. Unit detectives identified the suspect and were able to get a full confession of the six commercial burglaries.
- The Pawn Shop Unit has begun to run every item pawned that has a serial number through the Unit's system to see if it has been reported stolen. In October, the Unit recovered \$6,400 in property that was attempted to be pawned.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 120 tips in October, and 13 arrests were completed due to the tips. Three of the five "Fugitive of the Week" offenders were arrested.
- The Homicide Unit responded to three violent crime call-outs in October.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 53 cases and submitted seven cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit responded to six robbery call-outs and made 11 felony arrests.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 11 sex crimes call-outs. The Unit cleared 30 cases, with 14 cases going to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 19 cases and submitted five cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit made 78 referrals to the provider side of the Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center.
- The COAST Unit assisted 384 individuals and made 319 referrals for social services.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 750 referrals for review and possible assignment; the Unit cleared 70 cases in October.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared four cases in October.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 54 verifications and 22 hours of surveillance.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 548 calls for service in October, completed 15 felony arrests/warrants, 26 misdemeanor arrests/warrants and made 68 home visits for truancy.

Records Section...

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,849 calls in October.
- The CopLogic System generated 259 reports, saving an estimated 388.5 hours of officer time

worth \$10,360.

- The UCR Unit completed reporting for the month of March 2009 and worked on APD and BCSO supplement close-outs.
- The Data Entry Unit entered 3,948 reports and 239 supplemental reports.

Professional Standards...

- The Basic Training Unit continued to instruct 31 cadets in the 101st cadet class. The class has completed Phase III scenarios, and all of the cadets passed their state qualification PT certification
- The Advanced Training Unit continued MOE training through October, and hosted several other training classes.
- The Wellness Unit organized six teams to compete in the Duke City Marathon.
- Range staff completed day qualifications for all APD officers in October, and began to qualify officers for night shooting.

Trend Analysts





