

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report September 2008



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- With the State Fair in town, there was an increase in the pedestrian-related offenses, as well as the expected increase in the amount of traffic in the surrounding area. The Impact Team had a very successful tac plan for the duration of the fair. 58 subjects were arrested with 37 of those on felony charges. Large amounts of crack cocaine, heroin, and powder cocaine were seized, as well as some firearms.
- Team 4 is continuing a tac plan using plain clothes officers on the Rapid Ride. It has been a very successful tac plan with numerous felony and misdemeanor arrests and drinking in public citations being issued.
- With the new school year under way, we have seen an increase in the number of complaints from residents regarding parents dropping off and picking up their children in the surrounding neighborhoods. We have met with some school officials and will continue to work together with all parties involved to come to a resolution that works for everybody.

Foothills Area Command...

- Crime Prevention and SRO partnered up to teach Internet Awareness at Eisenhower Middle School for approximately 120 students. This awareness class has been met with very positive feedback from teachers and students. This Awareness presentation has received the attention of other middle schools, and we are now getting requests for the presentation at their respective schools.
- Dayshift has been working on requests at school crosswalks and school zone areas. The tact plan targets various schools within the area command with a zero tolerance policy. 186 citations were issued as a result of this tac plan. In conjunction with the tac plan, officers have been able to interact with students in a positive manner, generating positive feedback.
- The Impact Team is actively assisting with a city-wide POP project targeting robberies throughout the city. The Impact Team obtained three arrest warrants, executed four search warrants, and completed thirteen self-initiated arrests. Twenty case were turned into the District Attorney's Office.
- Swing shift continues to make contact

with business owners as part of a Business Relationship Improvement Plan. This plan has been focusing primarily on businesses along Central Avenue. The plan has been met with success and provides more police presence at these businesses. Officers attended community neighborhood meetings, addressing public safety concerns and providing crime prevention measures.

- Graveyard shift officers conducted five tact plans focusing on aggressive driving and drag racing along Montgomery and Tramway. Ten citations were issued as a result of this tact plan.

Valley Area Command...

- Dayshift officers have partnered with the School Resource Officers at Valley High School to enforce traffic laws in the area around the school. Parents were dropping their students off in the street on Candelaria and having the students run across traffic. A new drop off/pick up system has been implemented at the school. Dayshift officers are monitoring the streets to ensure no traffic violations occur and students arrive safely.
- All swing shift officers received building search refresher training. The training was arranged by Lt. Shawn O'Connell and was taught by the K-9 unit. Lt. O'Connell partnered with a private business to utilize a multi-story hotel being constructed in the Valley Area Command for the training.
- Swing shift officers responded to over 2,900 calls for service, made 45 felony arrests, 136 misdemeanor arrests, and wrote over 1,800 traffic tickets.
- Graveyard officers conducted a tactical plan in response to citizen complaints of criminal activity in the area of 4th and Cromwell SW. Officers made 7 arrests, issued 7 misdemeanor citations, and towed 3 vehicles.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officer John Garcia received a letter of commendation for his handling of a critical incident involving a domestic dispute where the offender stabbed his girlfriend multiple times and then himself. Officer Garcia was able to track the fleeing offender to a shed where he barricaded himself, resulting in a SWAT callout. Officer Garcia conducted negotiations with the suspect, resulting in the offender exiting the shed

without further incident.

- Through thorough investigation, Officers Perea and Rico were able to apprehend two juveniles who had been committing burglaries in the area. Officer Perea was able to locate one suspect and take him into custody and then find out where the second suspect lived. Stolen property was recovered and returned to the identified owner.
- Officers Brokaw, Taylor and others participated in a tactical operation at Alamosa Park. Officers contacted citizens and maintained a visual presence to deter escalating hostilities between a YAFL team and a group of soccer players. Parents of the YAFL team had complained to APD about the escalating problems and were satisfied with APD's response.

Northwest Area Command...

- With the inception of our Impact Team our ability to follow up and investigate criminal activity has been greatly enhanced. The Northwest Impact Team began handling felony investigations this month. They wrote and served a total of 4 arrest warrants and 3 search warrants, recovered 3 firearms and 52 grams of cocaine in this first major investigation.
- A number of traffic tact plans were conducted on Ladera between Atrisco and Unser due to the frequency of accidents which have been occurring on this road during the summer. Numerous citations were issued during this effort.
- Officers contacted the management of seven apartment complexes regarding criminal as well as criminal nuisance abatement issues.
- Team 4 conducted a high visibility tact plan on Brightstar NW in reference to narcotic and gang activity. This tact plan also resulted in identifying additional offenders in the shooting which occurred in early September where two victims were shot. Four offenders were ultimately placed into custody. Consequently, officers obtained narcotics intelligence and passed it on to relevant investigative units for follow up.

Northeast Area Command...

- On September 30, Team 3 assisted with setting a perimeter, foot chase, and capture of a suspect who was on top of an eye wear store on Montgomery Blvd., stealing copper wire. The suspect destroyed numerous power lines,

causing significant damage to the building.

The suspect was wanted for several warrants, including escape from Sandoval County.

- There was an increase in criminal activity in the area of Carlisle and Menaul NE., particularly in the area of a large retailer. A joint effort involved Northeast Field Services personnel and the Northeast Impact Team. The 14-day tact plan resulted in 34 misdemeanor citations, 1 shoplifting arrest, 4 panhandling citations, 7 graffiti referrals, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 6 felony arrests, 1 handgun seizure, and 1 DWI arrest.
- Sergeant White, Officer Toledo, Officer Martinez, Officer Garcia, Officer Hernandez, Officer Mazuranich, Officer Johnston and Officer Corley worked a tact plan at an area men's club to address the increasing DWI, fighting and violent crime problems that had been occurring there. Northeast area command officers made 6 DWI arrests, issued 15 moving citations and conducted 41 traffic stops.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to five call-outs.
- The Field Investigator unit has had a significant increase in the amount of latent fingerprints recovered from crime scenes during 2008. These recoveries have netted an increase in suspects identified for crimes, including burglaries, robberies and stolen vehicles.
- The photo lab has found a way to save money within their unit. They noted the expense required to maintain an old film printer outweighed the cost of outsourcing film development to local vendors. The outsourcing will save the photo section approximately \$5,000 per year.

Communications Division...

- 94.6% of the 911 calls received by the Emergency Communications Center in September were answered within 10 seconds. The national standard is 90%; APD's goal is 92.5%.
- 97.18% of 242-COPS calls were answered within 30 seconds; APD's goal is 90%.
- The division-developed, four-hour training course titled "Customer Service in the 911 Center" continues with a test run. Once a few minor revisions are made, the course will be rolled out to all APD Emergency

Communications employees with a target finish date of November, 2008.

Homeland Security Division...

- The division attended an Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Meeting. The division also participated in a WMD terrorist attack table top exercise organized by the FBI.

Records Section...

- The False Alarm Reduction Unit reduced false alarms in September by 175, from 1,528 to 1,353.
- The newly-installed Coplogic program was used to submit 78 reports in September. Employees assigned to substations will be trained on Coplogic in October. The number of reports filed using the new program is expected to grow quickly, and it will be a great help for TRU personnel.

Planning & Policy Division...

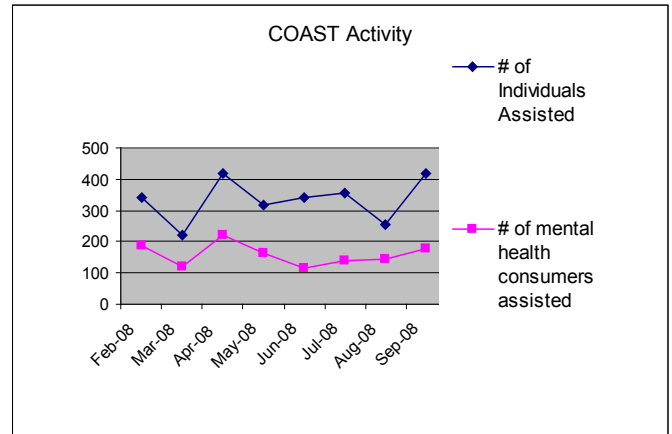
- Planning for the construction of the 6th Area Command has restarted after a brief interruption. A revised design for the structure is expected in October and construction may begin in Spring 2009.
- Construction of a locker room facility at the NE substation has been completed. It opened for officer's use in September.
- The Inspections Unit continues to prepare the department for the CALEA on-site inspection, scheduled in December. A successful review would result in APD being re-accredited by its national organization for an additional three years.
- The Planning Section is currently processing several new grants to combat underage drinking, improve APD's forensic capabilities, purchase needed equipment for field officers, among others.

Strategic Support Division...

- Attendees of the Safe City meeting discussed how to increase public involvement and to identify a good public safety related project in 2009. One item under consideration is improving the situation at Central and San Mateo. The area around the intersection is a "high call" spot for APD and people have complained about being harassed at the bus stops and being bothered by unaware pedestrians

in the road.

- In the Downtown area, division staff continued to attend Downtown Public Safety meetings and meet as part of the RHI Public Safety workgroup. The workgroup discussed providing customer service training to APD officers in the downtown area and working with the ACVB to develop the appropriate training block.



- Division staff attended a Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) meeting at Turquoise Lodge, to discuss the role of the Lodge in SIP. Lodge representatives indicated that they are receptive to working in partnership with APD and other stakeholders to develop a more effective method to address the needs of chronic inebriates who are often homeless. APD continues to focus on other possible SIP candidates and it is optimistic that a second candidate will be engaged in the program in October.

Open Space Division...

- An Open Space officer served as team leader on a SAR mission with rescue & evacuation of a lost hiker in the Sandia Mountains.
- All Open Space officers worked security at the NRA Police Championships.
- Open Space officers conducted 250 city park welfare checks and 50 city pool checks.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During September, the Prisoner Transport Unit (PTU) processed 1,697 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. APD arrested 1,372 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 325 prisoners. The PTU made 227 trips to MDC and accepted 119 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The PTU worked a special operation for the 2008 NM State Fair at the DWI Mobile

Command Post from September 5th through September 21st. The PTU accepted a total of 940 prisoners during the State Fair mobile operation.

- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of September is \$53,566.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Basic Training Unit graduated the 100th Cadet Class on September 19. Thirty-eight cadets graduated. Thirty-two cadets remain in the 101st Cadet Class. The 101st Cadet Class raised \$2,000 at Golden Corral for Cops for Kids.
- The Advanced Training unit graduated 8 re hires and 5 laterals as part of the 20th Lateral Class.
- The Recruiting Unit received 288 interest cards, assisted with September 20th weekend testing, participated in four career fairs and eight community events and conferences. The Unit graduated 10 PSAs. The Unit also initiated the second Career Enrichment Center Mentorship Program.
- The Background Unit conducted weekend testing September 20. The Unit tested 38 candidates, moving 17 to the background stage. The Unit is currently working 81 active files, consisting of 62 cadets, 2 re hires, 5 laterals, and 12 PSAs.

Metro Division...

- The Horse Mounted Unit participated in the State Fair Parade.
- The APD Bomb Squad assisted the ATF in executing a search warrant to investigate potential bomb making. The warrant was executed and illegal items for making bombs were confiscated.
- Throughout the month of September, SWAT team members conducted over 160 hours of special assignments in order to ensure that the 25th Annual National Tactical Operations Association conference would be a success. The hours included all logistics and preparation at the different training venues.
- The DWI Unit worked the NM State Fair and made 311 arrests and seized 85 vehicles. During the Fair, three sobriety checkpoints were conducted, resulting in 52 DWI arrests and 8 seized vehicles.
- The Air Support Unit responded to Mesa Verde Park in order to search the area for two

carjacking suspects. K-9 units advised that the offenders had fled to the park area near the community center. Air1 conducted a FLIR search of the area, and directed the K-9 search team, resulting in the apprehension of the two suspects.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$287,310 worth of stolen vehicles. Auto thefts have now decreased for eight consecutive months. Detectives have deployed bait vehicles and license plate readers during the NM State Fair, identifying two stolen license plates and one stolen vehicle.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit has increased their arrests, search warrants and arrest warrants. Detectives investigating a subject who embezzled over \$150,000 from a local business over a seven-month period. After determining that the subject was on probation already, unit detectives arrested her during a meeting with her probation officer.
- The Burglary Unit received information on an offender who broke into a business and a residence, causing extensive criminal damage. The subject was apprehended. During the investigation, the suspect implicated two others who later were apprehended and confessed to the crimes. The three suspects also admitted to two other residential burglaries and two auto thefts.
- The Gang Unit provided additional policing for the NM State Fair. The unit apprehended four juveniles for the vandalism, burglary and theft of APD property at Sandia High School. The unit also captured a Rollerz Only gang member for probation violations and an open count of murder.
- The ROP Unit made nine high-profile arrests in September. The unit, in conjunction with the Gang Unit and the Valley Narcotic Team, arrested a well-known gang member and recovered approximately one and a half pounds of heroin.
- Valley narcotics detectives investigated two Meth labs. Each of the investigations resulted in the recovery of a stolen vehicle, and one resulted in two felony arrests.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 23 cases and submitted 10 cases to the District Attorney's office. The unit made 19 felony arrests and responded to 12 robbery call-outs.

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