

Albuquerque Police Department
Monthly Report
December 2017



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Northeast Area Command

The Northeast Area Command hosted “Coffee with A Cop” at Starbucks’s Coffee on Montgomery and San Mateo. APD officers and approximately 75 community members shared a cup of coffee and discussed policing initiatives such as “Books and Badges” and proactive police operations occurring in the Northeast Area Command. Officers received valuable feedback from the perspective of the citizens they serve. The event was supported by Councilor Brad Winter, the Northeast Community Policing Council (CPC), and several Neighborhood Associations.



Northwest Area Command



Officer J. McCormick of the Northwest Area Command assisted a family during a shopping spree at Cottonwood Mall. This shopping spree was donated by Cottonwood Mall as their contribution to the Northwest Area Command Police and Communities Together (PACT) team’s Adopt-A-Family holiday initiative. APD also partnered with Wal-Mart, Northwest Area Command citizens and APD Emergency Communications to provide a less fortunate family with food, clothing, and gifts during the Christmas Holiday

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Foothills Area Command



Foothills Area Command officers attended the Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association's Christmas Party and annual meeting.

Foothills Area Command officers visited several elementary schools and spent time with the children, sharing holiday wishes, answered questions about police work and how to stay safe over holiday break.



The Foothills Area Command officers delivered food boxes and gifts to over 70 families. They also participated in the Cops for Kids and Beds for Kids.

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Southeast Area Command



Fourth graders from Hope Christian School visited the Southeast Area Command for a tour and presentation regarding police operations. The Horse Mounted Unit and APD Crime Lab also participated in the tour. The children ended the presentation with singing Christmas Carols and providing snacks for the Southeast personnel.

A coordinated effort between the Southeast Area Command Team 5, Police and Communities Together (PACT), Officer T. Zaleski and several community groups assisted a family in need during the holiday season. Sandia Civitan Group donated toys and Rio Rancho's Rumble in Rio Bikes for Tikes efforts donated bicycles. All the young children received a new bicycle and other toys. The family was provided a food box. In addition, the Southeast Area Command officers assisted 23 families during Operation Hope.



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Southwest Area Command



K. Prince, B. Chacon and Commander Campbell wrapped presents for the Food and Toy Drive



PSA R. Copeland and Officer J. Maycumber during the Food and Toy Drive



Sergeant E. Nelson delivered presents during the Food and Toy Drive

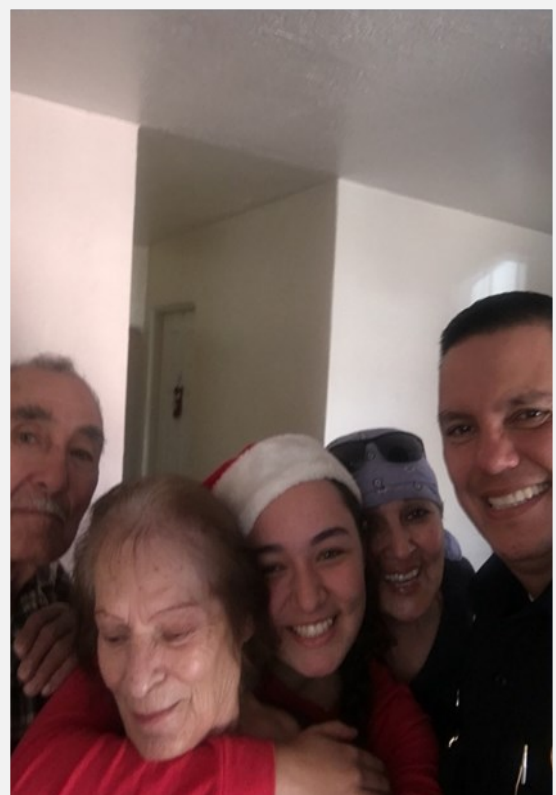


Officer L. Monte delivered presents during our Food and Toy Drive

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Valley Area Command

Police and Communities Together (PACT) and McGruff made a presentation at Cochiti Elementary for Career Day. PACT officers provided information on child safety, stranger danger and answered questions about being a police officer.



Commander D. Olvera and Valley Area Command officers provided food and other items to a family in need

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Communications Division



Angelica Cordova, a Telecommunications Operators graduated from the City of Albuquerque's Pre-Management Development Program. She was honored as Valedictorian. Angelica completed the year-long program and was grateful for the opportunity, the education and the discipline offered.

The Communications Division had four graduates of the State Department of Public Safety Certification Program. The graduates were Stephanie Conrad, Natalie Gurule, Kathie Sanchez and Amanda Williams.

APD's Ryan Holets is honored by the City of Albuquerque for giving "Hope" to an Opioid Addicted Mom

A routine call about an Albuquerque convenience store theft resulted in a life-changing moment for Officer Holets who came upon a pregnant woman using heroin. In September, Officer Holets convinced this woman to let him adopt her unborn child. Officer Holets and his wife were honored by the City of Albuquerque for adopting the baby girl they named "Hope." City officials called the officer's act selfless and gave the infant a chance at a new life. His act attracted national attention in a time of an escalating opioid epidemic. Officer Holets and his wife paid for the mother's counseling and attorney fees for the adoption.



Uniformed Officer of the Month

Brock Knipprath

Officer Brock Knipprath began his career with APD in July 2008 and is currently assigned to Team Six of the Foothills Area Command. Officer Knipprath was dispatched to a shooting at a hotel where he found a male who had been shot in the arm. He recognized the bullet had hit an artery and immediately applied a tourniquet. Officer Knipprath always goes above and beyond what is required of an officer.



Non-Uniformed Officer of the Month

Detective Darren Irwin

Detective Darren Irwin began his career with APD in 2005 and is currently assigned to the Central Narcotics Unit, Special Investigations Division. He is a certified Firearms Instructor and assists with training cadets. In one instance, Detective Irwin received information from a Southeast Neighborhood Association of a problem drug house. He quickly investigated the complaint and identified the offender as a repeat narcotics trafficker. Utilizing undercover operations, he obtained a search warrant and arrested the individual on felony drug charges. He provided a similar response for complaints at several local parks. Detective Irwin implemented several operations which resulted in seven felony arrests, nine cleared outstanding felony warrants.

Team of the Month

Aviation Team Three

This team is lead by Sergeant Kevin Napolene and consists of the following members: Duran Kaskalla, Corey Ryan, Lawrence Casias, Alonzo Hooee, Raymond Saunders, Stephen Garcia and Joseph Grider. In a month, this team produced 435 parking tickets in a typical non-peak graveyard shift. They also implemented a bicycle squad. The Aviation Team Three continually demonstrates hard work, dedication and outstanding teamwork.



Civilian of the Month

Sofia Torres

Sofia Torres has been with the Department since 2001 and is currently assigned as Communications Data/Records Coordinator in the Communications Division. Ms. Torres works closely with the Albuquerque Fire Department and Bernalillo County as well as with vendors, City and State personnel. Since accepting her current position, Ms. Torres has become a valuable resource for APD, AFD and Aviation as far as mapping and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) file maintenance. She is a high performer who is extremely dependable and ensures all her work product is accurate and complete and is always willing to assist others.