

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report June 2017



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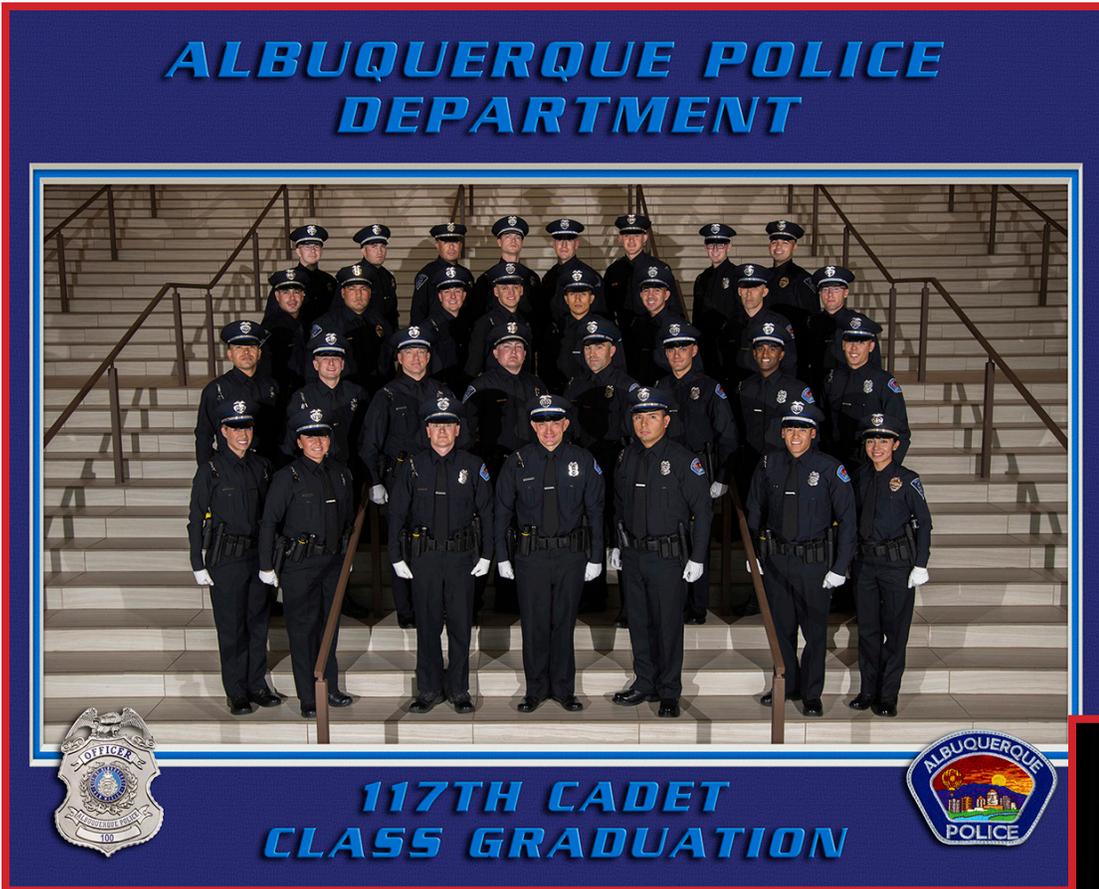


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APD Welcomes Graduates of the 117th Cadet Class

On June 1, APD welcomed 24 new police officers from the 117th Cadet Class. The cadets spent 27 weeks at the Academy where they received over 1,000 hours of training and ran 270 miles. These officers will have another 16 weeks of the on-the-job training. Congratulations to the 117th Cadet Class.



APD Hosting #TuesdayCopTalk

On the first Tuesday of each month, members of the department answered questions and listened to the community's concerns over Twitter. Community members can ask questions or follow along with the conversation by using the hashtag #TuesdayCopTalk. The cop talk is held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bill Daniels True Blue Awards Honor APD Officers

Three APD Officers received the Bill Daniels True Award on June 12, 2107 for individual acts of compassion that went above and beyond their normal duties. Receiving the award during a ceremony were Officers P. Haugh, T. Nadas, and L. Canales. Officer Haugh was on patrol in Southeast Albuquerque when he came upon two young boys who had their bicycles stolen. Haugh, who was familiar with the two children had them accompany him to the store where he purchased new bicycles. Officer Nadas was providing security at a homeless shelter as part of Chief's overtime when the facility's electricity went out. Nadas went to a nearby McDonalds and bought food for the entire group. Officer Canales was on shift when he encountered a woman panhandling. The single mother of two young children said she was hungry and trying to feed her family. Officer Canales had the family meet him at a nearby restaurant where he bought them a meal and learned their circumstances. He subsequently bought and delivered groceries and other necessities to the family.



Northeast Area Command Officers Save Choking Puppy

While investigating a stolen vehicle, Sergeant J. Edison and Officer J. O'Guin saw a woman crying. When the woman told them her puppy was choking on some cheese, the officers immediately started trying to get the puppy breathing by patting his back. Eventually, the puppy began breathing on it own. The woman commended the officers for turning their attention to a puppy in need. The lapel video was later shown on ABC's World News.



Officers Help Expecting Parents

On June 18, Officer R. Holets was dispatched to a residential burglary where the tenants were victims of a fire that occurred three days prior. The couple had very limited income and were expecting their first child. After leaving the call, Officer Holets purchased numerous items for the expecting couple, such as clothes and a bouncy seat for the baby. Officer J. Gumble also purchased a \$200 gift card for the family to help replace items lost in the fire and burglary. Officer Holets contacted a few local Walmart stores who generously donated several boxes of diapers after hearing the story of the family in need. These selfless acts of kindness demonstrate Officers Holets and Gumble's personal commitment to helping the community.

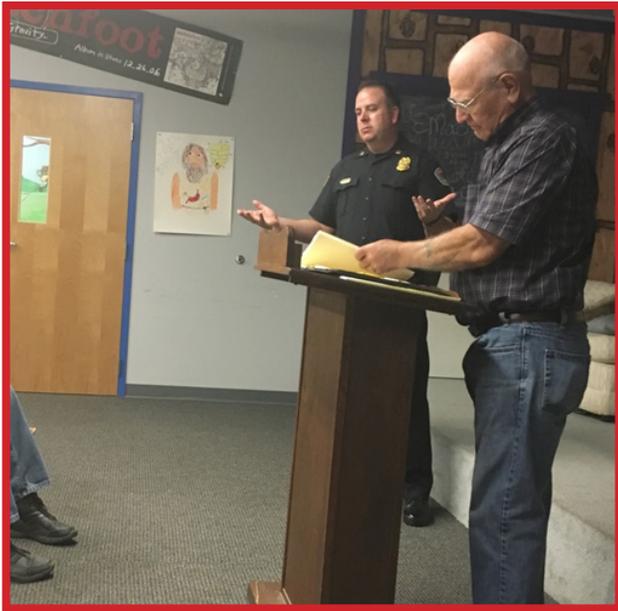
Repeat Auto Theft Offender Arrested

The Auto Theft Unit conducted surveillance and re-acquired a suspect who had previously escaped apprehension. The subject was very active in auto thefts and detectives apprehended him after he abandoned a stolen vehicle and tried to carjack an elderly female. Detectives were able to prevent the carjacking and take the subject into custody. After interviews with the offender, detectives closed out several cases the offender was involved in. Several vehicles were also recovered. This offender also had a handgun in the stolen vehicle he was driving.

APD Launches New Mobile App

Residents will now be able to access APD's services in an easy way. In June, the department unveiled its new smartphone app called ABQ Police. The app will allow people to use their cell phones to file police reports, submit crime tips and receive important alerts. Users can also receive real time crime mapping, keep abreast of wanted suspects and learn about APD's community events. The ABQPolice Mobile app is available for Android and iOS systems and can be downloaded from your device's app store (iTunes and Google Play Store).





Northwest Officers Attend a Homeowners Association Meeting

Northwest Field Officers and Police and Community Together (PACT) team attended an annual homeowners association meeting. The attendees were educated on the PACT initiative and were given crime prevention tips from Northwest Crime Prevention Specialists. Attendees were also given updates on the crime statistics for their neighborhood and what Northwest officers are doing to address the issues.

Southeast Area Command Staff Attend Luncheon



On June 12, Lieutenant P. Duran and COAST representative D. Hovey-Thomas attended an Elder Abuse Awareness Luncheon. In attendance were Constituent Services Director, Alan Armijo on behalf of Mayor Richard Berry, and Councilman Pat Davis. APD personnel presented various crime prevention tips and resource that are available.

Valley Area Command Working the Downtown Area

On June 26, the Community Response (CR) unit started working on a comprehensive downtown operational plan as one prong of the mayor's five prong approach to clean-up downtown Albuquerque of crime. CR officers are working extended hours and the Valley Impact team is conducting plain clothes operations. The Special Investigations Division is conducting undercover operations and Valley field officers are increasing community contacts. APD's tactical and Gang units are also increasing their presence in the downtown area.



#Notable Tweets



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Lex asks, "Isn't everyday #TakeYourDogToWorkDay?!"

He's resting before his shift as Sgt. Sandoval's partner of 5yrs. Helping keep us safe.



1:56 PM - 23 Jun 2017

17 Retweets 104 Likes



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Did you know 49 cadets will start our academy next week. 10 females which would tie our largest female class ever! #TuesdayCopTalk

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Noooooooo never 😬 #TuesdayCopTalk

Jessica Nelson @vegaswanderer
@ABQPOLICE do officers ever purposely drive under the speed limit to laugh at all the people scared to pass them? #TuesdayCopTalk

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Miggy G
@Get_Miggy

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@ABQPOLICE #TuesdayCopTalk This is a great idea APD and a good use of social media!

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11 Retweets 23 Likes



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Our evening starts with field briefing at Eubank and Southern #TweetFromTheBeat



4:14 PM - 29 Jun 2017

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APD Employees of the Month- June 2017

Uniformed Officer of the Month

Officer Cody Elliott

Officer Cody Elliott began his career with APD in October 2014 and is currently assigned to Team Ten in the Southeast Area Command. Officer Elliott is consistently a top producer for the Area Command while working one of the busiest beats in the city. In March, Officer Elliott made twenty felony arrests, twelve of which were from occupied stolen vehicles. Congratulations Officer Elliott and thank you for your service!



Non-Uniformed Officer of the Month

Detective Whitney Burton

Detective Whitney Burton began her career with APD in July 2008 and is currently assigned to the Foothills Impact unit. Detective Burton recently responded to a call of a man preparing to jump from an overpass. After requesting I-40 to be shut down, she single-handedly talked the subject off the ledge. Congratulations Detective Burton and thank you for your service!



Team of the Month Northeast Impact

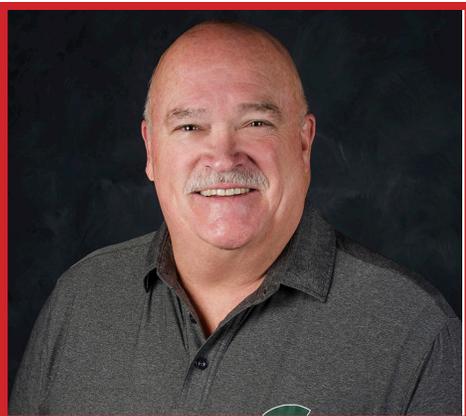
The Northeast Impact team consists of Detectives C. Baker, G. Roach, J. Carter, L. Sweitzer, J. Lucero, H. Guerrero, L. Neil, Officers M. Benavidez and R. Swessel and is led by Sergeant D. Saladin. From three separate property crime investigations, the NE Impact Team was able to return thousands of dollars worth of stolen property to the victims. Congratulations team and thank you for your hard work!



Civilian of the Month

Ralph "Skip" Brown

Ralph "Skip" Brown is a retired APD Sergeant who currently works in the Special Investigations Division (SID) as a Finance Manager. In addition to the role of Finance Manager, Mr. Brown has also assumed the responsibilities of Fleet Manager and has done a remarkable job tracking and maintaining inventory for the division. Mr. Brown has also taken on the responsibility of corresponding with federal agencies to receive forfeiture funds. Congratulations Mr Brown and keep up the great work!



APD Notables

Field Services Bureau - East Foothills Area Command

- While recovering a stolen vehicle, Officer K. Ramos located illegal drugs in the vehicle and cleared one felony warrant and one misdemeanor warrant along with the possession of a controlled substance and receiving and transferring a stolen motor vehicle.
- On June 17, Officer Bustillos heard gun fire and was once scene within two minutes. The victims met up with the offenders to sell a gun which they had advertised online. The deal went bad and a shootout ensued. The first victim was struck seven times and died shortly after. A second person was also shot. The offenders left on foot leaving their vehicle behind. Two pistols were still in the vehicle.

Field Services Bureau - West Southwest Area Command

- Southwest Impact Detective T. Nadas received the Bill Daniels True Blue Award for his outstanding service to the community.
- On June 28, a member of the Westside Kiwanis Club donated several handmade blankets to Southwest officers to keep in their patrol cars for any kids in need.
- On June 16, the Southwest Area Command had a Chili Dog Fundraiser to benefit a former APD Officer. The event was hosted by Officer V. Martinez and his family.

Valley Area Command

- On June 9, Commander Olvera, Officer T. Rosenberg, and C. Pino conducted a motivational presentation at a Community Center that provides services to homeless low income women.
- On June 22, the Valley Area Command hosted a school tour to 40 students from Hope Christian Academy.

Investigative Bureau

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

- Detectives helped with the recovery of several LoJack equipped vehicle, as well as identifying vehicles that were missing vehicle identification numbers (VINs).

- A serial murder suspect was arrested for three murders from three separate incidents and is suspected in at least another one.

Scientific Evidence Division (SED)

- Crime Scene Specialist S. Oates went on a ride-along and attended an online webinar to receive a RUVIS Certification.
- Twenty-four computer/cell phone forensic examinations were performed which included 17 cases for APD and/or other cases that APD had assisted on.

Special Investigations Division (SID)

- On June 3, Air1 and Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Metro1 performed a two ship fly-over for the opening ceremonies of the 3rd annual Germaine Casey Police Motorcycle Training & Competition. The event was attended by several hundred officers from around the region.

Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)

- The efforts of ALERT (Analysis Led Recidivism Team) recently helped with the arrest of an individual with six felony arrests. The suspect will be charged with four Failure to Appear warrants.
- Crime Analysis has begun to include National Ballistic Integrated Network (NIBIN) analysis into the Crime Analysis Weekly Briefing. The analysis will assist in providing leads for investigators in cases where a firearm has been used.

Special Services Bureau

Special Operations Division (SOD)

Open Space Section

- On June 12, officers were on boat patrol when they located three canoers in distress. One of them lost their paddle making it difficult to control the vessel. Officers acted quickly to retrieve the lost paddle and assisted the individuals to safety.
- Officers found an unattended campfire and put it out, preventing a much larger fire in the Bosque.

SWAT

- SWAT worked the annual “Freedom 4th” celebration to provide a tactical over watch and response to ensure the citizens could celebrate a safe holiday.

K-9 Unit

- K-9 officers conducted a demonstration for Hope Christian School.

Bomb Squad

- The Bomb Squad trained for 70 hours. Training included an explosive breaching course in Dallas, Texas.

Horse Mounted Unit (HMU)

- On June 3, HMU attended the First Impressions Rodeo where they helped with the grand entry ceremony and presentation of colors.
- On June 8, HMU participated in the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive commercial shoot. This annual event helps raise awareness and support for the local blood banks.
- On June 10, officers spoke to the Walking in Circles Horse Rescue Ranch about how the draft horses are utilized in police work.
- On June 11, HMU participated in a Special Kids Rodeo in Santa Fe, where they helped with the grand entry ceremony and presentation of colors.

Communications Division

Communications

- A new 911 telephone system was installed and went into service on June 14.
- On June 16, the Communications Manager attended a Critical Issues in Policing conference in Washington, D.C. regarding the future of emergency telecommunications.

Administrative Support Bureau

Records Division

- The Public Information Unit received 3,846 calls.
- The Report Review Unit completed 2,185 ARS transfers; 784 supplements; 1,487 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) entries; 3,189 officer calls; and 185 Unified Crime Reports (UCR).
- The Court Services Unit processed 329

arraignments and submitted 384 felony cases to the District Attorney’s office.

Planning

- The Grants Unit had a site visit from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety.
- The Grants Unit had a Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Enhanced Desk Audit. No findings were identified.
- A Kick-off meeting for a renovation project at the Foothills Area Command was conducted in June.

