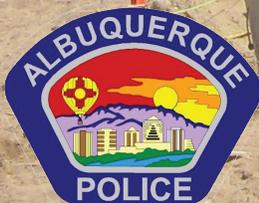


Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report April 2009



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast Area Command personnel planned and hosted the annual St. Baldrick's event in April. The fundraiser was a huge success and raised \$14,000.
- The Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit conducted 76 inspections, re-inspected 280 locations and posted 38 structures as substandard.
- The Southeast Impact Team collaborated with ARAPA to successfully conduct surveillance on an ARAPA member-referred suspect. The Impact Team arrested the suspect and recovered a substantial amount of stolen property and narcotics. Impact Team personnel partnered with Presbyterian Hospital security personnel to address the Hospital's rash of auto burglaries.
- The Command has continued to focus on quality of life issues as well as general enforcement citations and arrests.

Foothills Area Command...

- Graveyard conducted several tac plans which focused on traffic enforcement at various points along Montgomery and Tramway to target street racers and cruisers. The first night of patrol resulted in 27 citations and an arrest for DWI. Watch I issued 757 moving citations, made 108 (24 felony) arrests, and conducted 943 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- Watch II officers conducted traffic enforcement throughout the command to increase traffic safety. Squads held field briefings in high crime areas and conducted high visibility patrols in Foothills-area city parks. Watch II issued 501 moving citations, arrested 108 subjects (26 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 659 times.
- The Impact Team targeted copper theft in both residential and commercial properties. One suspect was arrested for copper wire theft.
- Watch III conducted several tac plans, including a month long tac plan for speeding in the area of Tramway and Lomas that resulted in over 30 citations. Watch III issued 423 moving citations, arrested 98 subjects (34 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 570 times.

Valley Area Command...

- Day shift officers partnered with the City's Clean Team to remove homeless camps from under the interstates and Martin Luther King Boulevard at the railroad tracks.
- Impact Team detectives conducted two undercover auto burglary operations. An operation netted three identified suspects and one felony burglary warrant served. Another operation resulted in four felony narcotics trafficking arrests and six felony narcotics possession arrests.
- Swing shift bike Officers Vollmer and Fox, following a foot race, arrested a suspect wanted for aggravated assault with a handgun. Both officers also arrested a suspect for felony narcotics at 4th Street and Pacific; they recovered 5 grams of heroin.
- Swing shift officers Patterson and Hotle responded to a commercial burglary, obtained a vehicle license plate of the suspect from surveillance video, located the registered owner's address, and arrested the suspects.
- Graveyard Officer Greg Trujillo, supporting all the officers on his watch, responded to several field investigation requests as well as installed Copperfire on everyone's laptop computers.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officer Padilla responded to a complaint of transients sleeping behind a building in the Southwest Area Command. The officer made contact with six individuals and issued information on the city's outreach programs.
- Officer Nagy conducted traffic control at 90th Street and Sunset Gardens. 32 moving citations were issued, two DWI suspects were arrested and four vehicles were towed.
- Officer C. Griego patrolled City parks to address reported nuisances. Officer Griego issued two criminal trespass citations, two drinking in public citations, two parking citations and made one DWI arrest.
- Officer Pelot targeted gang activity and made three felony arrests of known gang members and recovered three grams of cocaine.
- Officer Ruiz conducted a tac plan at 98th Street and DeAnza to enforce traffic laws. He issued 45 citations, towed two vehicles and made two warrant arrests.

Northwest Area Command...

- Northwest Area Command officers facilitated nine new Neighborhood Watch program meetings and six Neighborhood Association organization meetings. The Command conducted six Business Crime Prevention Training seminars with several businesses in the area.
- The Command continued its focus on neighborhood parks to protect the City's quality of life initiatives. Officers conducted inspections and walk-throughs of all the parks in assigned sectors to insure minimal criminal or nuisance behavior.
- Impact Team detectives executed nine search warrants and recovered \$15,000 in stolen property.
- The Command implemented several traffic and criminal activity tac plans. Watch III officers, due to several auto burglaries reported at a local gym, identified and arrested two suspects. The officer efforts resulted in zero reported burglaries at the gym.

Northwest Area Command...

- On April 8, the Command received an armed robbery call for service from a nearby apartment complex. The officers had information that the male robbery suspect had also shot the robbery victim. The responding officers, B. Maurer, D. Roberto, M. McElroy and Sgt. P. Heh, tracked leads on the fleeing robbers to Clovis, NM. The officers tracked down the offenders and arrested two males and a female.
- On April 17th, the Command received a report of an armed robbery in progress at a local pharmacy. The investigation led Sgt. P. Heh to believe the male suspect had reentered the pharmacy counter immediately after the robbery. The Sergeant removed the front clerk from the store, waited with Foothills officers for the suspect to exit the store, and arrested the suspect without incident.
- Impact Teams 1 and 2 have begun designing tac plans to address traffic congestion problems at two middle schools and one elementary school during pick-up and drop-off times of the school day. The sergeants are meeting with SRO's, school officials, and City traffic engineering to design traffic flow at these times to avoid potential harm to the school children. The collaborative will implement the new traffic safety plan prior to the 2009-2010 school year.

- The Northeast Impact Team conducted a joint operation with State Probation and Parole officers in beats 411 and 412 using information prepared by APD Crime Analysis. Their joint effort resulted in three felony arrests, four felony arrest warrants, and six potential crime leads in the area.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to seven call-outs in April.
- SID personnel worked at the West Side crime scene at 118th & Dennis Chavez through April 24th.
- The Field Investigations Unit dayshift responded to 181 calls; the swing shift fielded 273 calls; and the graveyard shift answered 155 calls. The teams collected considerable evidentiary valued items. The teams collected a large amount of latent fingerprints and took 250 photo CD's.
- The Photo Lab completed the dig site posters for an FBI presentation and completed the final dig site aerials.
- The Evidence Unit received more than 4,006 evidence items, disposed of 3,102 evidence items, sent out 389 property owner notification letters and returned 279 owner items.

Communications Division...

- In April, the Emergency Communications Center staff celebrated National Telecommunicator Week. Emergency communications centers nationwide honor staff that work around the clock to respond to and dispatch 911 calls.
- During April, 911 Emergency Communications Center staff answered more than 64,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls. Of these calls, 24,000 calls came in via 911. The staff answered 96.65% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds and answered 98.42% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds.

Planning & Policy Division...

- The Division submitted two Recovery Act stimulus grants to combat criminal narcotics activity stemming from the southern border of the United States. One of the grants would provide critical staff to APD's Gang Unit, in addition to technology improvements. The second grant, applied for on behalf of an affiliated agency, will provide equipment and supplies. The Division continues to research

grant and Recovery Act announcements in order to maximize potential funding opportunities.

- Division staff continued to work on the design of the Annual Report. It will be printed and distributed on the Internet by mid-May.
- The Division finalized bid documents for the Department's Sixth Area Command.

Open Space Division...

- Open Space Division officers conducted traffic enforcement on Unser Boulevard, issuing 10 citations and towed one vehicle.
- The Division provided training and safety awareness of the dangers of playing in ditches and arroyos to three elementary schools in Albuquerque as part of the Ditchwater Safety Taskforce Project. The APD hovercraft was taken to all of the events for display purposes.
- Two Division officers conducted a tac plan at Montessa Park, patrolling by vehicle and foot to check ATVs and motorcycles for proper registration and to ensure that off-road operators were complying with all applicable New Mexico statutes. 12 warnings were issued.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In April, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,794 prisoners. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,409 of the processed prisoners; other law enforcement agencies arrested 385 of the processed prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 248 trips to MDC and accepted 246 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The Unit saved \$35,128 in officer time and fuel costs.

Records Section...

- The Section continues to brainstorm solutions and strategies that will help production as well as trying to complete all NCIC transactions.
- During the month of April, the Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,503 calls from citizens. Of the 3,503 calls, 527 reports were written, 83 supplemental reports were written and 1,249 citizens were assisted.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Recruiting Unit received 388 interest cards in April.
- The Division attended three community events at CNM, Zia Elementary and Fetchapaloosa (the City's pet adoption drive event). Division staff

participated in two career fairs at Kirtland AFB and ITT Tech.

- The Background Unit worked on 22 background files for the 104th Cadet Class and Lateral Class.
- The Basic Training Unit continues to prepare 37 police cadets in the 102nd Cadet Class that are scheduled to graduate on May 29, 2009. The Unit started 39 police cadets in the 103rd Cadet Class on April 27, 2009.

Strategic Support Division...

- The Safe City group met at the Albuquerque Treatment Center on San Mateo just north of Central. At the meeting, the group learned that the motel just east of Octopus Carwash will soon be torn down and a new one will be built in its place.
- In April 2009, 47 incidents were placed on the community policing interactive website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel. Of these alerts, 16 were from ARAPA partners; 20 by hotel/motel partners; seven by FISOA partners; four by North I-25 partners.
- The PSP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7. At the meeting, the PSP will discuss the rollout of the Strategic Target Area Resource Team (START) initiative in the Foothills Area Command.

Metro Division...

- The Traffic Unit initiated a tac plan that will impact aggressive driving patterns at the City's top five crash intersections. The Unit assisted with the Secretary of Defense's escort at KAFB. In April, the Unit excelled at the Southwest Police Motorcycle Competition.
- The DWI Unit conducted three sobriety checkpoints and arrested 44 DWI suspects. The Unit increased their arrests by 15% and seizures by 34% compared to statistics in April 2008. The DWI Seizure Unit checked in 186 vehicles in April for a total of 863 checked vehicles in 2009, a 35% increase in the number of seized vehicles in 2008.
- The Bomb Squad responded to a call from APD Field Services officers to inspect potential explosives discovered in the attic of a newly purchased residence. The Bomb Unit located two very old batteries but no explosives.
- In April, the Bomb Squad and Sandia National Laboratories performed a demonstration for

- science students from Albuquerque High School.
- The K-9 Unit completed 81 building searches, 18 area searches and 81 hours of SWAT activations. The Unit apprehended six suspects.
- The SWAT Unit responded to a call in the Northeast Heights where a male, located in the backyard of the residence, was armed and threatening to commit suicide. The Unit disarmed the man in question without harm.
- The Air Support Unit flew John Walsh from the America's Most Wanted television show, over the 118th/Dennis Chavez SW crime scene so that they could collect aerial footage for the segment dedicated to the crimes.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft Unit and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered stolen vehicles valued at \$229,829 in April. The Auto Theft Unit conducted one VIN etching event in April; the Unit etched 200 vehicles. April was the fourth month in a row where the Unit etched more than 175 vehicles at a single event.
- SWAT officers stopped a vehicle containing stolen property and called Auto Theft Unit detectives to assist. The detectives interviewed the suspect. He admitted to a residential burglary and auto theft. The suspect directed the detectives to a location where they found another stolen vehicle as well as the thief's accomplices. All three suspects were arrested for auto theft and residential burglary.
- Burglary Unit detectives assisted field officers who had been dispatched to an apartment complex where several pieces of luggage were located by a dumpster. The luggage had been reported stolen as well as two satellite transmitters valued at \$100,000 each. The Unit investigated the case, returned the stolen property to the owner and got a full confession from the thieves.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit continued to identify cases for the Crime of the Week and Offender of the Week Top 5 list. The Unit received 132 tips in April. The Unit referred 32 tips to outside agencies; law enforcement officers arrested 11 suspects based on Crime Stoppers tips.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 916 referrals for review and possible assignment. The Unit cleared 90 cases.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 21 cases. The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 47 verifications and 10 hours of surveillance.

- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 297 calls for service, 540 on-site activities and wrote 137 reports. The SROs served 17 felony arrest warrants, 35 misdemeanor arrest warrants and made 229 truancy home visits.
- The Armed Robbery Unit closed 11 cases and submitted seven cases to the District Attorney's Office. The Unit assisted with nine violent crime call-outs. The Unit made four felony arrests and responded to eight robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to seven sex crime call-outs and assisted in nine violent crime call-outs. The Unit cleared 41 cases in April, with 21 cases referred to the District Attorney's Office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 27 cases in April and submitted 5 cases to the District Attorney's Office. Unit detectives reviewed 325 domestic violence cases.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit participated in a citywide anti-gang operation, preparing 40 felony warrant packets for service and assisted in the conclusion of the "Memphis Mob" investigation.
- The Gang Unit coordinated the Project Safe Neighborhood citywide anti-gang operation, netting a total of 49 arrests. During the tac plan operation, the Unit seized six ounces of methamphetamine and made several high-profile arrests.
- The ROP Unit served five felony arrest warrants during the anti-gang operation, worked an illegal firearms case with a suspect on the FBI terrorism watch list and arrested 11 felons.
- The Vice Unit arrested 17 misdemeanor suspects and one felony suspect during the citywide anti-gang operation.
- Detectives from the Valley Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant in the far Northeast Heights. During the search, detectives located three pounds of high-grade marijuana with a street value of \$12,000. The detectives seized several firearms and \$17,995 in cash.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives participated in the Gang Unit's citywide anti-gang operation conducted in April. The Unit arrested four suspected felons, one misdemeanor, and served two narcotics violation search warrants.
- Westside Narcotics officers served a search warrant at a Southwest residence and located heroin and an AK-47 assault rifle. The detectives arrested five potential felons.

Trend Analysts

