

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report April 2010



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Impact Team made 47 self-initiated arrests and cleared 55 cases. The Team conducted 169 hours of surveillance and compiled 52 hours of training.
- Day shift officers participated in a tactical plan at the school crossing zone at Lomas and Tennessee focusing on children who were not using the appropriate cross walk. School administrators worked with day shift officers on this plan in order to educate the children.
- Swing shift Officer Matt Fisher conducted narcotics and trespassing surveillance at a Northeast residence. Officer Fisher obtained his own search warrant for the location and graveyard officers adjusted their schedule and assisted swing team members on the search.
- Laura Kuehn of Crime Prevention attended the Spring New Mexico State Crime Prevention Conference – topics included scams, ID theft, gangs, property crimes, public/private partnerships, and SWAT/Active Shooter programs.

Foothills Area Command...

- Crime Prevention Specialist Agripina Neubauer spent several days in April at Jackson Middle School giving over one hundred 7th and 8th graders training on internet safety and crime prevention.
- Watch I officers conducted several tactical plans that focused on quality of life issues in response to citizen complaints, including regular periodic watches of residential areas and sweeps of neighborhood parks. Officer Daniels initiated a tactical plan on Central Avenue looking for DWI offenders. Over the course of three weeks, he wrote 11 citations and made 2 arrests. In April, Watch I officers issued 404 moving citations, made 48 (31 felony) arrests, and conducted 483 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- Watch II officers continued to reach out to the community in order to share and receive information for the development of tactical plans. A zero tolerance tactical plan addressing panhandlers resulted in 63 citations and is part of a larger push to reduce the number of homeless in the area. Watch II officers issued 506 moving citations, arrested 89 subjects (30 felony), and conducted 791 quality of life enforcement and referrals.

- Watch III officers continued implementing the Business Relationship Improvement Plan throughout the command. The plan included initiating a tactical plan in coordination with Wal-Mart and their new policy on shoplifters. The tactical plan quickly led to four arrests. Several tactical plans were conducted to combat various traffic violations including speeding, vehicles violating the noise ordinance, and seat belt and cell phone violations. While working on one of the tactical plans, Officer T. Nicko issued 25 citations, made four arrests and towed two vehicles over a 17 day period. Watch III officers issued 564 moving citations, arrested 148 subjects (38 felony), and conducted 679 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- As part of the POP project strategy, the Foothills Impact Team participated in the coordination and implementation of a targeted felony warrant round-up on April 30. The round-up resulted in 10 warrants cleared, two deportations, seizure of 2.5 grams of heroin, one gram of methamphetamine and two additional possession of a controlled substance charges. The Impact Team turned in 11 cases to DAL, and executed 11 arrest warrants and three search warrants.

Valley Area Command...

- Day shift officers conducted field briefings throughout the command each week in April. Officers continued to work on traffic issues in areas the command continues to get complaints about, including 13th and Lead, Rio Grande and Mountain, and 12th and Silver. In April, the speed trailer was utilized to help make drivers aware of the speed limit in these areas.
- Swing shift officers conducted 29 quality of life tactical plans that concentrated on traffic enforcement, complaints of narcotics activities, panhandling and burglaries. A panhandling tactical plan was conducted by the power team in the area of 1st and Central, and resulted in 15 arrests. A total of 50 citations were written for traffic violations.
- Impact Team detectives teamed up with the White Collar Crimes Unit and the Night Detective Unit for a property crimes warrant roundup.
- Metro Court Liaison Lisa Martinez opened 105 new cases in April and worked a total of 516 cases for officers.
- Crime Prevention's Yvette Garcia attended six community meetings. Yvette helped coordinate

efforts for the Health and Safety Fair at Rio Grande High School. Yvette completed research on nine different apartment complexes in order to initiate a calls for service analysis.

- The Open Space Section initiated the Bosque Fire Tactical Plan earlier than ever before. An aggressive series of tactical plans to reduce property crimes and illegal camping has already begun to show positive results in the beats adjacent to the Open Space areas. The Open Space Section responded to and assisted with a bosque fire near the Hispanic Cultural Center.

Southwest Area Command...

- Team 7 officers focused on traffic/DWI in the area command. They issued 203 traffic citations and made 15 DWI arrests.
- Team 8 officers issued 144 traffic citations, 7 DWI arrests, 8 felony arrests, and 34 misdemeanor arrests.
- Officer Pelot and Fickie arrested a male subject for domestic violence and felony drug possession, and were able to obtain useful information for the Westside Narcotics Unit.
- Team 9 officers focused on traffic and issued 277 citations.
- Officer S. Arias and K. Lewandowski conducted surveillance on their bikes at city parks looking for any illegal activity. The officers patrolled Alamosa, Westgate, Tower & 86th, and Pat Hurley parks. Eight citations were issued for drinking in public, 25 contacts were made, created seven calls for service, and three graffiti referrals.

Northwest Area Command...

- Graveyard shift officers focused their tactical plans to address quality of life issues within the area command. The plans ranged from traffic infractions, illegal parking, panhandling, and drinking in public. The watch continued to complete directed patrol in the area command's apartment complexes. A citizen's complaint was addressed with a tactical plan that focused on a convenience store which had been the site of larceny and illegal parking. Officers responded to a loud party call, resulting in two felony arrests and 31 citations for minors in possession of alcohol.
- Day shift officers continued to focus on the POP plan at a local apartment complex, resulting in a reduction of calls for service, a significant reduction in property crime occurrences, and a

continued upswing in quality of life within the complex. Due to an increased number of citizen generated concerns regarding traffic issues, tactical plans were conducted at Irving/New Vistas, Irving/Kayenta, Parkway/Unser, Irving/Chantilly, Unser/Paseo Del Norte, Golf Course/Paseo Del Norte. Numerous citations were issued at all of the intersections.

- Swing shift officers continue to lead in calls for service within the command. They are also continuing the "quality of life" tactical operations that focus on citizen complaints, graffiti, illegal parking and CNAU issues.
- Impact Team detective Ericksen identified offender from the shooting at a local nightclub in January. The offender was featured on Crimestoppers. Detective Ericksen worked with U.S. Marshals on a lengthy investigation, discovering the offender had fled to San Diego, California. The offender was arrested and extradited to Albuquerque.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officer Faeth Dylan conducted two separate tactical plans in the command. The plans focused on the reduction of DWI, speeding, and equipment violations. Team 3 officers conducted seven traffic tactical plans that resulted in 57 traffic citations.
- Watch I officers issued 555 moving citations, arrested 100 subjects (32 felony), and conducted 716 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- On April 11, Northeast Day shift officers were dispatched to a local retailer regarding several subjects on the roof of the business that were possibly stealing copper wiring. Sgt. Ratchner arrived on scene and observed that subjects on the roof were ducking down in an attempt to hide. Officer Carter then observed two subjects on the ground running from the back side of the business. Numerous officers were involved in foot pursuits of the suspects. One suspect ran into the Target store and attempted to climb into the false ceiling. Sgt. Ratchner pursued a second subject on foot until he was apprehended by Officer C. Silva in the parking lot of a local restaurant. When the second subject was taken into custody, he was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun. Both subjects were also in possession of methamphetamine. The subjects were arrested on ten felony charges. One subject was on probation for property crime offenses and was a felon in possession of a firearm.

Several businesses suffered damage to their buildings from the suspects.

- Northeast bike officers worked with Crime Free Multi-Housing specialist Bernadette Chavez to identify a vacant lot at the end of Carlisle, north of Montgomery as a public nuisance. Residents in the area complained of transients creating a camp in the vacant lot on the north end. There were several couches, chairs, beds, shopping carts, and fire pits in the lot. The camp generated an increase in panhandling at nearby intersections, auto and residential burglaries. Bike officers swept the area for transients and criminals on April 10. They utilized chainsaws, shears, and saws to cut down overgrown vegetation that Solid Waste Department was not authorized to cut. Bike officer George Wood organized a clean up tactical plan utilizing the Solid Waste Department and persons assigned to community service from Metro Court. Trash and large items were picked up, weeds were cut and removed, and graffiti was painted over. The Solid Waste Department did an outstanding job of supporting the effort, providing numerous trucks for large item removal. The area was completely cleaned up and is no longer a secluded area capable of concealing criminal activity. Community members approached the bike officers to express their appreciation for the City of Albuquerque's efforts to clean up the problem.



Scientific Evidence Division...

- In April, the responsibility for taking burglary reports was transitioned from the Field Service Bureau to Field Investigators. As a result, many other changes had to occur. Field Services Bureau sergeants would be responsible for taking some of the calls that Field Investigators took prior to the new program. The sergeants had to be trained in what calls they would be responsible for, and they were given new

equipment to assist in meeting those goals.

- Loren Higgins in the Photo Lab did a great job on getting a major portion of the new program up and running. Loren was instrumental in equipping the sergeants with digital cameras, researching the appropriate camera, holding bag, rechargeable battery pack and SD cards. Loren and Lieutenant Guenther collaborated to create a training course for the sergeants, producing a training CD and a DVD specifically about the use of the camera. Loren conducted 10 training sessions to teach all of the field sergeants and lieutenants how to use the cameras, and update them on the SOP changes.
- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to five call-outs in April.
- The Field Investigation Unit's Day shift took 298 calls, Swing shift took 381 calls and Graveyard shift took 332 calls, for a total of 1,011 field investigation calls between the three teams. The teams also took 199 Field Service calls. The calls generated 821 reports in April. While at the calls, the FI's/FET's collected numerous items of evidentiary value. They took a large amount of latent fingerprints, and they took approximately 471 photo CDs.
- The Identification Unit processed 1,617 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,669 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Record.
- The Disposition Unit processed 30 court dispositions, six employment, 29 evidence and 85 FBI background requests. Disposition technicians processed 976 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Database.
- The Evidence Unit received 3,673 evidence items. 1,446 items disposed, 596 notification letters were sent to property owners and 232 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) staff answered over 64,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in April. There were 22,810 911 calls and 41,293 242-COPS calls. 911 Operators answered 95.15% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD's standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 97.96% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- The State APCO/NENA conference was held in Albuquerque in April. Twenty one

representatives from APD Communications attended. Training certificates were earned for continuing education that maintains DPS certification.

- The Communications Center celebrated Telecommunicators Week, April 12th through 17th. The Chief visited the facility and thanked the staff for their continuing contribution.
- On April 24th, APD Communications handled 911 calls on behalf of Bernalillo County Communications during their upgrade.
- As of April 24, APD Communications is positioned to take additional calls after hours due to the reduced schedule for 311.

Planning and Policy Division...

- Division staff created a rough draft of the Department's 2009 Annual Report. The final version will be completed in May.
- Construction continued on the Sixth Area Command, including pouring of flooring slabs, conduit installation and exterior wall construction.
- The Division began working on a grant omnibus bill that will speed the approval of grant funds through the legislative process.
- Planning Section staff processed five new grants.
- The Accreditation/Inspections Section completed an inspection on APD's Special Operations Division.

Personnel/Payroll Division...

- Payroll and Personnel staff worked diligently on the 2010 First Quarter Report of the Police Officer/Telecommunicator Registry.
- Payroll staff completed 10 retention contracts, two housing stipend contracts, and 33 incentive payouts for graduates of the 104th Cadet Class.
- Positions posted in April include advertisements for Forensic Scientist/DNA Specialist, a Gun Trace Technician and five APD Transport Officers.
- Payroll and Personnel Division staff processed over 1,600 new photo identification cards.
- Payroll staff completed shift differential changes for the 2010 Field Services Bureau annual bid.

Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center...

- When the Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center (AFAC) opened in October of 2007, many businesses and community leaders provided funds to support the AFAC and sponsor individual rooms in the facility. Angela and

Nestor Romero sponsored one of the Forensic Interview Rooms. On April 10, they had a ceremony to dedicate the room to the memory of their friend Yolanda Santoyo. Yoli, as she was known by her family and friends, was a beautiful, educated young woman who was married to an addicted, controlling abusive husband who was the father of her three young boys. For the love of her three boys she stayed in the relationship for almost 10 years before filing for divorce. Just days before the divorce was final, her soon to be ex-husband brutally murdered her in front of her three terrified children, the youngest who was only two years old. The last paragraph of the dedication plaque reads: "It is our hope that the Albuquerque Family Advocacy Center will provide the strength, hope, courage and resources to others who find themselves in the same situation as Yoli, so that they may forever free themselves from the bonds of an abusive relationship and see the world is a much brighter place without the dark clouds of anger and control." *Yolanda Santoyo, February 14, 1966 – April 7, 1997*



Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In April, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,500 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,235 prisoners and other agencies arrested 265 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 205 trips to MDC and accepted 84 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of April was \$21,174.

Strategic Support Division...

- In April, staff began working on organizing an Organized Retail Crime Summit that will be held on the May 19. The event will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, where

the City would be able hold the event without incurring a cost. The ORC Summit will be held from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and will include a discussion of what ORC is, how it is linked to many different types of property crimes in the state and also case studies which will illustrate how ORC pervades many areas of offenses for serial property crime offenders. The afternoon session will include an actual ARAPA meeting, so that other jurisdictions can understand and view the ARAPA partnership between law enforcement and our retail partners in action.

- In April, there were 66 incidents submitted to the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity. Of these alerts, 25 were from ARAPA partners; six were by Hospitality Partners; 15 by FISOA partners; six by CICA Partners; three by Downtown Partners; two by North I-25 partners, seven in the new Apartment area and two from Law Enforcement Hot Sheet submittals.
- In April, 48 new registration requests were received for the various areas contained in the CONNECT website.
- In April, the CONNECT had a total of 2,555 visitors in 30 days, for an average of 85.1 visitors per day.

Traffic Division...

- On April 26, the Traffic Division implemented a tactical plan that was generated by a citizen complaint in the area of Alameda and San Diego. In the two hours of the plan, 20 citations were issued. Another tactical plan on April 20 at Indian School and the northbound frontage road of I-25 yielded 15 citations.
- On April 19, Air 1 responded to the area of the Montano and Renaissance NE in response to an auto burglary that had just occurred. While en-route, Air 1 received the vehicle description and a possible registered address for the offender's vehicle. Air 1 went to the residence to look for the vehicle. While searching the area, Air 1 observed a white Chevy Suburban matching the description, pull into the parking lot of a nearby 7-11. Units were directed to the vehicle and three offenders were subsequently taken into custody. Stolen property was also recovered. Patrol units at the scene did a great job in establishing a perimeter around the suspect vehicle and scene to prevent any possible escape.

- The DWI Unit conducted two sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 19 DWI arrests and four vehicle seizures. The DWI Unit responded to 138 calls for service to assist the field. Officer Marisa Martinez helped teach a DRE class, assisting 28 new officers statewide to become certified Drug Recognition Experts.
- The DWI Seizure Unit checked in 135 vehicles in April. The DWI Seizure Unit auctioned off 83 vehicles that generated \$77,094.

Special Operations Division...

- Throughout April, the SWAT conducted over 70 hours of firearms training for the academy cadet class. SWAT responded to six activations in April, including a barricaded suicidal subject in the Northeast Area Command and assisted narcotic detectives with a barricaded subject wanted on numerous felony warrants.
- On April 06, the APD Bomb Squad responded to the area of the railroad tracks, south of Alameda. A citizen had discovered what appeared to be a white PVC pipe bomb with two wires (approximately 6' in length) coming out of the top. Because of the proximity to the tracks, BCSO shut down all rail traffic in the area. The Bomb Squad remotely examined the item and determined it to be a railroad shunt (a legitimate railroad tool used to control signaling). The railroad tracks were re-opened in less than 20 minutes.
- On April 07 the APD Bomb Squad responded to a local laboratory, for a second time in less than a month, after security discovered a film canister glued to a nearby landscaping wall. Like the previous canister (which was a hoax), the canister was also glued to the wall. However, it did not contain any writing. The Squad examined the item and determined that it was not hazardous. This canister was found to have a pinhole and a piece of paper in it. The item appeared to have been some type of photography experiment.
- The Horse Mounted Unit patrolled the Bosque in April to prevent fires.

Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit was able to close 17 cases by arrest and 47 other cases in April. The Unit was able to recover \$295,160 in property for the month.
- The Auto Theft Unit conducted a VIN etching event at Sportsmen's Warehouse, servicing

150 vehicles. The Unit hosted and instructed a 24-hour VIN Inspector certification class in Las Cruces. Officers from all parts of New Mexico attended the class.

- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared six cases in April, which were responsible for about \$96,520 in losses to their victims.
- The Burglary Unit was able to close 26 cases by arrest, and a total of 42 cases were cleared in April. The Unit recovered stolen property valued at \$7,740.
- The Pawn Shop Unit checked 16,574 items and 1,368 guns through the NCIC database.
- The new Night Detective Unit was able to complete 34 felony arrests and cleared 38 felony arrest warrants.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 178 tips for the month of April. Three of the four "fugitives of the week" were arrested.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit provided critical information which led to a most wanted offender.
- The Gang Unit made 17 felony warrant arrests, including members from several local gangs.
- The ROP Unit made 11 felony arrests, including the arrests of several most-wanted offenders.
- The Vice Unit made 21 arrests, including a suspect wanted on human trafficking charges.
- Eastside Narcotics investigated a location and discovered over 100 marijuana plants. Eastside Narcotics detectives served a search warrant at another location that was suspected of housing a meth lab. During the service, two subjects were taken into custody. Both subjects admitted to being active burglars for the purposes of financing their meth addiction.
- Westside Narcotics conducted a series of buys at a northwest location. After serving a search warrant, detectives located quantities of cocaine, heroin, marijuana and six shotguns.
- The SRO Unit at Valley High School utilized CNAU to secure abandoned homes near the school where truant students were hanging out.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 880 referrals for review and possible assignment. The Unit cleared 108 cases, and sent 12 to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 14 cases and sent one case to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 64 verifications and 17 hours of surveillance.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to

709 calls for service, completed 41 felony arrest/warrants, 85 misdemeanor arrest/warrants and made 312 home visits for truancy.

- The Homicide Unit responded to four violent crime call-outs in April.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 25 cases and sent 18 to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. The Unit made nine felony arrests and responded to four robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to nine sex crimes call-outs, clearing 23 cases, and sent 18 to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 18 cases in April and sent eight cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The CIT Unit received 82 referrals, wrote seven reports and completed eight home visits.
- The COAST Unit assisted 415 individuals in April, referring 366 to social services.

Professional Standards...

- The Basic Training Unit instructed 34 cadets in the 104th Cadet Class.
- The Advanced Training Unit conducted 2010 MOE Phase 1 and physical assessments. The Unit assisted in firearms training, qualifications for cadets, and M&P transitions.
- The Recruiting and Backgrounds Unit received 249 interest cards in April. At weekend testing held on April 17-18, 82 candidates were present, 49 were submitted for background investigations.
- The West Side and Tactical Ranges continued the 2010 M&P 9mm handgun transition.
- The Wellness Unit conducted 2010 physical assessments.
- The Citizen's Police Academy graduated April 22.

Records Section...

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,000 calls in April and wrote 575 reports.
- The CopLogic system logged 228 reports, saving APD 592.8 officer hours and a total savings of \$9,120.
- Central Records scanned 173,590 pages of police reports in April.
- The data Entry Unit entered 5,253 reports for the month.

Trend Analysts





