

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report August 2008



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast Area Command personnel participated in the National Night Out. Officers attended several southeast neighborhood events.
- All Southeast officers are doing walkthroughs at San Pedro Library and Ernie Pile Library daily.
- The Impact Team continues to do excellent police work. They had 64 self-initiated arrests, and they were able to apprehend a major criminal suspect as a result of their work with ARAPA. The suspect had used over \$4,000 in stolen checks over a one-week period at a local store. Detectives located and followed the suspect while she used a stolen account to purchase items from another major retailer. A warrant was executed at the suspect's residence. A computer and 60 other items were seized, including stolen checks and IDs. After arresting the suspect, APD was able to obtain information on another felon, who in turn was arrested in possession of a large amount of heroin, cocaine and marijuana.

Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills staff attended the Mayor's Public Safety Fair, which was a great success as it encouraged citizens to talk to various city representatives and voice any public safety concerns. This event was met with great appreciation from the citizens. This also was a way for citizens to meet and greet command and crime prevention staff.
- National Night Out proved to be a success. Command staff, officers and crime prevention staff teamed up to attend as many neighborhood gatherings as possible.
- The area command continues to make progress with the East Gateway Sector redevelopment project. The project involves several city agencies that brainstorm ideas to determine how they can better serve the community. Foothills crime prevention staff are providing them with crime statistics and providing input on innovative methods of designing development to reduce the incidence of crime.
- Officers worked with local neighborhoods to conduct large item pickups of waste to improve the quality of life in the East Central corridor.

Valley Area Command...

- Lt. Paiz initiated an action plan to address complaints she received on National Night Out regarding drug use in Los Tomases Park. The mobile command post operated at the park for several weeks. Officers coordinated with Parks and Recreation to cut down the overgrown vegetation, which the drug users would hide in. The results were very positive as the drug users no longer go to the park, and families have started to utilize the park more.
- Impact Team detectives received information of drug dealing in the area of 4th and Pacific. Detectives made an arrest of one suspect who then provided the name and location of his dealer. Impact Team detectives located and arrested the dealer after seizing over 100 BB's of heroin.
- Swing shift officers wrote 1,007 traffic tickets while working the Downtown Cruiser tact plan this month. The tact plan officially concluded at the end of August. The summer tact plan resulted in 3,753 traffic citations, 267 noise citations, 34 modified exhaust citations, 25 DWI arrests, 95 misdemeanor and felony arrests, 285 towed vehicles, and 1 seized firearm.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officer D. Taylor received a letter of commendation for his efforts in making two felony arrests after a drive-by shooting at Mary Ann Binford Elementary.
- Southwest Area Command officers continue to focus on the Coors & Central area. In August, officers issued 25 citations for criminal trespass, drinking in public, and shoplifting.
- Officers conducted a tact plan to identify individuals selling and buying stolen copper and other metals. One recycling business closed, and impact teams will continue to monitor the location for any activity.

Northwest Area Command...

- Multiple tactical plans were conducted daily by all three shifts dealing with numerous issues and or problems within the area command.
- National Night Out was a success due to the area command's ability to attend every scheduled neighborhood event. The commander, all three lieutenants, several sergeants and many patrol officers were able to attend and interact with the various groups who officially participated in the

- National Night Out event.
- Commander Warfield, Lt. Gonterman and Watch II sergeants conducted a walk-through of Volcano Vista High School, Cibola High School and Bosque School in an effort to establish communications channels and review the layouts of the schools in the case of a critical incident.
- NW officers are continuing to focus on city parks in the area command, including the skate park directly east of Cibola High School. Officer Lawrence Mares has taken the lead in gathering and analyzing information regarding the number of incidents in and around the park.

Northwest Area Command...

- Officer Steven Lopez was dispatched to a resident burglary at a NE residence. After a quick search of the surrounding area, he was able to locate a suspect who fit the offender's description given by the victim at the scene. Officer Lopez also found stolen property in the offender's hands (wallet and credit cards). Officer Lopez continued with his investigation and learned there was more stolen property in the offender's residence. Officer Lopez assisted NE detectives with a search of the residence, gathered statements from the victims, and recovered additional stolen property.
- Detectives Cori Lowe, Vicente Alvarado and Rich Hilger received information that several subjects were possibly involved in illegal activity at a local hotel. Upon contacting the occupants of the room, the detectives observed rubber insulation and copper wiring. While inside the room, three other subjects arrived at the room. While Detective Lowe spoke to the subjects, she was able to identify two of them as suspects in a larceny case she was working where over \$3,000 of gift cards and merchandise were taken from a merchant in Coronado Mall. Through interviews, confessions were obtained from three of the subjects. They stated that they have been stealing from a metal supplier for the last few months and using the proceeds to pay for motel rooms and meth. Meth pipes and other items used for meth were found in the hotel room. Everyone was booked into custody was transported to MDC that evening.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to three call-outs.

- The Introduction to Citizen CSI class started on September 3rd. Detectives and lab personnel have prepared for the 10-week class.
- In August, over 3,505 evidence items were received, 3,398 items disposed, 433 notification letters were sent to property owners and 226 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The 9-1-1 center installed eight additional computerized telephones at a cost slightly under \$450,000. The positions were funded with monies from the 9-1-1 grant fund.
- On August 22, eleven Emergency Communications Center employees proudly graduated from the DPS Dispatcher Academy, held in Santa Fe.
- The Emergency Communications staff exceeded the goal in answering 9-1-1 calls. The national goal is 90% of 9-1-1 calls answered within 10 seconds. The APD Emergency Communications staff exceeded 95% in August.

Homeland Security Division...

- The Division attended a pandemic summit on August 1, hosted by the NM Department of Health.
- Homeland Security officers participated in a tabletop readiness initiative with the City's Office of Emergency Management.
- The ARRT Dive Team participated in a three day "Stress and Rescue" dive training.

Records Section...

- The False Alarm Reduction Unit made positive differences in unit specific measures, including 120 fewer false alarms from August 2007 compared to the same month in 2008. Also significant is a decrease in total appeals by \$4,450 during the same time frame.
- Five employees have been trained and are ready to assist with the implementation of Coplogic. The Telephone Reporting Unit will now be accepting four types of reports via the web, in addition to taking reports by telephone. The Unit will monitor the impact on current staffing before taking additional types of reports.

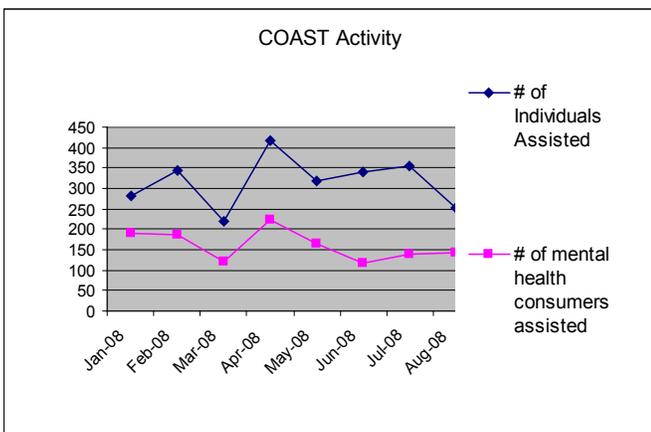
Planning & Policy Division...

- The Planning Section is making considerable progress on the conversion to ERP system. Data entry to input current and historical grant

- information was performed.
- The APD Green Team contributed to the creation of the APD Recycling Resource Inventory and Recycling Action Plan. The document will guide APD recycling efforts in the future.
- Completed renovations at the Northeast Area Command substation. The facility can now provide a separate shower / locker area for officers.
- The Planning Section has begun the process of converting the former District Bar and Grill into a police substation. A CIP activity is being re-scope in order to fund the renovations.

Strategic Support Division...

- The Safe City Team determined that the traffic engineering cameras will not be adequate for monitoring crime. The cameras do not allow for information to be recorded and then played back for follow-up on investigations of criminal activity or in assessing public safety issues at transit stops. With interest in monitoring cameras also being placed along Gold St. and Central Ave, the scope for implementation of this project has expanded.
- The National Night Out event at Nob Hill was off to a great start for about an hour, until it began raining and activities had to be interrupted. Approximately 50 people attended the event.



- APD staff attended the first organizational meeting of the new Contracting Industry Crime Alliance (CICA). At this meeting, Chief Schultz and other APD personnel discussed with about 20 representatives from the contracting industry how an APD/CICA partnership could help fortify APD's ability to fight crime that impacts their business sector.

- APD's first Serial Inebriate Program candidate completed detox at Turquoise Lodge in August and has moved into transitional housing. She has continued treatment through the ROP program at St. Martin's. She is committed to remaining sober. She has a follow-up hearing at Metropolitan Court in October so that the judge can hear how she is doing with her treatment.

Open Space Division...

- An officer recovered an unoccupied stolen vehicle in western mesa open space.
- An officer recovered a stolen ATV and made a felony arrest for the crime.
- Officers conducted over 35 pool checks.
- An Open Space sergeant took delivery of a new ARRT Dive Unit trailer and is in the process of configuring it.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During August 2008, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,629 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,328 prisoners, and other outside agencies arrested 301 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 229 trips to MDC and accepted 104 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The Prisoner Transport Unit provided 48 hours of additional service in the month of August by operating on Tuesdays from 1400 hours - 0400 hours. The additional overtime hours are being funded under the DWI seizure account.
- The savings in man hours and fuel costs for the month of August amounted to \$49,041.58.

Professional Standards Division...

- In the Basic Training Unit, 38 cadets remain in the 100th cadet class, and 34 cadets remain in the 101st cadet class. The 100th cadet class raised over \$15,000 for Cuidando Los Ninos.
- The Firearms West Range trained approximately 311 personnel. The Tactical Range trained approximately 456 individuals.
- The Recruiting Unit received 270 interest cards. The unit assisted with weekend testing on August 9 and August 30. The Unit also attended 6 career fairs and 7 community events in August.

Metro Division...

- The Traffic Unit hosted the last of three reconstruction training courses for the TOP's program. The unit also began preparing for the

- upcoming State Fair parade.
- The BCSO contacted the Bomb Squad to respond to a woman who had found two suspicious items while digging in her yard. On arrival, the Bomb Squad members inspected the two items, which were old live military ordnance. An emergency render safe procedure was performed at the location.
- The DWI Unit conducted 3 sobriety checkpoints and arrested 50 people for DWI. Eight arrests resulted in seized vehicles.
- The Air Support Unit assisted ROP units with the surveillance and apprehension of copper thieves. With Air Support's help, ROP recovered \$100,000 worth of copper wire.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$303,567 worth of stolen vehicles. The Auto Theft Unit conducted four VIN etching events, and approximately 100 cars were etched. The Auto Theft Unit also arrested several auto thieves. The Unit was selected as the "APD Unit of the Month."
- The Gang Unit made 11 high-profile warrant arrests, including the arrest of the last gang member who was involved in home invasion robberies where the gang members were dressed as police. Six in-custody felony arrests were also made.
- The Vice Unit shut down a local massage parlor. They made 46 arrests for the month, including 8 in-custody felonies.
- Eastside narcotics, partnering with other units and agencies, were able to confiscate over \$11,000 in cash, marijuana, firearms and partially-assembled pipe bombs.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 50 cases and submitted 32 cases to the District Attorney's Office.

Trend Analysts

