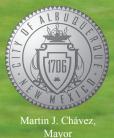
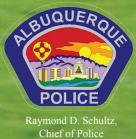
# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report August 2009







# APD Notables...

#### Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast Area Command celebrated its annual officer appreciation day in August; Command, personnel staff and APOA served 215 officers, including numerous business and community volunteers who contributed food and time to the event success.
- Southeast Area Command honored its fallen heroes by attending the Smith/King memorial.
- Laura Kuehn, Crime Prevention representative, attended 4 National Night Out neighborhood events in August that included the ARAPA sponsored event at San Mateo/Central, Trumbull Village, La Mesa Neighborhood, and Jerry Cline Park.
- Sandy Pino, Crime Prevention representative, sent out 244 follow-up residential burglary letters to victims in the Southeast Area command.
- A Command Impact team coordinated with Probation and Parole for their "apartment tactical plan". The APD/P&P team visited 29 home visits at 4 apartment complexes. Their combined effort resulted in 4 arrests; 3 of the 4 arrestees proved to be convicted child molesters.
- Grave shift Officer Pat Hernandez executed a successful trash tactical plan that resulted in reporting 105 large trash cans to City 311 operators.
- In a weekly sworn officer meeting in August day shift officers Black, Swallows, Psyzko, Mitchell, and Lowell received coffee cup awards for their successful apprehension of robbery and burglary suspects.
- Southeast Command swing shift officers continued to execute their repeat offender City bus tactical plan. They will report statistical data reflecting the success of the tactical plan to suppress repeat offender violations on City buses after they complete the plan after September 12, 2009.
- The Southeast Command Center finished station renovations in August. The Sergeant's office was moved to the old CNAU office; the renovated space became an officer workroom equipped with computer line access to increase timely report writing completion.

#### Foothills Area Command...

 Neighborhood Associations have requested command staff and crime prevention personnel

- in their monthly/yearly meetings to discuss crime prevention strategies for issues they may be having in their perspective areas. Foothills Area Command participated in the National Night Out with organized Neighborhood Watches. Officers and citizens used the opportunity to discuss current problems in the area and crime prevention tactics.
- Graveyard held regular field briefings and tact plans at various points along Montgomery and Tramway in reference to high traffic and speeders. Watch I also conducted several Tact Plans in area parks in reference to community complaints of vandalism and disturbances. Additional Tact Plans were conducted around El Dorado and Manzano High Schools to discourage illegal parking at the start of the school year.
- Watch II issued 650 moving citations, arrested 151 subjects (49 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 995 times.
- The Impact Team worked a POP project targeting known burglary offenders with AFIS related cases. The project was worked in partnership with the burglary unit. Detectives attended the POP and ARAPA meetings and continue to work these initiatives.
- Team 5 conducted a joint operation with the Vice Unit in response to an increase in prostitution on east Central which resulted in 9 arrests and 1 seized vehicle. Several Tact plans were conducted to focus on driving violations in residential areas including a month long tact plan at Wagontrail and Sagebrush which resulted in 100 citations. Field briefings were held throughout the Area Command in reference to residential and auto burglaries in the area. Watch III issued 1194 moving citations, arrested 246 subjects (66 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 1541 times.

# Valley Area Command...

- The Valley Impact Team worked an operation to address multiple auto burglaries occurring within a parking structure located at 110 Arno NE. Detectives coordinated with SID, City Security, Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention, and the property owner. After improvements in security measures, the auto burglaries were eliminated.
- Dayshift officers conducted 13 separate tact plans to address speeding throughout the area command. Dayshift officers also increased

- patrols in the city parks to decrease criminal activity such as drinking in public and other public nuisances.
- Dayshift Bike Officers Grover and Kindle worked a nighttime operation to address bicyclists who did not have proper lighting equipment. Officers stopped several bicyclists, issued them warning citations, and provided them with free lighting equipment.
- Swing shift Officer Chris Luttrell developed a confidential informant which led to the surrender of a robbery offender. This proactive work by Officer Luttrell led to the clearance of 5 robberies, a felony warrant, and misdemeanor warrant.
- Swing shift officers assigned to Team 4 quick response to a burglary call led to the arrest of three residential burglars, one of which was still located in the victim's residence. Another subject had three outstanding felony warrants for his arrest.
- The Area Command's tactical plan to address cruising and panhandling in downtown concluded in August. The operation resulted in 737 loud music citations, 153 loud motorcycle citations, 90 vehicle noise citations, 2304 miscellaneous traffic citations, and 229 panhandling citations.
- Graveyard Officers M. Gutierrez and G. Gomez conducted voluntary bicycle patrol during peak hours. These officers made 83 contacts and issued 20 misdemeanor citations. They also arrested an individual who was impersonating a police officer.
- Graveyard officers from Teams 8 and 9 apprehended 2 stabbing offenders in a parking lot Downtown by saturating the area and being vigilant. Officers have also been taking a more passive approach to clearing Downtown when the clubs close, allowing patrons to leave the area on their own. This has been successful, leading to a more relaxed atmosphere. These officers have shown great vigilance and patience.

#### **Southwest Area Command...**

- Officers conducted a tac plan near 111 Coors NW to address transient activity in the area. 31 criminal trespass citations were issued and one arrest was made.
- Officers conducted a tac plan targeting cell phone usage while driving. Nine citations were issued.

 Officer J. Carrasco conducted a tac plan at Guardiana and Cartegena in response to neighborhood complaints of speeding. Officer Carrasco made seven car stops, issued five speeding citations, three no proof of insurance citations, one no license citation and two no registration citations.

#### **Northwest Area Command...**

- In August Northwest Area Command Watch 1 graveyard shift responded to 100 fewer calls for service; however, the shift number of felony and misdemeanor arrests increased. The graveyard shift answered 2039 calls for service, arrested 149 misdemeanors, cited 62 misdemeanors, arrested 38 felons, issued 950 moving citations and arrested 65 DWI offenders.
- Watch 11 officers executed several traffic tactical plans directed to citizen complaints and City 311referrals. Officers issued 80 moving citations on intersections of Coors/Atrisco, Sequoia/ Atrisco, Kayenta/Irving, Golf Course/Ellison, Ladera/Parkway, Coors/Sequoia and School on Wheels (Western Trail/Unser.
- All 3 Command shifts were active monitoring and controlling traffic in the Volcano Vista
  High School, the neighboring middle school
  and elementary school area. Traffic control
  continued to be monitored during early school
  hours and immediately after school. TOPs
  officers were able to utilize their recent training
  and equipment in the monitoring tactical plan.
- Officers conducted tactical operations at all city parks to improve citizen quality of life in around the surrounding neighborhoods.
- The Impact Team continued the burglary POPTRAC. Detectives issued several burglary warrants, cleared existing cases and returned a large amount of property to area owners. Impact team detectives joined forces with detectives from Belen P.D. and Valencia County S.O. 2 to arrest burglars and robbery suspects.
- Command Watch 111 implemented substantial traffic tactical plans in August. In one operational plan, in the area of Coors at Eagle Ranch and Coors By Pass and Seven Bar Loop, officers issued 60 citations. The officer team action successfully decreasing reported violation incidents. Watch 111 team officers responded to 2379 calls for service, arrested 107 misdemeanors, arrested 29 felons, and arrested 22 DWI offenders.

#### Northeast Area Command...

- Northeast Area Command officers responded to a call fro an off-duty sheriff's deputy who reported that one of four passengers in an F-150 pick up truck pointed a gun at him and drove off. The officers broadcast an ATL. With a good truck description, officers conducted a felony stop at 4401 Montgomery NE and arrested the four suspects. They recovered a handgun from the truck.
- In August officers responded to a call for service reporting a loud party at 4605 Hilton NE. The officers discovered underage passed out minors. The officers issued 40 minor offenses citations; they cited the renters for premise liability. They issued a warrant to one guest because he was physically preventing occupants from leaving the party.
- Officers were dispatched during the month to 3709 Utah NE to investigate a residential burglary where an unidentified theft had broken into a vehicle, stole the garage opener, entered the garage and stole tools valued at \$500.00. The officers, using a tip that a male, carrying a tool box 2 blocks away, apprehended the theft, the victim identified the stolen tools; the suspect was arrested and is under investigation for other area burglaries.
- Northeast Area Command officers executed a tactical plan to reduce residential burglaries in the area bordered by Carlisle / San Mateo / Candelaria / Montgomery. Using real-time statistical analysis and citizen contacts, the officers reduced area residential burglaries from 16 in July to 3 in August.
- Before Del Norte High School classes started in August, SRO Officer Ray Defrates provided Active Shooter training to Northeast dayshift officers. Officer Defrates instructed the officers on room clearing, team formations, and additional tactics.
- In August, Team 2 implemented 2 Interstate 40 tactical plans and issued 20 moving citations and 1 misdemeanor arrest.

#### Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Scientific Evidence Division Major Crime Scene Team responded to 4 call-outs in August.
- August was another busy month for the Field Investigation Unit. Dayshift officers responded to 378 calls; swing shift responded to 517 calls; graveyard shift responded to 379 calls, totaling 1274 calls. The teams responded to 61 field

- service calls. Team members wrote 726 reports. The FI's/FET's collected numerous evidence items, took a large amount of latent fingerprints and took 510 photo CDs.
- The Photo Lab team, in addition to the standard processing, printing and cataloging evidence, worked on numerous other projects. The extra projects included an academy fundraiser photo shoot, 103 cadet classroom photos, a PTU classroom photo, a Kettle Bell instructor class photo, a PTU photo at West Range and the 103rd cadet class driving range photo.
- The Identification Unit processed 1844 fingerprints into the AFIS and 1044 into the TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,794 evidence items in August. 4,171 items disposed, 292 notification letters were sent to property owners and 214 items were returned to owners.

#### **Communications Division...**

- 911 Emergency Communications Center (CC) staff answered over 70,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in August. The calls broke down into 25,000 911 calls and 45,000 242-COPS calls. 911 operators answered 96.06% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators answered 98.13% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- The Albuquerque 911 Center hosted an on-site visit from the 911 Center Manager of Pinal County, Arizona in August. The manager observed the call flow and call processing as well as the Albuquerque management tools. The Arizona manager identified best practices to potentially institute in Pinal County.
- The 911 CC management interviewed several employment candidates for a 911 operator position in August. The interviewing team will select five candidates who will complete the last phases of the testing process (drug screen, hearing test, background investigation) in September and October. The successful candidates will start with the City of Albuquerque 911 Center in November.
- Sustained focus of retention and turnover rates has reflected significant improvement in the reduction of employee loss. The 2007 increase in employee pay and other workplace enhancements created a more stable workforce.

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Management statistics reflected employee turnover rates dropped from 30.47% in 2007 to 8.53% in 2009. Significant reduction statistics reflected much improvement in retention rates from a 2007 low of 69.53% to a 2009 high of 91.47%.

# Planning & Policy Division...

- Division staff assisted in the bidding process for the Sixth Area Command facility. 139 sets of plans were distributed to interested parties. A pre-bid conference was held August 19 at the temporary facility.
- Division staff are helping the New Mexico Gang Task Force transition to the City of Albuquerque, where it will be the NMGFT's fiscal agent. The transition group met to discuss what was needed in order to move the NMGTF to the City.
- Federal reporting of Recovery Act grants is in full swing; APD registered with federalreporting. gov and will report as required.
- The Planning Manager has created a rough draft of the APD Strategic Plan. Over the next few weeks, the document will be refined, published and distributed.

## **Open Space Division...**

- Open Space Division officers conducted a Bosque tac plan, arresting 2, citing 3 and made three graffiti referrals.
- Division officers made 50 City pool and 100 City park welfare checks.
- Division officers conducted 10 motorcycle and vehicle patrols of the southwest and northwest mesa by CNM and Open Space.

# **Prisoner Transport Unit...**

- During the month of August 2009, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,729 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,480 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 249 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 210 trips to MDC and accepted 241 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel cost for August was \$28,927.24.

# Strategic Support Division...

- On August 4 the Safe City collaborative conducted a NNO event at Central and San Mateo
- On August 19 John Lannon, representing

- Octopus Car Wash, presided at a Safe City meeting at the National Dance Institute of NM's Hiland Theater. Sixteen members attended, including APD and BikeABQ.
- Strategic Support Division staff attended Downtown Public Safety meetings representing the RHI Public Safety workgroup.
- Strategic Support Division staff collaborated with Jim Burleson, Director of the New Mexico Sheriff's and Police Officers Association, to include regional law enforcement representatives to the ARAPA meeting on September 16, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Police Academy with a subsequent regional ARAPA meeting on October 21, 2009. APD representatives will use the ARAPA meeting to brief regional law enforcement on the problem solving strategies being conducted to suppress criminal activity in the Albuquerque banking, hotel/motel and construction business sectors.
- Connect (Community Oriented Notification Network Enforcement Communication Technology) website was designed and activated so law enforcement and community partners dedicated to public safety in Albuquerque could effectively exchange vital and timely information to proactively deter crime.
- In August the business partnership and APD officers submitted 58 incidents on the CONNECT website. The reported incident alerts included 32 from ARAPA partners; 14 from hotel/motel partners; 7 from FISOA partners; 2 from North I25 Partners; and 3 from CICA.
- CONNECT received 21new registration requests to join the web partnership.
- 2,171 visitors examined the website in 31 days, averaging approximately 70visitors per day.
- In August the Crime Analysis Staff created 80 crime analysis bulletins and maps, 681 cyclical reports and maps and threshold alerts and 3 crime analysis assisted case requests.

#### Metro Division...

- SWAT had seven activations in August.
- The K-9 Unit made one apprehension in August.
- On August 20, the APD Bomb Squad was called to the ditch bank at 5801 2nd St. NW in reference to the discovery of detonating cord and blasting caps. Approximately 1,300 feet of detonating cord and 32 electric blasting caps were recovered. The explosives are being kept at APD's storage facility until the investigation is complete.

- The APD Bomb Squad conducted an explosives class and range day for APD School Resource Officers. The class covered basic explosives and bomb threat response.
- The Horse Mounted Unit participated in National Night Out on August 4.

# **Central Investigations Bureau...**

- Valley Narcotics detectives responded to a "one pot" meth lab which was discovered by Field Services officers. The lab was safely dismantled and a quantity of meth oil was sampled for alter use in prosecution. A second meth lab was discovered in the Northwest. The lab was safely dismantled and three subjects were taken into custody on felony charges.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives coordinated with agents from the Safe Streets Task Force and Westside Narcotics to conduct several buy/busts in the Southeast Area Command. The area of Zuni and Louisiana was targeted and two felony arrests were made.
- Westside Narcotics detectives conducted a buy/ bust operation in which one pound of heroin, six ounces of meth and \$5,000 was seized.
- The Crisis Intervention Team conducted training for Bernalillo county social workers, APD school resource officers and Academy cadets.
- Criminal Intelligence Unit detectives assisted the Bosque Farms Police Department in identifying a suspect involved in the stabbing of a Bosque Farms Police Officer.
- Gang Unit detectives located and arrested a San
  Jose gang member on a felony warrant for felon
  in possession of a firearm. Gang Unit detectives
  located and arrested two Southside Locos gang
  members for homicide. Overall, the Gang Unit
  had nine felony arrests in the month of August.
- ROP Unit detectives completed ten felony arrests in August.
- Vice Unit detectives conducted six operations, resulting in 26 arrests.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 30 cases and submitted 26 cases to the District Attorney's Office. Unit detectives made 8 felony arrests and responded to 6 robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to six sex crimes call-outs and cleared 19 cases, 11 of which were sent to the District Attorney's office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 20 cases this month, seven of which were submitted to the DA's office.
- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Unit

- recovered \$970,980 worth of stolen vehicles in August. The Auto Theft Unit conducted one VIN etching event, marking 85 vehicles. Auto Theft detectives broke up a massive chop shop that was run by two suspects who were buying salvaged vehicles and retitling them within days for resale. During the arrests, ATU detectives recovered \$388,175 of vehicles and parts.
- White Collar Crimes Unit detectives assisted Field Services officers on three investigations.
- The Pawn Shop Unit recovered \$800 in stolen property and issued two citations to pawnshops that were in violation of the Pawnshop Ordinance.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 120 tips in August. 13 suspects were arrested based on Crime Stoppers tips and were paid a total of \$5,600.

# **Trend Analysts**

