

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report December 2009



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**The City of Albuquerque breaks ground
for its newest area command facility.**

**Pictured (left to right): Architect Don May, Commander Steve Warfield,
Chief of Police Raymond D. Schultz, Mayor Richard J. Berry, District 5
Councilor Dan Lewis, City Council President Ken Sanchez, Chief Public
Safety Officer Darren White.**

APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Impact Unit conducted a holiday tactical plan at a local shopping center. While conducting surveillance, Southeast detectives observed three subjects walk into a local retailer several times. They were also observed casing vehicles in the parking lot. Contact was made with the subjects and detectives found \$700 in stolen Wii games that the subjects were attempting to sell. Other surveillance tactical plans were done throughout December, resulting in numerous arrests and property being recovered.
- Day shift officers Mitchell and Lowell conducted an early morning undercover tactical plan in response to cars that were stolen after being left to warm up unattended. Officers Mitchell and Lowell spotted one stolen car but lost sight of it. A Southeast graveyard shift officer located the car, but could not prevent it from crashing into another car. The auto theft suspect was taken into custody.
- Southeast graveyard shift officer Elder Guevara spotted a stolen vehicle after an attempt to locate notice was issued. With the assistance of day shift officers and Air 5, the auto theft suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was working in coordination with other suspects who took cars that were being warmed up by their owners unattended. Both suspects are career criminals. The collaborated effort by day shift and graveyard shift officers resulted in clearing 60 felony charges, three felony warrants and the recovery of two stolen cars.
- Southeast officers participated in a charity contribution during Christmas. Officers contributed a total of \$717.
- In December, the Southeast Area Command received 9,658 calls for service, completed 2,005 reports, wrote 4,159 moving violations, arrested 962 offenders and 142 DWI offenders.

Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills officers and crime prevention personnel participated in various events at area schools in order to show a police presence and strengthen community relationships. A Community Service Day at the Foothills facility was a huge success. Foothills personnel hosted over 40 children from local Boy Scout troops and the Desert Hills Baptist Church and their families. The children

were given a brief safety presentation followed by a tour of the substation and a visit with the Horse Mounted Unit. All of the children were photographed for emergency child information cards that they were able to take home.

- Graveyard shift officers held regular field briefings and initiated tactical plans at various points along Montgomery and Tramway in reference to high traffic and speeders. Watch I officers also conducted several tactical plans that focused on quality of life issues including traffic enforcement, auto burglary and patrol for stolen vehicles. A drunk driver tactical plan resulted in one DWI arrest, five citations and one towed vehicle. Watch I officers issued 605 moving citations, made 110 (25 felony) arrests, and conducted quality of life enforcements and referrals 770 times.
- Watch II officers conducted traffic enforcement throughout the command to increase traffic safety. Special attention was placed in school zones throughout the command. A tactical plan that focused on stolen vehicles recovered seven vehicles. Squads held field briefings at various shopping centers during the month in order to show a high police presence during the holiday shopping season. Officers A. Walck and Y. Hetes received letters of Commendation from Chief Schultz in reference to a citizen letter praising both officers for their response in locating and assisting a woman with a medical emergency.
- Watch II officers issued 583 moving citations, arrested 185 subjects (60 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 866 times.
- Watch III officers conducted a tactical plan to combat cell phone usage while driving, resulting in 38 citations. Watch III issued 1,078 moving citations, arrested 187 subjects (57 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 1,536 times.
- Officer Doehling conducted a month-long tactical plan that focused on surveillance of possible narcotics activity at a residence. The plan resulted in the recovery of a stolen vehicle and 1 arrest.
- Impact Team Detectives J. Madrid-Otero and B. Lund completed an attempted murder and intimidation of a witness case culminating in the apprehension and arrest of two brothers. The brothers were also suspects in a Pueblo, Colorado murder. The Impact Team turned in 26 cases to the District Attorney, and five arrest

warrants and two search warrants were executed.

Valley Area Command...

- Watch 1 Officer Eric Martinez was involved in an officer-involved shooting in which he was wounded but was able to return fire. Three felony arrests were made for aggravated battery and domestic violence.
- Valley officers conducted 19 tactical operations in December as a result of observed criminal activity and/or citizen complaints. 135 citations were issued. A traffic tactical plan was conducted on Rio Grande Blvd. in response to speeding complaints by neighbors. Ten citations were issued, one misdemeanor arrest was made and one vehicle was seized.
- Watch 2 day shift officers responded to many complaints that the area command received about speeding and other traffic related issues. The officers conducted tactical plans regularly in seven problem areas, resulting in 73 citations.
- A tactical plan was conducted for illegal cell phone use, resulting in 79 citations issued.
- On three separate occasions, Watch 3 swing shift officers responded to burglary calls (one commercial, one residential, one auto) and were able to get a good description of the offenders. Other swing shift officers saturated the area and were able to catch the offenders. The collaborations were excellent examples of teamwork and great police work overall.
- Another example of great proactive police work occurred in December when officers received a report of a stolen cell phone. The offender was demanding money to return the cell phone to its rightful owner. Rather than just writing a report, Valley officers developed a plan to meet the offender. During the meeting, Valley officers took the offender into custody.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officer John Garcia located two outstanding felony offenders. The first involved a violent domestic offender where a warrant was obtained. The second involved a burglary suspect.
- Officer Jose Carrasco conducted a traffic tactical plan in the area of Hackamore and 102nd Street, resulting in 22 citations.
- Officers C. Seidel and Render conducted a tactical plan for traffic enforcement at Unser and Eucariz SW. The two officers issued 21 citations.
- Officer Jennifer Perez conducted a tactical operation to discourage panhandling at major

intersections along Central Avenue. Officer Perez issued eight citations, initiated one warrant arrest and arrested another who was a suspect in several burglaries.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers responded to over 100 additional calls for service in December compared to November 2009. Misdemeanor arrests rose, while felony and domestic violence arrests dropped significantly. A total of 1,645 calls for service were answered, with an additional 737 on-site calls created by watch personnel.
- The Coors Blvd. DWI POP TRAC was conducted from November 27 thru January 3, 2010. All personnel who participated in the plan came from the Northwest or Southwest Area Command. During this period, Northwest Area Command officers dedicated approximately 230 hours towards DWI enforcement. The action resulted in 65 DWI arrests, two of which were felony; two revoked drivers license arrests; six felony and five misdemeanor arrests; 175 moving citations and 51 equipment citations; 70 vehicles were towed; seven vehicles involved in DWI arrests were seized; nine DWI-related accidents were investigated and 76 reports were written.
- Watch II officers conducted 838 quality of life activities and 118 general enforcement activities during December. Watch II officers responded to 1,625 calls for service and generated 495 reports. Watch II personnel also initiated 638 on-site activities through proactive patrol.
- Several teams on Watch II collaborated with Impact Team detectives to apprehend four burglary offenders. Officer Tomo Steward's efforts were highly essential in the apprehension of these suspects. Impact detectives also assisted the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office with the location and apprehension of a parent who had illegally removed a child from their jurisdiction to Albuquerque.
- Watch III officers initiated 19 tactical plans in December. Watch III also responded to 2,222 calls for service, completed 23 DWI arrests and 39 felony arrests.
- Northwest officer Victor Trevino oversaw the Holiday Gift Giveaway. Officer Trevino spent 90 hours working on the project, starting in October. He received \$3,075 in contributions from Wal Mart, Sam's Club, and Albertson's.

A list of 77 families was obtained from area schools and toys and food were given out on December 19th. Over 200 gifts were given out to the children, along with boxes which contained full holiday meals for their families. Joy Junction and the Albuquerque Christian Children's Home also received gifts and food baskets as part of the program.

- The Northwest Area Command had a 47% reduction in residential, commercial and auto burglaries during September, October and November 2009 compared to the same months the in 2008. This can be attributed to the dedication of the Command's field units, Impact Team and the area command's neighborhood associations. The associations have organized a significant rise in the number of neighborhood watches, indicating citizen involvement and ownership.

Northeast Area Command..

- The Northeast Area Command conducted the Northeast Area Command Holiday Shopping Tactical Plan from November 27th through December 31. The objective of the plan was to provide a wider disbursement of officers throughout the area command for rapid response to property crimes and simultaneously provide an increased police presence. The plan improved on previous versions in that Northeast officers patrolled more retail businesses and did so without incurring any overtime. The operation concluded with 40 felony arrests; 111 misdemeanor arrests; 29 warrants were cleared; 484 traffic citations were issued; 250 reports were generated and 905 calls for service were taken.
- Officers Hernandez and Caplan conducted a property crime warrant tactical plan this month and cleared 19 felony warrants. One subject had nine outstanding burglary warrants for his arrest.
- Officer Donaghe was recognized as the APD Officer of the Month. Officer Donaghe routinely goes the extra mile for his fellow officers. Throughout this bid, he has been tasked with providing additional training to officers assigned to Watch III, and does so with professionalism and enthusiasm.
- Team 1 officers were dispatched to the area of San Pedro/McLeod in response to a possible burglary in progress. Upon arrival, the officers contacted a witness that stated he had direct information about a suspect planning a burglary

in that neighborhood the same day. Through investigation a suspect was identified, and later that day, was apprehended. The suspect consequently admitted to over 20 burglaries in the same area.

- Team 2 officers conducted multiple operations targeting traffic violators in areas with high volume complaints. The areas of Wyoming/Burlison (construction area), Academy/Burlison, Wyoming/Academy, Northeastern/Moon, Phoenix/Bryn Mawr were targeted on multiple days resulting in 112 citations for traffic violations, one misdemeanor arrest and a seized vehicle.
- On December 28th, Team 3 officers were dispatched to a bank robbery involving an armed offender. Officers K. Curtis and Officer F. Simmons were able to locate and take the offender into custody. The suspect was arrested and turned over to FBI agents.
- On December 7th, an officer's vehicle was involved in a hit and run incident, after which the offenders ran from the vehicle. Northeast Impact detectives followed up on the case and three days later were able to take two suspects into custody. As a result, five felony warrants were cleared; two stolen vehicles and one stolen firearm were recovered; two stolen computers and multiple stolen power tools were recovered; in addition to five ounces of methamphetamine.
- On December 3, Officer Homero Alvidrez initiated a traffic stop. As Officer Alvidrez approached the vehicle, he noted that the driver was behaving suspiciously. Officer Alvidrez looked toward the VIN plate and the driver accelerated the vehicle away. Officer Alvidrez backed up, but was still struck by the vehicle's side view mirror. The vehicle was soon located and a perimeter was set up to contain the driver who had fled on foot. Officer Dawne Roberto found a cell phone on the ground near the vehicle and able to identify the driver. The case was forwarded to Northeast Impact Team detectives, who apprehended the suspect two days later and was booked on numerous felony charges.
- On December 16, Officer Mark Aragon made a traffic stop at San Mateo and Menaul. The driver was found to have a revoked drivers license and was arrested. The passenger also had a felony warrant and was arrested. Upon searching the vehicle, numerous stolen items were located. A checkbook was found and

officers contacted the owner who was able to describe numerous items stolen during a robbery. The case was forwarded to the Burglary Unit.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to five call-outs in December.
- The Field Investigation Unit's day shift took 384 calls, swing shift took 497 calls and graveyard shift took 280 calls for a total of 1,161 calls between the three teams. The teams also responded to 73 field service calls. 636 reports were written.
- Identification Technicians processed 1,558 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,595 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 196 court dispositions, 94 employment and 25 firearms background checks.
- The Evidence Unit received 3,916 evidence items in December. During the month, 4,518 items were disposed, 123 notification letters were sent to property owners and 238 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- In December, 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) staff answered over 62,000 incoming 911 (22,090) and 242-COPS (40,205) calls. 911 Operators answered 96.80% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (the national standard is 90%; APD's standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.51% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD's goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- A promotional process was held for the two 911 Shift Supervisor vacancies. Of the seven qualified applicants who participated in the extensive process, two were selected and recommended to the Chief for promotion. Autumn Begay and John Silva both have been with the 911 center since 2003 and they look forward to beginning training for their new positions in January 2010.

Planning & Policy Division...

- The Planning Division coordinated the groundbreaking ceremony of the Department's Sixth Area Command on December 2. Assisted by the Cibola High School Orchestra, APD welcomed new Mayor Richard J. Berry, Chief Public Safety Officer White, Chief of Police

Raymond Schultz, new District 5 Councilor Dan Lewis and City Council President Ken Sanchez to dedicate the new facility to Michael King and Richard Smith, officers who were murdered in the line of duty on August 18, 2005. The new 25,000 square foot facility will be designed and will be constructed to achieve at least a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

- Division staff met with the new administration to discuss methods of shortening the grant approval process. It is hopeful that an improved schedule will allow APD to spend grant monies even more efficiently.
- The Planning Section hired a new Grant Manager, using Recovery Act grant funding to fill a position that had been vacant for almost a year.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During the month of December, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,540 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,303 prisoners and other agencies arrested 237 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 216 trips to MDC and accepted 109 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The Prisoner Transport Unit participated in three mobile operations in the month of December. All three mobile operations were on Wednesdays from 1500 -2100 hours. The purpose of the mobile operations was to provide support to different area commands by setting up a mobile PTU operation from the parking lots of the sub-stations. The mobile operation provided police officers an opportunity to expedite the arrest process of their prisoners and transfer custody to the PTU without leaving their area command.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of December was \$24,940.86.

Strategic Support Division...

- In December, there were 78 incidents submitted to the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Forty-four of the alerts were from ARAPA partners; 13 were by hospitality partners; 11 were by FISOA partners; five were by CICA partners; three were by Downtown partners; and two were from North I-25 partners.
- In December, the ARAPA meeting was held as part of APD's Quarterly Manager's meeting, enabling all APD personnel to see the ARAPA

partnership in action.

- In December, 19 new registration requests were received for the month for the various partnership groups.
- Division personnel worked to publish APD's first property crime warrants "wrapper" in the Albuquerque Journal. The monthly publication will be published on the Friday after APD's monthly Problem Solving meeting and will profile property crime offenders who are not in custody but have active warrants.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Division conducted a child safety seat clinic on December 4 and participated in Cops for Kids on December 13.
- Division officers provided traffic and pedestrian control during the 2009 Luminaria Tour.
- Division officers conducted numerous tactical plans to enforce speed and traffic laws near the city's shopping malls, in support of the Holiday Tactical Plan.
- DWI Unit officers conducted three sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 23 DWI arrests and seized five vehicles.
- The DWI Unit received a new BAT mobile, deploying it for the first time on December 31.
- The Seizure Unit checked in 142 vehicles for a total of 2,342 vehicles in 2009. The Seizure Unit auctioned off 773 vehicles in 2009.
- The Air Support Unit's Air 5 was dispatched to a burglary in progress in the area of 4th Street NW. The suspect's vehicle fled from a Field Services Bureau officer, and the pursuit was continued by Air 5. The aircraft followed the offender vehicle until it stopped in a large retailer's parking lot, where the offenders attempted to switch vehicles. The occupants were apprehended and found to have committed several burglaries. As a result of the response to the call, Sergeant Hansen and Officer Corriea received coffee cup awards from Mayor Berry.
- The Air Support Unit also was able to apprehend a bank robbery suspect, locating a tan truck driving in the mesa that was reportedly used in a bank robbery earlier.

Special Operations Division...

- On December 30, SWAT was activated by the Northwest area command in response to a male threatening suicide and homicide of police officers. Later that same day, SWAT was activated by the Valley area command in

response to a male who was wanted for felony warrants.

- On December 8, SWAT officers located and conducted a felony car stop and took a suspect into custody who was wanted in a shooting.
- The K-9 Unit made two apprehensions in December.
- K-9 officers Weimerskirch and Varela competed in the 4th Annual Southwest Regional Police K-9 Trials.
- On December 1, the APD Bomb Squad responded to a southeast location in reference to a suspicious car that was parked in a new subdivision right next to the KAFB fence line. Visible inside the car were two car batteries that were connected by thick black wires. The wires were connected to two cases in the back of the car. The car was checked in NCIC, and it was determined that the car was not registered. The FBI and APD's Bomb Squad conducted the investigation and followed render safe procedures. Entry to the vehicle was gained via robotics and it was determined that the setup was very highly technical surveillance equipment. The car was brand new, not yet registered but owned by Hertz. Contact was made and a renter was able to be located. The FBI from Virginia had rented the car and was conducting equipment evaluation and training with the car.
- On December 8, the APD Bomb Squad responded to a northeast complex about a suspected pipe bomb. The device was located in the apartment complex's pond. After careful investigation, the item was determined to not be dangerous, a geocache item. The Bomb Squad has gained more experience with geocache items, and they have become very popular.
- The Horse Mounted Unit assisted with the Mall Tactical Plan at Coronado Mall and ABQ Uptown in December.
- The Unit participated in Cops for Kids at the Walmart on Wyoming and Academy on December 13.
- The Horse Mounted Unit's "Duke" was retired in December after spending 14 years in service to the department. He will be replaced with "Ty".
- Homeland Security's dive truck is nearly completed, and delivery is expected the third week of January

Investigations Bureau...

- Valley Narcotics detectives executed a search

warrant at a northwest residence after several controlled buys, seizing a handgun and half an ounce of meth.

- Valley Narcotics detectives continued their interdiction efforts at the Greyhound bus station, seizing 123 pounds of marijuana in December.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives executed a search warrant at a northeast location, seizing several grams of crack cocaine, marijuana and a quantity of prescription pills. CNAU was called to the scene due to the condition of the residence and it was subsequently posted as substandard. The two occupants were found to have had warrants for their arrest by the U.S. Marshals Service.
- Westside Narcotics detectives served a search warrant on a vehicle as part of an ongoing investigation, seizing 1.5 pounds of marijuana.
- The Safe Streets Task Force participated in the Los Padillas case, seizing over \$440,000.
- The Gang Unit arrested a member of the Los Padillas Gang as part of a joint operation with the FBI, during which \$440,000 in cash was recovered.
- The ROP Unit completed 14 felony arrests in December, including the high-profile arrests of an armed robber, a bank robber, and a violent offender.
- The Vice Unit made 21 prostitution arrests, and conducted street-level suppression operations along the Central Avenue corridor and in the Valley Area Command.
- The Homicide Unit responded to four violent crime call-outs this month. The Unit submitted one case to the District Attorney's Office.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 53 cases and submitted 17 cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit made nine felony arrests and responded to seven robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to six sex crimes call-outs, and assisted with four violent crimes call-outs. The Unit cleared 20 cases, 14 of those submitted to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 11 cases, four of those submitted to the District Attorney's Office. The Unit made 45 referrals to service providers at the AFAC.
- The Missing Persons Unit report that there have been a total of 1,221 cases reported in 2009, 1,094 have been cleared.
- The COAST Unit assisted 500 individuals in December and made 412 referrals to social service agencies.

- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 741 referrals for review, cleared 98 cases, and sent 15 cases to the District Attorney's Office.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 12 cases in December and completed 28 computer forensics examinations.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 474 calls for service, completed 26 felony arrests, 96 misdemeanor arrest/warrants, and made 209 home visits for truancy.

Records Section...

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,204 calls in December.
- Citizens using the CopLogic system entered 246 reports in December, saving APD an estimated 369 hours of officer time, totaling \$9,840.
- The False Alarm Unit noted 857 false alarms.
- The Central Records Section scanned 120,782 pages and made 12,481 FileNet entries.

Open Space Section...

- Open Space officers continued to search for trip wires and/or suspects along the bike paths in Corrales and the Foothills Area Command.
- Open Space officers worked several tactical plans addressing auto burglaries in the Open Space trail head parking lots; unlicensed fishing; the citywide auto theft tactical plan; and patrolling the River of Lights display at the BioPark.

Professional Standards...

- The Basic Training Unit instructed 36 cadets (includes 1 AFD) in the 104th Cadet Class.
- 104th Cadet Class completed their third physical assessment at over 89%.
- The Advanced Training Unit prepared for 2010-2011 MOE training cycle.
- The Unit assisted with the planning of the Quarterly Managers' Meeting held December 16.
- The Recruiting and Backgrounds Unit received 286 interest cards in December (234 cadet, 31 PSA, 21 lateral).
- At the December 19-20 recruit testing, 75 applicants signed up, 55 attended and 20 passed and submitted to background checks.
- In December, the West Side and Tactical Ranges prepared for the 2010 handgun transition.
- The Wellness Unit assisted with the 104th Cadet Class' third physical assessment average improving seven percent over their first physical assessment.

Trend Analysts





