

# *Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report February 2009*



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## **APD Notables...**

### **Southeast Area Command...**

- During February, the Southeast Impact Team implemented the Safe City Streets tac plan. The team made 43 arrests and wrote 19 warrants. In response to several auto burglaries, the team conducted surveillance and arrested an auto burglar. Laura Kuehn conducted three crime prevention inspections as part of the Safe City Streets tac plan.
- CNAU detectives worked closely with detectives from Narcotics, SID and Field Services. Several residences throughout the area command had been referred to the CNAU. After APD conducted investigations on the properties, the structures were vacated, posted substandard and boarded up, much to the appreciation of neighbors. Squatters at the vacated residences were arrested and inoperable vehicles were removed.
- Southeast area command officers and staff held an open house at Highland High School in order to provide crime prevention information to students, parents, faculty and staff. Attendance was high for the event and the area command is planning more events in the future.

### **Foothills Area Command...**

- Foothills Team 7 responded to a 911 hang up call from a local motel. A male, who was thought to be armed, barricaded himself in a room with a small child. The subject was eventually taken into custody through the combined efforts of Team 7, Team 8 and SWAT.
- Graveyard officers conducted several tac plans which focused on traffic enforcement and drag racing at various points along Montgomery Boulevard. Separate tac plans were conducted on Montgomery between Tramway and Juan Tabo and Tramway between Montgomery and Rover. The efforts resulted in several citations, towed vehicles and an arrest for marijuana possession.
- The Foothills Impact Team initiated a project that targeted specific nuisance properties. Detectives worked with CNAU to close three residences for violations in the command.

### **Valley Area Command...**

- Dayshift bike officers drafted and executed a tac plan to address drug trafficking near a downtown

shelter. Bike officers Grover and Kindle made 9 felony arrests.

- Dayshift officers conducted a traffic tac plan to address people using cell phones while driving. Officers issued 59 traffic citations.
- Impact detectives responded to complaints of auto burglaries and prostitution from the businesses in the East Downtown area. The operation resulted in 7 felony arrests, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 4 felony warrant arrests, and 5 misdemeanor warrant arrests.
- Swing shift officers issued 2,159 traffic citations, made 220 misdemeanor arrests and 36 felony arrests. Additionally, they were very productive in enforcing quality of life violations: 30 citations for panhandling; 17 citations for criminal trespass; 11 citations for drinking in public; and 31 citations for noise violations.
- Graveyard Officers Jacobo, Sandy, and Salas uncovered a "chop shop" in a commercial area within the area command. The investigation was turned over to the Auto Theft Unit for additional followup.

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

- Officers H. Gunderson and M. Rico continued their weekly tact plan driving the open space west of Gibson Boulevard. The officers search for evidence of illegal dumping, recovery of stolen vehicles and illegal shooting. In February, four stolen vehicles were recovered.
- The area command implemented a major tac plan to combat copper thefts.
- Officers D. Morales and G. Donofrio completed a tac plan to discourage speeding and reckless driving near Desert Springs and Rainwater SW.

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

- Numerous tac plans were conducted on streets adjacent to schools in the Northwest area command. The plans addressed traffic issues, including speeding and failure to stop at traffic signals and or signs. Numerous citations were issued.
- During February, the area command an increased amount of parking violations, graffiti/vandalism citations and panhandling citations.
- Impact team personnel continue to conduct tac plans targeting burglaries and larcenies at big box stores along the Coors Boulevard corridor.
- Officers from Watch I were involved in two highly volatile domestic situations which

involved emotional and dangerous offenders. Officers and supervisors were able to calm both situations and resolve them in such a manner that no further violence or harm occurred.

- Numerous traffic tac plans were initiated and conducted by graveyard shift officers that resulted in over 1,000 moving citations for the month of February. The enforcement effort also netted 72 DWI arrests.

### **Northeast Area Command...**

- Within a 24-hour period, the Northeast addressed two improvised explosive device incidents that occurred at two different businesses. At one location, the device exploded and caused damage to the business. The bomb squad was able to render the other improvised device safe. APD plans on filing charges using the FBI's definitions for explosive devices in order to prosecute the case in juvenile court.
- On February 11th, Officer Daniel Jordan was dispatched to a northeast residence to respond to a complaint of a subject armed with a shotgun. Upon arrival, the officers contacted the subject inside a stolen Plymouth Neon outside of the home. The suspect was arrested and found to be in possession of heroin and burglary tools. A shotgun was also recovered. The suspect was a convicted felon and had three outstanding warrants for his arrest.
- Officer Ferris Simmons and Officer Justin Jones investigated a suspected methamphetamine lab. Their investigation resulted in three felony arrests, the seizure of 19 firearms and the seizure of a vehicle.
- The Northeast area command conducted traffic-related tac plans at Comanche and Vassar, San Mateo and Carlisle, Indian School and Pennsylvania, and San Pedro and Indian School. Over two hundred citations were issued.

### **Scientific Evidence Division...**

- In February, the Major Crime Scene Team responded to seven call-outs.
- The entire crime lab team has worked together to assist in searching for human remains/bones on the 118th street property. This group effort has been a tremendous asset, considering the large area that needs to be searched.
- Over 3,680 evidence items were received, 5,256 items were disposed, 297 notification letters were sent to property owners and 340 items

were returned to owners.

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

- In February of 2009, 911 Emergency Communications Center staff answered a total of 57,279 incoming 911 and 242-COPS phone calls. Of the calls received, more than 21,000 were on the 911 lines.
- A total of 98.15% of the 911 calls were answered within 10 seconds. 99.26% of the 242-COPS calls were answered within 30 seconds. The national standard for answering 911 calls is 90% answered within 10 seconds.
- February saw the addition of three new employees who each spent three weeks in training where they received instruction on job performance, call handling, customer service skills training, and how to prioritize calls. After classroom instruction, they will spend another seven to eight months with an instructor, working side-by-side to learn 911 call handling and dispatching.

### **Planning & Policy Division...**

- The Division has been intently focused on federal stimulus funding proposals. Staff has prepared spending package scenarios and continues to monitor federal agencies for additional funding opportunities.
- The Planning section continues to work closely with the ERP transition team and OMB to resolve issues pertaining to the City's new financial computer system.
- The Planning Section coordinated the collection of data for the City's Performance Plan.
- Final draft construction documents for the Sixth Area command facility were distributed and reviewed by key stakeholders. The development process continues to move forward. Construction is estimated to begin in June 2009.

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

- Open Space officers lead instruction at the Taos overnight winter survival training. The training featured instruction on snowcaves, avalanche awareness and winter movement.
- During the month, division officers participated in traffic enforcement on Unser Blvd, issuing 12 citations and seized 2 vehicles.
- During patrol of the bosque, two illegal camp sites were discovered and removed.

**Prisoner Transport Unit...**

- During the month of February, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,705 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. APD arrested 1,381 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 324 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 227 trips to the MDC and accepted 239 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.
- The savings in officer hours and fuel costs for the month of February was \$32,993.

**Records Section...**

- The Data Entry Unit completed APD Part I crime offense reports for September, October, and mid-November 2008.
- The Report Review unit made progress in reducing the 2008 offense report backlog. A work schedule adjustment resulted in eliminating a delay in processing APD and BCSO accident reports.

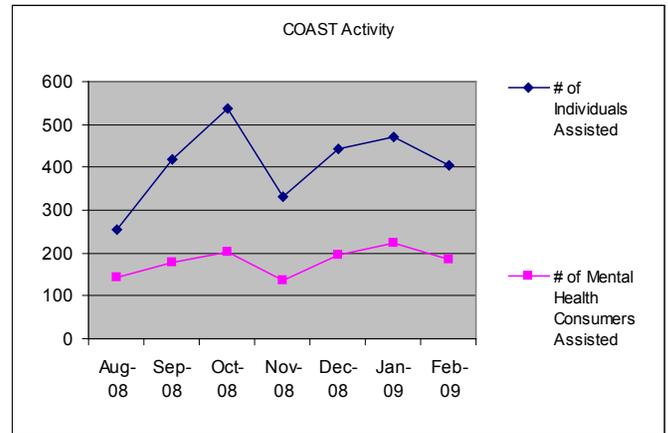
**Professional Standards Division...**

- The Basic Training Unit continued to instruct 38 police cadets in the 102nd cadet class. The class is scheduled to graduate May 29th.
- The Advanced Training Unit continued to instruct 3 lateral officers in the 21st lateral class. The Unit began '09 Part I maintenance of effort training.
- The Wellness Unit conducted the third physical assessment for the 102nd cadet class. The class average was 89.93, up 6.4% from the last assessment.
- The tactical firearms range supported 349 personnel and provided 2,105 hours of training. The west range supported 245 personnel.
- The Recruiting Unit received 288 interest cards. The Unit scheduled 143 applicants for January 31st weekend testing and scheduled 196 applicants for February 21st weekend testing.
- The Background Unit seated 9 candidates for the 103rd cadet class.

**Strategic Support Division...**

- Approximately 25 people came to the February 18 Safe City meeting to discuss improvements in and around the Central and San Mateo intersection. The attendees included business operators, residents, senior personnel from Wal-Mart, Albuquerque Treatment Center, and Circle-K. Staff from the SSD and the Southeast Area Command impact team explained some

of the activities that they had initiated in the previous weeks. Patrols and undercover officers have cited many for crimes related to drugs, panhandling, shoplifting, jaywalking and traffic infractions.



- APD recently renamed their web development efforts the Community Oriented Notification Network Enforcement Communication Technology, or CONNECT. The purpose of the website is to “connect” community partners to law enforcement and other stakeholders so that they can communicate more effectively about crime and public safety issues impacting Albuquerque. In February, 31 incidents were placed on the community policing interactive website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel. The other modules of the website have also seen increased registration by businesses and associations.
- APD’s crime analyst reviewed the department’s effectiveness in reducing crime from a number of categories including auto burglary, auto thefts, larceny from an auto, and larceny of motor vehicle parts. The analysis separated the crimes by area command, as identified in January’s problem solving meeting.

**Metro Division...**

- The freeway “Move It” campaign was initiated in February, beginning with the placement of signs on Albuquerque’s interstates. An educational campaign is currently being implemented.
- The Horse Mounted Unit patrolled the 118th Street dig area to search for surface burials. The Unit found no evidence of any burial sites.
- The Bomb Squad responded to a local grocery store near Wyoming and Academy. An explosive

device exploded just inside the store. Five people were injured. Bomb Squad members processed the juvenile suspects. A report was completed and submitted to the Juvenile Detention Center.

- The DWI Unit conducted one sobriety checkpoint, which resulted in 15 DWI arrests and the seizure of three vehicles.

### **Central Investigations Bureau...**

- The Homicide Unit responded to 7 violent crime call-outs in February.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 19 cases and submitted 8 cases to the District Attorney's Office. The Unit made 3 felony arrests and responded to 12 robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit cleared 33 cases in February, with 21 of those submitted to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- During February, the Missing Persons Unit has been instrumental in the 118th Street Task Force investigation.
- The Valley Narcotics Unit conducted several buy/bust operations in the Barelmas area. A warrant was served at a residence in Barleas, resulting in the seizure of nine grams of heroin and a quarter ounce of crack cocaine. During the search, several firearms were located. The target of the warrant was found to be in violation of his probation.
- Eastside Narcotics seized \$9,000 in cash and discovered a marijuana farm at a residence. Two separate felony arrests were made during a search warrant in the Northeast for possession of cocaine and misdemeanor warrants.
- Westside Narcotics served a warrant at a northwest Albuquerque residence. The search resulted in the seizure of five grams of heroin, 1.5 ounces of crack cocaine and two handguns. One of the handguns was determined to have been stolen. The target of the warrant was taken into custody by the ROP.
- The Gang Unit made 10 felony arrests and two in-custody felony arrests of "Memphis Boys" targets as well as other gang-related arrests for aggravated assault, shooting at an occupied dwelling and narcotics violations.
- The Vice Unit partnered with the East Side Narcotics Unit on a "john operation" near East Central, resulting in 13 misdemeanor arrests.
- The Auto Theft Unit and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$589,519 worth of stolen

vehicles. The Auto Theft Unit did one VIN etching event in February, attracting 230 vehicles.

- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 138 tips in February. 14 suspects were arrested based on Crime Stoppers tips.

# Trend Analysts

