

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report January 2010



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast's Impact Unit collaborated with Northeast's Impact Team and conducted tactical plans that targeted burglary hot spots. The effort resulted in the seizure of two meth labs and four felony arrests. The Impact Team also targeted prostitution and drug sales in the area of Central and Louisiana SE and implemented a tactical plan in Beat 324 that resulted in the arrest of four subjects in a stolen car and recovered stolen guns and electronic equipment.
- The Crime Prevention Unit participated in ten community events, 20 problem solving activities, and hosted quarterly crime free multi-housing training. The Unit also researched and prepared analysis of residential burglaries for day shift and impact unit officers.
- Southeast day shift officers from Team One assisted in the Haiti relief effort at Isotopes Park. Team One initiated a burglary tact plan in Beat 325 that resulted in the identification of two suspects with the help of the Burglary and ROP Units.
- Graveyard officers from Teams Seven and Eight responded to a shooting incident at a northeast location. The offender was quickly identified by utilizing varied resources. Southwest Area Command officers located offender's car and took him into custody. The offender was charged with attempted murder.
- Swift shift officers continue to take the most calls and they lead the area command in tactical plans. As a result, Team 10 was recently nominated as team of the month based on their efforts.

Foothills Area Command...

- Graveyard shift officers held regular field briefings and initiated tactical plans at various points along Montgomery and Tramway to enforce traffic and speeding laws. Watch I also conducted several tactical plans that focused on quality of life issues including traffic enforcement, auto burglary and patrol for stolen vehicles. The plans resulted in over 50 citations and one recovered vehicle. DWI tactical plans netted five DWI arrests, numerous citations and a towed vehicle. Watch I issued 648 moving citations, made 75 (18 felony) arrests, and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 789 times.

- Watch II officers implemented a business improvement plan that allowed officers to contact businesses in their beats to address concerns. Watch II officers conducted traffic enforcement tactical plans throughout the command to increase traffic safety, and have continued to reach out to the community in order to share information about the development of tactical plans. Watch II officers issued 559 moving citations, arrested 114 subjects (34 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 818 times.
- The Impact Team worked with Foothills Bike officers on a tactical plan that focused on auto burglaries, especially in Beat 534. During the tactical plan, a subject was arrested after committing several armed felonies in a single morning. He was also implicated in ten other felonies including armed robbery. The Foothills Impact Team also assisted the White Collar Crimes Unit in obtaining a search warrant and recovered over \$10,000 in stolen goods.
- Watch III officers implemented a tactical plan that focused on shoplifting at the businesses in Hotel Circle. Four citations, 1 misdemeanor warrant and 1 felony warrant have been issued. Several tactical plans were also conducted to reduce traffic violations. One of the plans resulted in 12 citations, a DWI arrest and a towed vehicle in just one hour. Watch III officers issued 1,058 moving citations, arrested 254 subjects (96 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 1,450 times.

Valley Area Command...

- In response to several complaints from citizens, Graveyard shift officers conducted traffic tactical plans. As a result, 78 citations and three DWI arrests were made. Graveyard shift officers have also have ensured uneventful closing times on Friday and Saturday nights in the Downtown Business District due to their excellent work.
- Graveyard shift officers also assisted at the Century Rio shooting incident. Although it was a large scale event, all of the officers responded professionally and were prepared for an active shooter scenario. Detectives identified a suspect through interviews and obtained an arrest warrant. The suspect was arrested by Swing shift Valley officers.
- Valley's Impact Unit worked with the Armed Robbery Unit to conduct surveillance in the Valley. Detectives conducted surveillance

at locations identified by crime statistics as probable targets. The Impact Unit also conducted a tactical plan at the Albuquerque Museum to combat auto burglaries. Detectives coordinated their tactical plan with City security and Old Town's security company. Two arrests were made for theft.

- Valley officers worked with the City Clean Team to remove homeless camps under the interstate at 2nd Street and Interstate 40.
- Valley officers conducted an undercover operation at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission reference complaints of narcotics dealing. Officers dressed as homeless and spent the afternoon at the shelter. Four arrests were made for narcotics dealing.
- Watch 3 officers Hotle and Sandy responded to an armed robbery of an individual. An offender was soon located and arrested by Officer Hotle. Intelligence gathered from his interview revealed where two additional suspects might be located. As both officers arrived at the location, they spotted an offender entering an apartment. A foot chase ensued and the subject was taken into custody. A weapon was recovered and a total of three armed robbery suspects were arrested.
- Sergeant Middleton and Officer Gibbs responded to an armed robbery of a local pizza restaurant. Sergeant Middleton located the vehicle and conducted a high risk car stop. The offender was taken into custody and Robbery Unit detectives were called. A search warrant was conducted and a counterfeit firearm used in the robbery was located. The suspect was found to have four felony warrants.
- Valley Impact Team detectives collaborated with the Robbery Unit to complete surveillance at various fueling stations that have been plagued with armed robberies this past month.
- Metro Court Liaison Lisa Martinez worked 140 new cases for the Valley Area Command and 109 for Metro.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officers Brown, Molina and Moreno conducted concentrated patrols in the Iliff and Coors Boulevard area to suppress increased auto burglary incidents.
- Officer Jose Carrasco conducted a traffic tactical plan on January 30 and 31 in the area Unser Boulevard and Blake. The effort resulted in 39 traffic citations issued.

- On January 1, Officer G. Donofrio conducted a tactical plan to enforce stop sign laws. The plan resulted in 30 traffic tickets issued.
- Throughout the month of January, officer Jennifer Perez conducted a tactical plan at a local convenience store, due to an increase of criminal activity at that location and similar locations citywide. Officer Perez kept watch over the store, arranging for an abandoned vehicle to be towed and urging a car club to not congregate at the location. As a result, no robberies occurred at the location.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers implemented an area command-wide burglary tactical plan, based on burglary statistics. Watch I apartment complexes that had seen a spike in illegal activity were identified and field units focused on suspicious activity as well as other nuisance behaviors. Officers completed 45 felony arrests, 82 misdemeanor arrests and 56 misdemeanor citations were issued. Part of the effort was identifying possible residences which were presenting themselves as targets. Officers contacted residents who had left open garage doors during the night to alert them of their vulnerability.
- Watch II officers developed and initiated numerous traffic tactical plans, due to the frequency of traffic complaints. The plans ranged in scope from speed enforcement to parking violations. All of the tactical plans were highly successful, resulting in well over 700 citations. Additionally, a CEPTED tactical plan was initiated, utilizing uniformed field services and police service aides. The plan identified physical issues which may lead to a degradation of quality of life within the residential neighborhoods in the area command. Parking, littering, graffiti, and other infractions were identified and proper enforcement action was enacted.
- The Impact Team continued burglary problem solving efforts, utilizing increased saturation patrols based on current crime statistics. The Team also conducted intensive surveillance on several TCK gang members involved in numerous burglaries. Their efforts resulted in two felony arrests in January.
- Watch III officers completed a total of 16 tactical plans in January. The tactical plans were in addition to responding to 2,331 calls for service and initiating 19 DWI arrests, 27 felony arrests

and 63 misdemeanor arrests.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officer Richard Donaghe was recognized as Uniformed Officer of the Month for January 2010. Officer Donaghe has been instrumental in the training of Northeast Area Command Officers in advanced weapons handling skills and safety throughout the past nine months. He has been assisted by Officers John Scott and Rob Simmons. This training is credited with increasing morale, safety and officer alertness.
- Watch III has begun utilizing the Albuquerque Police Academy's F.A.T.S. training equipment. On a scheduled three hours block, officers are pulled from their squads and run through various scenarios designed to evaluate and improve their response to dynamic incidents. Supervisors are on hand to watch the response and critique the officers.
- In response to quality of life and public safety complaints, officers assigned to Team 2 conducted multiple operations targeting panhandling and traffic violators along the Pan American Freeway corridor. Operations resulted in 112 citations issued, one arrest for a misdemeanor warrant, as well as a reduction in calls for service in reference to panhandlers.
- Officers from Team 1 were dispatched to the area of Adams/Candelaria in reference to a suspect, possibly armed with a gun, who was stalking a girlfriend. Upon arrival the suspect attempted to flee from officers in a white sports car. Air 1 was overhead as the officers arrived. The suspect lost control of his vehicle soon after attempting to flee. With the assistance of Air 1, Team 1 officers took the suspect into custody after he fled the scene and ran into a restaurant at Carlisle/Candelaria. The suspect was found to be a repeat offender, who was also in possession of a sawed-off shotgun. The vehicle was also confirmed as stolen. Subject will be facing both Federal and District Court charges.
- The Northeast Area Command had received several calls concerning speeding in construction zones. Officers assigned to Team 3 were conducting a tact plan for speeders at Wyoming/Cubero NE. A vehicle was stopped and officers eventually identified two suspects with outstanding warrants. As officers removed suspects from the vehicle and began pat down searches, one suspect fled on foot, pursued by Officer A. Cook. The suspect turned and drew

- a handgun from his waistband area and turned toward Officer Cook. Officer Cook was forced to utilize deadly force to subdue the suspect. The suspect was pronounced dead at UNM Hospital. The suspect was later confirmed to be a repeat property crimes offender. Team 3 officers did an outstanding job of securing the scene, as well as offenders and witnesses.
- On January 25, Northeast Impact Detectives conducted an investigation into a check fraud, auto theft and auto burglary crew. The investigation netted five felony arrests, four felony warrants cleared, as well as a stolen gun recovered. Several thousand dollars worth of electronic equipment was recovered in addition to a meth lab at the same location. Secret Service is following up on the investigation with possibly more arrests to come.
- Detective Jessie Carter identified a crew of offenders responsible for stealing cars as they warmed up in the owner's driveways. There were nine offenders identified and arrested. This crew was responsible for 30 felony cases cleared. Auto theft was called in to assist.
- Team 10 conducted numerous tact plans during the month of January which resulted in numerous felony arrests to include narcotics, armed robbery, several warrant arrests and recovered several stolen vehicles.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to ten call-outs for the month of January.
- The Field Investigation Unit's dayshift responded to 411 calls; swing shift officers responded to 505 calls; the graveyard shift took 342 calls, for a total of 1,258 calls. The Unit also took 47 Field Service calls. The calls generated 693 reports written.
- The Identification Unit processed 1,164 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,684 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 433 court dispositions, 73 employment and 14 firearms background checks.
- The Evidence Unit received 3,511 evidence items. Of those, 8,755 items disposed, 140 notification letters were sent to property owners and 201 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center

(ECC) staff answered over 61,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in January. 22,093 were 911 calls and 39,691 were 242-COPS calls. 911 operators answered 96.46% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.25% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).

- Two staff were promoted to shift supervisors, improving the ECC's ratio of shift supervisors to emergency floor personnel to 13:1. Prior to the last two promotions, the ratio was 17:1.
- ECC staff continued their participation in H1N1 meetings at the EOC to discuss H1N1 status and that of other influenza-like illnesses.
- The Recognition Committee created certificates for acknowledging years of service at milestone intervals. Other forms of recognition are being developed to recognize excellent attendance and punctuality, contributions, and service.
- One of the ECC's new dispatcher-in-training was recognized by Mayor Berry for outstanding contributions related to a potential suicide.

Planning & Policy Division...

- In January, Pay Application #1 and Change Order #1 were approved and executed for work completed on the Sixth Area Command. Pay Application #2 was submitted. Foundation work and cistern construction for the facility was started, as well as building foundations and the base stem for the property walls. Division staff met with City ISD to discuss wireless access points, telephony, and data access for the facility.
- Quarterly Recovery Act grant reporting and data collection (Federalreporting.gov and BJA website) was required by January 10.
- APD was awarded 1.8 million dollars for E911 equipment; \$400,000 for technology through a federal earmark.
- The Department submitted its one-year FY11 objectives to the Mayor's office.
- As part of a defibrillator purchase, AFD held an intensive training course. Lt. Richard Paz from AFD did a great job and the defibrillators should be ready to be distributed to APD facilities.
- 2010 Performance Plan data was collected and submitted to the Office of Management and Budget.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In January, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,832 prisoners through the Prisoner

Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,523 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 309 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 224 trips to MDC and accepted 152 walk-in prisoners at MDC.

- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of January was \$36,923.36.

Strategic Support Division...

- In January, 73 incidents were submitted to the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity. Forty-three of the alerts were from ARAPA partners; seven were from Hospitality Partners; nine by FISOA partners; seven by CICA Partners; four by Downtown Partners; one from North I25; two by Commercial Property Partners. The website was also modified to include a "comment" field. Partners can now post information/updates/photos related to a particular case or offender.
- In January, 49 new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained on the CONNECT website. The majority of these new registrations were for law enforcement personnel and are related to the deployment of the Law Enforcement Hot Sheet area.
- CICA met on January 12, with 32 partners in attendance. Attendees were told that the smaller 3" CICA decals would be ready for distribution at the February CICA meeting. The Noel Company's Marcus Perea organized donations from CICA members to help fund larger versions of the logo that can be affixed to pieces of heavy equipment. Additionally, staff is working on issuing CICA company numbers that can be engraved, painted or marked on tools and pieces of equipment. The owner-applied numbers will be used to help in identifying tools and equipment that was stolen and pawned, sold at second-hand stores or flea markets.
- The Crime Analysis Unit completed the property crimes newspaper wrapper for January. The Unit also started producing weekly updates to identify who has been apprehended and who has not.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Division awarded its traffic officer of the month award to Northeast motor officer David Weidner. David responded to many field calls and made a number of felony arrests,

issued 136 tickets and was acting sergeant during a large portion of January.

- Dayshift officers conducted a citywide cell phone and seat belt tact plan on January 7.
- Officer Cobos responded to a freeway vehicle fire on January 13, and provided assistance to its occupants.
- On New Years Day, Air Support officers Pearson and Buynak responded to a call to assist in a search for the suspect of an aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Upon arrival, K9 and SWAT were setting up four search teams and were staging to start their searches. Air1 immediately started a FLIR search of the area and located a priority target within the search area. Air1 directed one of the search teams to the target. The K9 search team apprehended the subject utilizing their police service dog. The subject was positively identified as the offender and taken into custody.
- On January 30, Air1 responded to the area of 100 Vermont NE. Field Service Units stated that they had an unoccupied stolen vehicle and that they had a blood trail leading away from the vehicle. Field Service Units requested an area check from Air1. Air1 initiated a FLIR search of the area. During the search, Air1 observed a heat source inside a dumpster near the vehicle. Air1 directed units to the dumpster to check it. Officers located a deceased subject inside of the dumpster.
- The DWI Unit conducted one sobriety checkpoint, resulting in 13 arrests and two vehicle forfeitures. A total of 186 vehicles were checked in for the month of January.
- The DWI Seizure Unit collected over \$135,000 in revenue from boots and auction sales.
- The Seizure Unit had a 45% reduction in returned vehicles and a 22% increase in the number of booted vehicles over 2009.

Special Operations Division...

- The K-9 initiated 63 building searches and nine area searches in January, making eight apprehensions. On January 27, Police Service Dog Kazan was laid to rest after being diagnosed with terminal cancer.
- SWAT was activated for 128 hours during the month. On New Year's Day, SWAT was activated by the Northeast Area Command to respond to a barricaded subject who possibly was armed.
- Also on New Year's Day, SWAT was activated

by the Southeast Area Command in reference to an area search for an armed subjected wanted on domestic charges.

- On January 26, SWAT was activated by the Northwest Area Command in reference to a home invasion.
- On January 29, SWAT was activated by the Northeast Area Command to respond to an armed subject on a roof of a residence wanted for auto burglary.
- On January 4th, the APD Bomb Squad was called to Apollo College to respond to a man on top of the building, holding a sign that said "bomb." A search of the area was conducted. Neither the subject nor explosives were found.
- On January 19th, the Bomb Squad was called to the Rio Rancho Police Station regarding two 25mm aircraft rounds. The rounds were picked up and will be destroyed.
- On January 15, the Horse Mounted Unit assisted the K-9 Unit with an area search on horseback for a felony shoplifting offender in the Bosque Del Acres neighborhood.

Investigations Bureau...

- The Homicide Unit responded to ten violent crime call-outs in January.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 53 cases and submitted four cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit made nine felony arrests and responded to 14 robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to five sex crimes call-outs. The Unit cleared 55 cases, sending 23 of those to the DA's Office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 181 cases in January with six of those going to the DA's Office. The Unit reviewed 357 domestic violence cases, and made 33 referrals to the service provider side of the Family Advocacy Center.
- The Missing Persons Unit reports that there have been a total of 26 cases reported for 2010. Sixteen cases have been cleared.
- Twenty-nine apartments at 1720 Atrisco were posted substandard, displacing over 100 tenants. The COAST Unit collaborated with many different agencies to place the residents in shelters, motels, and other apartments. Not one family was left homeless and out on the streets.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 714 referrals for review. The Unit cleared 69 cases, sending 15 of those to the DA's Office.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared ten

cases and completed 22 computer forensics examinations.

- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 43 verifications and ten hours of surveillance.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 547 calls for service, made 23 felony arrest/warrants, 57 misdemeanor arrest/warrants and made 89 home visits for truancy.
- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Unit cleared 59 cases in January. The Unit recovered \$384,994 in property.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared four cases in January. Detective Tyrone Chambers began his transition to the newly formed Albuquerque Financial Crimes Task Force headed by the U.S. Secret Service.
- The Burglary Unit closed 41 cases in January. Burglary detectives located and arrested Henry Scott, who was under indictment for five residential burglaries. Scott decided to cooperate with Unit detectives and identified an additional 40 residential burglaries that he had committed. All forty locations were verified that they had been victims of residential burglary. The investigation is ongoing.
- The Pawn Shop Unit conducted 16 pawnshop background checks and has eight cases under investigation. The Unit received reports from pawnshops for 3,017 items, 242 of those were firearms.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 125 tips in January. Three of the five fugitives of the month were arrested in January.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives served multiple warrants on a residence that resulted in the seizure of \$21,000 in cash, a car, half a kilo of cocaine, two handguns and a shotgun.
- Westside Narcotics detectives located a meth lab at a Central Avenue address that contained 10 taks of anhydrous ammonia. In January, Westside Narcotics executed 20 search warrants and made 21 felony arrests.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit took the lead on an investigation into threats toward APD officers from the Aryan Brotherhood.
- The Gang Unit made eight felony arrests of known, violent gang members for the Southside, TCK, and San Jose gang organizations.
- The ROP Unit completed five felony arrests including an eight-time convicted felon and a bank robbery suspect.
- The Vice Unit made 32 arrests in January and conducted a human trafficking operation in

conjunction with the FBI and the Attorney General's Office.

Records Section...

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,510 calls in January.
- The CopLogic System logged 258 reports, saving an estimated \$10,320 and 387 officer hours.
- The Central Records Unit scanned 147,201 pages of reports and made 12,991 FileNet entries.
- The Data Entry Unit entered 5,280 reports, 231 supplementals, and 1,478 accidents.

Open Space Section...

- Open Space officers set up a "bait bike" operation at a gas station at 8th and Bridge SW. An offender attempted to steal the bike (valued at more than \$1500) and was arrested for felony larceny.
- Several campsites were found along the Bosque and were subsequently removed.
- Open Space officers used the APD hovercraft to assist the Los Lunas Police Department search the Rio Grande for a child that was reported to have been floating in the river. No child was ever located or reported missing.

Professional Standards...

- The Basic Training Unit instructed 35 cadets (includes 1 AFD) in the 104th Cadet Class.
- The Advanced Training Unit created a website for advanced training opportunities; completed the online portion of Taser Instructor Certification Course, increasing the number of certified instructors by three; and finalized 2010 MOE Phase I training.
- The Recruiting and Backgrounds Unit moved Unit personnel and furniture from the Broadway Substation to the APD Academy. The Unit received 367 interest cards in January.
- The Unit also conducted recruit testing on January 9-10. Seventy-two people signed up for testing. Thirty-five people actually attended, with 14 passing and submitted to further investigation.
- The West Side and Tactical Ranges prepared for the 2010 handgun transition.
- The Wellness Unit continued the implementation of lesson plans for the daily physical training of the 104th Cadet Class in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine.

Trend Analysts





