

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report January 2011



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Detective Vic Barela from the Southeast's Impact Team followed up on larceny "run-outs" at local businesses where the suspect was using a stolen license plate on his car. Detective Barela coordinated a media outlet description of the subject based off of a retailer surveillance video. As a result of his work, a location and description was obtained. The next day the Southeast Impact Team set up a perimeter on the suspect's house and took the suspect and his accomplice into custody and charged them with 11 counts of larceny.
- Detective Languit completed an investigation of a suspect who lit his car on fire and then drove the car into a northeast Albuquerque residence. Detective Languit obtained an arrest warrant for an attempt to commit second degree murder.
- Southeast day shift officers continued to monitor and cite violators along the Lead/Coal construction zone. They also cited cellular phone violators and addressed transient issues along Central Avenue.
- Swing shift officers continued to work with businesses in the Southeast area command to eliminate or minimize beer runs that occur. Officers routinely keep a periodic watch on the businesses, which has resulted in a decline of beer runs. Graveyard officers Groff and Martinez identified a convenience store near San Pedro/Constitution NE that had a large number of beer runs. Officers conducted a concealed surveillance tactical plan at the store. Over three days, they made three arrests for beer runs and one DWI arrest.
- Laura Kuehn of Crime Prevention hosted a quarterly edition of Crime Free Multi-Housing training. The training included workshops on what the program is, how to form partnerships, prepare certificates, review evaluations and updating the database.

Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills Impact Team detectives Lund and Stone were able to apprehend a man who held a female acquaintance hostage. Detective Stone previously worked with the victim and arranged for a 'code word' to identify if she needed police. The word was relayed to Detective Stone by a friend of the victim. Detectives were able to get the female out of the house and arrest

the man for the crime. The arrest was noted by the media and Detective Stone was interviewed and featured on the evening news.

- Detective Stott was able to identify a man as the offender of a criminal damage to private property charge, which resulted in over \$4,500 worth of damage. Detective Stott obtained an arrest warrant and arrested the man. According to residents, the suspect had been a problem since moving into the neighborhood and often intimidated neighbors. Detective Stott contacted nuisance abatement and was able to have the man evicted from the residence for violations of the City Housing agreement.
- While out on proactive patrol, detectives Gonterman and Lund were able to apprehend a car thief and a drug dealer.
- Officers Reeves and Hetes worked a number of tactical plans in the area of CNM on Morris. There have been a number of citizen complaints regarding speeding north and south on Morris. Officer Reeves and Hetes issued 18 citations and had numerous citizen contacts with individuals speeding in the area.
- Officers Garcia and Olivares conducted a tactical plan to discourage individuals selling firewood along Tramway. The Foothills Area Command and 311 received numerous complaints regarding the illegal selling of firewood. Garcia and Olivares contacted six individuals and advised them of the legalities regarding vending along a state highway and the problem was alleviated.
- Officers Verbeck and Miranda conducted a tactical plan to cite drivers using cell phones. They were able to issue 19 citations.
- Officer Simmons issued 129 citations in January, most of them seatbelt violations.
- Officers Melvin and O'Connell conducted an abandoned vehicle tactical plan and red tagged nine illegally parked cars and issued 22 parking citations. This type of operation targets the deteriorating appearance of a neighborhood and removes inoperable cars, cites code enforcement violations, and initiates CNAU referrals to work to improve the neighborhood appearance and pride.
- Officer Meyers conducted a stolen vehicle tactical plan in the area of Tramway and Indian School and was able to recover four stolen vehicles in one day. Officer Meyers contacted Auto Theft and the Foothills Impact Team to help in the area. Officer Meyers also issued 12

parking citations for illegal parking in the Elena Gallegos open space area.

Valley Area Command...

- The cold weather in January brought lots of challenges for all shifts in the Valley. Area command staff spent a significant amount of time rounding up homeless people and getting them safely out of the cold to one of the shelters. Staff searched all of the “usual” spots for transients and looked for camps. As a result, the City did not experience any weather-related deaths from exposure to the cold.
- Officer Elrick was dispatched to investigate a criminal damage incident involving a City bus. The offender had thrown a rock through the window after being asked to leave, causing approximately \$7,000 in damage. Although the offender fled, officer Elrick conducted a thorough investigation and was able to locate the offender, who was subsequently booked on a felony criminal damage complaint.
- Day shift officers were able to apprehend three subjects on two separate occasions for residential burglary in two days! In one of the burglaries, an offender attempted to steal several firearms but was apprehended as he attempted to leave the residence.
- Swing shift officers, along with the assistance of CNAU, the Narcotics Unit, and area residents, worked a tactical operation in response to drug activity from an apartment complex. As a result of their efforts, the target tenant was evicted.
- Swing shift officers worked a tactical plan in the Duranes neighborhood after residents noted an increase in drug activity and requested help from the Valley Area Command. All teams conducted field briefings in the area.
- The Power Team continued to direct its efforts on the Central Avenue corridor and utilized plain clothes officers to conduct surveillance. During one of these operations, officers witnessed a hand to hand drug transaction. After a short foot chase, officers were able to apprehend an offender who was found to have 52 rocks of crack cocaine in his possession.
- Officer Hindi was awarded the Valley Area Command’s first Recognition Coin for a job well done. He consistently had more than 200 moving citations each month and has been assigned many problem traffic areas to conduct tactical plans in and has successfully made an impact in these areas.

- The Valley Impact Team had several noteworthy arrests in January. Two subjects were arrested for theft of \$3,300 of scrap metal from a company. Detective Linson worked a case involving Burglary detectives, the Gang Unit, and the Southeast Impact Team, resulting in the arrest of 10 individuals responsible for several home invasions.

Southwest Area Command...

- The Southwest Impact Team conducted several tactical plans to address crime issues in the area command. The first tactical plan focused on robberies to individuals at automatic teller machines in the area of Coors and Central. The second tactical plan focused on residential burglaries. The tactical plans resulted in six felony arrests. The crime patterns for these particular crimes will be monitored over the next several months to see if the tactical plans resulted in an appreciable impact on the rate of occurrence.
- Team One conducted a tactical operation plan at the bus stops at the intersection of Coors and Central. The tactical plan addressed the large volume of intoxicated homeless individuals who harassed citizens riding the buses and shoplifting from local merchants. The tactical plan, which was conducted in cooperation with Transit Security, resulted in eleven citations for violations ranging from drinking in public to criminal trespassing. Team One continued its tactical plans for field briefings at public schools in the area command. In January, Lavaland Elementary and Jimmy Carter Middle School were selected for the briefings. At each location, a member from Team One acted as a liaison with school officials. The meeting allowed Team One to address any specific concerns the school had, as well as establish an informal partnership with the school administration.
- Team Two started the month with field briefings targeting speeding in school zones as well as general traffic enforcement. In January, over one hundred citations were issued for various traffic violations. Team Two also assisted Sergeant Barela with the closing of a southwest residence.
- Sergeant Barela was recognized for his positive interactions with a local businessman. By his own admission, the man said he was apprehensive of police officers, but after interacting with Sergeant Barela his opinion

of officers changed so much he contacted the Commander. Sergeant Barela received a letter of commendation for his efforts.

- The Southwest Impact Team conducted a joint operation with the Vice Unit to target prostitution on Central Avenue near Atrisco. Seven people were arrested for promotion and solicitation of prostitution.
- Officer Glynn completed five felony supplemental reports in January. One of the cases involved a female offender who had committed a larceny at a local retailer. The offender got into her vehicle and as she drove through the parking lot, she purposely struck three employees with her vehicle. Officer Glynn was able to identify the female offender and subsequently obtained a felony arrest warrant for aggravated battery.
- On January 19th, Acting Sergeant Nix responded to a local retailer in reference to a female subject who was trying to obtain a medication with a forged prescription. As she left the area, Acting Sergeant Nix located the vehicle and offender. She was taken into custody and booked on forgery of a prescription. The vehicle was sealed pending a search warrant. Acting Sergeant Nix obtained a search warrant the following day and completed the search of the vehicle. He located several documents and ID's with other people's information, and six victims were identified for identity theft and forgery. Acting Sergeant Nix located and interviewed some of the identified victims. He completed the supp out for the case with the additional felony charges.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers compiled 36 felony arrests, 71 misdemeanor arrests, 32 domestic violence arrests and wrote 14 criminal summons for various offenses. As a Watch, officers wrote 1,037 moving citations, made 64 DWI arrests, wrote 80 parking citations and issued 64 handicapped parking citations. Watch officers completed 257 reports, handled 1,689 calls for service and recorded 793 on-site activities.
- Graveyard shift officers addressed quality of life, community and criminal activity issues by completing 135 tactical plans. The plans were conducted throughout the area command and included Top Ten crime areas, traffic concerns, commercial burglary issues, business and apartment complex checks, graffiti and area

command park checks.

- Day shift officers issued 29 panhandling citations. A total of 61 vehicles were towed. In January, officers completed 24 felony arrests, 73 misdemeanor arrests and issued 14 summonses. The watch responded to 1,453 calls for service, performed 550 on-site activities and wrote 417 reports. Watch II also issued 766 traffic citations.
- Day shift officers conducted regular field briefings at high volume calls for service locations as well as the shopping malls to maintain high visibility.
- Several tactical plans were conducted in response to speeding complaints received from citizens and observations made by officers. The plans yielded 259 citations.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officer K. Higgins, assigned to day shift Team 1, was on patrol when he observed subjects running out of a store after shoplifting over \$500 in merchandise. He stopped the vehicle and arrested the three offenders for larceny shoplifting.
- Officer S. Lopez was the primary officer who responded to a robbery which took occurred at a local check cashing business. The victims and witnesses at the scene gave a description of the offender vehicle which was located by officer D. Lujan. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was positively identified as the offender. The firearm used in the robbery was also recovered in the vehicle.
- Officers G. Hicks and C. Silva received information advising that a suspect had a felony warrant for his arrest and would be in a local restaurant. Officers located the subject who ran for the door of the restaurant. An employee of the restaurant who was washing windows saw the officers pursuing the offender and held the door closed. Officers took the offender into custody for felony stalking and a probation violation.
- Detective Roach was recognized by ARAPA (Albuquerque Retail Asset Protection Association) and given an award for his work in the Jessica Sigas case. Sigas had charged over \$8,000 in stolen credit cards from 12 victims. Sigas also had two felony warrants.
- On January 29th, officers responded to a traffic accident at the intersection of San Pedro and Claremont NE. Once on scene, they were

contacted by bail bonds personnel who stated that the driver of the vehicle was an APD Top Property Crime Offender. The man has tried to elude them and driving recklessly which caused the accident. Officers attended to the injured occupants of the other vehicle and broadcast a description and direction of travel of the man who had run away from the scene. As officers began to search the area, citizens in the area began calling police as the man attempted to break in to nearby homes. Field officers set up a perimeter near the crash. Eventually, the man was located and taken into custody. He had two felony warrants and three misdemeanor warrants.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- Criminalistics responded to two call-outs in January.
- The Identification Unit processed 1,956 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 2,472 arrests into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 25 case dispositions, 24 employment background checks, 24 firearms checks, 99 FBI checks and 16 from other agencies.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,624 evidence items in January. 1,468 items were disposed, aggressive efforts to reduce the inflation inventory resulted in 404 items returned to owners, 428 items disposed and \$3,072.14 was recovered from auction income. An additional 15,738 items have met final disposition processing requirements and are pending destruction court orders.

Communications Division...

- APD 911 Communications Center staff answered 60,870 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in January, 2011. There were 22,461 calls answered for 911 and 38,409 calls answered for 242-COPS. 911 Operators answered 96.09% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 99.30% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- Mandatory briefings were held in January for all Communications personnel about policy, regulations and behavioral standards that govern the department.
- A tour was conducted for a group studying

APD's Communications Center in relation to a proposed Joint Traffic Management Center for the state.

- A presentation was made to the Elk's Lodge by the Communications Manager.
- A program featuring the managers of the Emergency Communications Center (911) and the Citizen's Contact Center (311) was recorded and will be broadcast on Channel 23.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Recruiting and Selection Unit received 366 interest cards in January.
- The Advanced Training Unit assisted with training for the 105th Cadet Class; trained City Security in defensive tactics; set up a tactical operations course for ERT; and finalized MOE.
- The Basic Training Unit conducted several kettle bell classes for APD personnel; continued training for the 105th Cadet Class; and completed lesson plans to meet current policy and procedures.
- The Recruiting and Selection Team administered the City Entrance Exam and held pre-assessment tests for applicants who want to test their physical abilities prior to testing weekend.

Planning and Policy Division...

- After a few small delays due to subcontractor issues, construction of APD 6 is back on schedule. Ninety percent of the furniture has been ordered, a few other vendors have been contacted for the remaining pieces. All other vendors, including vending machines, office supplies, the portable building mover were contacted to ensure their timely delivery of services.
- The APD FY2011-15 Strategic Plan is nearly complete. Stakeholders were notified to review their pages for final review. The completed document should be ready for distribution and publication by February.
- The APD Planning Section hosted two auditors from the Department of Justice on January 25 and 26. The auditors reviewed several of our grants, including JAG and ARRA.
- In coordination with Technology Services staff, the Planning section developed a SharePoint site that transferred the entire PPRB process online. Each Board member would be able to view the item up for discussion at their leisure; they would be able to post questions and discussion; and finally vote on the item. The new process

allows a longer review period, memorialize discussion about the item, and aid the legal analysis and approval time.

Technical Services Division...

- The Tiburon Version Management Program (VMP) upgrade gained traction this month after the Chief and Tiburon executives met and agreed on the project management approach. In addition to the VMP software upgrade, new hardware will implemented to ensure system stability and adequate storage capacity in the future.
- The Crime Lab QueTel evidence system server was replaced. The new server added stability to the system and fixed several performance issues. The Systems Analyst II assigned to this system was hired and will start work at the crime lab at the end of February.
- Although progress on the public safety broadband 700 MHz data network remains stalled at the state level, APD moved forward with its CIP request for 700 MHz infrastructure funding. The CIP bond issue goes to the voters in October.
- The DVD burners for the lapel camera project were installed in substations and 8 GB micro storage devices were procured for the cameras. Training will be delivered via PowerDMS in February and the lapel cameras will began rolling out in late February.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In January, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,891 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,526 prisoners and other agencies arrested 365 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 208 trips to the MDC and accepted 54 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of January was \$45,772.32.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 1,596 citations in January.
- The DWI Unit arrested 189 people for driving while intoxicated.
- The Seizure Unit confiscated 169 vehicles in January, totalling \$66,538.
- On January 11, Air1 was dispatched to a possible residential burglary in progress at a southwest Albuquerque location. A caller advised that they

were following a subject from this area and he possibly committed a residential burglary and was carrying a television. While en route, the caller updated units with pertinent information including the area where the witness lost visual contact of the subject. Air1 arrived and located the caller and the area where the subject was last seen. Air1 directed responding units to establish a perimeter upon arrival. After a perimeter was established, units were able to locate the residence that had been burglarized. SWAT units also started to arrive and assisted. While on-scene, a Southwest unit advised that she was watching a subject in this area as a possible burglary suspect. She identified the residence where the subject lived and it was the same area where the witness lost visual contact. SWAT responded to the location and attempted to contact the subject but had no response. SWAT units did advise that they had movement inside the location. After several minutes of attempting to make contact, a subject did finally exit the residence. After investigation, units advised that the subject they made contact with was the offender of the residential burglary.

- On January 28, Air 5 was in the vicinity of a large retail location when Northwest dispatch broadcast that a victim saw his stolen pickup truck drive into the retailer’s parking lot. As an APD unit arrived in the parking lot, a black pickup suddenly sped away at a high rate of speed. Air 5 followed the pickup which continued to drive recklessly and at a high rate of speed. Air 5 updated the truck’s location until it suddenly turn onto a private dirt driveway. The driver then exited the truck and ran down the bluffs into the Bosque. A perimeter was established by ground units. The driver was then apprehended by an Open Space Unit, after he exited the Bosque and jumped a fence into an apartment complex. A 2004 Chevrolet pickup valued at \$30,000 was recovered. The suspect was charged with receiving/transferring a stolen motor vehicle.

Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated six times in January, and responded to 487 calls for service during the month. On January 1, SWAT was activated in response to an active shooter at UNMH.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 99 building searches, 9 area searches and made five apprehensions.
- In January, the Horse Mounted Unit (HMU)

attended 91 events and patrolled for 199 hours. HMU conducted a land navigation training with SWAT in the east mountains to get better acquainted with the new GPS equipment and also practiced approach tactics on horseback against armed subjects in a rural environment.

- The Bomb Squad was called out 16 times in January. On January 27, the APD Bomb Squad was called out to a northwest location in reference to TNT being found. Upon arrival, it was determined that the items were not TNT but railroad torpedoes containing explosives. The items were collected and destroyed.
- On January 28, the APD Bomb Squad was called out to the University area to respond to suspicious items and a suicide note. It was thought the item was an IED to go along with the suicide note. Upon arrival, the items were determined not to be an IED, but a large energy storage component.

Investigations Bureau...

- On January 7, the Gang Unit arrested a Southside Loco gang member for heroin possession. The Gang Unit also had his probation violated and he was re-booked on a felony warrant for a probation violation.
- In January, the Gang Unit assisted Burglary Unit detectives on their investigation involving three gang members on their involvement in numerous home invasions. Once Burglary detectives obtained arrest warrants, the Gang Unit located all three on charges ranging from criminal sexual penetration, kidnapping, armed robbery, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, aggravated residential burglary, tampering and conspiracy.
- On January 6, ROP detectives assisted the Safe Streets Task Force and the ATF by executing a narcotics search warrant at a northwest location. Several subjects were detained as part of the investigation.
- On January 10, ROP detectives responded to a purse snatching. Southeast field officers and ROP detectives observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle. ROP assisted with the vehicle stop and the two occupants were found to have both misdemeanor and felony warrants outstanding for their arrests. They were also in possession of a silver pellet gun.
- On January 21, ROP and Intel detectives observed two stolen vehicles at a local motel. Surveillance was established of the stolen

vehicles. Several individuals were observed entering the two stolen vehicles. ROP detectives apprehended several individuals related to the investigation. One suspect was arrested for a misdemeanor warrant. Another suspect was arrested for one felony and one misdemeanor warrant. A third was arrested for receiving and transferring a stolen motor vehicle and conspiracy. All of the individuals are career property crime offenders.

- In January, the APD Vice Unit targeted online and street-level prostitution. Operations were coordinated for the week of January 10th through January 15th. Common prostitution websites were utilized for contacting violators. The targeted operation resulted in 10 arrests.
- The Intel Unit assisted Vice with internet operations, facilitated the seizure of computers with child porn, and initiated search warrants in order to seize phones and computers in the Kevin Garner investigation.
- Westside Narcotics detectives conducted a knock and talk at a northwest location, leading to a search warrant being obtained. A marijuana grow and a meth lab were located within. Five plants, over one pound of dried marijuana, red phosphorous, meth oil and necessary components for a lab were located.
- A search warrant was executed for a location that resulted in one felony arrest, a misdemeanor warrant, seizure of marijuana and 8.5 grams of heroin.
- Westside Narcotics obtained an arrest warrant for a woman who was arrested on seven counts of trafficking by possession, acquiring controlled substance by fraud (over 1,000 Oxycodone pills through forgery/fraud).
- In January, Eastside Narcotics detectives completed 35 felony arrest, wrote 11 search warrants, executed 10 search warrants, performed 13 controlled buys, and submitted 13 cases to the District Attorney's office.
- Task Force detectives completed 13 felony arrests, wrote five search warrants, and seized 9.5 pounds of marijuana, 235 grams of methamphetamine, and 138.6 grams of cocaine.
- Detectives Feist and Ryan arrested a white supremacist for trafficking methamphetamine and child pornography. This was his third arrest and will be sentenced to life in federal prison.

Trend Analysts





