

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report July 2010



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**APD's Sixth Area Command
Under Construction**

APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- On July 12, an active shooter incident occurred on the border of the Southeast and Foothills Area Command that required a collaborated response from all area commands and specialized units. Southeast area command officers (Eric Martinez, Wayne McCumber, David Hinson, Johnny Yara, Joseph Tran, Amy Marmon-Bisetti, Frank Tillman, and JT Stone) led the way by performing active shooter and life-saving functions while at the scene. Sergeant Sean Kenny was the incident commander.
- The Southeast Impact team made 38 self-initiated arrests in July and cleared 54 cases. The team continued to produce results through implementation of tactical plans and surveillance.
- Southeast swing shift's Power Team 10 once again led the area command in all statistics on the monthly report, including the number of tactical plans implemented (16).
- Command staff participated in an interview panel for a new Southeast Area Command administrative assistant position.

Foothills Area Command...

- Graveyard shift officers held regular field briefings and implemented tactical plans at various points along Montgomery and Tramway in response to traffic and speeding complaints. Officers increased patrols in residential areas due to citizen concerns regarding auto burglaries, gang, and drug activity. The additional patrols led to numerous vehicles being stopped for loitering and an 80% decrease in auto burglaries in patrolled neighborhoods.
- On July 12, Foothills and Southeast officers worked jointly to bring a chaotic and violent situation under control. A single gunman entered a business and opened fire on employees. The rapid response by uniformed patrol, detectives and the subsequent entry into the business prevented the gunman from continuing his rampage or escaping. Officers acted decisively and heroically, bringing it under control in moments. The after-action response by all officers was coordinated and swift. The victims and witnesses were taken to the Manzano Mesa Community Center. There they were treated at the center by AFD paramedics and screened by APD detectives.

- The Foothills Impact team was trained on the use of the automatic license plate reader by the Auto Theft Unit. The reader will be used to identify stolen vehicles that are parked at area businesses and apartment complexes. The team made two felony arrests. The team wrote and executed four search warrants, six arrest warrants and submitted 25 felony cases to the district attorney for prosecution.
- Swing shift officers conducted several field briefings and tactical plans throughout the area command in response to complaints of suspicious subjects and transients in the area. Officers conducted foot patrols of Singing Arrow Park at varying times of the day. The patrols resulted in a noticeable reduction in the number of homeless subjects using the park for other than legitimate purposes.
- On July 23, Officers Shannon Miera, Chermaine Carter, Daniel Miller and Noah Hardy continued their POP project at a location to combat shoplifting, panhandling, drinking in public, jaywalking and other observable crimes. Officers were in plainclothes and utilized marked and unmarked vehicles. During the hours of 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., the group of officers made three misdemeanor arrests and issued five misdemeanor citations.
- On July 16, Officer Christopher Maxon responded to a call of an aggravated driver on Central Avenue. Dispatch received multiple calls (spanning three area commands), of a driver involved in multiple hit and run crashes and swerving all over the road. Through investigation with traffic Officer Nick Kraemer, Officer Maxon located the driver and completed an investigation, which resulted in felony DWI charges along with two charges for leaving the scene of an accident.

Valley Area Command...

- Valley's Team 7 focused on a local bar located on 12th Street due to ongoing problems there. Numerous felony and misdemeanor arrests have been made and field briefings were conducted at the location.
- Officer Garcia arrested one of Albuquerque's Most Wanted for felony warrants.
- Team 9 worked tactical plans at a local truck stop due to an increase in prostitution and drug activity.
- Day shift officers continued to focus on neighborhood parks and enforcing the laws in

regard to panhandling, graffiti and drinking in public.

- The Valley's Impact team implemented a project that identified suspects that sell stolen scrap metal to recycling centers. Over 30 persons of interest have been identified so far. Valley Impact detectives wrote five search warrants, and arrested 35 subjects in July. The team continued to perform a large amount of proactive police work and worked tactical operations in and around Old Town and on the recycling center industry.
- Open Space officers have been concentrating on implementing the Bosque Fire Tactical Plan. The officers have continued to rid the bosque of camps and squatters.

Southwest Area Command...

- Officers J. Garcia and L. Sweitzer initiated a tactical plan to address loitering at bus stops. The plan resulted in 12 wrongful use of public property citations, six criminal trespass citations, two drinking in public citations, one felony drug arrest, and two drug paraphernalia arrests.
- Teams 5 and 6 conducted a tactical plan to reduce the number of cruisers in the area of 64th Street and Central. Officers made one arrest, issued one warrant, 13 warnings, 66 traffic citations, 15 parking citations, 14 noise violations and towed three vehicles.
- Team 7 officers initiated a tactical plan at a local motel in response to complaints of domestic violence on the property, auto burglaries, and residents with warrants. The plan resulted in one arrest, and the clearance of five misdemeanor and one felony warrant.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers responded to 2,039 Calls for Service, resulting in 86 misdemeanor arrests, 44 misdemeanor citations, 36 felony arrests, 1,128 moving citations and 33 DWI arrests.
- The Northwest Area Command experienced a huge jump in the number of misdemeanor arrests and misdemeanor citations in July. Domestic violence arrests also increased. All three squads continued to implement tactical plans in area command parks, enforcing all applicable ordinances and laws at the locations. Apartment complex tactical plans resulted in the issuance of numerous parking citations and contact information taken in those locations that have experienced heightened property crime

incidents. Additionally, due to the increase in auto burglary incidents in Ventana Ranch, an overlapping patrol program has been initiated to help curb those incidents.

- Watch II officers responded to 1,470 calls for service, resulting in 85 misdemeanor arrests, 21 misdemeanor citations, 15 felony arrests, 703 moving citations, and one DWI arrest.
- Watch officers/squads were tasked with handling traffic-related issues brought to the attention of the command by citizen complaints and an analysis of high-volume intersections. Numerous citations and enforcement actions were initiated to facilitate remedies to problems which occurred. Officers were encouraged to monitor problems within the "Coors Corridor" big-box stores. The goal was to alleviate traffic and theft issues in the targeted areas. Numerous arrests were made for larceny.
- Watch III officers responded to 2,656 calls for service, resulting in 87 misdemeanor arrests, 75 misdemeanor citations, 57 felony arrests, 1,113 moving citations and 14 DWI arrests.
- Watch III initiated a bike patrol tactical plan that consisted of saturating high burglary incident areas. Additionally, all three Watch III squads initiated a weekend traffic tactical plan in locations that have high accident volume and significant complaints. Every officer was assigned responsibility for a specific location and their results were recorded and turned in.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officers C. DeFrates and R. Abeyta were dispatched to a suspicious situation where neighbors observed a subject exit a vehicle and enter the backyard of a northeast residence. Neighbors knew the owners were out of the house and called police. Officers C. DeFrates and R. Abeyta heard noises from the home. They called for an additional unit and set a perimeter. Officers made contact with the owners, obtained a key and verified that no should be in the house. A K-9 Unit was called and entered the house with the officers. One offender was found hiding in the residence and was apprehended by the K-9.
- Officers G. McGuire and R. Abeyta assisted Eastside Narcotics on a traffic stop and subsequent arrest of two offenders, one of which was an offender in a human trafficking case. Four firearms, one pound of marijuana and two ounces of heroin were recovered.

- From July 19 through July 23, the Northeast Impact team conducted a joint tactical plan with SWAT, NITe Detectives and the Burglary Unit. The tactical plan was conducted continuously for a week. Saturation patrols were used looking for persons committing auto thefts, auto burglaries and residential burglaries. Four arrests were made. One week before the tactical plan, 20 residential burglaries occurred in the targeted beats. During the week that the tactical plan was initiated, there were only seven burglaries in the entire area command.
- On July 18, Officers Michael Engh and Brian Herrera responded to a commercial burglary in progress call at a shipping provider business. The caller advised that two males were breaking into a building and stealing packages from the business and provided a vehicle description. The offenders left the area before officers arrived. Officers caught up to the vehicle along with Air Support and conducted a felony stop of the vehicle. In plain view were numerous UPS packages inside the vehicle. After a search warrant was issued, each package was valued in excess of at least \$100 making the offense a felony. Arrest warrants were prepared and issued for the offenders and the property was returned to the owners.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to 8 call-outs for the month of July.
- The Field Investigation Unit's day shift responded to 415 calls, swing shift took 490 calls and the graveyard shift took 304 calls, totaling 1,109 FI calls between the three teams. As a result of the calls, there were a total of 982 reports written. While at the calls, the FI's/FET's collected numerous items of evidentiary value. They took a large amount of latent fingerprints (729), and they took approximately 367 photo CDs.
- The Identification Unit processed 2,006 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,970 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 13 court dispositions, 77 employment, 49 evidence and 59 FBI background requests. Additionally, disposition technicians processed 555 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Database.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,681 evidence items. 2,061 items disposed, 103 notification

letters were sent to property owners and 192 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) staff answered over 72,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in July. There were 26,478 911 calls and 46,263 242-COPS calls. 911 Operators answered 4.32% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (the national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%). Operators also answered 97.36% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD's goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- Mayor Berry and Chief Schultz visited on July 26th to compliment the team on their efficiency during the Emcore incident on July 12th.
- Center supervisory staff participated in internal and external debriefings and evaluations of the Emcore event.
- Training for the backup of the MSAG (Master Street Area Guide) position was completed in July. The MSAG coordinator is a key position which is responsible for maintaining and updating address and street data for the City's 911 jurisdiction.

Planning and Policy Division...

- Division staff began interviewing stakeholders to update the Department's current strategic plan. The updated plan will include a larger technology integration component.
- Construction continued on the Sixth Area Command. A roofing change order and inclement weather delayed the installation of the roofing membrane earlier in the month, but was fully installed by the end of July. Other trades continue to work on concrete, framing, and HVAC.
- Planning Section staff submitted a grant for approximately \$50,000 to fund a GREAT program. The APD omnibus bill was submitted to the administration and should be heard by Council in September. The bill will get approval of all of APD's grants at once, decreasing the delay between award and initiation of the grant.
- Planning staff completed federal reporting requirements for the ARRA federal grants.

Technical Services Division...

- In July, all members of the Technical Services Unit received training on how to use the City's Help Desk system. The city's 768-2930 number

is being used and ISD is entering the calls for APD. Mission critical systems, like Tiburon or AFIS, receive high priority. The goal will be to provide a 24-hour response for desktop calls. To improve response time, the Tech Services senior leaders receive email notification when a help desk ticket is entered.

- Sgt. Drager is leading the lapel camera proof-of-concept project in the SW Area Command. Several officers are testing the lapel cameras in the field so we can better understand the camera issues and how to appropriately handle/tag digital evidence.
- A concerted effort was made at the Crime Lab to install new PCs and recycle the old ones.
- An additional Systems Administrator was deployed to the Crime Lab to provide support to their mission-critical systems.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In July, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,827 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,559 prisoners and other agencies arrested 268 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 215 trips to the MDC and accepted 97 walk-in prisoners.
- The Prisoner Transport Unit participated in a DWI warrant round-up on July 17 and 18. The tactical plan resulted in four felony arrests and 24 misdemeanor arrests.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of July was \$49,830.41.

Strategic Support Division...

- In July, 61 incidents were submitted on the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity. Of the alerts, 38 were from ARAPA partners; three were Hospitality Partners; nine by FISOA partners; two by CICA Partners; eight by Apartment Partners; and one by Downtown Area Partners. In July, 65 new registration requests were received for the various areas contained in the CONNECT website.
- CONNECT had a total of 1,673 visitors in July for an average of 53.968 visitors per day.
- The Crime Analysis Unit worked to move Problem Solving project information to a SharePoint platform. Staff met with Property Crime and FSB supervisors to discuss the new SharePoint site and how they can use it to

document projects and disseminate information to their frontline personnel. Starting in August, SharePoint will be the platform for POP project submission. Additionally, SharePoint will be used for the posting dissemination of Crime Analysis weekly updates, warrant information, and for the daily property crime report.

- The Crime Analysis Unit also completed research for proactive/predictive analysis. Unit staff downloaded and executed SPACE (a free GIS extension) to determine how tools available in SPACE and not available through CrimeView can be utilized for more robust analysis (nearest neighbor, directional distribution).

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 2,326 citations and investigated one fatal accident in July.
- The DWI Unit made 709 vehicle stops, arrested 109 people for driving while intoxicated and conducted two sobriety checkpoints.
- The Seizure Unit confiscated 180 vehicles in July.
- On July 6, Air1 arrived in the area of Gibson and Buena Vista SE in reference to a possible domestic violence call. Reports stated that the offender was possibly armed with a handgun. While units were staging and obtaining information, Air1 observed a subject (utilizing the FLIR) walking in the area. The subject appeared to be looking at the staging officers. Air1 directed a search team to the area of the subject while updating the movements of the subject. When units attempted to contact the subject, he fled. The subject ran into the west perimeter units and was detained. After an investigation, units advised that the subject was going to be arrested for kidnapping, aggravated battery and child abuse.
- On July 12, Air1 was called out to respond to an active shooter in an office building in the area of Eubank and Research SE. The Air Support Unit assembled a flight crew and a ground response team with fuel. Air1 was then launched and responded to the scene to assist. Air1 was able to remain on station through the entire search and post-incident investigation due to the creation of a landing zone near the incident and fuel was available from the ground crew. While on scene, Air1 assisted in a search of the area and also acted as a flying incident command post with Deputy Chief Allen Banks onboard. After the search portion of the incident was completed,

Air1 assisted by taking aerial photographs of the scene for the Crime Lab.

Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated several times during July to address barricaded suicidal subjects; the active shooter at Emcore; to assist ROP units with a high risk search warrant in reference to a kidnapping in the Southwest Area Command;
- and to assist the K-9 Unit with an area search for a bank robber.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 51 building searches and 17 area searches.
- The APD Bomb Squad responded and were some of the first responders to the Emcore incident. During the call, bomb squad officers assisted in clearing the building and also checked and cleared five suspicious packages.
- The Horse Mounted Unit also responded to the Emcore call. Horses cleared the mesa and arroyo south and east of the target building at Emcore. Horses also assisted in the evacuation of all 800 people within the two buildings by directing them to the safety of buses waiting to transport them.
- On July 13 during a fire in the Embudo Canyon, horses were called to ride into the canyon to clear the area of any civilians and to scour the area for possible offenders. The majority of the canyon is not accessible by motor vehicle, making it a perfect area for horses to traverse.

Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit closed 15 cases by arrest and cleared 61 other cases. The total value of property recovered in July was \$413,094. The Auto Theft Unit deployed the bait car and were able to arrest four individuals in separate thefts. The Auto Theft Unit conducted a VIN etching event at a Target store. The Unit was able to etch 117 vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared 14 cases in July; the cases were responsible for approximately \$918,596 in losses to their victims.
- The Burglary Unit was able to close 30 cases by arrest in July. Burglary Unit detectives assisted field officers with the arrest of three subjects who conspired to enter foreclosed homes, salvage what they could, and sell what they found at yard sales. The total value of property recovered was estimated to be \$65,000.
- The Pawn Shop Unit checked 4,029 items and

1,028 guns through NCIC, resulting in 18 item hits and five gun hits.

- The NITe detectives assisted the Burglary Unit in executing two search warrants that resulted in the recovery of 30 stolen handguns and rifles. On July 12, the NITe detectives collaborated with Probation and Parole to arrest a man who had an arrest warrant with over 30 charges.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 134 tips in July, leading to the arrest of 19 suspects.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 643 referrals for review. The Unit cleared 93 cases and sent 21 cases to the District Attorney for prosecution.
- The Child Exploitation Detail conducted 14 computer forensics examinations, and sent one case to the District Attorney for prosecution.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 13 verifications and 12 hours of surveillance in July.
- The Eastside Narcotics Unit conducted three search warrants which resulted in the seizure of two pounds of marijuana, two grams of meth, 29 grams of heroin, seven grams of crack cocaine and four firearms. The Unit initiated seven felony arrests.
- The Westside Narcotics detectives conducted eight search warrants and five buy-busts which resulted in 16 felony arrests, and the seizure of 49 grams of crack cocaine, 139 grams of heroin, and 49 grams of meth. Two handguns and four rifles were also recovered.
- Task Force officers seized over 1200 grams of heroin, 800 grams of meth, and 200 grams of crack cocaine. The Task Force seized three vehicles and over \$235,000 in cash.
- The Homicide Unit responded to 10 violent crime call-outs in July.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 19 cases and submitted 13 cases to the District Attorney's office in July. The Unit made 15 felony arrests, and executed 14 search warrants.
- The Sex Crime Unit responded to seven sex crimes call-outs in July. The Unit cleared 31 cases and sent 16 of those to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 21 cases and sent 15 of those to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. Detectives reviewed 463 domestic violence cases, and made 22 referrals to the service provider side of the FAC. Detectives made five arrests for stalking/domestic violence in July.

- The Missing Persons/Cold Case Homicide Unit received 59 cases in July; 61 cases were cleared.
- The CIT/COAST Unit conducted 66 threat assessments and four home visits; the COAST Unit assisted 457 individuals and made 400 referrals for social services.

Records Section...

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 3,737 calls in July and wrote 396 reports. Citizens filed 241 reports using the Cop Logic online reporting system, saving the department 626.6 officers hours and approximately \$9,640.
- The Report Review Unit reviewed 5,271 offense reports, entered 1,804 into the NCIC system and rejected 664.
- The Central Records Unit scanned 94,121 pages of records in July, and made 12,528 FileNet entries.
- The Public Information Unit received 3,624 calls in July.
- The Data Entry Unit entered 3,484 reports, 692 supplementals, and 2,312 accidents.

Trend Analysts





