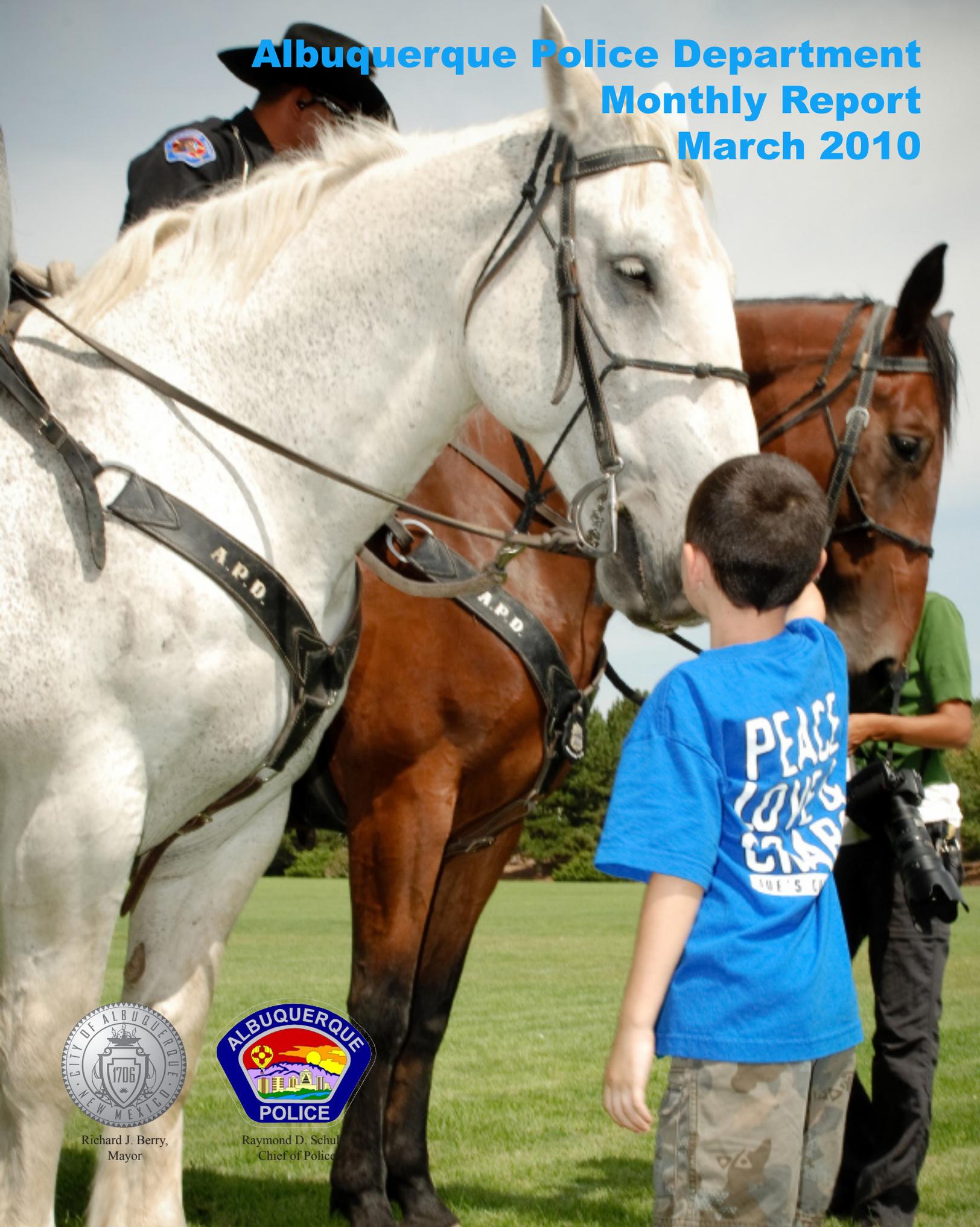


# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report March 2010



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## APD Notables...

### Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Impact Team completed 55 self-initiated arrests and cleared 47 cases for the month of March. The Team also conducted a burglary tact plan at Central and San Mateo that resulted in four arrests. The Team assisted Juvenile Probation with a warrant round up that resulted in two arrests.
- Impact Team detectives located and arrested three offenders from the Mayor's most wanted property crime offenders list.
- Laura Kuehn of the Southeast's Crime Prevention Unit met with staff and community leaders regarding the new "citizen hot sheet" program, which is similar to ARAPA but involves neighborhood watch block captains.
- Day shift officers participated in many different community programs, including reading to kids at Bandelier elementary school, attending a Mesa Verde community meeting, Rich Ford Bigfoot event, and the Vietnam Veteran's parade.
- Swing shift officers implemented a traffic enforcement tactical plan on the 200 block of Carlisle NE. The plan resulted in 583 citations issued, a DWI arrest, six tows, three misdemeanor arrests, and one felony arrest.
- Graveyard shift officers issued 1,322 moving violations, 246 misdemeanor arrests, 102 felony arrests, and 96 DWI arrests.

### Foothills Area Command...

- Watch I officers conducted several tactical plans that focused on quality of life issues in response to citizen complaints. One of the plans was in response to a citizen report of large amounts of vehicles parked on Lomas, east of Tramway. Officer Evans was able to write seven parking citations and red tagged four vehicles. Watch I officers issued 662 moving citations, made 102 (63 felony) arrests, and conducted 801 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- Watch II officers continued to reach out to the community in order to share information about the development of tactical plans. A speed enforcement tactical plan on Indian School and Archuleta resulted in 35 citations and ten citizen contacts thanking officers for their attention to the problem. Bike officers Stott and Stone continue to be proactive in their efforts resulting in a combined total of 40 arrests (18 felony), and over 30 moving citations each. Watch II issued

642 moving citations, arrested 103 subjects (41 felony), and conducted 907 quality of life enforcement and referrals.

- A stop sign tactical plan at Chelwood Park and Mountain resulted in 23 citations in one hour. Sergeant Sanchez, with Officers Fachan and Sanchez, conducted a citywide tactical plan in unmarked vehicles to search for an offender from an aggravated assault. Lieutenant Lopez and Sergeant Campbell used a ruse and the offender was caught and booked on March 10. Watch III issued 1,096 moving citations, arrested 196 subjects (48 felony), and conducted 1,443 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- The Impact Team worked with Foothills bike officers on a Problem Solving initiative focusing on surveillance in response to auto burglaries and auto thefts. The partnership was very successful, resulting in a 16% reduction of auto thefts.

### Valley Area Command...

- Officer M. Engh conducted a month-long tactical plan in response to downtown cruisers and issued 22 citations and made one arrest for DWI.
- Officer M. Tinney conducted a month-long property crimes tactical plan at local hotels/motels and recovered one stolen vehicle.
- Officers M. Engh and B. Herrera apprehended a suspect in a stolen vehicle, minutes after it was reported. The quick response generated accolades from the citizen whose car was stolen.
- Valley Impact Team detectives conducted surveillance in some of the area command's high foot traffic areas. Four arrests were made for narcotics trafficking.
- Valley officers made two arrests for copper theft. The offenders were caught in the act of stealing the copper. A letter sent by the victimized business owner later said had they not been stopped, the damage would have been over \$80,000.
- Valley officers wrote more than 61 traffic tactical plan citations in areas selected by citizen complaints.
- In March, Officer Knight was dispatched to an assault that was actually found to be a robbery. Based on the description given by the victim, an offender was identified through his investigative efforts, and the subjects' probation officer was notified. When the subject went to his scheduled probation meeting, he was booked

on a probation violation and robbery warrant obtained by Officer Knight.

- Officers Shrouf and Ortiz were dispatched to a burglary in progress. After securing the scene, they contacted and arrested the offender for commercial burglary. Several items, including an ATV, were recovered.
- The Impact Team made a total of 37 arrests in March, either for in-custody cases or warrants they wrote and then made arrests on.

### Southwest Area Command...

- On March 22, Officers Sweitzer and Garcia were dispatched to the area of Yucca and Bluewater in response to two suspects attempting to kick in a front door at a residence. The owner of the home was present and scared the two suspects away, who then fled on foot. Officers checked the area and Officer Sweitzer located one suspect a few blocks away. The suspect was ordered to stop, but he refused and a foot pursuit ensued. The suspect and the officer ran through several yards and jumped several fences until Officer Sweitzer was able to catch up to the suspect. He was apprehended and taken into custody after a brief struggle. The suspect was positively identified from the initial call and was later found out to be wanted on felony warrants relating to auto burglaries and violent crimes.
- Greg Donofrio and Andrew Jaramillo conducted a tactical plan at Coors and Central in order to get citizens to use the cross walk. The officers issued several misdemeanor citations and made one arrest.
- Team 8 officers were dispatched to a local motel in response to call about an auto burglary. Officer Moore responded quickly and took two suspects into custody for the burglary.

### Northwest Area Command...

- Graveyard shift officers focused its tactical plans to address quality of life issues within the area command. The plans focused on traffic issues, parking violations, panhandling and drinking in public. Two citizen complaints were addressed with tactical plans- stop sign violations at Valentino and Astair, and illegal dumping along Wind Ridge Dr. N.W. The stop sign tact plan yielded 31 stop sign citations.
- An ongoing quality of life tactical plan was initiated by Acting Lieutenant Brachle which addressed parking and code violations, CEPTED issues and other problems identified

by the public and command officers. Team 2 documented their tactical plan in detail, resulting in numerous proactive efforts and significant results. The Watch answered 1,602 calls for service and an additional 430 on-site calls were conducted. 49 misdemeanor arrests were completed along with 40 felony arrests. 594 moving citations were issued.

- Traffic tactical plans were conducted throughout the month in numerous locations throughout the command. The tactical plans garnered 731 moving citations. A shopping center tact plan was conducted at a local Walmart addressing handicap parking violations. Twenty-four citations were issued and seven handicap placards were seized.

### Northeast Area Command...

- Officers conducted several tactical operations in response to multiple 311 complaints of speeders throughout the Northeast Area Command. One specific area of concentration was the area around Inez Elementary School. 12 citations were issued for speeding in a school zone. Several members of the neighborhood association stopped to thank officers for addressing the speeding issue.
- Additional operations were conducted in response to multiple complaints of speeders throughout the Montgomery Boulevard corridor. A total of 116 moving citations were issued and three vehicles were towed.
- In a joint tactical operation with the new Night Detectives Unit, Northeast Impact Team detectives targeted areas with high occurrences of stolen vehicles. As a result, the Team was able to take two suspects into custody who were in possession of a stolen vehicle. The investigation led to the recovery of an additional stolen vehicle and the apprehension of an additional suspect with two outstanding felony warrants.
- On March 11, Northeast officers were dispatched to an armed robbery at a gas station on Menaul in which the offender had left the scene in a taxi. The taxi was located and the passenger was arrested and the taxi driver was detained for interview. It was learned that the suspect entered the store, took a large amount of alcohol and put it in the taxi. The man then returned to the store and took more alcohol. When the clerk confronted the man, he threatened the clerk with a knife and then fled in the taxi. Armed Robbery

responded and took over the investigation.

### Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to eight call-outs in March.
- The Field Investigation Unit's dayshift took 329 calls, swing shift took 461 calls and graveyard shift took 336 calls for a total of 1,126 field investigation calls between the three teams. While at the calls, the FI's/FET's collected numerous items of evidentiary value. They took a large amount of latent fingerprints, and they took approximately 478 photo CDs.
- The Identification Unit processed 1,802 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,308 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 115 court dispositions, 66 employment and 31 firearms background checks.
- The Evidence Unit received 4,048 evidence items. The Unit disposed of 7,715 items, sent 277 notification letters to property owners and returned 249 items to their owners.

### Communications Division...

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) staff answered over 64,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in March. There were 22,598 911 calls and 41,490 242-COPS calls. 911 Operators answered 96.98% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.92% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- In March, Communications Division employees attended the annual departmental mandatory training which includes a review of the pursuit policy.
- Three city-wide EOC exercises were held and 911 Communications staff participated in each session.
- An initial review of a new visitors policy was completed in March, and is expected to be completed in April.
- Representatives from APS Police visited the Communications center to review the technology in an effort to gain insight in building and configuring a new facility with the most up-to-date technology.

### Planning & Policy Division...

- Division staff created and implemented a new Sharepoint site that allows the Department to track activity and status of over 100 grants.
- Division staff continued to create an omnibus grant bill that will allow APD to approve and spend grant money more effectively. The new legislation will pass all grants that are expected for the year at one time, speeding the process. The omnibus bill totals just over \$5M in grants, each of which we have received over the last 4-5 years.
- Division staff worked on creating the Department's Annual Report, which highlights accomplishments, conveys data and promotes the department and its work force.
- Construction of the Department's Sixth Area Command continues to progress. Work in progress during March included slab rebar at the north end fitness area, underground electrical conduit in northern mid-level, and building footings.

### Prisoner Transport Unit...

- During the month of March, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,718 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. APD arrested 1,422 prisoners and other agencies arrested 291 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 228 trips to the MDC and accepted 95 walk-in prisoners at the MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of February was \$31,415.

### Strategic Support Division...

- In March, staff continued working to bring other jurisdictions into the CONNECT partnership by working to communicate with other police departments across the state. On Wednesday, March 3, APD staff was invited to go brief personnel from the Los Lunas Police Department on building a regional based initiative. Other personnel from the Valencia County Sheriff's Department also attended this briefing. Since this time, there have been postings on in some of the CONNECT web areas for criminal activity that is linked between this area and Albuquerque.
- In March, there were 62 incidents submitted on the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Of these alerts 30 were from ARAPA partners; 8 were

Hospitality Partners; 4 by FISOA partners; 10 by CICA Partners; 1 by Downtown Partners; 1 by Commercial Property and 8 new Law Enforcement Hot Sheet submittals.

- ARAPA, CICA continue to meet on a monthly basis and Hospitality meets on a bimonthly basis. SSD staff provides ongoing support for management of the CONNECT web area, which includes approval of new members, corrections on postings with information which hampers alerts to be viewed accurately and development of other functionality for the CONNECT website.
- In March, the Crime Analysis Unit created 384 cyclical reports, maps, and threshold alerts.

### Traffic Division...

- On March 12, Air1 responded to assist a unit that was following a stolen vehicle. The unit stated that he last saw the vehicle near Linn and Juan Tabo. Air1 located the vehicle as it turned off its lights and turned North on Maxine from Linn. The vehicle stopped mid-block and the driver fled on foot eastbound. Air1 had Foothill ground units establish a perimeter and followed the subject utilizing the FLIR. The subject eventually hid inside a vehicle. Air1 directed K-9 units to the subject and they were able to take him into custody without incident.
- On March 18, Air1 arrived in the area of Atrisco and San Salo SW in reference to a residential burglary that had just occurred. The caller stated that the offender, a male subject, fled Westbound on San Salo from Atrisco after breaking into her residence and taking her keys. Air1 conducted a FLIR search of the area and located a subject hiding next to a city trash can in the area. Air1 directed units to the subject and he was detained and was identified as the offender. Units advised that the subject and the caller were involved in a domestic dispute and that the offender did commit a residential burglary. The subject was arrested and booked on felony charges.
- The DWI Seizure Unit checked in 166 vehicles in March, and received \$155,466 from the last vehicle auction. The DWI Unit completed 166 DWI arrests in March.

### Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated sixteen times in March. Activations included barricaded subject armed with a long rifle wanted on felony domestic charges; a possible barricaded subject preventing

CYFD to conduct a welfare check on a elderly female; and a barricaded subject threatening to shoot police.

- The K-9 Unit conducted 44 building searches and 23 area searches in March. The Unit apprehended five suspects without injury. On March 31, Officer Ronzone was activated on a search and rescue call in the Sandia Foothills for three lost hikers. They were located and escorted off the mountain.
- The Bomb Squad responded to nine call-outs in March. On March 6, the Squad responded to the Rio Rancho DPS police station after a concerned citizen turned in a box of unknown explosive items that were corroding. The items were determined to be old railroad-track signaling torpedoes. The items were collected and later disposed of.
- Also on March 6, the APD Bomb Squad responded to a northwest residence to examine an old piece of military ordnance that had been discovered by citizens. The ordnance was found to be inert and later determined to be a WWII era 80mm tank round.

### Investigations Bureau...

- The Homicide Unit responded to eight violent crime call-outs in March. The Unit submitted 18 cases to the District Attorney's office.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared nine cases and submitted five cases to the District Attorney's office. The Unit made three felony arrests.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 19 sex crimes call-outs, and assisted with eight violent crime call-outs in March. The Unit cleared 20 cases, and sent 13 cases to the District Attorney's office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 25 cases, send 10 to the District Attorney's office. Unit detectives reviewed 440 domestic violence cases and made 28 referrals to the service provider side of the Family Advocacy Center.
- The Missing Persons/Cold Case Homicide Unit received 108 reports of missing adults and children in March.
- The CIT/COAST Unit detectives received 65 referrals and completed 10 home visits. The COAST Unit assisted 358 individuals and referred 329 of those to social services.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 834 referrals for review in March. The Unit cleared 98 cases.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 12 cases.

- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 57 verifications and 14 hours of surveillance in March.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 638 calls for service and 788 on-site activities. The SROs completed 24 felony arrest/warrants, 46 misdemeanor arrest/warrants and made 203 home visits for truancy.
- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit was able to close 23 cases by arrest and 46 other cases in March. The Unit was able to recover \$225,905 in property for the month.
- The Auto Theft Unit conducted a VIN etching event at Cottonwood Mall, servicing 151 vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared nine cases in March, which were responsible for about \$306,295 in losses to their victims.
- The Burglary Unit was able to close 22 cases by arrest, and a total of 51 cases were cleared in March. The Unit recovered stolen property valued at \$24,721.
- The Pawn Shop Unit investigated 18 cases with a total value of about \$9,711. The Unit received reports for 10,730 items, 831 of which were firearms.
- The new Night Detective Unit was able to complete 25 felony arrests and obtain four arrest warrants.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 129 tips for the month of March. Two of the four “fugitives of the week” were arrested.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit provided assistance to the DEA regarding a local gang, worked with other units in the Career Criminal Section regarding kidnapping response plans, and assisted the Maui, police department with the extradition of one of their offenders.
- The Gang Unit made six arrests, including a “fugitive of the week”.
- The ROP Unit made 10 arrests, including the arrests of several most-wanted offenders.
- The Vice Unit conducted operations targeting online prostitution, making a total of 36 misdemeanor and three felony arrests.
- Eastside Narcotics conducted an operation that targeted an associate of the Aryan Brotherhood and one of their main methamphetamine suppliers. The operation resulted in six felony arrests and six ounces of meth seized.

- urban rifle, lift bag training, urban rifle optics, and WMD HazMat technology.
- Open Space swing shift officers continued a tactical plan that addressed property crimes in areas bordering Open Space. Officers set up a “bait bike” operation near Central Avenue and the Rio Grande River. Three felony arrests for larceny and two arrests were made for felony warrants.
- An animal restraint tactical plan in Los Poblanos Open space netted 28 citations for off-leash dogs.

### Professional Standards...

- The Basic Training Unit instructed 34 cadets in the 104th Cadet Class.
- The Recruiting and Backgrounds Unit received 30 interest cards in March. The Unit assigned 49 background folders, with another 10 pending.
- The West Side And Tactical Ranges continued to assist with the 2010 M&P 9mm handgun transition for the entire department.

### Open Space Section...

- Open Space officers completed training for

# Trend Analysts

