

ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- On March 26, Officers R. Surran and C. Rice were in the process of investigating a stolen television when a shots fired call was received. The two were nearby and immediately went to investigate. The officers came upon a witness who told them a male subject fired gunshots in front of an apartment. Officers approached the residence and contacted a female who told them she heard shots fired in front of her apartment. She indicated she did not know who the offender was. She was asked to exit the apartment for her safety. With additional backup, the officers cleared the apartment and discovered the offender had fled into a neighboring apartment. Officers Rice and Surran made contact with subjects in the apartment, one of which was a male. Officers were able to determine that the male was responsible for the two gunshots into the first apartment's front door. The female had an active restraining order on the male for past domestic violence. The male was also a convicted felon for a previous robbery conviction. He ultimately was arrested and booked on multiple felony charges and faces potential federal prosecution.
- On March 27, Officer E. Guevara located a suspicious vehicle while on patrol in his beat. He checked the license plate and the vehicle was verified as stolen. Officer Guevara waited for additional officers and followed the vehicle until it turned into a parking lot at Zuni and Mesilla. The driver was taken into custody without incident and was found to be in possession of several stolen credit cards and identification.
- On March 27, Officer F. Hernandez contacted a suspicious vehicle in the University area. During contact with the driver, Officer Hernandez was able to determine that there was probable cause to remove the driver and check for weapons. The driver was found to be in possession of 3.8 grams of methamphetamine packaged for distribution and a scale. The driver's two-year-old son was in the car with him and was turned over to a responsible family member. The suspect was arrested on felony child abuse and trafficking a controlled substance.
- On March 28, Officer B. Pitzer was on patrol when he observed a suspicious person. Officer Pitzer made contact with the person and he determined that he matched the description of a

residential burglary suspect from the same area a day prior. During the field contact, Officer Pitzer was able to identify the suspect despite the suspect providing false information about his identity. The suspect was a local gang member with three active warrants for his arrest and a lengthy criminal history for violent and property crimes. APD Gang Unit Detective Fisher arrived and completed a photo array that was shown to a witness of the burglary. The witness positively identified the gang member as the person who committed the burglary.

- On March 31, Officer F. Hernandez contacted a person who appeared to be falling asleep while driving. Further investigation into the situation revealed that the driver was under the influence of a controlled substance. A subsequent search determined that the driver had in his possession 6.25 grams of heroin, \$1,500, baggies and a scale. The suspect was booked for trafficking a controlled substance.

Foothills Area Command...

- Sergeant L. Thompson worked with APD Crime Analyst Sarah Masek to tailor predictive maps for Foothills Area Command patrol officers. The pair identified high-risk terrain features, past calls for service, police reports, and other variables to create highly focused patrol zones. Command staff assigned officers to patrol the areas with specific instruction to conduct foot patrols while contacting citizens to educate them on what attracts property criminals to their car or home.
- Officer Hicks identified a subject in need of a mental health evaluation who wanted to hurt officers. Officer Hicks thorough investigation revealed that the subject had in his possession a loaded .308 caliber sniper rifle and 40 rounds of ammo in his residence. Officer Hicks was able to get the individual to a local hospital for a psychological review.
- On March 1, Sergeant F. Simmons arrested a documented Los Padillas gang member for kidnapping and aggravated battery against a household member.
- Officer Friedfertig conducted an investigation of an individual who worked at a large retailer. The long-time employee was responsible for embezzling over \$3,000. Officer Friedfertig was able to get a confession from the suspect, arrested her and completed the felony case himself.

- Officer Maxon was at a large retailer on a shoplifting call when another shoplifting occurred. He monitored the offender and contacted him as he was exiting. The offender attempted to flee, but Officer Maxon was able to detain him. He was also able to obtain a license plate for the co-conspirator before she fled. After further investigation, it was determined that the male offender was a habitual offender and had committed several felony shopliftings at other local retailers. The Organized Crime Unit was notified and assumed case responsibility. A warrant was also issued for the co-conspirator.
- On March 19, Officer T. Benavidez apprehended a subject that had threatened employees of a large retailer with knife after being confronted for shoplifting. Officer Benavidez arrived on scene and found numerous employees trying to hold the offender on the ground. Officer Benavidez placed the suspect under arrest for aggravated assault. Subsequent investigation showed the man had just been released from prison. The man had been in prison for murder and had committed another murder while incarcerated.
- On March 1, a scared and injured female called 911 stating that her ex-boyfriend who was just released from prison had come to her house, violently beat and strangled her. He left the scene, leaving her almost unconscious with her infant daughter. Sergeant Simmons and Commander Saylor arrived on scene and assured the location was safe for rescue to provide the young mother with medical assistance. Through her investigation, Sergeant Simmons found the offender was a high-ranking member with one of New Mexico's most violent gangs. Commander Saylor and Sergeant Simmons called upon the help of APD's Gang Unit and Foothills Impact Detective K. Parsons to locate and take the offender into custody.
- On March 29, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer A. Garcia responded to a subject who had threatened to commit suicide and was armed with a handgun. Officer Garcia arrived and located the individual. He was intoxicated and upset over an argument with his girlfriend. The weapon was located and tagged into evidence for safekeeping. Officer Garcia transported the subject to the Veteran's Administration Hospital to be evaluated.

Valley Area Command...

- Watch 1 officers continued to implement the Downtown Tactical Plan on Friday and Saturday nights. The Tactical Plan was staffed by Teams 8 and 9 and was managed by Lieutenant Mares.
- Swing shift officers will continue to assigned to the Downtown Cruiser Tactical Operation for the entire bid, under the direction of Lieutenant R. Middleton. He assigned Officers S. Hindi and K. Johnston to staff the operation.
- Focused policing was implemented in all three Valley shifts. Each shift lieutenant is responsible for assigning officers and soliciting assistance from various support units within APD. In March, officers completed nine felony arrests, 14 misdemeanor arrests, 10 misdemeanor citations, 75 traffic stops and 107 knock and talks.
- Bike officer E. Nelson and Valley Crime Prevention Specialist Yvette Garcia spoke to elementary school students at the Main Library about bicycle safety.
- The Impact Team completed 16 felony arrests/warrants in March, including arrests for trafficking, child abuse, auto burglary, and aggravated battery.
- The Valley Area Command utilized bait vehicles and bait items to apprehend property crime offenders.
- The Valley Area Command and Crime Prevention Specialist Yvette Garcia welcomed two new neighborhood watch groups and did one on-site security survey.
- Downtown walking beat officers attended several meetings with downtown partners to answer their questions and address any problems that may arise in the downtown area. The command staff continued to receive compliments every week from different businesses about the great work that the officers are doing in the downtown area.

Southwest Area Command...

- On March 16, officers were dispatched to a local hotel in response to a female who had been intentionally run over by a vehicle. While en route to the call, it was determined that the vehicle had been driven by the female's ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend was identified by the victim and witnesses. The suspect fled the scene before police arrived. Through investigation, officers were able to contact the suspect and he agreed to turn himself in. Later in the day, he was placed under arrest for attempted

murder and booked.

- On March 27, officers were dispatched to a southwest location regarding a residential burglary in progress. A fourteen-year-old boy was in the house at the time when an unknown subject smashed a back window and entered the house. The boy ran outside and saw an unknown vehicle parked in the driveway. When officers arrived on scene, the suspect was just exiting the front door. The suspect saw police and ran back inside the house and out the back door. The suspect was taken into custody by officers a short distance away. The suspect's vehicle contained property belonging to the residents. The suspect was placed under arrest, and the case was turned over to the Burglary Unit.
- Southwest detectives adjusted their schedules to specifically locate auto burglary offenders. During the tactical plan, Southwest detectives assisted NITe detectives utilizing bait vehicles. The alarm activated on a bait generator and detectives were able to locate the offender and take him into custody.
- Southwest detectives responded to a violent domestic violence incident. The offender had fired a handgun at his girlfriend and then fled the residence. Southwest Impact detectives were first to arrive at the scene. Detectives assisted field units and obtained an arrest and search warrant. Detective Piatt located the offender later that night and took him into custody.
- Detective Grant worked the graveyard shift tactical plan and patrolled the area in Beat 124. Grant observed a vehicle traveling side streets with no apparent destination. The vehicle slowed in the street and came to a stop between two houses. Grant pulled up and contacted the occupants who were exiting the vehicle. Additional detectives arrived at the scene and observed a loaded syringe in the open door of the vehicle. The syringe was found to contain heroin.
- On March 14, Detective Zambrano responded to a large retailer in response to a call regarding an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Field units had responded to a shoplifting call and the offender pulled out a knife on the loss prevention officer and attempted to stab him. Zambrano was able to locate possible addresses for the offenders. Zambrano set up surveillance on the house and observed the offender vehicle arrive. The driver was not the offender, but knew where the offender lived. Zambrano moved

surveillance to the new address and was able to take the offender into custody later that night.

- On March 15, 22, 23, and 30, detectives conducted auto burglary tactical plans utilizing bait items placed in an unmarked pickup truck. The truck was placed in various beats where there was a history of recent auto burglaries. Detectives implemented the tactical plan on all three shifts to blanket the different hours that auto burglaries were occurring.
- During the first week of the new bid, there was a double homicide in Beat 125. The homicide was gang-related and caused increased tension between the rival gangs. Team 4 conducted numerous field briefings in the area as well as high visibility patrols. A large amount of gang graffiti was removed throughout the neighborhood and it continues to be monitored by all swing shift teams.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers conducted 25 tactical operations in the southern portion of the command. The tactical operations were driven by an uptick in property crimes reported by the Crime Analysis Unit. The operations included traffic operations to increase police visibility to help identify possible suspects and to prevent or deter further criminal events.
- Watch I Officers Arias and Vaughn attended the tactical school presented by the department.
- Watch II officers conducted POPTRAC operations in sectors 637, 638 and 639. With the assistance of the Horse Mounted Unit, officer presence was heightened in an effort to identify possible suspects and to conduct surveillance on known property crime offenders.
- Traffic operations were conducted at numerous intersections brought to the command's attention due to statistical analysis and citizen complaints. Intersections monitored included Chantilly/Congress, Davenport/Congress, Homestead/Golf Course, Universe/Ventana, McMahan/Universe and Irving/Universe. A total of 67 citations were generated at the intersections.
- Officer Kemp conducted panhandling operations in sector 637 and 639 due to citizen complaints within the areas.
- Northwest IMPACT Team detectives conducted property crime surveillance operations in the southern portion of the command, utilizing APD's Criminal Investigations Bureau, Horse Mounted Unit and bait item operations. The

collaborative effort is expected to continue over the next several months.

- Detective Cleland and other detectives completed a number of cases involving Shaun Anaya and Paul Lucero. One case involved forgery of checks and the case was turned over to the New Mexico State Attorney General's office. Detective Cleland is the case agent on an aggravated battery case which occurred at the corner of McMahon and Golf Course and led to a pursuit and officer-involved shooting.
- Watch III officers conducted 13 traffic operations, generating 372 traffic citations.
- Quality of life operations were also conducted and dealt specifically with graffiti and panhandling issues within the business districts and the Coors Boulevard corridor.

Northeast Area Command...

- Watch II officers conducted numerous traffic tactical plans throughout March. Areas of concern included unregistered vehicles, illegal cell phone use, speeding, seat belts, and stop signs. Officers wrote 1,194 moving citations in March.
- Hotel tactical plans were completed at area hotels during March basketball tournament games at the Pit. Due to the tournament, most of the area hotels were fully booked. In order to deter crime, officers were assigned to specific hotels to provide increased presence. The high visibility patrols were successful in deterring crime.
- On March 27, Officers J. Potter and C. Jacobson were dispatched to a northeast location in reference to a suicidal subject. The officers made contact with the subject who was armed with an edged weapon and was slashing his wrists. The officers were able to calm the man and began talking to him. After several tense moments, the subject started slashing himself again. Officer Potter deployed his Taser and disabled the subject as Officer Jacobson moved in and placed him into custody. The subject was then transported to UNMH for treatment. This was a fantastic job by both officers to bring this very dangerous situation to an end without serious injury or loss of life.
- On March 17, Officer J. O'Guin was dispatched to a domestic dispute call at a local restaurant. Upon his arrival, he learned that patrons and employees of the restaurant had stopped a male from beating a female. The couple was inside

- a full size van. The female had tried to escape but the male had grabbed her by her hair and punched her repeatedly in the face. Officer O'Guin placed the male under arrest. Officer O'Guin learned that the male had medical problems and had him transported to UNMH. The female had suffered so much distress she had to be transported to a local hospital for care.
- Officers D. Calt and A. Cook were dispatched to a business in reference to a commercial burglary. The owner of the store came to work to find the front door open with no signs of forced entry. When she went in the store, the alarm was not set and the safe was open and empty. Officers were able to contact the alarm company and found that the Assistant Manager's alarm code was used to gain entry into the store. Officer Cook checked the subject through NCIC and found that he had an outstanding warrant. Officer Cook arrested the Assistant Manager and transported him to the Northeast Substation. Once at the substation, Officer Cook searched the male and found a large amount of cocaine in his pockets. Officer Cook then conducted an inventory of his backpack so he could be booked into MDC for the warrant. Inside the backpack a plastic bag was found that contained over \$800 that was separated like a deposit for a store. The Assistant Manager was booked into MDC on several felony charges including commercial burglary and possession of cocaine.
- Officers Tosta and Cochran conducted a beer run tactical plan at convenience stores in the area of Wyoming and Constitution. In recent weeks, there had been an increase in calls from the stores about beer thefts. In approximately four hours, the officers made three arrests.
- Officers J. Trebitowski and M. Alstad responded to a call at a southeast location in response to a child locked in a car that was unattended. Upon arrival, the officers located the vehicle listed in the call and made contact with the mother of the 3-year-old child. As they approached, Officer Trebitowski saw a hypodermic needle and serrated aluminum can with residue right next to the three year-old female. Officer Trebitowski recognized the young child was in immediate danger of poking herself with the needle or cutting herself from the can. The child was immediately removed from the range of the dangerous paraphernalia. The female mother appeared completely unconcerned about the child's welfare saying she didn't see the need for

the child to even ride in a car seat. The mother was arrested for warrants and child abuse and the child was turned over to her grandmother.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to 10 call outs in March.
- Preparations were made for the start of the next Field Investigator class, which begins the first week of April. The Field Investigator (FI) Unit continued to see an expected increase in calls for service as the spring progressed.
- The FI Unit held a bid in March. Small changes in the schedule will help with the increase in calls for service.
- In March, Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners Haag and Stuart continued their arduous and demanding testing in order to be come fully certified by AFTE in all three areas offered.
- The Chemistry Unit continued to assist large, ongoing clandestine investigations relating to synthetic cannabinoids.
- The New Mexico DNA Identification System (NMDIS), received 917 new convicted offender/arrestee DNA samples for the month of March, with a cumulative total of over 79,000 collected. 780 samples were analyzed, data uploaded and searched in CODIS, with a cumulative total of over 73,500 searchable DNA profiles. These newly collected samples continue to reflect the trend of approximately a 4 to 1 ratio of arrestee samples to convicted offender samples. As a result of these convicted offender/arrestee samples, 26 unsolved cases were matched to convicted offenders/arrestees, three case-to-case matches were made, with a resulting total of 21 investigations being aided. 36% of all matches made, were to arrestees collected under the current (received after July 1, 2011), Katie's Law.
- In March, Identification Technicians and one rehire officer completed 119 case dispositions; 24 firearm backgrounds, and 127 FBI background requests. 292 RAPs and photos were distributed; 31 new APD applicants were fingerprinted; 1,760 fingerprints were classified in AFIS and 3,276 new and old arrests were processed into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- In March, 14 full time city evidence technicians and one rehire officer received 3,868 evidence items; duplicated 813 audio/video recordings and supported 42 pre-trial viewings. The Unit

also returned 274 items to their owners, disposed of 2,652 items, and recovered \$1,882.87 from auction income. An additional 3,019 items met final disposition processing requirements and 3,664 items are pending destruction court orders.

Communications Division...

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff answered 69,088 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in March. There were 27,278 calls answered for 911 and 41,810 calls answered for 242-COPS. 911 Operators answered 93.51% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD's standard is 93.37%); operators also answered 96.72% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD's goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- The Communications Manager and Chief Schultz met with Century Link executives to discuss the issues associated with the phone system implementation.
- A group of approximately 30 Russian nationals, in the United States on a training mission, were provided with a tour of the Emergency Communications Center. The representatives work for a specialized material transport operation in their country and were training in methods of transport safety.
- Final interviews were conducted for the Shift Supervisor position and a candidate was selected for the position.

Strategic Support Division...

- In March, there were 120 incidents submitted on the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month; of these, 43 were from ARAPA partners; 21 were Hospitality Partners; 21 by FISOA partners; 6 by CICA Partners; 11 by Lender Exchange Partners; 2 from Downtown Alert; and 14 on the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Hot Sheet. Additionally, there were 49 Alert Update Comments to these postings, which were provided by personnel from the various partnerships.
- In March, 38 new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained in the CONNECT website. CONNECT had a total of a total of 1,436 visitors in 31 days for an average of 46.3 visitors/day.
- The CICA meeting was held on March 13,

with 18 partners in attendance. The next CICA meeting is April 10. Also attended the ACNM security meeting on March 30, brought all of OCU along so that they could ACNM could “put a face” to the OCU detectives. Also provided a updated presentation on involvement and OCU provided a presentation of what is covered by them in the monthly CICA meetings.

- The Hospitality Partnership met on March 22, with 23 persons in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26.
- The new Lender Exchange partnership met on Friday, March 9, at the US Secret Service office; there were 19 lender exchange partners in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9.
- Strategic Support Division staff was contacted by Captain A. Mendoza from the Santa Fe Sheriff’s Department to register all of their field personnel for access to CONNECT. APD personnel, including representatives from the Organized Crime Unit, met with Santa Fe area law enforcement on March 19, and provided an overview of the various partnership work with community members to address crime and public safety issues. Staff and representatives from ARAPA and FISOA attended a Santa Fe Retail Assets Protection meeting.
- In March, the stopabqgangs.org website had a total of 1,663 visitors in 31 days for an average of 53.6 visitors/day. Four tips were submitted on the website.
- The Crime Analysis Unit created 140 crime analysis bulletins and maps in March. The Unit also created 549 cyclical reports and threshold alerts.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Basic Training Unit continued to provide quality instruction to the 106th Cadet Class. The implementation of additional crisis management lectures and practical exercises is proving to be beneficial to the cadets. All cadets have passed mandatory DPS requirements and will be graduating on April 27th. The 106th Cadet class is holding strong with 31 cadets which include one AFD Arson Investigator.
- The basic curriculum for the 107th Cadet class was modified to include a more interactive-based collegiate setting. The curriculum has been increased forty additional hours to accommodate the changes. The curriculum has been approved by the New Mexico Department of Public

Safety.

- The Recruiting Unit continued to reach out to all segments of our community to recruit the most qualified applicants. This has been accomplished with continued job fairs/ recruiting events and the purchase of radio recruitment advertisements. Background Unit detectives and Polygraph Unit detectives worked diligently to select 16 qualified applicants for the 107th Cadet Class.
- Detective C. Frank continued to coordinate all Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training for New Mexico. In addition to her duties as a Polygraph detective, Detective Frank taught two A-RIDE classes in March. Detective Frank was selected as the Non-Uniformed Officer of the Month.
- The Advanced Training Unit continued to provide a very diverse training curriculum to the officers of the APD. Several community meetings were hosted at the APD Academy, including CICA, ARAPA, a neighborhood block captain meeting, and Teen Court.
- Sergeant Jaramillo was selected as the Advanced Training Sergeant and starts April 1. Phase 1 MOE began with over 300 officers attending thus far.
- There were a total of 416 officers who utilized the range for practice and DPS Day Qualifications which began this month.
- The Tactical Range staff continued to bring additional training to APD officers and have begun their 2012 Firearms Training Curriculum. There were a total of 175 officers who utilized the Tac Range for practice which included several outside agencies. The Tac Range is utilized by other county agencies, state, and various agencies within the federal government.
- The Quarterly Managers Meeting was held on March 16th with over 200 management personnel in attendance. The next Quarterly Managers Meeting is scheduled for July 13.

Support Services Division...

- The Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit (CNAU) posted 11 units as substandard in March, identified 12 problem properties, and visited 249 properties.
- CNAU continued to assist White Collar Unit detectives and other units with the Shaun Anaya case. He was arrested on March 14 and booked for forgery.
- Court Services scheduled 253 pretrial hearings,

processed 416 arraignments, submitted 352 felony cases to the District Attorney's office, and submitted 298 summons to Metro Court.

- The Telephone Report Unit generated 401 telephone reports and 139 telephone supplemental reports which resulted in a total savings of \$21,600 and 1,404 officer hours if the calls for reports were dispatched to Field Services.
- In addition, the Telephone Report Unit received 288 on-line reports which resulted in a savings of \$11,520 and a savings of 748 Field Services hours.

Planning and Policy Division...

- Division staff attended a meeting at the Michael R. King / Richard W. Smith Jr. Northwest Area Command with the architect and structural subcontractor regarding the cracking wallboard near the center of the facility. It was determined that one of the columns is not supposed to be attached to the overall structural supports of the building, but now is due to the wallboard contractor's attachment methods to the rest of the structure. When the supports and roof flexes due to wind shear, temperature and rain, the column is subject to torsion. The torsion is causing the cracks in the wallboard. To remedy, the contractor is going to shore up the column to be able to act as additional substrate structure and be able to handle the torsion loads. This repair will solve the cracking and will not result in additional costs to the City.
- City Purchasing processed the purchase order for the technology package at the Leadership Academy.
- Staff worked on putting the final touches of the 2011 Annual Report, including filming videos and uploading them to YouTube. The videos will be linked to the Annual Report via QR codes. The report document is expected to be released to the public in late April.
- Division staff have begun to collaborate with a technology company to develop a "dashboard" that will display critical categories of data in one place.
- Division staff developed a draft citizen's satisfaction survey that will be able to gauge the Department's interaction with the public.

Records Division...

- Records Division is continuing to make strides to improve its service to the public. The

CopLogic Kiosk pilot initiative went live in the front lobby, allowing citizens to create their own police reports. After this pilot program is determined to be beneficial and processing issues have been worked out, phase two will call for additional terminals to be provided.

- BCSO Paperless project is also making progress. We met with County IT who is on board with the project. County IT has built an interface that will allow data from Frontline to be entered into ARS. Frontline is the SO software they utilize on their MDT in their patrol cars. Currently SO is facing some IT issues that they are working on. They are upgrading Frontline, to include the interface for ARS, and significant network infrastructure issues. They are tentatively planning having these issues completed by late June 2012.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 3,482 citations in March.
- The DWI Unit completed 206 DWI arrests in March.
- The Seizure Unit confiscated 143 vehicles in March, totalling \$51,245.
- In March, the Motor Unit made 12 felony arrests, seven misdemeanor arrests and seven DWI arrests. The Unit issued 1,935 moving citations, including 316 for cell phone use while driving. The Unit conducted tactical plans in March that produced 538 citations. The Unit investigated 324 crashes, five of which were fatal.
- The Abandoned Vehicle Unit red-tagged 74 vehicles and had 15 towed.
- The Hit and Run Unit reviewed 48 cases and cleared 17 cases in March.
- On March 1, Air 5 responded to a possible residential burglary in progress. Upon arrival, Air Support staff observed a male subject walking in the backyard of the residence carrying items to the west side of the property. As staff directed patrol units to the location and established a perimeter, Air 5 lost sight of the male subject. Units made contact with two females in the residence who advised no one else was inside. We again relayed the information to the units who conducted a search inside the residence and found the male subject hiding under a pile of property. Two of the three subjects

from the house were arrested for outstanding felony warrants. The investigation uncovered a fraud crime where homes were rented to subjects by a male offender who was not the property owner and had no permission to do so. He was subsequently located, arrested, and indicted.

- On March 13, Air 1 responded to a call in reference to a male suspect that had committed two residential burglaries (home invasion, occupant's home) and one vehicle burglary. A perimeter was set up and Air 1 assisted by conducting a Flir scan of the area. The subject was finally located hiding under a car. After a brief foot chase the suspect was taken into custody.
- On March 21, Air 5 launched in high winds to assist with a vehicle pursuit of an aggravated assault offender. The pursuit began in the Northwest Area Command. Once airborne, staff located the offender vehicle travelling westbound on Interstate 40, passing the Route 66 Casino. Air 5 was unable to establish radio contact with ground units involved in the pursuit but continued to follow and monitor its progress. After losing control and crashing his vehicle, the male offender began running northbound across Laguna Pueblo lands with New Mexico Department of Transportation officers pursuing. APD officers arrived shortly after and began positioning themselves ahead of the offender's path. Air 5 crew attempted to help pinpoint the offender's location by positioning the airplane in a tight orbit over his location. The subject was subsequently fatally wounded by an APD SWAT officer.
- An estimated total of 55 flight hours were lost throughout the month of March (between both aircraft) due to aircraft maintenance and high winds.

Special Operations Division...

- In March, the Bomb Squad responded to 10 call outs, included recovering a military mortar inside a drug house on March 11th, and recovering nine homemade explosive fireworks from the backpack of a shoplifting offender.
- On March 22, Bomb Techs recovered another homemade firework at a northeast location. Along with the homemade firework, booby trapped nail boards were hidden in the yard. Other call outs included a large steel bearing

that was mistaken for a pipe bomb on Wyoming Boulevard; a building search at a Louisiana Boulevard bank where a bomb threat was reported (no devices were found); and the recovery of a smoke grenade

- On March 2, the Bomb Squad was called to a southeast location. Bomb Techs responded to a grenade call out. Upon arrival, it was determined to be a smoke grenade. APD Bomb Techs took the grenade to the explosive magazine for later destruction.
- On March 11, the Bomb Squad was called to a location where officers found military ordnance inside a drug house that was being dismantled. Bomb Techs recovered the device which determined to be an inert 81mm M302 mortar.
- The Canine Unit conducted 60 building searches, 13 area searches, and made five apprehensions in March.
- The Horse Mounted Unit responded to 14 calls for service in March, and logged 235 patrol hours. The Horse Mounted Unit was able to bring an instructor to Albuquerque to teach biomechanics. The instructor was an international trainer that had trained the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria, and also had an appearance at the Mounted Colloquium in Lexington, Kentucky. Riders were able to learn how their body movements can be translated into riding cues for the horse to understand. She also instructed the mounted officers on various other components of riding such as troop drills and safety considerations.
- In March, SWAT was activated six times within the city.
- In March, the Albuquerque Police Department's Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,679 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,392 prisoners and other agencies arrested 287 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 224 trips to MDC and accepted 25 walk-in prisoners at MDC. The savings in hours and fuel costs for March was \$26,691.
- In March, the Prisoner Transport Unit continued to test the mobile operations project. The mobile component of the PTU worked the Southwest and Northwest Area Commands on Friday evenings and the Southeast, Northeast and Foothills Area Commands on Saturday evenings. The mobile operational project received positive feedback from the Field Services Bureau and will continue to be tested through April.

Investigations Bureau...

- During March, the ROP Unit assisted the White Collar Unit with an investigation. ROP detectives assisted with multiple hours of surveillance and coordination of confidential informants. The suspect was arrested.
- On March 5, a local bank was robbed. ROP detectives and field officers located the offender nearby where he was attempting to change clothes. The man was taken into custody without incident. The man was on probation for robbery and was turned over to the FBI. Currency and items used in the robbery were recovered.
- On March 10, the ROP Unit was called to a homicide that occurred in a hotel room. The ROP Unit worked closely with the Violent Crimes Section in identifying a suspect. ROP Unit detectives conducted several days of surveillance and assisted with interviews in reference to the investigation. It was later discovered that the same offender committed a second homicide. ROP Unit detectives arrested for the crimes. The suspect confessed to the homicides.
- On March 17, a local bank was robbed. The offender was located in a vehicle and fled. The offender was later relocated, taken into custody without incident, and turned over to the FBI.
- On March 20, the ROP Unit assisted the Robbery Unit in locating a suspect that was wanted for numerous recent robberies at area businesses. ROP Unit detectives located the suspect and was taken into custody without incident. His vehicle and hotel room were secured for a search warrant by the Robbery Unit.
- On March 29, the ROP Unit assisted the Vice Unit with an occupied stolen motor vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was driving aggressively. The suspects were followed to Isleta and Rio Bravo where they were safely taken into custody.
- On March 1, Gang Unit detectives were contacted by Commander Saylor of the Foothills Area Command requesting assistance in locating a violent domestic violence offender. The suspect was a known gang member and had an extremely violent history. Gang Unit detectives worked with Street Gang Unit officers to locate and take the suspect into custody in the Southwest Area Command without incident.
- On March 20, Gang Unit Detective Fisher was called to assist field officers with several subjects. Detective Fisher was able to learn there was probable cause to write and execute a search warrant on the location. Once inside, over 100g of heroin was recovered along with five firearms (two of which were stolen). Two known gang members were charged and arrested as a result of this event.
- On March 21, Gang Unit detectives learned that a known gang member had a felony warrant for his arrest. Surveillance was set up on a residence that the suspect was known to frequent. The man was spotted as he attempted to leave the residence and was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was a top property crime offender.
- A tactical operation plan was conducted after receiving information that a law enforcement officer was coercing prostitutes to have sex. The tactical plan resulted in the arrest of a New Mexico State Police officer. He was booked on extortion, receiving a bribe, and criminal sexual penetration.
- The Vice Unit assisted the Homicide Unit in identifying and locating several persons of interest in several homicides.
- The Vice Unit completed a hotel tactical plan where numerous narcotics and prostitution case leads were developed. Three search warrants were served and resulted in five felony arrests.
- Detective Fox observed a suspicious vehicle driving disorderly while working. Detective Fox surveilled the vehicle and was able to determine it was stolen. Detective Fox coordinated with the ROP Unit and followed it to the South Valley. The occupants were eventually taken into custody and booked into MDC. Narcotics and drug paraphernalia were located inside.
- Eastside Narcotics made seven felony arrests, served seven search warrants and submitted six cases to the District Attorney's officer for prosecution. Detectives seized one pound of marijuana, one gram of methamphetamine, eight grams cocaine, 13 grams of heroin, and 10 grams of prescription pills.
- Westside Narcotics completed 16 felony arrests in March. The Unit wrote nine search warrants and executed five; seized 112.6 grams of methamphetamine; .15 pounds of marijuana; 83.8 grams of cocaine; 197.2 grams of heroin, and 36 grams of prescription drugs.
- FBI Safe Streets Task Force continues to investigate a large narcotics and money

laundering case. The Task Force conducted 148 hours of surveillance, made three felony arrests, executed three search warrants and wrote 10 police reports.

Criminal Investigations Division...

- The Homicide Unit responded to eleven call outs during March. Eight of the call outs were actual UCR homicides. One was a major case investigation, the other two were police shooting investigations.
- The Armed Robbery Unit responded to 20 call outs and cleared 33 cases in March, and sent 18 of those to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. The Unit completed 12 arrests, wrote eight arrest warrants and served nine search warrants. The Robbery Unit had 51 new cases assigned in March and received approximately 82 new reports. The Unit has 71 active cases. Robbery Unit detectives worked tactical plans for two suspects suspected of robbing a jewelry store and a dollar store. Both suspects were taken into custody.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to seven call-outs in March, cleared 24 cases, and sent 17 of those to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. There were 33 new cases assigned. The Unit served 11 search warrants, obtained an arrest warrants, and made one in-custody arrests. The Unit has 64 active cases.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 22 cases in March with 10 of those going to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. FASTT Detectives reviewed 375 cases in March. The Unit has 12 active cases. The Unit generated 19 police reports, made six in-custody arrests, and obtained one arrest warrant. The Unit also made ten referrals to the service provider side of the AFAC.
- There were 91 new runaways/missing persons reported to the Missing Persons Unit in March. The Unit cleared 98 cold case / runaways / missing person cases. The Unit has 128 active cases.
- Detective Babcock worked with the Child Exploitation Detail (CED) on a 12-year old missing girl who had met an older male online and fled with him. Detective Babcock and CED Detective Greg Trujillo were able to locate the girl and identify and locate the offender, who was taken into custody.
- Detective Lewis sorted through cold case homicides and was able to exceptionally clear

three cases and inactivate five cases.

- Detective Wiebe assisted the California District Attorney in a custodial interference case where the child was located in Albuquerque.
- Detective Torgrimson assisted the CED with a case about an eight-year-old missing boy, causing A Child is Missing alert. Due to the activation, the child was located and brought back home safely.
- The CIT / COAST Unit assisted 425 individuals in March. The Unit completed 69 home visits and made 653 referrals for social services. The Unit also completed 21 threat assessments, 10 hazard files, and 10 officer safety bulletins.





