

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report May 2009



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Command Impact Team arrested 13 felony offenders, reflecting 155 hours of surveillance. The Team executed the Safe City Streets tactical plan in May and arrested 12 suspects, half felony arrests. The Team seized various narcotics during the plan execution. The Team during the month implemented the 335 tactical plans, making 6 arrests, half felony arrests. Another team effort, executing a residential search warrant, netted 2 felony arrests and seizure of a large quantity of crack cocaine.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit (CNAU) posted 45 substandard units, completed 244 re-inspections, and brought 28 properties into compliance.
- Southeast Command field officers responded to the call for service at Alvarado Park where a neighborhood individual discovered a deceased, buried infant. The officers professionally secured the call scene and assisted the APD investigative units when they arrived.
- Laura Kuehn, Command Center, acting liaison for the International Festival planning, will facilitate the partnership between the Fiesta planning team and the Southeast Area Command officers assigned to the event to insure another successful annual Fiesta in September. The yearly event will celebrate the International District and provide fun activities for the community.
- The Command Center sent out additional contact letters to 235 victims of residential burglaries that included an offer for staff to conduct a Safety Survey at each identified residence.

Foothills Area Command...

- The Foothills graveyard shift conducted scheduled field briefings and executed tactical plans at identified high traffic points along Montgomery and Tramway to reduce speeders. The first graveyard shift issued 51 citations and recovered a stolen vehicle. The officers monitored the Vista Del Mundo Neighborhood after reports of several burglaries. They developed and implemented a graffiti tactical plan around the Juan Tabo and Central area and made 2 graffiti referrals.
- Officer Z. Floyd was awarded the Life-Saving Medal for rescuing a passenger from a burning car.

- Watch I issued 1,015 moving citations, made 77 arrests, including 9 felony arrests, and conducted 1230 quality of life enforcement and referrals during the month.
- Watch II conducted a business improvement plan that included 15 local business contacts. Officers conducted area traffic enforcement to increase traffic safety and awareness. Squads held field briefings in high crime areas and executed high visibility patrols in area city parks and open space trailheads.
- The Impact Team implemented a Priority Operational Planning (POP) project targeting copper theft activity located on both residential and commercial properties. The Team worked around the clock to locate and arrest subjects who were damaging vehicles by shooting out windows with B.B. guns. The Team arrested 2 suspects; the investigation will continue.
- The Command held field briefings throughout the Area including one at Smith's grocery store during a union protest on May 31, 2009. The union organizer made a point to thank the officers for maintaining a safe protest area.
- The Crime Prevention Unit took McGruff the Crime Dog to support Apache Elementary School students' effort to raise food donations for the needy.

Valley Area Command...

- Valley day shift bike officers executed 16 felony arrests in May. The bike officers conducted a tactical plan to suppress criminal trespassing in abandoned buildings. The officers arrested 15 suspects and issued 16 citations for criminal trespassing. Day shift officers initiated tactical plans to reduce area speeding in 14 area locations. The officers developed the speeding tactical plans in response to citizen requests. The officers issued 294 citations during the tactical plan executions.
- CSA Al Simballa assisted 93 burglary victims with completing supplemental reports, target hardening, and contacted APD's crime prevention specialists to do a survey of the burglarized properties.
- Swing shift bike officers conducted a tactical plan setting up a bicycle as bait in the Barelax neighborhood. The officers arrested 2 potential felon arrests on larceny charges. Swing shift bike officers arrested several potential felons on narcotic charges in the area of 3rd and Iron SW.
- Swing shift Officers Maes and McDonnell

stopped a vehicle occupied by subjects suspected for residential burglary. Two subjects ran and the officers caught both subjects after pursuing on foot. A third subject surrendered to the officers at the scene. The Burglary Unit identified the suspects as responsible for numerous burglaries in the area.

- Graveyard shift Sergeant Armijo and Officer Gomez initiated a part-time bike patrol during evening hours. The officers' patrol efforts resulted in 6 drinking in public citations, 3 urinating in public citations, 1 warrant arrest, and 1 DWI arrest.

Southwest Area Command...

- Command Team 1 conducted a tactical plan at the Old Coors and Gonzales area to deter citizen speeding. The Team cited 40 speeders. They also executed a tactical plan at Sage and 98th Street; they issued 41 moving citations.
- Officers Lee Acosta and Stella Candelaria received letters of commendation for performing above and beyond the call of duty while responding to a call of a 1-year old child who was not breathing. Officer Candelaria was also nominated for the Life Saving Award.
- The Command held a field briefing at 60th Street and Central to initiate a tactical plan to reduce drug and prostitution traffic along the west Central corridor.
- Command Team 9 officers located two stolen vehicles this month. The Team requested K-9 backup; the combined effort located and arrested three suspects.

Northwest Area Command...

- The Northwest Area Command initiated a multi-month tactical plan to reduce both auto and residential burglaries. Presently, command data indicates the plan has been very successful. Area Command officers have reduced the number of auto burglaries and residential burglaries from the previous four months reporting.
- The Northwest Area Command identified a rise in panhandling in recent months. Watch I executed several tactical plans to reduce area panhandling. Officers located two homeless campsites east of Cottonwood Mall. Open Space personnel were notified and officers assisted in the tactical operations. Panhandling at Cottonwood decreased as well as officers issuing numerous citations and warnings in the area.
- Watch I officers, based on past calls for service

to break up student fights during the last days of the school year, conducted high school fight prevention tactical plans in May. Working in congress with APD school resource officers, Watch I officers prevented several potential fights by providing a police presence at locations where students traditionally gathered.

- On May 31, officers from Teams 2 and 3 responded to a reported homicide and engaged in a pursuit with the suspect vehicle. The officers arrested the suspect after the suspect ditched the vehicle.
- Watch 3 officers conducted a tactical plan at a local gym in the area after the gym had become a hot spot for auto burglaries. Members of the gym had reported the loss of valuables stolen from their cars while working out. The officers used office space in a nearby building to use for surveillance. The officers also parked a bait car at the gym parking lot. The officers did not arrest any suspects; however, the officers identified several suspects and the burglaries decreased in the area.
- Traffic officers used tactical plans to issue 1,070 moving citations in May.

Northeast Area Command...

- Command Team 2 officers manned the mobile command post and conducted a high visibility patrol in the area of Marron Circle NE. The area had experienced an increase in burglaries as well as a stabbing. Officers wrote 8 moving citations and contacted several area residents to inform them of the patrol efforts in the neighborhood.
- Northeast officers responded to a daycare facility call for service reporting a male committing a sex offense in public. After a short foot chase, officers apprehended the suspect. Upon further investigation, the officers identified that the suspect had other incidents of sex offenses. The Child Exploitation Detail proceeded to interview the suspect.
- The officers who initiated the Montgomery Tactical Plan issued 252 citations, 11 misdemeanor arrests, and a 1-felony arrest.
- Bike officers Tanya LaForce and George Wood conducted a graffiti tactical plan along the bike paths and arroyos in the Command area. The two officers devoted several hours daily biking their area. Their systematic surveillance efforts paid off with four felony arrests for criminal damage to public/private property.
- On May 14, 2009, officers D. Roberto and

J. Hunt responded to a call for service at a northeast apartment complex. When the officers arrived, they discovered a male suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim provided the officers with the perpetrator's location. BCSO deputies were dispatched to the location and arrested the suspect and his accomplice. The Impact Team completed the investigation and turned the report over to the District Attorney's Office.

- On the same day, construction workers observed two individuals entering the Wal-Mart construction site at the corner of Menaul and Wyoming. Officers responded to the call for service; two juvenile offenders were arrested. The officers determined that the two juvenile offenders caused \$15,000.00 in damages at the location.
- On May 9, 2009, Officers H. Sennett, R. Woolever and Sergeant C. Knox were dispatched to a northeast apartment complex where a fight was in progress and a subject had been stabbed. The officers investigated and identified the violence represented a home invasion; one victim had been slashed and another victim had been assaulted by the same suspect. Officers identified the suspect and located him at another apartment in the same complex. The officers arrested the suspect and charged him with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated residential burglary.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Field Investigations Unit experienced a busy month. Dayshift officers fielded 394 calls, swing shift fielded 479 calls and graveyard fielded 403 calls totaling 1276 calls in May. The teams also took 64 field services calls. Officers wrote 756 reports based on the recorded calls. While responding to the calls, the FI's/FET's collected numerous items of evidentiary value. They took a large amount of latent fingerprints and took 508 photo CD's.
- The Division received 3,906 evidence items, disposed of 4,540 items, and sent 432 notification letters to property owners and returned 266 items to owners.

Communications Division...

- In May 2009, 911 Emergency Communications Center staff answered 72,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS phone calls, an 11% increase in incoming calls compared to calls in April.

The incoming calls reflected 25,000 911 calls and 47,000 242-COPS calls. Staff answered 96.34% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%). Personnel answered 98.69% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal 90% answered within 30 seconds).

- In May, the training staff completed the development of a four-hour refresher course. All employees will attend the training in early June. The course will include the review of policy, procedure and effective call processing. APD 911 has also agreed to host a statewide Train-the-Trainer course at the center on Stress Management for 911 Employees.

Planning & Policy Division...

- The Planning & Policy Division completed and submitted 5 initial Recovery Act grants. Personnel will continue to coordinate with City staff to insure the reporting network response to comply with Recovery Act requirements.

Open Space Division...

- Open Space officers conducted Bosque fire patrols during identified extreme fire level conditions.
- Open Space Officer Rail located a possible portable meth lab in the Bosque.
- All dayshift Open Space officers participated in a tactical plan to locate a missing swimmer in the Rio Grande River. The Division used ATV's, hovercraft, motorcycles, divers and foot patrol to search for the individual.
- Officers conducted 200 park welfare and pool checks during the month.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In May 2009 the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,905 prisoners at the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1595 suspects; other law enforcement agencies arrested 310 suspects. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 248 trips to MDC to transport this number and accepted 226 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The Unit activity saved, in hours and fuel costs \$42,967.15 in May.

Professional Standards Division...

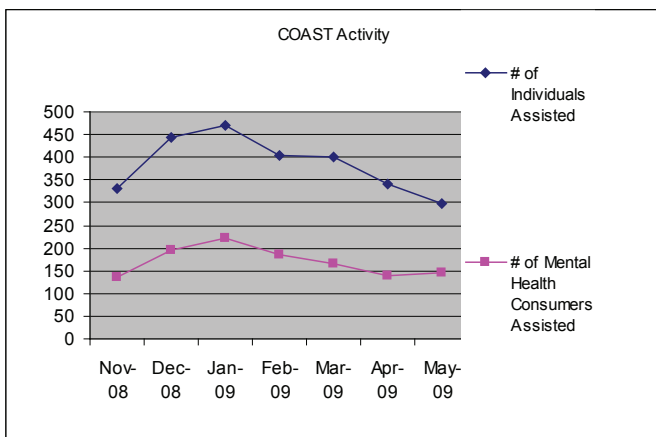
- The Basic Training Unit graduated 37 Cadets from the 102nd Cadet Class. Cadets from the 102nd Cadet Class raised \$17,405.36 for

charities in Albuquerque. The Class graduated from the Academy with the second highest class average for physical training, with over 93% excellence. The 103rd Cadet Class currently has 27 Cadets receiving police training.

- Range staff instructed 876 personnel reflecting 3,714 hours class time. The range received four radio-controlled targets from Sandia Labs security on long-term loan to use in tactical training. The targets will be brought up or down via radio command and will drop when hit by gunfire. In addition Sandia Labs “loaned” the Range staff several sizes of steel targets for training. Sandia Labs trains their personnel at Tactical range.
- The Recruiting Unit received 328 interest cards in May. Unit detectives reviewed 29 files, registered 23 cadet applicants for the 104th cadet class and approved 6 lateral applicants.

Strategic Support Division...

- In May 2009, APD personnel and business partners placed 66 incidents on the community policing interactive website. The posted alerts included 37 were from ARAPA partners, 7 by hotel/motel partners, 14 by FISOA partners, 6 by North I-25 partners, and 2 from commercial property partners.
- The APAPA web link received 6 new registration requests and approvals. New partners included Macy’s and Dillard’s department stores.
- One new registration was received for The Hotel/Motel website received 1 new registration in May to make a total of 41 registered partners.



- Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) personnel attended the May 20, 2009 ARAPA meeting and the May 21 Problem Solving session to identify how the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) developed tactical plans

with area business to reduce retail theft and potentially use APD’s strategies to initiate a similar plan in Los Angeles. The LAPD were also interested in the CONNECT website and its application to communicate alert information to both law enforcement and retail partners.

Records Section...

- Report Review staff continued to work with APD officers on issues between Copperfire and Tiburon software, and staff was able to come up with some solutions that guided them through the transition.
- During the month of May, the Telephone Report Unit received 4,039 calls from citizens. Of the 4,039 calls, the Unit generated 565 reports and 112 supplements. The Unit also assisted 928 citizens with questions and/or requests.

Metro Division...

- The Traffic Unit met with the University of New Mexico Police Department to discuss traffic flow problems during UNM football games. The Unit is currently devising a new traffic plan for the upcoming season.
- On May 4, Officer T. Dwyer was on patrol when he heard a radio ‘drive-by’ shooting report. Officer Dwyer initiated pursuit after identifying the suspect vehicle traveling northbound on Coors Boulevard; the officer arrested the 4 shooting suspects.
- The Traffic Unit conducted an escort for President Obama on May 13 and 14.
- The Horse Mounted Unit participated in the search and rescue effort for Corbin Hayes at the Rio Grande River, May 28 through 31.
- The Bomb Squad conducted multiple bomb sweeps and inspections during President Obama’s and DHS Secretary Napolitano’s visits to Albuquerque.
- SWAT assisted the New Mexico State Police Tactical Team with activation in Espanola, NM. SWAT provided 2 counter-assault teams during the Presidential visit.
- The DWI Unit conducted 6 sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 102 DWI arrests. The DWI Seizure Unit generated over \$177,000 in revenue and seized 233 vehicles.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Unit recovered stolen vehicles valued at \$203,581.00 in May. The Auto Theft Unit did 1 VIN etching

event, marking 55 vehicles. ATU detectives were called to investigate a motorcycle stop that did not have a VIN number. ATU detectives determined that the VIN number had been ground off; the officers seized the vehicle; they arrested the driver on 2 felony warrants.

- In May the ATU detectives responded to a vehicle On-Star activation. Field officers located a stolen Chevrolet truck southbound on I-25, headed for Mexico. While officers tried to get behind the suspect vehicle, another vehicle attempted to block officers from pursuit. The driver of the Chevrolet truck was able to get away from officers after abandoning the truck; however, the other two individuals involved in the pursuit apprehended. The suspects were charged with unlawful taking, conspiracy, and aiding and harboring a felon.
- White Collar Crime Unit (WCCU) detectives arrested a resident for using fraudulent credit cards and manufacturing fraudulent IDs. The criminal was a prior Top-5 offender. He rented two hotel rooms with fraudulent credit cards and was in the process of making numerous IDs when hotel management saw the IDs and contacted APD. WCCU detectives served two search warrants and seized the fraudulent IDs, stolen mail, stolen checks, birth certificates and computer equipment.
- Burglary Unit Detective Sanchez heard a 'shots fired' call on his radio. After obtaining the vehicle description, he located the vehicle, occupied by 3 individuals. While following the vehicle, he observed them throw a gun out of the window and drive away. Officers stopped the vehicle, arrested the 3 subjects, and recovered the discarded gun.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit (CSU) received 174 tips in May with 52 tip referred to other law enforcement agencies. CSU arrested 12 suspects based on Crime Stoppers tips and increased its arrests rate by 32% compared to 2008. One suspect arrested due to a Crime Stoppers tip had 3 felony warrants, including 1 for armed robbery. The Unit arrested a "Fugitive of the Week" on a Crime Stoppers tip.
- The Homicide Unit responded to nine violent crime call-outs in May.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 17 cases and submitted 12 cases to the District Attorney's Office. The Unit made 4 felony arrests and responded to 4 robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 11 sex crime

call-outs and assisted with 9 violent crime call-outs. The Unit cleared 27 cases in May 10 referred to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. The Unit made 40 referrals to the provider side of the Family Advocacy Center, SANE and Rape Crisis.

- The FASTT Unit cleared 25 cases, 4 referred to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. Unit detectives reviewed 481 domestic violence cases submitted in May.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU) received 733 referrals for review and possible assignment. The Unit cleared 52 cases. The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 18 cases. The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 56 verifications and 20 hours of surveillance. The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 312 calls for service, 513 on-site activities and wrote 110 reports. The Unit made 10 felony arrests/warrants, 58 misdemeanor arrests/warrants, and made 89 home visits for truancy.
- Valley Narcotics detectives conducted a buy/bust operation in the Downtown area in response to complaints from neighbors about narcotics activity. The detectives arrested 2 felons during the operation.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives served a search warrant at a residence, netting quantities of heroin, marijuana, and prescription pills packaged for distribution. The detectives arrested 3 felons.
- The Westside Narcotics Unit detectives assisted Field Services officers in a search and seizure at a Southwest address. During the investigation, officers obtained a search warrant and seized marijuana and 3 handguns.
- The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) reviewed 47 mental health reports. The Criminal Intelligence Unit assisted with the Ty Toribio case. The Gang Unit assisted on 5 homicide call-outs and arrested 3 felons.
- The ROP Unit worked with Field Services personnel on an incident where an armed robbery suspect shot at a witness, nearly ran over an APD officer and struck an APD vehicle. The Unit identified the suspect and took him into custody after surveillance work.

Trend Analysts

