

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report May 2010



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Impact Team made 53 self-initiated arrests and cleared 43 cases. The team conducted 200 hours of surveillance and complied 111 hours of training. They also collaborated with the Vice Unit, which resulted in eight misdemeanor arrests in the area of Central and Pablo.
- Team 1 bike officers Bailey and Pszycho conducted undercover surveillance/enforcement and uniform enforcement on Central Avenue bus lines resulting in 28 misdemeanor citations, two felony and two misdemeanor arrests.
- Team 7 graveyard shift officers Floyd and Daniel conducted a decoy bike operation at Central/Pennsylvania that resulted in two felony arrests.
- Swing shift officers produced over 1,000 citations in the area of quality of life enforcement. Citations included 292 for graffiti referrals, 222 for drinking in public, 167 for criminal trespass, 107 for noise enforcement, 74 for panhandling, and 50 for littering.
- The COAST Unit conducted a homeless outreach fair at the Caravan at Central and Grove.

Foothills Area Command...

- Watch I officers issued 1,104 moving citations, made 156 (62 felony) arrests, and conducted 1,430 quality of life enforcement and referrals.
- Watch II officers have continued to reach out to the community in order to share and receive information for the development of tactical plans. Watch II has continued its focus on panhandling and trespassing to discourage criminal activity by transients and teenagers on summer break. Watch II issued 657 moving citations, arrested 171 subjects (58 felony), and conducted 939 quality of life enforcements.
- The entire Foothills Impact Team attended the ARAPA Organized Retail Crime Summit where they were able to make contact with police and crime prevention personnel from other jurisdictions. The Impact Team continued working on a POP initiative of assigning property crimes warrant round ups in targeted problem areas. Sgt. Thompson focused on getting the case management organized and working with burglary and Lt. Medina on improving the search function in case

management. Det. Madrid and Sgt Thompson prepared instructional manuals for the field officers and sergeants for supping out felony cases. Sgt. Thompson then trained all shifts in using the manual with the goal on increasing the prosecution success for the Foothills Area Command. The Impact Team turned in 24 cases to the District Attorney's Office. Six arrest warrants and three search warrants were executed.

- Watch III officers focused on traffic violations, and conducted 21 separate tactical plans throughout the area command. Watch III officers issued 1,085 moving citations, arrested 279 subjects (79 felony), and conducted 1,456 quality of life enforcements.

Valley Area Command...

- Valley Area Command officers implemented tactical plans at high incident/complaint locations.
- Officer Martinez was honored as the Public Safety Employee of the Month for her quick response and great job of getting a career criminal off the streets when she responded to a burglary call.
- Al Simballa re-contacted 38 burglary victims to offer assistance and to conduct followup investigations.
- The Power Team conducted seven tactical plans, resulting in 37 felony arrests and 43 misdemeanor arrests.
- Open Space officers prepared for this year's fire season. Officers worked hard to rid the bosque of camps and squatters.
- The Valley Impact Team wrote 12 search warrants, and arrested 26 subjects in May.

Southwest Area Command...

- Watch One officers Sandoval and Casias conducted a tactical plan in the area of Ruby Pointe and Gem Pointe in response to citizens complaints of vehicles not properly parked. Fourteen citations were issued.
- Officers Taylor and Brokaw conducted a tactical plan in the area of 98th and Colobel in response to complaints of burglaries in the neighborhood. Officers issued 29 moving citations and arrested a subject who had three outstanding misdemeanor warrants.
- Officer Brokaw and Sergeant Mock conducted a tactical plan on Upper Meadow and Rio Clara in response to graffiti complaints. Officer

Brokaw and Sergeant Mock made several citizen contacts.

- Officers Sweitzer and Garcia implemented a tactical plan near Central/Coors-Atrisco in response to citizen complaints about increased foot traffic and transients that were impacting the quality of life. Forty-three citations were issued for various violations.
- Watch Three Officers Olvera, Arias and Garcia completed a tactical plan at a large retailer looking for purse snatchers and shoplifters. The tactical plan resulted in one arrest and one citation.
- A tactical plan was completed by Officers Vazquez and Vallejos that concentrated on vandalism in area of Desert Breeze and Salt Brush SW. The objective of the plan was to increase patrol of the area. Various subjects were contacted, and five citations were issued.

Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers responded to 1,982 calls for service, resulting in 91 misdemeanor arrests, 57 misdemeanor citations, 42 felony arrests for numerous offenses, 26 domestic violence arrests, 56 DWI arrests, and 1,022 moving citations.
- Graveyard shift officers focused its tactical plans on issues addressing quality of life problems within the area command ranging from traffic and parking enforcement to panhandling and drinking in public. All three squads addressed the increase in loud party calls and burglary and property damage incidents as reported by citizens. Several party calls were responded to which resulted in three subjects arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.
- Watch II officers conducted concentrated patrol and directed activities to identify burglary suspects throughout the area command. The primary area of attention were those sectors hardest hit by on-going auto burglaries and vandalisms. Officers arrested a career criminal with a significant history in property crime offenses. Watch II answered a total of 1,830 calls for service, resulting in 70 misdemeanor arrests, 42 misdemeanor citations, and 24 felony arrests. The Watch issued 827 moving citations.
- Watch III personnel assisted in evacuating people in Corrales during the recent bosque fire, as well as the fire which was ignited by the transformer explosion near SIPI.
- Numerous traffic tactical plans were conducted at high traffic volume intersections netting a

total of 173 citations. A total of 2,556 calls for service were answered, resulting in 45 felony arrests, 82 misdemeanor arrests and 67 misdemeanor citations. 1,091 moving citations were issued.

- The Impact Team continued its burglary POPTRAC, focusing more in Ventana Ranch due to recent crime statistic data. Detectives adjusted hours on two occasions to conform to hour of commission by suspects. The updated crime statistics were disseminated to all shifts, with cooperation of all shifts in addressing the problem.
- Detective V. Ficke worked a series of propane container thefts for the last few months. A search and arrest warrant was conducted based on a previous narcotics buy and ongoing surveillance. This led to a significant arrest and a local business was found to be hiring the suspects to steal the tanks at a reduced price. In addition to the stolen propane tanks, \$80,000 in stolen construction equipment was recovered.

Northeast Area Command...

- In May, the command focused on auto burglary and auto theft. The Watch utilized undercover vehicles and personnel. Proactive patrolling resulted in a reduction of auto burglary by 5.7% and auto theft by 28.5% for the month of May.
- Watch I officers issued 1,225 moving citations, arrested 232 subjects (74 felonies); conducted 1,523 quality of life enforcement and referrals, answered 2,891 calls for service, and conducted 1,363 on-site activities.
- The Montgomery Tact Plan began in May and will continue every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until the beginning of the school year. The Traffic Section has directed some grant overtime hours to assist with extra personnel. Those personnel and their work productivity will be tracked separately.
- Officers observed signs of drug activity at Los Altos Park. Through investigation, an arrest was made and 31 balloons of heroin were tagged into evidence.
- The Impact team conducted a tactical plan at Ponderosa Park near Montgomery and San Mateo with the School Resource Officers due to complaint of teenagers causing problems. Detectives made eight arrests for drugs and other crimes.
- Several of the Pacific Properties along the Montgomery corridor have made some

improvements in lowering their calls for service, including service calls for loud music, noisy neighbors, etc. Arioso, Aztec, Sandpiper and Sunpointe Park are still on the Safe City Strike Force List, but are making strides to make their properties safer.

- The demand for “No Solicitation” signs continues throughout the Northeast Area Command. The signs have made some significant changes in communities that opt to put out signs. In Academy Estates East, neighbors noted less unwanted traffic through their subdivision.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to 3 call-outs for the month of May.
- The Field Investigation Unit’s day shift took 383 calls, swing shift took 429 calls and the graveyard shift took 317 calls, for a total of 1,129 field investigation calls between the three teams. The teams also responded to 115 field service calls. The calls generated a total of 786 reports. While at the calls, the FI’s/FET’s collected numerous items of evidentiary value, collected 755 latent fingerprints, and took photos that filled approximately 379 photo CDs.
- The Identification Unit processed 2,109 fingerprints into the AFIS system and processed 1,861 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed seven court dispositions, six employment, 31 evidence and 58 FBI background requests. Additionally, disposition technicians processed 844 arrests into the TIBURON Criminal History Database.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,909 evidence items, disposed of over 3,109 items, returned 226 items to their owners and sent 300 notification letters.

Communications Division...

- The 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) staff answered over 68,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in May. There were 24,535 911 calls and 43,772 242-COPS calls. 911 Operators answered 96.39% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.32% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- Several dispatchers from the Crownpoint Police

911 center toured the Albuquerque 911 center. They were impressed with the operation and how the APD staff handle 911 and dispatching services.

- Albuquerque 911 center submitted a grant request to the State DFA-911 fund for a 911 telephone system replacement. The project, subject to approval, will cost almost 2 million dollars, all of which will be funded by the grant.
- Dispatcher Maria Tkach is retiring after almost 26 years of service to the APD 911 Center. A celebration was held in her honor to recognize her contribution to the community.

Planning and Policy Division...

- Division staff conducted a walkthrough of the partially-constructed Sixth Area Command for the Chief, other command staff and personnel associated with the construction.
- Printed and distributed the Department’s 2009 Annual Report.
- Assisted Crime Lab staff with the formulation and submission of a grant application that would help reduce the number of backlogged DNA cases currently waiting for analysis.
- The Policies and Procedures Review Board (PPRB) met on May 18 and passed a grooming standards SOP. Also on the agenda were changes to the Internal Affairs SOP, Court Services and guidance for the use of digital recorders.
- Division staff assisted the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau in formulating an application to bring a law enforcement conference to the city in 2013.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In May, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,769 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,497 prisoners and other agencies arrested 272 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 233 trips to MDC and accepted 84 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of May was \$47,301.

Strategic Support Division...

- The Organized Retail Crime Summit was held on May 19 and included a discussion of what ORC is, how it is linked to many different types of property crimes in the state. The summit highlighted case studies which illustrated how ORC pervades many areas of offenses for serial

property crime offenders. Over 300 persons attended the summit, including corporate representatives from many major big box retailers and assets protection personnel from local stores.

- In May, 77 incidents were submitted to the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Of these alerts, 42 were from ARAPA partners; six were Hospitality Partners; nine by FISOA partners; 14 by CICA Partners; one by North I-25 partners, three in the new Apartment area and two Law Enforcement Hot Sheet submittals. CONNECT logged 2,845 visitors in 31 days for an average of 91.7 visitors per day.
- The Crime Analysis Unit created 75 crime analysis bulletins/maps in May, and assisted with the auto parts commercial burglary analysis, and began auto theft analysis using Tiburon and ICRIS information.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 2,199 citations and investigated five fatal accidents.
- The DWI Unit conducted two sobriety checkpoints, resulting in 17 DWI arrests and five seized vehicles.
- The Air Support Unit logged 97 hours in the air in May. On May 7, Air 5 was searching the area of NM 528 and High Resort in reference to an escaped offender from Rio Rancho PD. Dispatch advised the offender vehicle was being followed eastbound on Alameda by Rio Rancho PD. Air 5 located the vehicle as it traveled northbound on 2nd St from Paseo del Norte. Air 5 began calling out the pursuit as the vehicle made its way to I-25 and southbound to Lead/Coal. (The vehicle was spike belted @ Comanche/I-25). The vehicle then traveled westbound in the eastbound lanes of Coal Avenue and attempted to turn southbound onto Broadway. The vehicle lost control and spun out onto the median. A short foot chase ensued and the offender was taken into custody.

Special Operations Division...

- On May 7, Tactical assisted night detectives with a warrant round up.
- On May 14, Tactical officers assisted property crimes detectives with a burglary tactical plan.
- On May 26, SWAT was activated to serve a high risk warrant for Narcotics detectives. The

structure was believed to contain a meth lab, and officers entered equipped with SCBA's.

- The K-9 Unit conducted 89 building searches in May, making six apprehensions.
- On May 17, officers Brown and Cortesi completed their in-house training with their new police service dogs and received their certification through Adlerhorst International.
- On May 11, the Bomb Squad was requested to Belen, NM to assist ATF, VCSO and the FBI in reference to a possible bomb making facility. Through investigation, several explosive items were collected. The subject of the investigation was a prior military EOD and police officer. The case was turned over to the ATF for follow up investigation.
- On May 18, the Bomb Squad was requested to 100 Iron SW (rail yard) in reference to two possible military ordnance rounds that were just dug up by rail yard workers. The rounds were found to be suspicious with wiring and heavy case metal container. The items were counter charged. After the containers were destroyed they were found to be high voltage line connectors. A picture containing both items was sent internationally and the items could not be identified. It was only through destruction that the items could be safely identified.
- On May 21, the Bomb Squad was requested to a southeast residence in reference to a Civil War cannonball. The item was found to be a cannonball, but did not contain any explosives or fusing. The item was returned to the owner.
- The Horse Mounted Unit was called out to search for an elderly man who left a retirement home near Ouray and Unser. Sgt. Collins, Officer Barnes and Officer Kassa searched Rinconada Canyon. Officers Candelaria, Anderson, Brodbeck, and Kelm searched the ridge above the visitor center.

Investigations Bureau...

- The Auto Theft Unit closed 20 cases by arrest and cleared 49 other cases in May. The Unit conducted a VIN etching event at Target, marking 135 vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared 10 cases in May, which were responsible for about \$172,580 in losses to their victims. On May 14, the Unit conducted a warrant roundup, resulting in three arrests that cleared three felony arrests and three misdemeanor warrants.
- On May 28th, Detectives Pete Dwyer, Mark

Norris and Officer Dan Champine acted on a Crime Stoppers tip and located a dangerous felon wanted in Texas.

- The Burglary Unit closed 30 cases by arrest and cleared 64 cases. The total value of property recovered in May was \$16,250.
- The Pawn Shop Unit checked 16,289 items through NCIC, including 1,170 guns. The checks resulted in 26 hits on items, and four gun hits.
- NITe Detectives arrested seven suspects as a result of Crime Stopper tips, made 16 felony arrests, and cleared 26 felony warrants, among others. The detectives collaborated with Lt. Medina to arrest a known property crime offender for stealing copper.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit collected 168 cases in May, leading to the arrests of 21 suspects.
- The Homicide Unit responded to three violent crime call-outs in May.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared six cases and submitted four cases to the District Attorney's office. The Unit made 11 felony arrests and responded to eight robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 17 call-outs. The Unit cleared 31 cases and sent 16 cases to the District Attorney's office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 19 cases in May, sending 13 of those to the District Attorney's office. The Unit made 18 referrals to the service provider side of the AFAC and made 12 arrests of DV/stalking offenders.
- The Missing Persons/Cold Case Homicide Unit received 114 reports of juvenile missing/runaway and adult missing. The Unit cleared 115 cases in May.
- The CIT/COAST Unit received 40 referrals and assisted 592 individuals, making 348 referrals for social services. COAST, along with the AFAC, hosted a Community Collaborative attended by 20 service providers and 200 participants. The event was so successful, the next one is in the planning stages.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 802 referrals for review and cleared 116 cases.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 17 cases and sent one case to the District Attorney's office.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 54 verifications and 12 hours of surveillance in May.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 712 calls for service, resulting in 44 felony

arrest/warrants, 58 misdemeanor arrest/warrants and made 248 home visits for truancy.

- The Criminal Intelligence Unit completed 30 background packets for an ATF operation.
- The Gang Unit made 14 felony arrests of known gang members for a variety of charges including burglary, aggravated battery, and felon in possession of a firearm.
- The ROP Unit made nine felony arrests on a variety of charges. The arrests were a result of intensive surveillance operations on home invasion crews.
- The Vice Unit made 32 misdemeanor and two felony arrests from anti-prostitution operations.
- East Side narcotics detectives continued an investigation into the overdose deaths at local high schools. Undercover officer narcotics purchases resulted in the arrest of several suspects and the confiscation of a quantity of heroin.
- West Side narcotics detectives safely dismantled a methamphetamine lab which was discovered after detectives made several undercover purchases.

Professional Standards...

- The Basic Training Unit began updating lesson plans for the basic academy class and attended Firearms Instructor Certification to assist cadet firearms training and range staff shortages.
- The Advanced Training Unit concluded 2010 MOE Phase 1 and Physical Assessments, training approximately 1,146 officers.
- The Recruiting and Backgrounds Unit received 271 interest cards in May. The Unit conducted weekend testing on May 15 and 16, evaluating 69 candidates and moving 33 of those to background investigations.
- The West Side and Tactical Ranges continued 2010 M&P 9mm handgun transitions.
- The Wellness Unit conducted 2010 physical assessments.

Records Section...

- The Telephone Reporting Unit received 2,856 calls in May and wrote 391 reports.
- The Report Review Unit evaluated 3,163 reports, and made 638 entries into the NCIC system.
- The CopLogic system received 235 reports, saving 611 officer hours, saving approximately \$9,400.
- The UCR Unit made 2,548 modifications to

reports.

- The False Alarm Report Unit logged 1,186 false alarms in May.
- The Central Records Unit scanned 173,590 pages of reports, and made 13,493 FileNet entries.
- The Public Information Unit received 3,384 phone calls and sold 490 reports.
- The Data Entry Unit entered 4,416 reports, 479 supplementals, and 1,836 accidents.