

***Albuquerque Police Department
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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- Southeast Watch 1 field services officers took 3,112 calls for service, made 110 felony and 216 misdemeanor arrests, arrested 118 DWI suspects, recovered six stolen firearms and wrote 1,497 moving citations.
- Southeast Team 2 Officer Victor Hernandez received a letter of commendation from Assistant District Attorney David Waymire. Mr. Waymire requested assistance in locating a witness in a homicide trial in progress. Officer Hernandez was able to promptly locate the witness and convince her to testify. The homicide trial was able to proceed and resulted in a guilty verdict.
- Southeast Impact Team members conducted a series of tac plans during the month, resulting in the arrests of 11 subjects for a combination of narcotics, felon in possession of firearm, felony larceny and forgery charges. The impact team also worked closely with the ARAPA group and made several arrests for drug dealing that were occurring in a large retail parking lot. The team recovered guns, drugs and cash in the arrests. The team was also responsible for the arrest of several "Top 10" criminals in Albuquerque.
- Laura Kuehn (Crime Free Multi-Housing) continued working on a project with the manager of La Vida Nueva concerning gang activity on the property and a spike in calls for service.

Foothills Area Command...

- Graveyard conducted tac plans along Tramway and Manitoba to address speeding and racing in the area. Officers apprehend three auto burglary suspects which involved five victims in the area command. Officers conducted several field briefings to deter beer runs or other quality of life issues throughout the area command.
- The Impact Team continues to work with officers in the field by keeping an on call detective available after hours. Impact team keeps up with on-going investigations while completing felony cases. The impact team obtained six arrest warrants, executed one search warrant, and completed six self-initiated arrests. Fifteen cases were turned into the District Attorney's Office.
- Dayshift continues to address requests at school

crosswalks and school zone areas. The tac plan targets various schools within the area command with a zero tolerance policy. This tac plan has resulted in nearly no accidents at the school crossing zones. Speeding tac plans were also utilized in Glenwood Hills, Singing Arrow, and several other neighborhoods. As a result, complaints of speeding were reduced in those target neighborhoods. Dayshift's combined totals for the month were 720 moving citations, 218 arrests, and 343 quality of life referrals.

Valley Area Command...

- Graveyard Officer Zachariah Floyd demonstrated vigilant observation skills on November 25th when he observed smoke while on patrol. Officer Floyd located a church and attached school on fire. He quickly called for assistance. Graveyard officers located 45 high school choir students from Phoenix asleep in the gym and safely evacuated them. The fire alarms were not functioning and the students were unaware of the fire until officers woke them.
- Dayshift officers noticed an increase in panhandling at the major intersections in the Valley. Dayshift officers conducted a tactical plan to address this nuisance. This operation resulted in 16 arrests, three felony warrant arrests, and ten misdemeanor citations.
- Swing shift Officers Walsh and Griego were the victims of an aggravated assault while off-duty. They quickly identified themselves as police officers, drew out their concealed firearms, and took the offender into custody. These officers had followed the strict training given by their watch commander, Lieutenant Shawn O'Connell, to remain armed while off-duty.

Southwest Area Command...

- Area command officers conducted multiple tac plans to address resident complaints about speeding, illegal U-turns and other traffic infractions.
- Officers coordinated with juvenile probation officers to ensure that problem subjects were not violating the terms of their release. The plan resulted in one arrest and contact with several other subjects.
- Officers helped a local ice cream shop deter illegal parking and loitering.
- Officers S. Arias and J. Montgomery conducted a tac plan involving the motels located near

Iliff and Coors. The officers recovered a stolen vehicle, initiated four felony arrests, and seized a small amount of narcotics.

Northwest Area Command...

- Multiple traffic and tactical plans were initiated throughout the area command by Watch I officers. Officers conducted traffic enforcement tac plans at high volume intersections and near large retail stores and malls.
- Officers from Watch II focused their traffic enforcement efforts in and around schools in the area command. Stop sign violations, speeding, and parking issues were the targeted activities in and around these facilities. Lt. Gonterman was able to provide, along with SRO personnel, active shooter training at a number of schools to all three of the day shift squads. Day shift teams continued to work with apartment complex management to develop solutions for excessive calls for service from a number of our facilities in the area.
- Watch III officers conducted a warrant sweep resulting in multiple arrests during the month of November. In addition, they conducted a tact plan in the area of Tierra Pintada and 98th in regarding people operating ATVs illegally. Due to their efforts, multiple arrests and citations were issued. The tac plan was the result of citizen concerns about this behavior and its affect on the surrounding area.

Northeast Area Command...

- On November 9, officers responded to a robbery at a local restaurant. Upon arrival, officers learned that the offender was a black male adult. Officer Oates recalled a prior robbery involving the same description and put out a broadcast for the vehicle from the prior robbery. Sergeant Middleton located a vehicle matching the description and followed the vehicle until he had enough backup units to conduct a felony stop. A felony stop was conducted at Wyoming and Constitution. The two occupants were taken into custody. The two were later identified as the suspects in the robbery at the local restaurant.
- On November 11, officers responded to a robbery of an individual. The offenders used a rock and their boots to batter the victim and to steal his money. The offenders were described as two males and were last seen near Menaul and San Mateo. Officer K. Ramos located two

males running across Menaul. He stopped the two males; they had blood on their clothing and matched the description of the offenders. Both were positively identified as the offenders and were arrested.

- On November 28, APD kicked off the first day of the holiday tac plan. Officer J. Gonzales, Officer F. Tillman, Officer M. Oates and Sergeant Middleton were working near the mall in an undercover capacity. Sergeant Middleton noticed a suspicious truck. Upon running the plate, he learned that the plate belonged to a car. They set up surveillance and observed three individuals who got into the vehicle and began to leave. The truck was stopped and three occupants were detained. The officers ran the VIN and learned the truck was stolen three days earlier. Auto theft detectives arrived and gained valuable information regarding the Ford F-250 stolen truck ring.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to five call-outs.
- The Introduction to Citizen CSI class concluded its 10-week course on November 5th, 2008. Numerous detectives, from both Criminalistics and Field Investigation have been of tremendous help during this training. Several lab chemists and scientists also helped out.
- One fine example of the Field Investigative unit was that they obtained a workable palm print linked to a series of auto burglaries occurring to APD police vehicles. Due to their diligence, a suspect was identified.
- The photo lab continues to train officers and sergeants in the use of the Sony Mavica camera. These cameras were reissued to appropriate personnel over the last several months. The officers were required to attend the 80 Field Investigator course to obtain a camera. These officers were also issued a latent fingerprint kit upon successful completion of the course.

Communications Division...

- Refresher training was completed for all employees on Phase I and Phase II wireless 911 calls. All 911 Operators have attended a four hour Customer Service training course which was specifically designed for the 911 environment.
- Anthony Simoes, Recording and Records

Specialist, was honored as the Civilian of the Month by the Chief. Anthony responds to numerous requests from the community for audio recordings along with many other duties he is assigned.

- Members of the 911 center attended several community events, including the Town Hall on Cyberstalking, the Greater Albuquerque Bike Advisory Committee meeting, and the State of the City address.
- 96.6% of the 911 calls received by the Emergency Communications Center in October were answered within 10 seconds. The national standard is 90%; APD's goal is 92.5%. 98.4% of 242-COPS calls were answered within 30 seconds; APD's goal is 90%.

Planning & Policy Division...

- The Planning Section continued to work on creating a draft for the updated APD Strategic Plan FY09-FY14. The document will guide the department over the next five years.
- The Division collaborated with Video Services to produce a recycling training video for the department.
- The Accreditation / Inspections Unit continued to prepare for the department's upcoming on-site CALEA accreditation process. The assessors are expected to arrive December 14th.

Open Space Division...

- Officers recovered five stolen vehicles and made two arrests. Open Space officers seized one vehicle for a revoked license, recovered a stolen firearm, and discovered five illegal camp sites in the bosque.
- Open Space officers conducted 250 city park and 50 city pool welfare checks.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

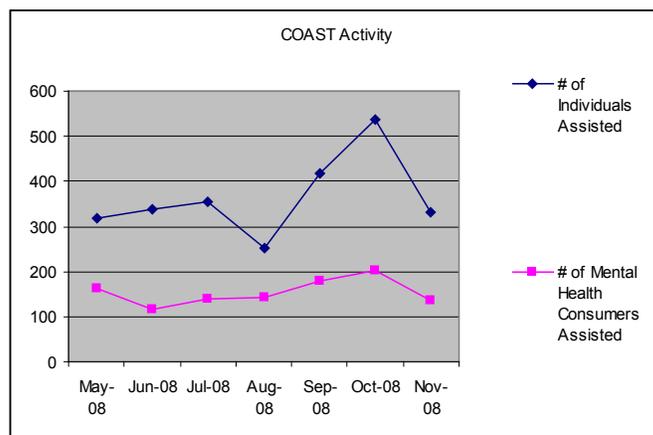
- The Prisoner Transport Unit (PTU) processed 1,458 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. APD arrested 1,212 prisoners and other agencies arrested 246 prisoners. The PTU made 220 trips to MDC and accepted 274 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The PTU provided 48 hours of additional service in November by operating on Tuesdays from 1400 hours - 0200 hours.
- The PTU saved \$32,837.18 in hours and fuel costs for November.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Basic Training Unit continues to instruct 31 cadets in the 101st Cadet class. The class is scheduled to graduate Dec. 23rd.
- The Advanced Training Unit continued 2008 MOE Part II through November. The unit began a Prisoner Transport Academy.
- The West Firearms Range hosted a movie production on November 24-26.
- The Recruiting Unit received 272 interest cards, conducted two career fairs and two military recruiting trips to Fort Drum and Fort Bliss. The unit also attended six community events/conferences.
- The Background Unit conducted weekend testing on November 1, with 18 candidates moving to the background stage. The unit completed 70 background files for the 102nd Cadet Class.

Strategic Support Division...

- The division continued to work with APD Tech Services to assure that Safe City monitoring cameras linked to other APD networking needs. For the longer term, the same specifications will be used to implement the same monitoring capability in both areas, with the caveat that the only area to have the panic buttons will be in the Safe City area.



- The Division began testing the business partnership website in early November, with the goal of providing a demonstration of active submittals on the website at the November ARAPA meeting. The website provides an interactive web map of theft occurring in each business sector. Business partners can submit alerts to the website, which can be viewed by other sector partners and law enforcement. In

the coming months, staff will continue to push to increase enrollment from each business sector.

- The Albuquerque Retail Assets Protection Association (ARAPA) was recognized at the IACP 2008 Conference as an example of Best Practices in Community Policing for law enforcement agencies serving over 250,000 citizens. This recognition illustrated ARAPA as a model program for law enforcement and exemplified a framework for police-business partnership for fighting retail crime.

Metro Division...

- The Traffic Unit assisted with Twinkle Light Parade on November 29. Officers Otzenberger and Cobos stopped a vehicle on the freeway for a minor traffic violation and were able to interdict \$340,000 going from Kentucky to Arizona. The money was seized by the DEA. Officer Romero apprehended a bank robber in the southeast area command.
- The Horse Mounted Unit retired "Banjo" due to osteoarthritis in his right front leg. Banjo had been with APD for nine years. The unit received a 5-year old Percheron Draft horse for evaluation.
- The Bomb Squad responded to an address in the southwest in reference to a car stop by BCSO. Inside the car, bomb technicians located military explosives, blasting caps and an electric initiator. The subject was arrested.
- The DWI Unit conducted one sobriety checkpoint that resulted in 11 DWI arrests and one seized vehicle. The unit added 5 vehicles to their fleet equipped with digital cameras.

Central Investigations Bureau...

- The Valley Narcotics Unit responded to an active methamphetamine lab near the I-25 corridor. The lab was safely dismantled, and one person was taken into custody. A second tac plan in the downtown area resulted in three felony arrests and a seizure of crack cocaine.
- Eastside and Westside Narcotics detectives responded to a mobile methamphetamine lab in the southeast area of the city. The lab was safely disposed of, and two individuals were taken into custody.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit assisted Denver police in the location and apprehension of a violent felon who was residing in the Albuquerque area.

- The Gang Unit investigated five homicides during the month, four of which involved documented gang members. The unit worked closely with the U.S. Marshall's office and the DEA in the capture of a suspect. The unit also arrested a double murder suspect.
- APD's Repeat Offender Project (ROP) made a number of high-profile arrests, including that of a career criminal with 27 prior felony arrests and another with six prior felony arrests. The unit has had success with their "Alibi" advertisement. Approximately 10% of the calls received have contained valuable information about felony-type crimes.
- The Vice Unit conducted an operation at a local hotel that resulted in five felony arrests and ten misdemeanor arrests.
- The Homicide Unit responded to six violent crime call-outs this month.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 26 cases and submitted 22 cases to the District Attorney's Office.
- The Auto Theft Unit and the Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$137,799 worth of stolen vehicles in November. The unit assisted with the holiday tac plans at the malls. At Coronado Center, bike officers located a stolen Ford F-350 and set up surveillance on the vehicle. Two offenders were arrested and interviewed. The interview may lead to the arrests of other offenders who have been stealing large trucks in the Albuquerque area.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit investigated a case of embezzlement at a local restaurant. An employee was arrested after turning in bogus gift cards and keeping almost \$14,000. One of the unit's top criminals, Andrew Miller, was sentenced to 44 years in prison.
- Due to information supplied to the Crime Stoppers Unit, 29 suspects were arrested.

Trend Analysts

