

Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report November 2010



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APD Notables...

Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Impact Team took the lead of the hotel/motel interdiction program. On November 2, the team conducted a one-hour training module for the employees of a motel chain in Albuquerque. The training educated the employees on suspicious activity and crime on their property. The relationship between the motel managers and Impact Team has grown to be a productive working relationship for combating crime.
- Day shift bike officers conducted a month-long tactical plan on Silver Avenue's bicycle route. Complaints stemmed from bicyclists failing to stop at the stop signs along this corridor. Bike officers began educating and warning offending bicyclists and after a grace period, officers issued citations. The plan resulted in 32 citations issued and a decrease in complaints to the Mayor's Office.
- Swing shift officers continued to lead the Southeast's monthly statistics in almost all categories. Swing shift officers completed a total of 32 tactical plans addressing quality of life issues, including traffic violations, drinking/panhandling, narcotics, handicap violations, large item pick ups and community contacts.
- Graveyard shift officers Chris Daniel and Zach Floyd were conducting a self-initiated check of vacant buildings for trespassers when they discovered a recent homicide victim in an apartment. The officers acted quickly to secure the scene for evidence and also located the offender nearby in another vacant apartment.
- Graveyard shift officers Ben Daffron and Pat Hernandez noticed numerous parking violations occurring in beats 336 and 337. Cars were parked on the wrong side of the street, parked without a plate or having an expired plate, and parked in front of stop signs. As a result, the two officers issued 131 parking violations during the month-long tactical plan.

Foothills Area Command...

- Foothills Area Command officers undertook a project for the holiday season aimed at reducing auto burglary, commercial burglary, larceny, shoplifting, purse snatching and robbery crime rates in the area command's business areas. The Command hosted two events for business owners and managers. At the meetings, business

managers were urged to partner with APD in fighting criminal activity on their property.

- Crime Prevention Specialist Agripina Neubauer developed posters in order to remind citizens to keep valuables out of unattended vehicles and to notify shoplifters of the zero tolerance policy. The Crime Analysis Unit provided an in-depth analysis of the two previous holiday shopping seasons. "Very Hot Spots" were identified based on specific property crimes. Officers and impact detectives were allocated based on the locations, performing field briefings, directed patrols, foot patrols, and surveillance operations in the identified areas.
- Det. Gonterman and Det. Stone noticed suspicious activity near Juan Tabo and Copper. While investigating two subjects, the male pulled a gun on the two officers and the female subject resisted. The male fled on foot after dropping the gun. Det. Stone was able to apprehend the offender. The firearm was found to have been stolen in a recent residential burglary. The subjects were arrested for felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Information from the arrest lead to a related investigation regarding counterfeiting. Search warrants were issued by the United States Secret Service.
- Impact Detective Krueger worked in conjunction with ROP and was able to take into custody a violent felony stalker. The subject had made numerous threats to kill the victim and was ranked very high on the threat meter.
- Members of Team 6 were dispatched to a local retailer in which two Chinese National males used counterfeit credit cards to purchase store gift cards. The subjects attempted to flee the area on foot but were apprehended by field officers and a motor unit. It was later learned that a third subject had been involved was not caught. Through investigation, it was discovered the Chinese males from California were using counterfeit credit cards that were embossed and encoded with stolen credit card information and they were likely members of a organized ring from the west coast. The vehicle they were in was sealed and towed pending further investigation. Sixty-seven fraudulent credit cards were found with the warrant service. The subjects were ultimately arrested and booked after detectives interviewed them.

Valley Area Command...

- All Valley officers were directed to use a high-visibility approach to all of the shopping area parking lots as well as Old Town during the Holiday Season. Additionally, a POP project was initiated in order to interdict criminal activity in the areas. The Area Command has not had any major incidents or thefts of tourist's vehicles reported.
- Officers Garcia and Galbadon arrested four subjects for commercial burglary during an undercover tactical plan.
- A large collision of over 40 cars on Interstate 40 resulted in the recognition of two officers involved for saving a pregnant woman during the wreck as cars piled up.
- Officer Debbie Heshley performed an investigation of a large fighting incident at a local nightclub, resulting in the arrest of three Lobo football players. APD closely cooperated with UNM police and the athletic department during the investigation.
- Valley Area Command officers executed a number of tactical plans to reduce panhandling and other problems in command neighborhoods.
- Valley Teams conducted field briefings at locations throughout the area command. Area command officers have been very responsive to citizens concerns and have conducted briefings in all of the locations requested by residents.

Southwest Area Command...

- In November, Southwest day shift officers conducted several tactical operation plans to address issues ranging from speeding to residential burglaries. Team Two conducted a speeding tactical plan at Atrisco and Central. The tactical plan netted at least forty five citations for speeding, no insurance, no drivers license and related offenses. Team One conducted several tactical plans in the area of West Mesa High School to address students leaving the campus and speeding through the area as well as APS school buses, deviating from their assigned routes and taking shortcuts through the surrounding neighborhoods. The individuals caught speeding were cited and Sgt. S. Marez worked with the School Resource Officers at West Mesa to inform the APS bus drivers about the complaints concerning their driving. Team Three conducted speeding tactical plants throughout the area command with positive results.

- Day shift officers conducted a holiday tactical plan for local businesses on Black Friday. The tactical plan used bike officers to patrol local strip malls. Officers conducted high-visibility patrols and foot patrols in an effort to be more engaged with the citizens.
- Numerous illegal parking tactical plans were conducted during the month of November. Illegally parked vehicles and handicapped parking violations accounted for 286 parking citations, two yellow tags, and 23 red tags. PSA T. Carman wrote 168 parking citations.
- On November 23rd, Officer Nix assisted Officer Burley and Officer Jojola with an in-progress shoplifting call. A mother and adult daughter put coats on two of their children (ages two and four) and proceeded to shoplift several other items. The mother and daughter were taken into custody and cited for the shoplifting violations. Officer Nix saw that the children were desperately in need of coats. Without hesitation, Officer Nix purchased coats for the children.
- During November, Watch I conducted 14 tactical plans, responded to 2,435 calls for service, and completed 59 felony arrests. Watch I officers also completed 85 misdemeanor arrests, 25 DWI arrests, 22 DV arrests, and issued a total of 838 citations (19 noise citations) and wrote 235 reports.

Northwest Area Command...

- Area command officers initiated the annual Christmas holiday tactical operation, which provided a high visibility of police presence in the shopping malls in the Northwest Area Command. Officers started out by presenting a police presence early in the morning of Black Friday at the major shopping locations within the area command.
- Area Command officers continued to reduce calls for service at the top ten locations within the area command. All Teams conducted field briefings at the high-call locations on a regular and on-going basis. Burglaries continued to decrease for the Northwest Area Command as compared to 2009's burglary rate.

Northeast Area Command...

- Officer Hicks responded to a strong-armed robbery at a local grocery store within the area command. While trying to escape, the offender ran over the victim. Officer Hicks continued the investigation and positively identified the

offender. A photo array was completed resulting in the robbery and several other robbery cases being cleared.

- While off duty, Detective Hilger observed a female grocery store employee attempting to take a shopping cart full of groceries from another female/suspect who was trying to leave without paying for them. As both females were attempting to take the shopping cart away from each other, the suspect opened a folding knife with her right hand and threaten the employee with it. The employee was clearly afraid for her life. Detective Hilger parked his vehicle, drew his off-duty sidearm, identified himself as an Albuquerque police officer and ordered the suspect to drop the weapon. The suspect refused to do so at first, but after numerous orders by Hilger the suspect complied. Hilger took the suspect into custody and escorted her to the manager's office. Hilger also discovered a crack pipe on the suspect.
- While attempting to locate the offenders of a commercial burglary in progress, Officer Swessel located and detained two subjects that matched the offender's description. While the offenders were not the persons being sought, they were found to be in possession of a mobile methamphetamine lab. The offenders were arrested and booked for the offenses. The methamphetamine lab team took over the clean-up of the vehicle.
- Officers Koury Church and Samantha Miles were dispatched to a northeast location in reference to a call about three or four subjects that were trying to break into a house. While en route, dispatch advised that the vehicle the offenders were in was leaving the area. Officer Miles observed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. While speaking to the passengers, Officer Miles quickly established that they were the offenders. The officer attempted to remove the subjects from the vehicle for a pat down. One subject, later identified as a repeat offender, refused to get out of the vehicle and had to be physically removed and placed into custody. Officers located a small sledgehammer in the vehicle. A search subsequent to the suspect's 127th arrest yielded approximately 2-3 grams of crystal methamphetamine.

Scientific Evidence Division...

- Criminalistics responded to seven call-outs in November. Criminalistics detectives were

exceptionally busy preparing for the officer-involved civil cases that are imminent. Documentation and media were prepared to present the Leica scanner in court. It is thought that this will be one of the first times the scanner will be presented as a forensic tool utilized in an officer-involved shooting.

- The Identification Unit processed 1,883 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 1,944 arrests into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 75 court dispositions, 17 employment, 27 evidence and 114 FBI background requests.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,613 evidence items in November. 1,438 items were disposed, 153 notification letters were sent to property owners and 180 items were returned to owners.

Communications Division...

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff answered 58,698 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in November. There were 21,956 calls for 911 and 36,742 calls for 242-COPS.
- 911 Operators answered 96.20% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD's standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.21% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD's goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- A revised 911 funding grant agreement is in process to submit to City Council for review and approval. The grant amount of \$3,247,970 will allow for the replacement and upgrade of the current 911 phone system and continue the existing levels of training and support provided by the 911 fund.

Professional Standards Division...

- The Recruiting and Selection Unit received 223 interest cards in November. The Recruiting and Selection Team administered the City Entrance Exam on site for the Prisoner Transport Unit. The Unit set dates for testing for the 106th Academy Class, PSA Class, and PTU Class and will begin contacting applicants for scheduling.
- The Recruiters held pre-assessment tests for applicants who want to test their physical abilities prior to testing weekend.
- The Advanced Training Unit assisted with M&P Transitions and regular firearms qualifications. The Unit completed/taught five scheduled MOE dates for approximately 200 officers and

completed final preparations for the quarterly managers meeting

- Basic Training officers completed final preparation for the start of the 105th cadet class. Orientation for the 105th cadet class was conducted on November 13th. The 105th Cadet class started on November 29.

Planning and Policy Division...

- Division staff coordinated furniture purchases for the Sixth Area Command.
- The 2010 DNA Backlog grant passed City Council on November 15.
- Division staff welcomed Lieutenant Eric Jordan as the new Lieutenant in charge of inspections and maintaining the Department's accreditation. Lt. Jordan arranged a list of potential candidates to participate in the Department's mock assessment slated for April 2011.
- Planning Section staff developed and submitted federal appropriation request forms for our federal delegation.

Technical Services Division...

- The architecture design for the Tiburon Version Management Program (VMP) upgrade was delivered by CDW-G and is being reviewed by the Tiburon technical staff. The new architecture is designed to provide a robust environment at the Communications Center with a complete backup at the ISD server room downtown. The system is being designed to accommodate disaster recovery and high availability.
- The Crime Lab QueTel evidence system was migrated to a new server. The new server is expected to resolve the latency issues the Crime Lab was having with the queries timing out.
- APD Technical Services hosted Marlin Mackey, Secretary, New Mexico Department of Information Technology and Rear Admiral (Ret.) James Arden Barnett, Jr., Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, at a public forum that highlighted New Mexico's initiative to launch a statewide public safety broadband 700 MHz network. FCC policies and programs related to the National Broadband Plan, public safety voice communications, including Southwest border issues, national cyber security efforts and other public safety and homeland security were discussed.
- Testing of the lapel camera continued in November. The Steering Committee decided to

upgrade the Micro SD storage card from 2 GB to 8 GB. DVD burners and PCs are being procured for the substations to accommodate the new technology.

Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In November, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,347 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,119 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 228 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 191 trips to MDC and accepted 23 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of November was \$17,941.85

Strategic Support Division...

- In November, there were 72 incidents submitted on the CONNECT web site by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity. Of these alerts, 34 were from ARAPA partners; two were from Hospitality Partners; 19 by FISOA partners; ten by CICA Partners; two by Apartment Partners; one by North I-25; one from Commercial Property and three from Foothills.
- In November, 18 new registration requests were received for the various areas contained in the CONNECT web site. CONNECT had a total of 1,584 visitors in 30 days for an average of 52.800 visitors/day.
- CICA met on November 9, with 19 members in attendance. ARAPA members were present and were able to provide communication regarding retail theft that may be related to the construction industry or to the theft of construction/home improvement equipment and supplies. Additionally, personnel from the State's Construction Industry Division provided a presentation on non-licensed "gypsy" contractors and how they can help in taking enforcement action.
- The Crime Analysis Unit built a connection between the Pawn dBase and the Vice dBase which returned those individuals who have a history of arrests for prostitution and have recently pawned items. The first query returned 6,632 pawn tickets.

Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 1,694 citations in November.
- The DWI Unit arrested 173 people for driving

while intoxicated.

- The Seizure Unit confiscated 147 vehicles in November, totalling \$61,340.
- On November 10, Air1 responded to an armed robbery at a local bank. While en route, a police unit advised that they had located a vehicle matching the description of the offender. The unit momentarily lost visual of the vehicle. After a few seconds the unit advised that the vehicle had crashed near a residence at Florida and Mossman. Air1 arrived and established a perimeter around the vehicle. Once the perimeter was established a search of the area was conducted. After an extensive search, it was found that the offender had committed suicide inside of the vehicle.
- On November 20, Air1 responded to the area of Trumbull and Utah in response to an armed robbery of several individuals. Police units advised Air1 that they were with subjects matching the offenders at a nearby trailer park. Units requested a check of the back yards. Upon arrival, Air1 utilized the FLIR camera system to locate a suspicious heat source next to a shed. A K-9 search team checked the heat source and found that it was the firearm used in the robbery. The offender had attempted to hide the firearm. When the firearm was placed in the location the weapon-mounted light turned on and was causing heat. The light was not visible to officers.

Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated ten times in November in response to barricaded subjects and to help serve high risk warrants.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 40 building searches, 8 area searches and made four apprehensions.
- On November 18, the APD Bomb Squad was activated and responded to northwest residence in reference to a Molotov cocktail that had been thrown but had not ignited. Since it had not ignited it was still live. The device was rendered safe and the scene was processed in conjunction with the Albuquerque Fire Department.
- On November 3, the Horse Mounted Unit searched the Rio Puerco for an elderly man who was reported missing.

Investigations Bureau...

- During November, the APD Vice Team assisted the FBI in a nationwide sweep to target underage prostitution. Operation Cross Country involved

both agencies renting three hotel rooms and setting one up for undercover surveillance. Once this was done, contact was made with prostitutes advertising online. Undercover detectives made dates in the surveillance room and then were arrested by the awaiting team next door. Eight separate arrests were made and over twenty juveniles were recovered nationwide.

- On November 1, ROP detectives assisted the Vice Unit with the execution of two search warrants that were related to prostitution and possible human trafficking.
- On November 2, the Gang Unit and CIU arrested a suspect with two outstanding felony warrants. The man had known ties to the Aryan Brotherhood was also found to be in possession of methamphetamine. On November 11, the Gang Unit assisted the Field Services Bureau with a reported carjacking and kidnapping case. The Gang Unit and ATF Task Force obtained felony arrest warrants on two offenders, a SNM prison gang member and another suspect. Both were located and arrested. A search warrant was conducted on their vehicle and two handguns were recovered. The male is a career criminal and is facing a 15-to-life sentence in federal prison.
- During November and the last week of October, the Gang Unit obtained felony arrest warrants on five TCK gang members for intimidation of witnesses and aggravated battery with great bodily harm.
- Eastside Narcotics detectives assisted the DEA on executing five search warrants stemming from a wire tap. The warrants resulted in the seizure of ten pounds of heroin, \$190,000 in cash, a 2008 Yukon Denalli and 15 arrests.
- Westside Narcotics detectives executed a search warrant at a problem property in the City's northwest quadrant, resulting in two felony arrests, and the seizure of several rocks of crack cocaine. CNAU was subsequently called out and the residence was later seized by the City.
- Task Force Detectives seized one vehicle and \$315,869.00 in cash in November. Task Force detectives also completed 21 felony arrests and served ten search warrants.
- The Homicide Unit responded to six violent crime call-outs in November.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 30 cases and submitted 21 cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit executed five search warrants.

- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to seven sex crimes call-outs. The Unit cleared 41 cases, sending 21 of those to the DA's Office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 23 cases in November with nine of those going to the DA's Office. The Unit reviewed 359 domestic violence cases, and made 17 referrals to the service provider side of the Family Advocacy Center. The Unit made six arrests of domestic violence / stalker offenders.
- The Missing Persons Unit reports that there was a total of 37 cases reported for November. 74 cases have been cleared.
- The COAST Unit assisted 347 individuals and made 292 referrals for social services.
- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 839 referrals for review. The Unit cleared 130 cases, sending 32 of those to the DA's Office.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 13 cases and completed 184 computer forensics examinations.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 48 verifications and 15 hours of surveillance.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 434 calls for service, made several felony arrest/warrants and 121 misdemeanor arrest/warrants.
- The Auto Theft and Wrecker Services Unit cleared 37 cases in November. The Unit recovered \$245,940 in property.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit completed 13 cases and sent those to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. The total value of the cases cleared by the White Collar Crimes Unit is \$8,773.
- The Burglary Unit closed 27 cases in November. Detective Alvarado concluded a long-term investigation into the thefts of several televisions from local hotels. Detective Alvarado was able to take a female suspect into custody. The suspect confessed to seven thefts throughout Albuquerque. Through investigation it was learned that she was responsible for the same crimes in Clovis, NM and several areas in Texas. Local authorities for each area were contacted and additional arrest warrants were issued.
- Pawn Shop Unit detectives conducted the second half of a tactical plan with Impact sergeants, CNAU and City building inspectors in an effort to recover stolen property from local pawn shops. As a result of the tactical plan, numerous items were recovered. Due to the success of the tactical plan, a meeting was set up with all of the pawn shops in attempt to create a partnership in an effort to reduce the amount of stolen property coming through the pawn shops.
- NITe detectives arrested 30 individuals for felony warrants in November.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 128 tips in November. Based on Crime Stopper tips, 14 suspects were arrested in November.

Trend Analysts





