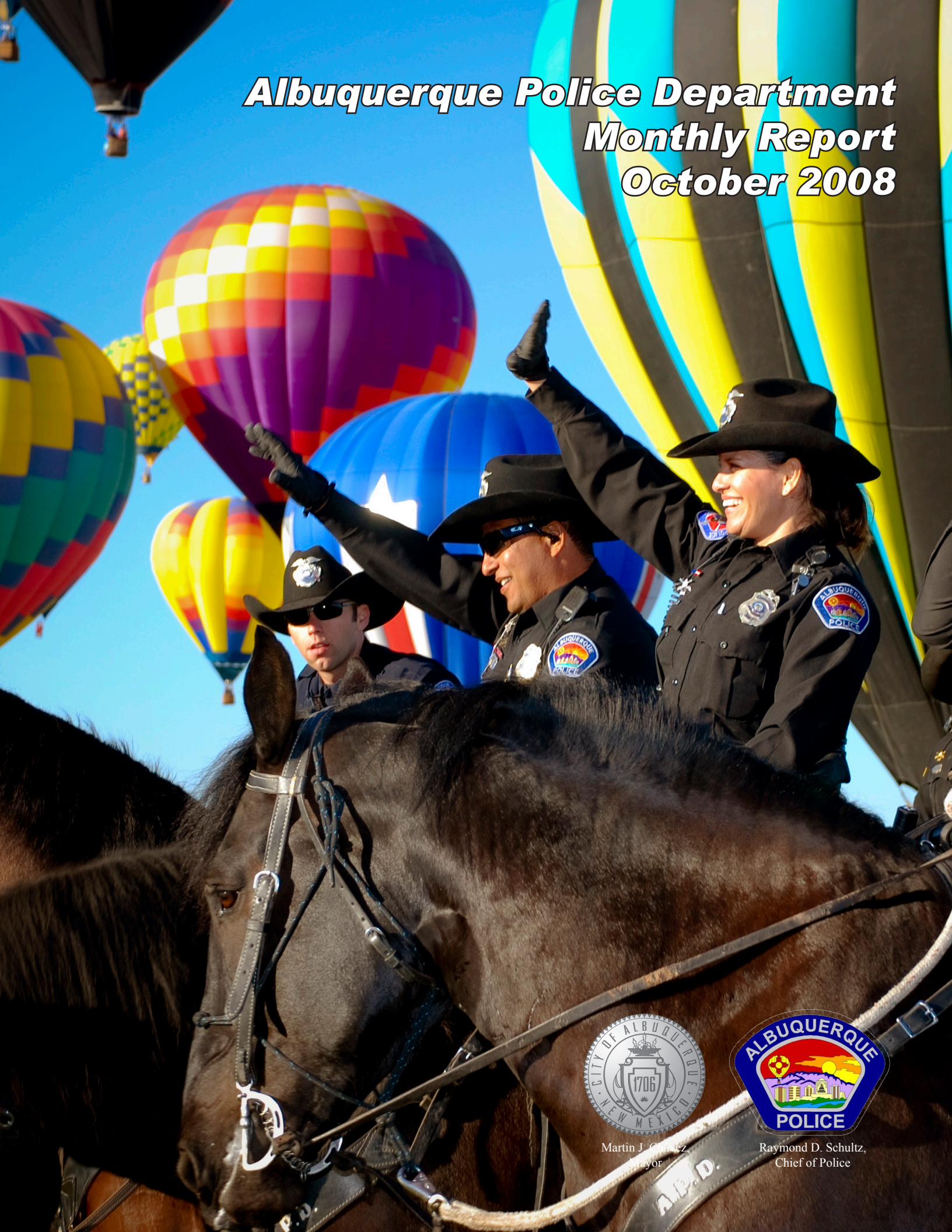


# *Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report October 2008*



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## **APD Notables...**

### **Southeast Area Command...**

- The Southeast Area Command participated in another Shop and Stroll in the Nob Hill Business District on October 12th. There was a significant increase in the number of citizens who visited Nob Hill for this event. Utilizing the APD mobile command post, Southeast Area Command field officers, and bicycle units has made the Shop and Stroll a huge success. We anticipate this will be a popular event to attend in the future.
- The Southeast Impact Team continues to make a significant number of arrests from a great deal of proactive police work. In October, they conducted a surveillance tac plan and arrested the "Fugitive of the Week." Detectives also arrested two felons who were responsible for fraudulently purchasing thousands of dollars worth of merchandise from Target stores in the Albuquerque area. The Southeast Impact Team also was asked to conduct training for the Southwest Area Command Impact Team. Together they conducted "buy busts" operations, which resulted in a significant amount of narcotics being recovered and several felony arrests being made.
- The Southeast Area Command participated the annual Operation Great Pumpkin at the Cesar Chavez Community Center on Halloween. Metro Division provided some specialty vehicles, and the mobile command post was on hand with several officers and Sandy Pino to hand out candy.

### **Foothills Area Command...**

- Foothills CNAU continues making strides to improve the quality of life for the residents in the area. They visited 73 properties this month alone on referrals from officers and citizens.
- Dayshift continues to address requests for traffic enforcement at school crosswalks and school zone areas. The tac plan targets various schools within the area command with a zero tolerance policy. Officers were at Jackson Middle School, Apache and McCollum Elementary Schools. Two hundred and twenty-five citations were issued as a result of the tac plan.
- Detectives have been conducting surveillance due to auto burglary complaints throughout the area command. The impact team worked

with neighborhood patrols and has been very successful.

### **Valley Area Command...**

- Impact team detectives conducted a tac plan during the Balloon Fiesta to target property crime. Detectives targeted the many hotels and business along the west side of I-25. Because of the many highly visible contacts with suspicious individuals, the Valley experienced minimal thefts in the targeted areas.
- Swing shift officers conducted a traffic tac plan in the downtown area to address complaints of motorcycle noise. Officers issued 700 citations for miscellaneous traffic violations, 95 citations for noise violations, and 32 citations for modified exhaust violations. They also made 12 miscellaneous arrests, 8 DWI arrests, and towed 58 vehicles.
- Graveyard officer Bergman conducted a tac plan to address drag racing at Washington Place and Paseo del Norte. He issued 21 traffic citations and towed three vehicles.
- Graveyard officer Rico continued his ongoing tac plan to address the criminal activity at a location near 4th Street NW. He made one felony arrest for possession of a controlled substance, one misdemeanor arrest, issued four citations, and towed one vehicle.

### **Southwest Area Command...**

- Two officers worked an undercover tac plan that targeted sex offenders, burglars and auto thieves on Central Avenue. The plan resulted in three misdemeanor arrests, three misdemeanor citations, two felony arrests, and two towed vehicles.
- A Southwest office worked undercover two nights, resulting in seven misdemeanor arrests, two felony arrests, including a sex offender and two home invasion suspects.
- Officers initiated a tac plan to combat vehicle burglaries and vandalism within specific southwest neighborhoods. Southwest officers contacted nine suspicious subjects, stopped a confirmed stolen vehicle, and took two suspects into custody.
- Initiated a tac plan in response to complaints of parents dropping off their children around the elementary school near 86th and Tower. Sixteen citations were issued, after a large number of verbal warnings were issued prior to the plan.

### **Northwest Area Command...**

- Swing shift has implemented the Shoplifting Enforcement Tactical Plan at the Cottonwood Mall and all large box retail outlets. A zero tolerance stance has resulted in numerous arrests for shoplifting and fraud. No citations were issued to the dismay of a number of offenders who expressed their dissatisfaction with being arrested instead of just being cited. Officers Hannum and Rogers conducted bike patrol within certain districts of the area command on their own equipment and the results have been very positive. Additionally, the Northwest Area Command will be receiving additional bicycles for the development of a bike patrol in our area command to enhance our capabilities and visibility.
- All Watch II teams conducted tactical operations at seven of the largest apartment complexes within the command. Multiple arrests and citations are being issued due to a wide variety of enforcement efforts.
- On October 21, off-duty Sergeant Anthony Sedillo recognized the offender from a homicide which occurred in the area command earlier in October. Sergeant Sedillo, who had helped develop the intelligence and leads on the offender, recognized the subject while driving and conducted a traffic stop of the offender's motorcycle. The offender was taken into custody and later confessed to the aforementioned homicide.

### **Northeast Area Command...**

- On October 23, officers from the Northeast Area Command were involved in the apprehension of a suspect wanted for several robberies in the northeast. A woman was robbed of her purse at a shopping center. Officer Marquez observed the suspect's vehicle at a large retailer on Paseo Del Norte. Officer Marquez attempted to follow the offender, but he fled in the stolen vehicle he was driving. The offender crashed a short distance away and fled on foot. Officer Marquez coordinated the assistance of several units and APD aircraft. The offender then robbed another woman and stole her vehicle. The offender was eventually taken into custody after a police pursuit and K-9 apprehension. Several robberies were linked to the offender.
- On October 20, Officer Moore was in the area of 5400 San Mateo NE when he heard gunshots

in the area. Seconds after the shots were fired, Officer Moore noticed a GMC Yukon leaving a nearby apartment complex at a high rate of speed. Officer Moore conducted a felony stop on the Yukon. As he was doing so, dispatch notified him that a drive-by shooting call had just come in and that the offender vehicle matched the description of the one he had stopped. Through investigation, Officer Moore was able to learn that several of the passengers in the Yukon he had stopped were the involved in the drive-by shooting. Two suspects were arrested for shooting at an occupied dwelling and tampering with evidence.

- Graveyard officers participated in a tactical plan to address the larceny of beer and other alcohol offenses at convenience stores on San Mateo Blvd. NE. The tact plan was conducted on three Friday nights during October. The operation produced eight DWI arrests, twenty-seven citations were issued, and two misdemeanor arrests were made.

### **Scientific Evidence Division...**

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to three call-outs.
- The Introduction to Citizen CSI class will graduate on November 5, 2008. Numerous detectives from both Criminalistics and Field Investigators have been of tremendous help during this process.
- The Photo Lab helped photograph and prepare a new APD recruiting ad campaign with a President George Bush impersonator. The Photo Lab also processed over 15,576 images this month, which is the highest amount of casework produced in a month for this year.

### **Communications Division...**

- Reports are continuing to demonstrate strong performance in call answering. 95.8% 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%. 97.9% of 242-COPS calls were answered within 30 seconds; APD's goal is 90%.
- The 911 center welcomed two new employees in October who will be in training for the next year as dispatchers for APD.

### **Homeland Security Division...**

- The Division attended several NM Homeland Security Conference meetings and helped patrol Balloon Fiesta Park during the festivities.

### **Planning & Policy Division...**

- The Planning Section accepted the awards of two COPS Technology Plan grants totaling over \$2 million. The funding will be used to advance APD's Comprehensive Information System Project.
- The Planning Section also has begun the process of updating the department's Strategic Plan, a five-year guide to future goals and objectives.
- The Accreditation / Inspections Unit made final preparations for the CALEA on-site accreditation process scheduled for mid-December. If granted, the accreditation would be APD's sixth.
- APD's Green Team created a recycling training video that will be used to train all APD employees.

### **Open Space Division...**

- All Open Space officers participated in tac plans and Black Hawk operations during the Balloon Fiesta.
- Four Open Space officers conducted a tac plan at the ponds in Tingley Beach in response to citizen complaints, issuing several citations.
- An Open Space officer served as team leader on a search and rescue mission that resulted in the rescue and evacuation of lost hiker in the Sandia Mountains on October 20.

### **Prisoner Transport Unit...**

- The Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1719 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center in October. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,410 prisoners and other outside agencies arrested 309 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 240 trips to MDC and accepted 177 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The Prisoner Transport Unit provided 48 hours of additional service in the month of October by operating on Tuesdays from 1400 hours - 0200 hours. The additional overtime hours are being funded under the DWI Seizure account.
- The savings in man hours and fuel costs for the month of October was \$46,210.39.

### **Professional Standards Division...**

- Six teams from APD participated in the Duke City Marathon.
- The Basic Training Unit seated 31 cadets in the 101st APD Academy class. The unit also raised over \$7,300 from its "Tip-A-Cop" benefit for the NM Special Olympics.
- The Advanced Training Unit hosted narcotics, staff and command, homicide investigation, auto theft, and spike belt classes. The unit also held a basic instructor course and a bean bag user certification.
- The Recruiting Unit received 307 interest cards in October, participated in six career fairs and seven community events. The unit signed up 162 people for the October 11 weekend testing and conducted seven pre-Academy workout sessions with 77 participants over the month.
- The Background Unit tested 71 individuals at weekend testing. Twenty-five files were assigned to the unit.

### **Personnel / Payroll...**

- Payroll employees have been attending ERP training for the upcoming PeopleSoft conversion "go live" January 1. During training, issues were identified that are being addressed by the ERP team.
- The staff has also assumed responsibility for scanning time sheets. Bringing this function in-house has resulted in significantly improved turnaround on scanned image access.
- Personnel has worked closely with the Backgrounds Unit to clear a significant number of cadet applicants in preparation for a sizable cadet class. APD is expecting to start a class of more than 50 cadets on December 8th.

### **Metro Division...**

- The Traffic Unit assisted with the Balloon Fiesta and escorted several presidential candidates. The unit also began planning for the Twinkle Light Parade and the Luminaria Tour. Dayshift officers conducted a school-zone enforcement tact plan in the Foothills; three school zones were targeted.
- The Horse Mounted Unit patrolled the RV park directly south of the balloon park during the Balloon Fiesta. The unit also assisted a resident near the Bosque del Apache neighborhood whose horse had tripped and fallen into the ditch. The unit was able to pull the horse out,

- with no injury to the horse or rider.
- The APD Bomb Squad responded to a car stop call by BCSO in Southwest Albuquerque. Inside the car, bomb technicians found military explosives, blasting caps and an electric initiator. The driver was subsequently arrested. ATF agents responded and assumed the lead of the remainder of the investigation.
- The SWAT team assisted with several dignitary visits.
- The Air Unit searched the area near Airport SW for an elderly male subject who had walked away from a treatment home and was in need of medical attention. Sgt. Dave Hansen located the elderly gentleman. Southwest and Fire units responded to take the man into protective custody.

### **Central Investigations Bureau...**

- The Auto Theft Unit had another successful month with the arrest of several auto thieves and the recovery of several stolen vehicles. The unit arrested a man who was wanted for multiple auto thefts and had residential burglary warrants.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit investigated a case involving an owner and employee of a temporary job service who embezzled money from a local university for work that was never done. The two were located and arrested.
- Burglary Unit detectives received fingerprint information on two offenders who broke into five west side homes. Unit detectives wrote warrants for the two, who were quickly located and arrested. One of the subjects is a minor with six prior arrests for burglary and violent offenses.
- Fourteen subjects were arrested based on Crime Stoppers tips.
- The Homicide Unit responded to four violent crime call-outs in October.
- The Armed Robbery Unit made 12 felony arrests and respond to 11 robbery call-outs. The unit has been working the Citywide Armed Robbery Tac Plans each week.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 24 sex crime call-outs, cleared 38 cases, and sent 17 of those to the DA's office.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 17 cases this month, and unit detectives reviewed 363 domestic violence cases that were submitted.
- The Juvenile Section's Crimes Against Children Unit cleared 53 cases; 13 of those were sent to

the DA's office.

- The Special Investigations Division's Crisis Intervention Team performed 166 threat assessments, 94 consultations and conducted 75 home visits.
- The Criminal Intelligence Unit assisted with dignitary visits, performed 66 background checks and 21 criminal investigations.
- The Gang Unit had 17 felony and 4 misdemeanor arrests for the month. Several high-profile subjects were arrested, including a Sureno gang member who was wanted on multiple violent felony charges. When he was arrested, he was found in possession of 31 grams of crack cocaine, 6 grams of powder cocaine and a small quantity of marijuana.
- The Repeat Offender Project (ROP) also made a number of high-profile arrests, including two subjects who are suspected in committing 13 local bank robberies.
- The Vice Unit conducted a long-term investigation involving an illegal massage parlor operation, which resulted in a felony arrest and the closure of the business.
- Valley Narcotics detectives executed two search warrants on a residence that yield two ounces of heroin and a quantity of crack cocaine. The investigation also resulted in three felony arrests. Eastside Narcotics arrested two subjects who had agreed to purchase pills from a detective. At the time of the arrest, one of the subjects was found to have a felony warrant for kidnapping and aggravated battery. Westside Narcotics detectives obtained a search warrant for an address in another community. The search warrant yielded 1.25 ounces of meth and a handgun. The subject, who is a convicted felon, was taken into custody.

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