

# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report October 2010



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## APD Notables...

### Southeast Area Command...

- The Southeast Area Command participated in the annual Shop and Stroll in the Nob Hill Business district by closing down Central Avenue and providing security and traffic control for the event.
- The Southeast Impact Unit adjusted their hours during Balloon Fiesta week to address auto burglaries and stolen vehicles at hotels in the area command. Hotel managers were contacted and subsequently reported no property crimes or suspicious activity (increased security and preventive measures were used, which may have contributed to the low crime reporting).
- Detective Languit arrested a man for an auto burglary at a POP project location who is suspected in seven other auto burglaries. A search warrant of the man's vehicle yielded two stolen stereos.
- Southeast dayshift teams increased traffic tactical plans in the area of the Lead/Coal construction project. Lt. S. Lopez coordinated the project with the Department of Transportation to increase the safety of workers and residents by using officers from different watches in the area during high traffic flows.
- The Southeast Crime Prevention Unit hosted a quarterly crime free multi-housing training and conducted training and awareness seminars for several businesses and apartments.

### Foothills Area Command...

- Officer T. Melvin conducted a tactical plan involving abandoned vehicles throughout the Foothills Area Command. As a result of the tactical plan, five vehicles were red tagged, one was yellow tagged, 18 parking citations were issued and one vehicle was towed. Other vehicles were moved by their owners shortly after being red or yellow tagged.
- On October 2, Officers Mikal Monette and Dave Ritchie responded to a priority domestic dispute at a northeast location. The caller reported that her 16-year-old son was armed with a knife and causing a disturbance. Officers Monette and Ritchie arrived on scene and were confronted by the subject outside the residence. He was armed with an approximately 18-inch machete and under the influence of drugs and alcohol. The male was agitated and challenging officers to shoot him as he closed distance on

them. Officers Monette and Ritchie maintained composure and were able to take the male into custody through use of a tazer.

- On October 29, Officers Tommy Benavidez and Mikal Monette responded to a suspicious situation at a northeast residence. Area residents complained of a strong marijuana smell coming from one of the apartments. The officers contacted the resident who was clearly under the influence of marijuana. The resident did allow officers to enter the apartment where they observed multiple marijuana plants. Officers Benavidez and Monette backed out of the apartment and informed their supervisor. Narcotics Detective Jones was called to the scene. He obtained a search warrant and ultimately recovered over five pounds of street ready marijuana as well as 60 plants and a large amount of cash. The two subjects inside the apartment were arrested and were charged with felony drug distribution violations.
- During the month of October, Officers Christopher Maxon and Jason Allred conducted a handicapped parking enforcement tactical plan. The officers focused on parking lots of major shopping areas in the southern part of the area command where many violators are either misusing handicapped placards assigned to other drivers or simply parking in handicapped spots with no placard. Officer Maxon issued a total of 67 handicap parking citations. Officer Allred issued 29 citations for a total of 96 handicapped parking citations. The tactical plan also yielded the recovery of a stolen vehicle and a felony DWI arrest.
- On October 7, Officers B. Archibeque and R. Ryan were dispatched to a residence regarding a disturbance call. The officers arrived at the apartment complex and began looking for the caller's apartment on foot. Officer Ryan noticed an open window on a second floor. The window was partially covered by a blanket. As they walked closer to the building, a male sitting close to the window pointed a black handgun out of the window, toward the officers. The officers drew their handguns and took cover behind a tree. The male quickly pulled the handgun from the window and hid in the room. Officers requested additional units and set up a perimeter around the building. The suspects exited the apartment and were taken into custody after announcements were made. It was learned during the investigation that the suspects were

related to the original call made to police.

### Valley Area Command...

- All Valley area command officers used a high-visibility approach to deter crime at all of the hotel /motel parking lots during the Balloon Fiesta. No major incidents or thefts of tourist's vehicles were reported.
- Valley area command officers responded to a criminal sexual penetration call at a local bar on October 3rd. A patron had assaulted a dancer and then left the scene. Valley officers did a great job of investigating the incident and were able to locate the offender and arrest him.
- Officer Steve Hindi wrote 226 moving citations in October.
- Officer Macarenas made an arrest for a strong-armed robbery due to his great investigative work.
- Valley teams conducted field briefings all over the area command. The teams have been very responsive to citizens concerns and have held briefings in all areas of the command where high visibility is required.

### Southwest Area Command...

- In order to combat potential property crimes during the Balloon Fiesta, Southwest area command conducted field briefings at local motels by all dayshift personnel and held other field briefings at local elementary schools throughout the command in the mornings.
- Several tactical plans were conducted in October, primarily focused on traffic concerns. The largest was completed by Team 2 personnel who ran laser enforcement at the intersection of Sunset and Central Avenue during the morning commute. A total of 114 moving citations were issued.
- Bike units continued strict enforcement in the area of Coors and Central Avenue with emphasis on bus stops. Nine citations were issued for criminal trespass and three for drinking in public. During the operation, bike unit officers made five felony arrests, two for trafficking narcotics.
- On October 25, a burglar was apprehended after he tried to barricade himself in his home. After a lengthy standoff, SWAT deployed gas and the suspect tried to flee. He was taken into custody and booked on residential burglary charges and for violating his probation.
- Swing shift officers wrote 1,062 moving

citations in October.

- Officer J. Brionez continued his tactical plan to combat a residential burglary problem at a pair of trailer parks in the area command. The victims in the trailer parks are predominantly Spanish-speaking and were afraid to report the crimes. Besides the deterrent value of a high police presence in the area, Officer Brionez made many community contacts.
- On October 22nd, officers J. Sanchez and V. Olvera stopped a suspicious vehicle at a southwest location. The driver stated that he and his passenger had just been shot at. Officers located bullet holes on the outside of the vehicle but could not initially determine if they were fresh holes. Officer Sanchez found a stolen Kel-Tech 9mm inside the vehicle along with syringes and several baggies of marijuana. The driver, a convicted felon, and was booked on several felony charges and 215 grams of marijuana was seized.
- In October, Watch I officers conducted 17 tactical plans, handled 2,033 calls for service, made 70 felony arrests, 116 misdemeanor arrests, 37 DWI arrests, 40 DV arrests, issued a total of 785 moving citations (48 noise citations) and wrote 305 reports.
- In October, officer J. Pellet initiated a tactical plan to combat residential burglaries in the Southwest Area Command. Officer Pellet was able to arrest a suspect during a burglary in progress. The suspect was linked to eight other burglaries.
- Officer B. DeHerrera arrested a suspect on October 3rd who committed 12 auto burglaries and had a stolen vehicle in his possession.

### Northwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers Provencher and Sandoval located a subject wanted for attempted murder. During the process, the officers uncovered a bomb-making facility. Also recovered in the investigation were numerous weapons and narcotics. The investigation led to several arrests and may lead to additional information and enforcement at a later date.
- Watch II officers conducted traffic tactical plans in October that focused on specific intersections. The intersections were identified through department-based statistics and via information, complaints and concerns voiced by citizens. The tactical plans generated over 600 citations in October.

- Watch III / Impact Swing watch continued to be the most active watch in terms of calls for service. Numerous felony and misdemeanor arrests were conducted with positive results concerning property and violent crime offenders taken into custody.
- Officer J. Rogers was the case agent on an attempted homicide which occurred in the area command which resulted in the apprehension of the offender and the location and dismantling of an alleged bomb-manufacturing house. State and federal agencies participated in the investigation.

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

- On October 22, Officer Calt responded to a call of a burglary in progress. While en route to the call, Officer Calt got a description of the offender from the victim and numerous officers converged on the area. Acting Sergeant Drobik spotted the possible offender and directed officer Calt to the area where he was headed. Officer Calt's intuition and experience with the apartment complex led him directly to the offender and the offender was taken into custody. Officer Calt was able to recover all the stolen property and return it to its owner.
- Detective Brown identified a man as the offender who had committed numerous purse snatchings in the Northeast, Foothills and Valley.
- Bike Officers A. Tapia and G. Vigil were dispatched to a northeast location in response to a burglary call. Officers spoke to the victim and neighbors who provided vehicle and suspect information which officers were able to follow up on. Officers ended up at a known problem property and were able to visually locate the stolen property inside the home. Officers brought in Burglary Detective Altman to assist. While on scene, the suspect arrived and was detained. The victim was able to recover his property and the suspect was arrested on burglary charges.
- Officers received a call that security from Pino Yards observed a male jump over the fence of a local towing company and heard glass break. Northeast officers responded and set up a perimeter around the commercial business. Officers observed the subject running through the tow yard and jumping fences. Two subjects were taken into custody by Officer Brian Maurer. The suspect admitted to officers that he cut a fence to gain entry into the towing

company lot.

- Officer Robert Swessel caught and arrested two subjects who committed a commercial burglary. The subject gained entry through a sky light.
- Officer Robert Swessel and Officer Justin Hunt were dispatched to a local retailer at Wyoming and Menaul for a subject breaking into vehicles. Officers arrived and caught the subject who began to fight with Officer Swessel and Officer Hunt. After a short foot chase and the offender hiding, Officers arrested the offender.
- The NE Area Command welcomed 3 new neighborhood watches this month on the streets of Rancho Del Oro, San Andres and La Caverna.

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

- Criminalistics responded to four call-outs in October.
- The Identification Unit processed 2,094 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 1,731 arrests into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 30 court dispositions, 26 employment, 34 evidence and 90 FBI background requests.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,407 evidence items in October. 2,659 items were disposed, 151 notification letters were sent to property owners and 151 items were returned to owners.

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

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff answered 58,401 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in October. There were 21,537 calls for 911 and 36,864 calls for 242-COPS.
- 911 Operators answered 96.08% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (national standard is 90%, APD standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.37% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds (APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- The E 9-1-1 five year strategic planning meeting took place on October 20 and 21st at the Bernalillo County Communications Center. There were over 50 representatives from throughout the State in attendance.

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

- The Basic Training Unit graduated the 23rd Lateral Class on October 29th.
- The Basic Unit will continue to update lessons plans and reach out to other agencies to learn how they train and how APD can incorporate

different training styles into their Academy. The schedule for the 105th cadet class was submitted to Santa Fe in the first week of October for approval.

- The Advanced Training Unit conducted nine MOE training sessions with a total of 350 officers trained; provided taser support to District Attorney's office for case preparation; assisted range staff with firearms qualifications; and conducted dive training for open space personnel.
- The Recruiting and Backgrounds Unit received 236 interest cards in October (197 male, 39 female); the Unit also received 34 interest cards for PSAs and six for lateral positions.
- The Wellness Unit continued implementing kettlebell and ropes basic training to APD personnel and assisted the ROP Unit with officer fitness evaluation and assessment testing. The Unit also instructed a classroom block of training for PTU cadets. The training included physical fitness, injury prevention, and Ergogenic aids.

### Planning and Policy Division...

- Division staff met with the Chief to review new strategies and to evaluate the current five-year strategic plan. Proposed strategies were sent to stakeholders who reviewed and revised them.
- The APD Omnibus Bill was passed by City Council on October 4. The bill allowed the appropriation of nearly 30 expected grant awards in a single vote, allowing the Department to set up and spend the grant funding more quickly.
- The SharePoint site that was developed by the Planning section to track APD grants is expected to be used by several other City departments.
- At the Sixth Area Command construction site, work in progress included storefront glass installation at entry; curbs and sidewalk layout at north of the building; south sloped walkway form work; drywall taping/mudding and control joint installation; concrete counter polishing; under deck insulation in custody area; concrete floor polishing; cistern roof framing and deck; PV array, generators and hotbox conduit rough-in; sidewalk/hardscape form work.

### Technical Services Division...

- Division staff conducted a final VMP architecture walkthrough with CDW-G. Tiburon continued to investigate the connection problems with the database.

- The Department continued to have multiple, ongoing failures of the Quetel system with no root cause determined. To better manage the problems, the Department limited APD communications with QueTel to a single point of contact. QueTel tested a new server which may resolve many of the issues.
- The Department continued to pursue a partnership with the State of New Mexico to develop a 700 MHz communications system. A meeting between APD and the State has been scheduled in November.

### Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In October, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,635 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,359 prisoners and other agencies arrested 276 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 203 trips to MDC and accepted 68 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the month of October was \$37,652.46.

### Strategic Support Division...

- APD personnel attended the 2010 International Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) and APD was recognized as one of the Top10 Finalists for the Webber Seavey for Quality in Law Enforcement Award. The project nominated and receiving recognition was CONNECT (Community Oriented Notification Network Enforcement Communication Technology). The development and implementation of CONNCT by the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) has significantly strengthened relations between law enforcement and private sector business partners in fighting crime in Albuquerque.
- In October 2010, there were 103 incidents submitted on the CONNECT web site by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Of these alerts 41 were from ARAPA partners; 16 were Hospitality Partners; 14 by FISOA partners; 16 by CICA Partners; 6 by Apartment Partners; 2 by Downtown Area Partners; 3 by North I-25; and 5 LE Hot Sheet postings.
- In October 2010, 38 new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained in the CONNECT website.
- In October 2010, CONNECT had a total of

1,154 visitors in 30 days for an average of 38.467 visitors/day

- CICA met October 14 with 24 members in attendance. CICA had its first presentation by ARAPA members to try to communicate more effectively with the contracting industry 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 City's Department of Municipal Development attended CICA to begin to build a link between construction theft linked to City projects.

### Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 609 citations and investigated four fatal accidents in October.
- The DWI Unit arrested 242 people for driving while intoxicated.
- The Seizure Unit confiscated 163 vehicles in October, totalling \$130,266.
- From October 2 through October 10, Air Support Unit personnel utilized both aircraft to patrol every event (Day/Night) of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. ASU worked with traffic units to help coordinate ingress and egress of Balloon Fiesta Traffic, ASU also worked directly with the local Federal Aviation Administration and Albuquerque Control Tower in assisting with patrol of the Temporary Flight Restriction area set in place to protect the Balloon Fiesta and its participants.
- On October 15, at 2325 hours, Air1 overheard an ATL on NMSP frequency reference a Drunk Buster Hotline tip. The ATL was for a red Ford Mustang with a Tan top. The vehicle was last seen Westbound Interstate 40 at the Big I. While checking the area an update came in saying the vehicle was in the area of the Flying J truck stop at 98th and Avalon. Air1 located the vehicle in the parking lot and started Southwest Area Command Units. Once the vehicle went mobile the units conducted a traffic stop and advised the driver was DWI. The subject was booked for DWI.

### Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated eight times in October, in response to barricaded subjects and to help serve high risk warrants.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 53 building searches, 12 area searches and made two apprehensions.
- October 8, 2010

- The APD Bomb Squad was called to 2100 Carlisle NE in reference to a suspicious device. Upon arrival, the device was viewed through the robot and appeared to be an improvised ordnance with a sign saying "boom" next to it. The device was remotely viewed internally and found not to be an explosive device.
- October 14, 2010 The APD Bomb Squad was called to 1 Civic Plaza NW in reference to a suspicious package in the parking structure. The items were remotely viewed and not found to contain explosives, however the entire container could not be cleared. A disrupter was taken for RSP as visual inspection was able to clear the device.
- October 18, 2010 The APD Bomb Squad was called to 2323 Eastridge NE in reference to a naked man making fireworks. Upon arrival, it was found the male had made potential incendiary devices that had set a tree and part of a house on fire. Upon searching the male's residence, four more devices were found. The devices were rendered safe and collected for evidence.

### Investigations Bureau...

- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 832 CYFD referrals in October. CACU detectives cleared 81 cases and sent 21 cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. The CACU responded to 20 call outs and completed six arrests.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 9 cases in October, responded to 17 call-outs and obtained five search warrants. The Detail completed 80 forensic computer examinations.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted 10 verifications, responded to four call-outs.
- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 354 calls for service, wrote 126 reports and completed 71 arrests. The Unit conducted lock down training at Volcano Vista High School.
- The Homicide Unit responded to five violent crime call-outs in October.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 39 cases and submitted 21 cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit assisted with five violent crime call-outs, and responded to seven robbery call-outs.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 10 sex crimes call-outs, cleared 41 cases and sent 16 of those cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

- The FASTT Unit cleared 30 cases in October, sending 11 cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit made 15 referrals to the service provider side of the FAC.
- The Missing Persons/Cold Case Homicide Unit received 32 cases in October. The Unit cleared 34 cases.
- The CIT/COAST Unit completed 59 home visits. The COAST Unit assisted 460 individuals and made 458 referrals for social services.
- In October, the Vice Unit focused on tips they received concerning prostitution at local massage parlors. Utilizing undercover operations, the Unit obtained search and arrest warrants.
- The Gang Unit assisted in the location and arrest of an Aryan Brotherhood gang member who had at least three felony warrants for drugs and theft.
- The Eastside Narcotics Unit executed 15 search warrants and conducted five buy/bust operations that resulted in 37 felony arrests. Five stolen guns, 153 grams of cocaine, 37 grams of heroin and \$3,600 were recovered.
- Westside Narcotics executed eight search warrants that resulted in 18 felony arrests, and the seizure of 12 pounds of marijuana, 103 grams of heroin, 8 grams of cocaine and two firearms.
- The DEA Task Force conducted six buy/bust operations that resulted in 17 felony arrests and the seizure of 1,032 grams of methamphetamine, 3,692 grams of cocaine and ten pounds of marijuana.
- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit closed 13 cases by arrest in October. The Unit closed a total of 36 cases total. The total value of property recovered for October was \$245,940. The Unit conducted a VIN etching event in the Northeast Heights, etching 162 vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared 12 cases in October. The cases cleared were responsible for about \$1,728,352 in losses to their victims.
- The Burglary Unit closed 27 cases by arrest and a total of 38 cases were cleared for various reasons. The total value of property recovered in October was \$54,200.
- The Pawn Shop Detail conducted 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 plan, numerous items were recovered and a local pawn shop was shut down temporarily.
- NITe Detectives completed 16 felony arrests in

October. The team issued 10 felony warrants, completed six tactical plans, and wrote 28 reports.

- The Crime Stoppers Unit received tips that resulted in the arrest of 28 suspects in October.

# Trend Analysts





