

# *Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report September 2009*



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## **APD Notables...**

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

- The Command Impact Unit combined resources and operation tactical plan with Vice and State Probation and Parole during the New Mexico State Fair; their members arrested 62 offenders. Their collaborative efforts proved successful; there were no major incidents reported. Laura Kuehn, Crime Prevention, staffed a Law Enforcement crime prevention booth at both the New Mexico State Fair and the first annual International Festival at Talin Market.
- All Command shifts participated in the round-the-clock Kirtland Addition patrol tactical plan September 15-29th.
- On September 22, graveyard shift Officer Victor Grossette chased an auto burglary suspect near Central and San Pedro SE. During the pursuit, the suspect fired a gun at the officer; the officer returned fire and hit the fleeing suspect in the face. Even wounded, the suspect fled the area. Officer Grossette called fellow officers to secure the area and called SWAT officers to take the suspect into custody.
- Day shift officers Friedfertig and Surran conducted a tactical plan to apprehend intoxicated subjects in Command sector 33. The two officers arrested 33 offenders and cited 21 criminal trespassers.
- Swing shift officers collaborated with APD Party Patrol/Alcohol Enforcement Agency to coordinate compliance checks and shoulder tap operations in 30 area businesses; the team members arrested 4 felons.

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

- Due to the start of the new school year officers focused on traffic and parking issues around area schools with tact plans, increased patrols and a field briefings. This action helped set a precedent for the school year and many schools sent thanks for the extra help.
- Crime Free Multi Housing and Crime Prevention personnel are making great strides in community contact/involvement. Due to recent outreach in the new Juan Tabo Hills area three new neighborhood watches were organized in that subdivision this month. In addition crime prevention personnel have continued to actively participate in the community, by hosting various safety presentations for area students and participating in the Community Safety Event

hosted by Lowe's.

- Graveyard held regular field briefings and tact plans at various points along Montgomery and Tramway in reference to high traffic and speeders. Watch I also conducted several Tact Plans to focus on quality of life issues including vandalism, panhandlers and auto burglary. Watch I issued 708 moving citations, made 78 (25 felony) arrests, and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 876 times.
- Day shift conducted tact plans at local business to combat recent purse snatchings. Squads held field briefings in high crime areas, community centers, and local schools. Watch II issued 561 moving citations, arrested 172 subjects (68 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 906 times.
- The Impact Team worked POP project targeting auto burglaries throughout the command.
- Watch III continued with the Business Relationship Improvement Plan with businesses throughout the command. Several Tact plans were conducted to focus on driving violations in residential areas. Another tact plan targeted the area around Singing Arrow Park in reference to vagrants who drink alcohol, litter and harass people at the bus stop. This resulted in numerous arrests for drinking in public and outstanding warrants. Watch III issued 917 moving citations, arrested 281 subjects (94 felony), and conducted quality of life enforcement and referrals 1153 times.

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

- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) detectives made 16 home visits from officer referrals in September. CIT detectives conducted training for UNMH security, Prisoner Transport Unit, and Caesar Chavez Charter School. The team acted on 96 Field Services referrals. CIT detectives served on a CIT board at the State Training Facility to discuss CIT statewide procedures implementation.
- Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) detectives joined the Ruidoso Police Department at the September Red River Biker Rally. During the Rally, detectives trained participating police agencies using current technology that tracked the Bandido Motorcycle Gang criminal activity. They provided additional surveillance to identify criminal activity during the rally. CIT detectives collaborated with Safe Streets Task Force team to investigate a serial burglar narcotics case. The

unit's new detectives met with State and Federal law enforcement agencies to establish a working rapport.

- Gang Unit detectives arrested a Memphis Mob associate on firearm charges. They also located and arrested a Surenos Gang member on firearms charges.
- The ROP unit arrested a felony fugitive at a location in southwest Albuquerque. The man was wanted for an outstanding felony robbery warrant. ROP detectives located a stolen 2002 Jeep Liberty at a Northeast Heights hotel. The Jeep Liberty investigation also netted the arrest of a white-collar crime suspect. The detectives searched the suspect and discovered false identification cards, credit cards, checks as well as computer equipment to create forged cards. The detectives booked the offender into MDC on charges of receiving and transferring of a stolen vehicle and making or altering a driver's license. They forwarded portions of the investigation paperwork to the white-collar unit. The offender was later indicted on 35 counts of identity theft crimes.
- The ROP unit responded to a bank robbery at a bank on Central Avenue. Detectives contacted NMSP and the offender was apprehended at I-40 and Route 66 Casino. Law enforcement sealed the suspect's vehicle and released it to the FBI. Officials recovered \$8,000.00 from the robber's vehicle. The suspect was subsequently identified in a second bank robbery in California.

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

- Bike Unit officers continued to patrol the Central/Coors area to control panhandlers. Ten citations for criminal trespass were issued.
- Officer J. Carrasco conducted a tactical operation plan at 98th Street and DeAnza in order to combat reports of excessive speeding. The tactical plan resulted in nine towed vehicles, 42 speeding citations and 16 stop sign violations.
- Team 3 assisted in the arrests of several burglary offenders in September, completed eight felony and 11 misdemeanor arrests.
- Southwest Area Command staff wrote 12 citations, issued 12 yellow tags, and towed two vehicles in response to complaints that cars were being displayed for sale illegally at a Central Avenue address.

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

- All 3 Watch I squads assigned officers to reduce

illegal parking in disabled parking spaces. After the tactical plan was executed, officers had cited 67 parking violators. Officers completed tactical plans in September that included burglary, park checks and violators making mini mart beer runs. During the 10-day beer run tactical plan, officers completed 11 different store contacts. Officers apprehended no larceny alcohol violators.

- Officers in traffic enforcement cited 945 moving violators and arrested 77 DWI offenders.
- In September, Watch II officers addressed Volcano Vista High School traffic congestion. Officers conducted a successful traffic control and enforcement plan to alleviate traffic flow. They issued several traffic citations that decreased careless and improper citizen driving behavior and created a safe student, faculty and resident environment. Additionally, the officers reported no traffic accidents around the school areas after the traffic tactical plan was completed.
- Impact Team detectives responded to a reported domestic violence case, arrested the suspect, served search warrants and seized a large amount of cocaine, cash, handgun and steroids. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will file federal steroid and cocaine dealing charges on the offender.
- Detective Legendre closed a shoplifting ring case that targeted ink jet printer cartridges. The group arrest gave ARAPA information to link the group criminal activity in other state jurisdictions; several were arrested. The detective's work led to arrest warrants with nationwide extradition implications. The case closure also allowed the F.B.I. to join the case because of the inter-state violations.
- Watch III swing shift officers continued to lead the rest of the area command in responding to calls for service and enforcement actions. The swing officers conducted several traffic and property tactical plans throughout the command area and arrested and cited offenders on a wide range of violations.
- Officers responded to 3 different calls for service in the 5600 block of Sicily Rd. N.W. They arrested a suspect that had committed several citywide property and white-collar crimes. SWAT officers joined the officers in the investigation. The same felon was arrested again for felony-aggravated battery in another call for service

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

- Team 10, trained in Consensual Encounters and Hotel Interdictions, utilized the training to arrest 4 narcotics suspects, recover 2 stolen vehicles and turn over a confidential informant to N.E. IMPACT team.
- The Northeast Area Command officer Richard Donaghe competed in the NRA Shooting Competition to take 1st place in the 1500 Unclassified, 2nd place in the 2-man Team Stock Service Pistol and 6th place in the Area 4 Multi-gun competition shooting events.
- In September officers were dispatched to a commercial burglary at Toys R Us in Winrock Mall. In 10 minutes, Officer Roberto, researching the offender identification and possible location, identified the suspect and provided satellite pictures of the offender and his vehicle. Officers apprehended one offender and issued a warrant for the other burglar.
- While investigating a purse snatching at Albertson's on Candelaria and Eubank, detectives followed leads to arrest 5 thieves involved in a theft ring operating in both the Northeast and Foothills Area Commands. The detectives charged the thieves with robbery, fraud, forgery, conspiracy, receiving and transferring a stolen vehicle, commercial burglary (mail theft), and several related charges. They recovered a large amount of property and evidence. The theft ring criminal activity resulted in 100 victims of crime. The District Attorney's Office will file racketeering charges based on the case report and arrests. Detectives coordinated the investigation and case resolution with Foothills Impact, Robbery, Auto Theft, US Postal Service, and White Collar Crimes teams.
- On September 23 Impact Detectives Baker and Brown, while conducting a hotel-motel tact plan, located and apprehended an armed robber who struck a Northeast gas station and motel in 1 morning. They recovered evidence; the offender confessed to both robberies. Armed Robbery Unit conducted the follow-up investigation.
- Team 2 Officers Fitzgerald and Miera conducted traffic tactical plans and targeted speeders violations along Comanche. They cited 62 violators, arrested 1 misdemeanor and had 1 vehicle towed.

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

- The Major Crime Scene Team responded to 2

call-outs in September.

- The Field Investigation Unit continued to be busy. Dayshift officers responded to 381 calls, swing shift officers responded to 460 calls and graveyard shift officers responded to 339 calls. The three teams responded to 1180 calls total. The teams responded to 66 field service calls. They wrote 687 reports. While at the calls, the FI's/FET's collected numerous items of evidentiary value. They took a large number of latent fingerprints as well as took 448 photo CDs.
- The Identification Unit processed 1796 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 1481 arrests into TIBURON Criminal History Record during shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 47 court dispositions, 282 employment and 29 firearms background checks.
- The Evidence Unit received 3,599 evidence items, disposed 1,741 items, sent 82 notification letters to property owners and returned 179 items to owners.

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

- 911 Emergency Communications Center staff responded to 22,909 911 calls and 42,412 242-COPS calls, reflecting a total of 65,000 calls taken in September. 911 Operators answered 95.67% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds, again surpassing the national average as well surpassing the APD standard of 92.5%. Operators answered 98.02% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds, exceeding the APD goal of 90%.
- The 911 Center staff continued in September the 911 operator interview process for a class starting in November. The Director expected to hire 5 new employees. The Center posted a citywide Shift Supervisor position for the Emergency Communications in September also. The Center staff selected a qualified candidate pool; they will interview and assess candidates for the position within 45 days.
- Center staff provided a facility tour for 35 students currently studying public safety at Brookline College. Staff guided members of the Hobbs, NM 911 Public Safety Board through the 911 Center and provided suggestions and answered questions from the board members who will supervise the construction of the new 911 Center in their community.
- 911 Center staff prepared for a potential H1N1

outbreak in the city. They coordinated with Emergency Operations, Fire, State of NM Department of Health and 311 staff to develop a public education process to reduce over utilization of 911. The teams agreed to meet weekly to monitor influenza activity.

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

- Contractor bids for the Sixth Area Command were read by the City Clerk's Office. The winning bidder was TA Cole and Sons with a total bid of \$5,034,758. The Planning Section worked on getting City Council approval of the contract in order for construction to begin as soon as possible.
- The Planning Section submitted a rough draft of the FY09-13 APD Strategic Plan. It is expected that the Plan will be completed and enacted by November 2009.
- Planning Section staff processed a TRaCS grant and NMGTF Recovery JAG grant; APD's Recovery JAG, MADD and another TRaCS grant was heard and approved at Council. APD received award letters for a 2009 Congressionally Selected grant worth \$200,000; a 2009 JAG worth \$797,000; and a 2009 Recovery Act Southern Border grant for \$826,000.
- The Planning Section helped the New Mexico Gang Task Force transition to the City of Albuquerque in October. The City will act as the fiscal agent for the Task Force.

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

- Open Space officers conducted a tac plan that targeted unrestrained animals, 13 citations were issued. Division officers assisted in the search and rescue of subjects who fell into the North Diversion channel. Officer Martinez conducted fishing violation and quality of life issues at Tingley Beach on bicycle.
- Sgt. Taylor of the Air Support Unit completed a solo cross-country flight in the helicopter as required by the FAA for rotor certification.
- The Homeland Security Unit wrote and produced a video to train Field Services Bureau officers about the H1N1 virus.

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

- The Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1549 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1304 prisoners and other outside agencies

arrested 245 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 195 trips to MDC and accepted 229 walk-in prisoners at MDC. The savings in man-hours and fuel costs for the month of September is \$23,111.62.

### **Strategic Support Division...**

- The Safe City group rolled out the Downtown safety website. Members can register if they participate regularly in the Downtown Safety Initiatives meetings. Since the last Downtown safety meeting on September 15, 15 persons have been registered.
- In order to advance the regional ARAPA initiative, Division staff worked with the New Mexico Sheriff's and Police Officers Association to invite other law enforcement representatives from the region to the ARAPA meeting on September 16. Representatives from Santa Fe County, NMSP Investigations, Valencia County Sheriff's Office, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office, Torrance County Sheriffs office, and the 13th District Attorney's office attended the meeting.
- In September, 31 new registration requests were received for the CONNECT website. There was a total of a total of 1,528 visitors in 30 days for an average of 50.93 visitors per day.
- Carol Wright of the New Mexico Restaurant Association attended the Hotel-Motel meeting to see how APD's meetings help in building partnership and communication between members and law enforcement. Ms. Wright asked APD staff to attend their Executive Board meeting on October 12 to brief them on the partnership and asked APD staff to attend their next statewide board meeting in Las Cruces, NM, on November 5.

### **Special Operations Division...**

- The Horse Mounted Unit helped with several barricaded subject calls and helped serve three warrants.
- The K-9 Unit assisted the Westside Range regarding cadet firearms training and conducted demonstrations for two groups.
- The APD Bomb Squad was called to a northeast residence in reference to a pipe bomb that exploded in the mailbox. The device was found to be a PVC pipe bomb when the scene was processed. The Postal Inspector took over the investigation due to fact that there was mail in the mailbox at the time of the explosion. The

Bomb Squad also conducted in explosive sweeps during the visits of several dignitaries.

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

- The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) detectives participated in a board at the State Training Facility about implementing CIT procedures statewide.
- The Valley Narcotics Unit conducted a buy/bust operation at a northeast residence. Two subjects were arrested on felony narcotics charges, while 6.7 grams of heroin were seized. Through the use of K-9s, 28 pounds of marijuana were seized at the bus station.
- The Eastside Narcotics Unit detectives were conducting surveillance on a known gang member when a known bank robber was seen at the address. Detectives contacted Probation and Parole and the subject was found to have a manslaughter warrant. He was taken into custody and booked without incident.
- Westside Narcotics detectives assisted in the dismantling of a meth lab. The lab was safely dismantled and one ounce of meth was seized.
- The Safe Streets Task Force concluded their investigation into the Alonso/Lazoya Drug Trafficking Organization. The investigation resulted in the seizure of half a kilogram of cocaine, six ounces of crack cocaine, \$7,500 in cash and three vehicles.
- The Auto Theft Unit and Wrecker Services Unit recovered \$571,016 worth of stolen vehicles. The Auto Theft Unit performed one VIN etching event. ATU detectives assisted Foothills Impact detectives by putting the Unit's bait trailer in an area where prior property crimes had occurred. Three offenders cut a hole in the fence, entered the property and stole the trailer. They were followed by APD officers and were arrested and booked for theft.
- While monitoring APD Dispatch in the Northeast Area Command, Burglary Unit detectives heard a burglary in progress call. Unit detectives recognized the suspect's vehicle description as someone they had been looking for previously. Unit detectives set up surveillance at the offender's home and when they showed up they were apprehended. Detectives interviewed the offenders and they admitted to the burglary as well as several others. Stolen property was recovered, including two handguns.
- The Pawnshop Unit has begun to run every item

that has a serial number and is pawned through the APD database to see if it was reported stolen. The Pawnshop Unit and the Burglary Unit have recovered \$93,854 in stolen property.

- The Crime Stoppers Unit received 95 tips. 16 tips went to other law enforcement agencies. Nine suspects were arrested based on Crime Stoppers tips. Crime Stoppers has continued to assist with the Department's Top 5 by featuring the subjects who have warrants for their arrest on their billboards and by offering rewards for information that lead to their arrest.
- The Homicide Unit responded to two violent crime call-outs in October.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 53 cases and submitted 49 cases to the District Attorney's Office.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to six sex crimes call-outs. The Unit cleared 20 cases, nine of those going to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.
- The FASTT Unit cleared 19 cases in October, seven of which were sent to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

### **Records Section...**

- Records Section staff reviewed, processed, approved and transferred 6,847 reports in September.
- Internet-based CopLogic logged 245 entries, saving an estimated 367.5 officer hours and almost \$10,000.

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

- Twenty-one cadets are slated to graduate on October 16.
- The Recruiting Unit has been mentoring the 103rd Cadet Class. The Unit has continued the pre-academy physical training program for all seated cadets as well as the pre-assessment program to test the applicants informally prior to the testing weekends to let the applicant know where they stand before the testing weekend.
- During the month of September, the APD West Range hosted the Todd Parkins Regional Memorial shooting match from September 16-18 and the NRA's National Police Shooting Championships from September 19-24. The range hosted police competitors from all over the nation and world. Over 300 competitors and 100 support staff were on hand for the event.

# Trend Analysts





