

# Albuquerque Police Department Monthly Report September 2010



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## APD Notables...

### Southeast Area Command...

- During the State Fair, Southeast Area Command day shift officers worked tactical plans around local parks and on the transit system to make certain that Fair participants had a safe visit. The special enforcement resulted in 35 misdemeanor citations, ten misdemeanor arrests, and one felony arrest.
- The Southeast Impact Team adjusted their schedule for most of the month to address issues around the perimeter of the Fair. Their work resulted in 17 felony arrests and 43 misdemeanor arrests.
- On September 7th, graveyard Officer Zach Floyd was dispatched to a drive-by shooting incident. While en route to the call, he observed the suspect car. A male subject jumped out from the passenger side door and began to run and appeared to have a silver handgun. Officer Floyd pursued the subject, who then threw the object away. The subject attempted to scale a fence. When he was unable to do so, the subject turned and ran directly towards Officer English. Both officers took the suspect into custody. A silver handgun was recovered and shell casings were recovered at the scene. Officers Zach Floyd and Michelle English received letters of commendation.
- On September 8th, graveyard Officer Adam Portillos was off-duty shopping at a store when he observed a subject shoplifting. Officer Portillos watched the subject and relayed a description to APD Communications. As a result, on-duty officers responded quickly and took the subject into custody. The subject had two outstanding felony warrants for residential burglary. Officer Portillos received a letter of commendation, the Chief's Coffee Cup Award and was honored as the Hero of the Week from the Mayor.

### Foothills Area Command...

- Officers assigned to Watch I conducted tact plans to address the various crime and traffic issues reported by citizens. Officer Deloris Sanchez conducted a traffic enforcement plan at Elizabeth/Southern in response to a citizen complaint of speeding. The initial plan resulted in seven citations and zero citations on subsequent days. Officer Baca used a speed laser to write six citations on Tramway

Boulevard at Candelaria. Officers J. Dear, A. Garcia and K. Morgan increased patrols in the parking lot and neighborhood near St. Bernadette's Church in response to the discovery of narcotics paraphernalia.

- Bike Officers Mario Verbeck and Max Miranda conducted several tactical plans in City parks to address littering, loitering, and deterioration of facilities. The area command had received numerous complaints of transients drinking in the park and deterring citizens from taking their children to the park. The area command also received complaints of kids going to the parks after school and being unruly. Officers issued 14 drinking in public citations, two panhandling citations and arrested two subjects for charges. The officers had several contacts with juveniles and educated them on proper use of the park.
- Team 1 Officers conducted traffic plans throughout the area command in response to citizen complaints. The tactical plans were conducted in the area of Montgomery and Deborah and in the area around Jackson Middle School. The plans resulted in 14 moving citations issued.
- On September 24, Officer Chris Maxon responded to an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon call at a local residence. A suspect was identified, but was not immediately located. Officer Maxon contacted the suspect's mother the next day to try to locate him. The suspect's mother later called 911 and reported that her son had returned home and threatened to kill her. The suspect fled the home prior to police arriving. Officer Maxon was working on the arrest warrant for the suspect when officers received a call that the suspect had assaulted another person with a handgun. The suspect was still present when Officer David Ritchie arrived. The suspect held his victim at gunpoint and fled in a car from Officer Ritchie. A large perimeter was established and SWAT began an area search. Although the suspect was not inside the perimeter, diligent investigation on the part of officers led them to a northeast location. Officers Jason and Maxon located the suspect hiding in a bush after SWAT had cleared the apartment he was allegedly barricaded inside.

### Valley Area Command...

- Valley Area Command officers continued to work on issues within the Fourth Street Mall, including panhandling and public harassment.

- Officer Hindi conducted a tactical plan on Mountain Road which is designated as a bicycle boulevard with a speed limit of 18 mph. The area command had received repeated complaints about speeding in the area. Officer Hindi issued 41 citations, one misdemeanor arrest and towed one car.
- Open Space and Search and Rescue personnel assisted with the search and rescue of a missing subject who was seen floating down the North Diversion Arroyo. The subject was found three days later.
- Graveyard shift officers responded to a call at the Greyhound Bus Depot and apprehended a subject who was transporting 22 pounds of marijuana.
- Swing shift and graveyard shift officers continued to work on the Downtown Tactical Plan on Friday and Saturday nights as well as on Sunday afternoons. The plan focuses on closing time downtown and dealing with the cruisers all weekend long.

### Southwest Area Command...

- Watch I officers completed 16 tactical plans and answered or created 2,876 calls for service. The officers made 55 felony arrests, 112 misdemeanor arrests, 45 DWI arrests, and 32 domestic violence arrests. Shift officers wrote 338 reports and issued 817 citations, which included 37 for noise violations.
- All three teams collaborated to focus on a west Central Avenue location. On Sunday nights, the area around Central and Old Coors had become a problem for both swing and graveyard shifts. A food truck had been stationed in a nearby parking lot, serving food and causing a large crowd to gather. During the gathering, subjects were drinking in public, being excessively loud and committing various traffic violations. Nuisance Abatement was brought on board and the owner of the parking lot and the owner of the food truck was contacted. The food truck moved his business because the owner of the property had not given him permission to use his parking lot after hours. Trespass signs were also posted in the parking lot to be able to better control loitering subjects after hours. All the hard work has begun to pay off and problems are decreasing in the area.
- Watch 2 officers started the month with several tactical plans at elementary schools in the area command. A tactical plan focusing on child seat

belt and child restraint violations was conducted at Rudolpho Anaya Elementary and a separate tactical plan in the area of Lavaland Elementary concentrating on transients drinking in public was conducted. In each tactical plan, several citations were issued and the situation will continue to be monitored to ensure it improves. Additional tactical plans were conducted in response to speeding complaints in the area of Sunset and Central, 98th and Blake and 47th and Central.

- The Southwest Area Command's Impact Team completed 16 felony arrests and served four search warrants. The Team also solved a rash of stolen water meters. Detectives were able to obtain vehicle information on the suspect's vehicle and located it in the area command. An individual was observed stealing water meters and taking them to a local recycler to sell. The recycler will be investigated for state law violations and has been referred to the Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit.
- Watch 3 officers conducted traffic tactical plans in September, focusing on speeding, noise violations, seat belts, and failure to stop for stop signs. Citations were issued on Bluewater, 60th, Gonzales, Merlida, Unser, Eucariz, Fortuna, Los Volcanes, Estancia, Coors, and Atrisco. Watch 3 issued 1,001 moving citations for the month.
- On September 21st, Officers E. Jojola, J. Burley, A. Sanchez, and D. Nix responded to a stabbing call in the area of Hanover and Coors. The victim was stabbed several times in the abdomen. Officer Nix was able to identify one of the subjects involved in the incident by viewing the surveillance camera where the incident took place. Officers Nix, Jojola, and Burley went back to the hotel where they had made contact with the offender prior to viewing the tape and were able to locate the offender in a room. Officer Jojola located the weapon that was used in the stabbing hidden behind a television. Officer Jojola booked the offender on felony battery charges.

### Northwest Area Command...

- All three graveyard shift squads continued to complete tactical operations in the area command's apartment complexes that were on the top ten calls for service list. Two stolen vehicles were recovered and numerous parking citations were issued. Five burglary offenders were arrested on September 22; a stolen vehicle

and a stolen handgun were recovered during the investigation.

- Officer Herman Sanchez located and identified a sex offense suspect who had committed numerous crimes throughout the city. Officer John Montoya located two suspects in a stolen vehicle and identified the suspects as having multiple felony warrants for their arrest. Officer M. Carrillo identified three suspects who were breaking into mail boxes and committing identity theft crimes with the information that was stolen. All three suspects were taken into custody.
- Crime Prevention Specialist Pete Gelabert assisted St. Pius High School with a safety review of their facilities and their emergency response plan. Officers of the Northwest Area Command are preparing to perform a mock lock down at St. Pius to review and critique their safety program in October.
- Watch III officers were responsible for the apprehension of two sex crimes suspects.
- The Northwest Impact Team focused on beats 635-639, in response to recent crime statistic data. Detectives adjusted their hours to provide surveillance and patrol officers assisted in saturating the area. Arrests were made for residential burglary, breaking and entering and auto burglary.
- The Impact Team also collaborated with the U.S. Marshalls on a warrant roundup that resulted in seven felony warrant arrests for property and violent crimes.

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

- On September 15, Sgt. Sanchez and Lt. Olstad attended Coronado Center's first critical incident training scenario table top exercise, which took place at the Sheraton Uptown Hotel.
- Each member of Team 3 was tasked with conducting a traffic tact plan during the month. During the tact plans 118 moving citations and 9 parking citations were issued, and 4 misdemeanor arrests were made.
- In response to an increase in auto thefts, auto burglaries and residential burglaries, a tactical plan was conducted in collaboration with SWAT, Burglary and NITe detectives from Paseo del Norte to I-40 and I-25 to Wyoming. During this time period, two arrests were made and three vehicles were recovered.
- On September 8, an attempt to locate call went out citywide in response to an auto burglary in

the Foothills. The caller advised the offenders were in a gold Nissan minivan. Officer Perez immediately started to search for the vehicle and located it near San Mateo and Douglas MacArthur NE. During the stop, the passenger of the vehicle attempted to flee from Officer Perez on foot, and in doing so dropped a glove and burglary tools. Officer Perez detained the subjects, and observed items inside of the vehicle that matched the items stolen from the foothills call. The victims of the auto burglary later arrived on scene and identified all of their property including a .44 caliber Smith & Wesson handgun. The property recovered valued at approximately \$3,000 dollars. During the investigation, Officer Perez determined that the gold Nissan minivan was stolen early in the night. The three subjects arrested all had long histories of property crimes, which included commercial burglary, fraud, burglary, and robbery.

- Team 10 personnel were dispatched to a suspicious disturbance near Lafayette and Aztec NE on September 5. Officers dismounted their vehicles and checked the area on foot. While on foot, four males were located. The males had blood on their persons and injuries to their hands. The individuals refused to answer any questions officers asked of them. After an intense search of the area for a possible victim, the individuals were identified and released. The following day, department personnel were notified of a suspicious death of a homeless male found in a park. Officer Montano and Officer Ramos contacted detectives to provide information on the four individuals that were identified the prior night. Follow up investigations resulted in the arrest of the individuals for the death of a homeless man.
- Team 10 participated in the Department's pistol competition. Their team, Sgt. Harmon, Officers Montano, MacFarlane and Burt took first place in the four man team. Officer Justin Jones was the first place top shooter.

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

- Criminalistics responded to seven call-outs in September, including one officer involved shooting at Second and Gold.
- At the beginning of September, a cadre of forensic investigators arrived from Mexico. Staff were able to arrange training for the six days they were visiting the Crime Lab. Sgt.

K. Johnson was instrumental in organizing the impromptu training for the week. The process was hampered slightly because the visitors spoke only Spanish. Translators were found and the process continued.

- Preparations for the Citizen's CSI academy have been finalized. The syllabus and teaching materials were revised. The first class is scheduled to occur on October 5th. Media spots promoting the class were played during the last week of September.
- In September, Photo Lab employees have been traveling to each of the area commands and riding along with officers to get photographs of the officers working in the field. The photos will be posted in the substations.
- The Identification Unit processed 2,097 fingerprints into the AFIS and processed 1,791 arrests into the Tiburon Criminal History Record during normal shift operations.
- The Disposition Unit processed 423 court dispositions, 82 employment, 21 evidence and 90 FBI background requests.
- The Evidence Unit received over 3,657 evidence items in September. 42,823 items were disposed, 355 notification letters were sent to property owners and 191 items were returned to owners.

### Communications Division...

- The APD 911 Communications Center staff answered over 66,000 incoming 911 and 242-COPS calls in September. There were 24,516 calls for 911 and 42,171 calls for 242-COPS.
- 911 Operators answered 96.67% of the 911 calls within 10 seconds (the national standard is 90%, APD's standard is 92.5%); operators also answered 98.62% of the 242-COPS calls within 30 seconds APD goal is 90% answered within 30 seconds).
- Communications started a monthly newsletter for the staff called "The Beat Goes On". It includes motivational information along with news and employee happenings.
- Preparation for the upcoming continuing education class for all 911 and dispatch employees began with classes to be held in October. Additionally, four hour sessions for all trainers in the center are in progress to update trainer skills.

### Planning and Policy Division...

- APD Planning staff conducted a tour of the partially-constructed Sixth Area Command for

the Chief and the Chief Public Safety Officer in September. The Planning Director collaborated with two vendors to select and provide furniture for the new facility. The Planning Director also worked with vendors to provide gym equipment and vending machines for the new facility.

- The Planning Director completed interviews with APD staff as part of the development of the FY11-15 Strategic Plan. A rough draft of the plan was completed in September, with a final draft due by the end of October.
- Planning Division staff received three grants awards were received in September (2010 JAG, 2010 COPS Technology, and 2010 PSN for a GREAT program). The award documents are in the signature phase. The APD Omnibus bill passed the Finance and Government Operation Committee with a few small modifications and will be heard at the October 4 Council meeting.

### Technical Services Division...

- The Technical Services Unit (TSU) continues to receive Help Desk calls through the 768-2930 telephone number.
- Tiburon Mobile Communications training continues at the Academy in preparation for the upgrade.
- The lapel camera pilot project was completed and the training, policies, and procedures required for deployment are being developed.
- A Systems Analyst was deployed from APD Main to the Crime Lab for additional Quetel (evidence system) and AFIS (fingerprint system) support.
- The TSU has discovered many substandard computers, based on memory. To effectively work in a multitasking computing environment with more than one open window (e.g., Email, web-browser, Tiburon), the PC needs at least 1 gigabyte (1 GB) of memory. Memory is relatively cheap and TSU encourages everyone to upgrade their memory if it has less than one gigabyte (1 GB) of RAM.

### Prisoner Transport Unit...

- In September, the Prisoner Transport Unit processed 1,785 prisoners through the Prisoner Transport Center. The Albuquerque Police Department arrested 1,499 prisoners and other agencies arrested 286 prisoners. The Prisoner Transport Unit made 211 trips to MDC and accepted 99 walk-in prisoners at MDC.
- The savings in hours and fuel costs for the

month of September was \$44,867.91.

### Strategic Support Division...

- Chief Schultz and Karen Fischer attended the New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference in Taos, NM on September 1-3 and presented a panel to attendees on “Organized Retail Crime and Its Wide-Ranging Impact on Your Community: They Aren’t Just Petty Shoplifters Anymore!” The presentation was very positively received and APD has had follow-up contact with a number of jurisdictions regarding their engaging in the ARAPA partnership.
- In September, there were 79 incidents submitted on the CONNECT website by a combination of business partners and APD personnel regarding criminal activity during the month. Of these alerts 33 were from ARAPA partners; 2 were Hospitality Partners; 16 by FISOA partners; 8 by CICA Partners; 2 by Apartment Partners; 2 by Downtown Area Partners; and 16 LE Hot Sheet postings. In September, 26 new registration requests were received for the month for the various areas contained in the CONNECT website. In September, CONNECT had a total of 1,819 visitors in 30 days for an average of 60.633 visitors/day.
- The CICA Steering committee met on September 23, to further discuss how to improve CICA and help it continue to grow and to begin discussions about the link between CICA and ARAPA incidents. It was decided that for the October 12, 2010, CICA meeting, that ARAPA partners would present information on recent tool, material and precious metal theft trends which could be committed by individuals who involved in CICA type crimes. Additionally, the need to have representatives from the City’s Department of Municipal Development begin to be involved in and post incidents to CICA and they are experiencing theft/loss of metal items such as steel drainage grates and man hole covers. The need to involve other utility companies in CICA and posting was also discussed.

### Traffic Division...

- The Traffic Unit issued 1,794 citations and investigated one fatal accident in September.
- The DWI Unit arrested 244 people for driving while intoxicated.
- The Seizure Unit confiscated 200 vehicles in

September, totalling \$184,483.

- On September 14, Air5 was utilized to assist the Department of Homeland Security in a photo mission for an upcoming warrant. Air5 flew an Agent to the west mesa area of Rio Rancho and assisted him in photographing several residences that they will be serving warrants on in the near future.
- On September 25, Air1 returned to service after six weeks of inspections and repair generated from the 500 hour inspection.

### Special Operations Division...

- SWAT was activated six times in September, in response to barricaded subjects and to help serve high risk warrants.
- The K-9 Unit conducted 62 building searches, 10 area searches and made eight apprehensions.
- The APD Bomb Squad responded on September 4, to 465 Main Street in Los Lunas, NM at the Los Lunas Fire Department in response to a call about a pill bottle device. The device was found on a ditch bank and thrown in a trash can. The finder of the device saw the previous device on the news and recognized it was similar to the one they found. The device was found to not be an explosive device. We removed the device and processed it for evidence.
- On September 17, the APD Bomb Squad was called to a large retailer in Rio Rancho, in reference to a suspicious device found attached to a vehicle. The car owner removed the item from the vehicle. The items were remotely viewed and rendered safe. The item was found not to be an explosive device.
- The Horse Mounted Unit participated in the September 11 ceremonies on Civic Plaza. Officer Candelaria attended a one day urban rifle class designed for female officers. This class was developed to encourage more female officers to train and carry AR-15’s.

### Investigations Bureau...

- The Crimes Against Children Unit received 750 CYFD referrals in September. CACU detectives were assigned 87 new cases, responded to eight call-outs, wrote three arrest warrants and investigated two child deaths.
- The Child Exploitation Detail cleared 11 cases in September, responded to 13 call-outs and obtained nine search warrants. The Detail completed 20 forensic computer examinations.
- The Sex Offender Registration Detail conducted

23 verifications, responded to five call-outs and assisted in the execution of 22 search warrants and eight arrest warrants.

- The School Resource Officer Unit responded to 328 calls for service, wrote 145 reports and completed 81 arrests. The Unit conducted lock down training at Cibola and West Mesa High Schools.
- The Homicide Unit responded to seven violent crime call-outs in September.
- The Armed Robbery Unit cleared 26 cases and submitted 16 cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit assisted with seven violent crime call-outs, and responded to one robbery call-out.
- The Sex Crimes Unit responded to 12 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 15 cases in September, sending eight cases to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Unit made 18 referrals to the service provider side of the FAC.
- The Missing Persons/Cold Case Homicide Unit received 34 cases in September. The Unit cleared 26 cases.
- The CIT/COAST Unit conducted 16 threat assessments in September, wrote five reports and completed 16 home visits. The COAST Unit assisted 606 individuals and made 420 referrals for social services.
- The ROP Unit was directly responsible for the location and apprehension of three homicide suspects, two from the Albuquerque metro area and one who was a fugitive from Kansas.
- In September, the Vice Unit focused on street-level crime around the New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Their work resulted in over 80 prostitution-related arrests and the seizure of several grams of narcotics.
- The Gang Unit, in collaboration with ROP, Vice, and Homicide detectives located and arrested a prison gang member for an open count of murder. During the month, the UNIT arrested several other gang members for armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, murder and other charges.
- The Eastside Narcotics Unit conducted two separate buy/bust operations that resulted in eight felony arrests, and the seizure of two ounces of crack cocaine and 1.5 ounces of heroin. The Eastside Narcotic Unit conducted 22 controlled buys and executed 13 search

warrants, resulting in 20 felony arrests, the recovery of 44 grams of crack cocaine, 48 grams of heroin, and 72 grams of methamphetamine.

- Westside Narcotics recovered approximately 21 pounds of marijuana from a Greyhound bus passenger at the Albuquerque terminal. Detectives conducted 14 search warrants that resulted in the seizure of 134 grams of heroin, 46 grams of methamphetamine, 14 felony arrests and two firearms recovered.
- The DEA Task Force seized over 1200 grams of methamphetamine using search warrants, resulting in three felony arrests.
- The Auto Theft/Wrecker Services Unit closed 15 cases by arrest in September. The Unit closed a total of 47 cases total. The total value of property recovered for September was \$339,535. The Unit conducted a VIN etching event, marking approximately 75 vehicles.
- The White Collar Crimes Unit cleared 14 cases in September. The cases cleared were responsible for about \$44,777 in losses to their victims.
- The Burglary Unit closed 21 cases by arrest and a total of 53 cases were cleared for various reasons.
- The Pawn Shop Detail continued to have meetings with APD Impact Team sergeants, CNAU, ATF and the District Attorney's office in an effort to work on policing the pawn shops and recovering stolen property. The Detail checked 6,633 items through NCIC in September.
- NITe Detectives completed 13 felony arrests in September. The team issued 11 felony warrants, completed seven tactical plans, and wrote 20 reports.
- The Crime Stoppers Unit received tips that resulted in the arrest of 28 suspects in September. Generated from the Albuquerque Journal's "30 Most Wanted" page, 65 arrests have completed, resulting in \$29,325 paid out to tipsters.

# Trend Analysts





