

Albuquerque Police Department Commander's Monthly Report

Cmdr. Cliff Saylor

THE FOOTHILLS AREA COMMAND

March 2012

I am very pleased with the results of the past three months of patrolling in the Foothills. As discussed in last months report, Sgt. Thomson has been working with Crime Analyst Sarah Masek to better tailor the predictive maps for Foothills Area Command Patrol Officers. They have been identifying High Risk Terrain features, past calls for service, police reports, and other variables to create highly focused patrol zones

We have been assigning officers to patrol these areas with specific instructions. They are doing foot patrols, contacting citizens to educate them on what attracts property criminals to their car or home, looking for High Risk Terrain features, providing a high police presence, and interacting with the children in the community. The Foothills supervisors are focused on getting the officers in touch with the concerns of the neighborhoods. This is a core component of community based policing.

Here are the number for 3 weeks in our latest patrol zone, Eubank to Tramway/Lomas to Central.

Foot patrol Vehicles checked	310
Foot patrol homes contacted	110
Foot patrol citizen contacts	127
Commercial contacts	13
Vehicle warm ups	4
Traffic Citations	163
Parking Citations	34
Misdemeanor Citations	50
Felony Arrests	4
Misdemeanor Arrests	33
Graffiti referrals	29
Calls for service	126
Hours worked	400

The department allows officers to bid on their patrol assignments based on seniority. March 24th marked the start of the new bid. This gives the officers to changes area

commands, shift assignments and supervisors. I am extremely pleased with the number of officers that remained in the Foothills Area Command, as well as the talented officers that bid here to be a part of what we're doing! Please give these new officers a little time to get to know the new area and neighbors!

Jill Garcia is working very hard to get our large multi-family apartment complexes involved in Crime Free Multi-Housing program. We have assigned each officer an apartment complex. The officer is responsible for patrolling the property, reducing calls for service, crime and improving the residential quality of living. They will provide documentation to Mrs. Garcia for follow-up. This will help us fight crime in the neighboring community by discouraging criminals from residing at these locations. This worked very well for us last bid and showed significant reduction in calls for service.

Watch II - Lieutenant Ray Torres

Team 1 – Sgt. Scott Parsons

Officers on Watch II continued with the Super Hotspot tactical plan for March. The new bid started and everyone seems to be excited to be in the Foothills. We have several new additions to the command from a few different sections and area commands. The experience that these individuals bring to watch II will be a welcome addition.

In the two weeks since the bid started Officer Jerry Hicks made four felony arrests and three misdemeanor arrests. Officer Hicks goes above and beyond what most officers do in a typical month. Two incidents that come to mind in the two weeks he has worked for me.

Officer Hicks did some tremendous leg work on a residential burglary call. The owners of the residence did not reside at the residence, but had two motor vehicles stored at the residence. Ofc. Hicks could have taken the report and sent it to the detectives, but that is not how Ofc. Hicks operates. He interviewed a number of neighbors and eventually found one who witnessed the theft of the two vehicles. With this information, Ofc. Hicks was able to identify the offender and get an arrest warrant for him on residential burglary and auto theft charges.

On another call Ofc. Hicks identified a subject in need of a mental health evaluation who wanted to hurt officers, Officer Hicks thorough investigation revealed that the subject had in his possession a loaded .308 caliber sniper rifle and 40 rounds of ammo in his residence. Officer Hicks was able to get the individual to a local hospital for a psychological review. His hard work and diligence are greatly appreciated.

Team 2 – Sgt. Mike Woolley

On March 1, 2012, Sergeant Ferris Simmons arrested a documented Los Padilla's gang member for Kidnapping and aggravated battery against a household member. Her hard work goes along way to show the troops that work for her, that she is not afraid to still do great work. Sergeant Simmons will be missed on dayshift this bid.

Officer Friedfertig conducted an investigation on an individual who worked at the Wal-Mart located at 400 Eubank NE. The employee of nineteen years was responsible for over \$3000.00 of embezzled funds from Wal Mart. Officer Friedfertig was able to get a confession for the suspect and arrested her and completed the felony case himself.

Team 3 – Sgt. Rob Miller

Team 3 acquired three detectives from Property Crimes at the start of the bid. The experience they bring to Team 3 will be shared with their teammates. They are up to date on the latest trends involving property crimes.

Officer Daniel Carr is next on the promotional list and will be attending more supervisory development training this month. He will more than likely get promoted sometime in April. Officer Carr, even though he is on dayshift, was able to get four DWI's this month. Officer Alma Gonzales was able to make three felony arrests and four misdemeanor arrests in the two weeks of March. Officer Chris Silva is on the promotional list as well and will be attending supervisory development in the upcoming months.

Foothills Impact Team – Sgt. Thomson

Impact Detectives continue their tradition of working diligently. Detective Geoff Stone was on a month long temporary assignment to the Homicide Unit. Det. Stone did so well fitting into the unit and turning in superb investigations that Commander Bakas wrote Det. Stone a commendation. After returning to the Foothills Impact Team, Det. Stone was made aware of new information concerning a possible Homicide that took place two years back, while he was on patrol. The original call was handled by Det. Stone when he was a patrolman.

At the time, the individual was in a coma and there weren't any witnesses to what had caused the injuries to the male. The victim passed away several months later and the O.M.I. listed the cause of death as undetermined. New information came to light that the suspicious death was actually a homicide. The witness came forward stating that she knew what had transpired between the victim and the offender on the night he was beaten. Det. Stone was assigned the case and he conducted an outstanding investigation. The offender has moved to the Houston, Texas area. Det. Stone interviewed a witness close to the investigation and Stone was able to get enough to file an arrest warrant for the individual living in Texas. Detective Stone was asked by APD Homicide Unit to fly to Houston to

interview the suspect, who was arrested by Houston PD. Stone flew to Houston and did successfully interview the suspect, obtaining a full confession. The suspect is awaiting extradition back to New Mexico.

Crime Prevention- Jill Garcia

Jill Garcia continues to excel as the Crime Preventions Specialist; her enthusiasm will only benefit the Foothills Area Command. Listed below are her accomplishments for this month.

Community Meetings/Events: Presentations and/or prepared presentation materials for:

Ocate Neighborhood Association,

Greenbriar Town Home Community

Presidio Town Home Community and set up CPTED and Neighborhood Watch meeting

Cielito Lindo Neighborhood Association,

State Senator Tim Keller's Town Hall meeting

Set up Neighborhood Watch meeting with mobile home park community

CPTED Inspections: 3 residences, 1 apartment complex visited and reports submitted

Second Contact Program: 127 contacts made

Calls for Service Reports/Maps/Stats Provided: 201

Apartment complex outreach:

CFMH agreement signed and signage request submitted for new member community South Pointe Village Mobile Home Park.

Booked CFMH Phase III events at properties entering the program (Allegro at Tanoan, Tierra Antigua).

Provided Palazzo at Sandia with 1/1/11 to YTD calls for service with notes and invited into CFMH Phase I training class.

Working with Vista Grande to renew CFMH partnership and referred resident to COAST.

Assisted Eagle Point and Hunter's Ridge with issues.

Holding weekly conversations with managers at Alta Vista and Mission Hills on calls for service.

Submitted CFMH Phase II CPTED reports to Allegro at Tanoan, Copperfield, Montgomery Manor and Greenbriar Town Home community.

Provided weekly calls for service, advisory notes on calls and assistance with management teams for CFMH partners and potential partners.

Worked with Tierra Antigua and City's DMD/Storm Drainage on solutions regarding ditch used as party spot and access point for trespassing that came up during CFMH Phase II CPTED.

Other Rentals: Worked with several managers/owners and residents on:

2400 block of Zena Lona,

2 homes on 11100 block of San Jacinto,

1100 block of Nakomis,

800 and 1200 block of Chelwood Park Blvd,

400 Dorado.

Business Outreach: Assisted Canyon Plaza Shopping Center management with:

extra bike patrols in area,

issuing a 1010 to help with increase in suspicious activity in parking lot and

offered a crime prevention session with shop owners (to be scheduled)

Individual Neighbors:

Helped Four Hills Village Home Owners Association board member with crime stats

Tutored neighbors on Monaco, Sierra Oscura, Towne Park and two potential residents

moving from Las Cruces on CrimeView and provided crime stats and assistance
Offered Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch services to Malaguena neighbor
Assisted neighbor with burglary prevention tips
Reported 6 graffiti locations to 311 for clean-up in Singing Arrow, Montgomery corridor
and Chelwood Park areas
Sent out Neighborhood Alerts on recent small fires along Tramway corridor, door-to-door
solicitations and information on upcoming FHSS-hosted Fraud, Cons & Scams workshop for
neighbors. Continued to work with neighbors on solicitation issue(s) and Better Business
Bureau and Ch. 13.
Met with Princess Jeanne members and turned over 3 addresses to Planning and CNAU.
Addressed gate issue at Towne Park community.
POP Project Support: Issued Neighbor Alerts for monthly support of POP.
Other:
Booked District Attorney Nathan Winger to speak at upcoming "Cons, Scams and Fraud:
White Collar Crime" workshop hosted by FH Area Command next month.
Distributed fliers for white collar crime workshop electronically and at neighborhood
functions.
Trained on daily reporting/stats for Area Command that Crime Analyst was performing.
Placed 8 Periodic Watches 6 for community members.
Attended POP meeting.
Notary Services performed: 1

James Dwyer Substation –

Due to Scott Maddux' resignation the Dwyer Sub is closed until a new person can
be hired.

Watch III- Lieutenant Nick Gonzales

Team 4- Sgt. Paul Duran

Officer Maxon was at Wal-Mart on a shoplifting call when another shoplifting was
occurring. He monitored the offender and contacted him as he was exiting. The offender
attempted to run away, but Officer Maxon was able to detain him. He was also able to
obtain a license plate for the co-conspirator before she fled. After further investigation, it
was determined that the male offender was a habitual offender and had committed several
felony shopliftings at other local Wal-Mart. The Organized Crime Unit was looking for him
and assumed case responsibility. A warrant was also issued for the co-conspirator. Great
response on the part of field units in order to incarcerate a habitual offender.

Team 5- Sgt. George Wood

On 03/13/12, at approximately 2155 hours, Officers were dispatched to the Dion's located
at 10401 Montgomery NE reference an armed robbery that had just occurred. While
enroute, officers received additional information that described the suspect and stated he
had fled on foot. Officer Souers and Officer Monette arrived in the area and immediately
attempted to locate the suspect. A short time later the suspect, identified as Darren Miller,
was located running southbound across Montgomery, just west of the Dion's. Officer

Souers and Officer Monette pursued the offender on foot into the parking lot of 9800 Montgomery NE. The offender attempted to evade officers by running into the Dirty Bourbon Bar. Officer Souers and Officer Monette were able to catch Miller just inside the entrance of the bar before he was able to enter the crowd of citizens gathered inside. The firearm Miller had used during the robbery was recovered thrown in the bushes by Ofc. Allred. The Organized Crime Unit took responsibility for the remainder of the investigation. This call involved most of the watch.

On 3/19/12 Tommy Benavidez apprehended a subject that had threatened Costco employees with knife after being confronted for shoplifting. Officer Benavidez arrived on scene and found numerous Costco employees trying to hold the offender, Michael Ramirez, on the ground. Officer Benavidez placed Ramirez under arrest for the aggravated assault. *Subsequent investigation showed Ramirez had just been released from prison. It should be noted that Martinez had been in prison for murder and had committed another murder while incarcerated.*

Team 6- Sgt. Ferris Simmons

On 3/1/2012, a scared and injured female called 911 stating that her ex-boyfriend, who was just released from prison had come to her house and violently beat and strangled her. He left the scene, leaving her almost unconscious with her infant daughter. Sergeant Simmons and Commander Saylor arrived on scene and assured the location was safe for rescue to provide the young mother with medical assistance. Through her investigation, Sergeant Simmons found the offender was a high-ranking member with one of New Mexico's most violent gangs. Commander Saylor and Sergeant Simmons called upon the help of APD's Gang Unit and Foothills Impact Detective Kent Parsons to locate and take the offender, Hervey Cazares, into custody. Gang Unit Detectives used a variety of investigative resources and located the offender in the Southwest Area Command. They set up a perimeter and negotiated his surrender. He was taken into custody safely, served a restraining order by APD Victims' Advocate and booked at MDC on felony charges. He was later transferred back to the NM Department of Corrections for Parole Violation. He is still in their custody.

On 3/31/2012, Officer Brandon Parra was dispatched to a priority 1 call at Wal-Mart (400 Eubank NE). Two male subjects had grabbed a stack of DVDs and CDs, used a knife to remove packaging and run from the store being pursued by Wal-Mart employees. Officer Parra, after a foot chase and observing offender, Braelen Tsosie hide evidence, took him into custody. Officer Justin Rogillio chased and took the second offender into custody. Jim Joshua was arrested for Commercial Burglary as it was discovered Wal-Mart had issued him a Criminal Trespass Notification in July of 2011. All property was recovered and returned to Wal-Mart.

Watch I – Lieutenant Louie Sanchez

Team 7- Sgt. Art Gamboa

On March 29, 2012, CIT (Crisis Intervention Trained) Officer Adrian Garcia responded to a subject threatening to commit suicide armed with a handgun, at 220 Western Skies. Officer Garcia arrived and located the individual. He was intoxicated and upset over an argument with his girlfriend. The weapon was located and tagged into safe keeping. Officer Garcia took the subject to the VA to be evaluated. He does suffer from PTSD from tours in Iraq.

On March 3, 2012, Officer R. Deeds responded to a domestic violence call at 315 Dorado Pl SE. Officer Deeds spoke with the victim. She said her boyfriend had slapped her, threw her phone against the wall, and physically restrained her as she tried to leave the apartment for help. He eventually left after he took 300 dollars from the dresser that belonged to the victim. Officer Deeds handled the investigation, to include an arrest warrant and temporary restraining order.

Team 8- Sgt. Tommy Henderson

During the week of March 10th thru the 16th there were several recovered stolen vehicles recovered from the parking lot of the Mountain View Inn at 12999 Central NE. There has been heavier patrol placed on this property by the department as well as by the request of the manager. I have personally spoken to the manager and he continually asked for us to patrol. I have had no problems dealing with the manager and he is cooperative.

On March 29, 2012, Officer Dennis Torres was flagged down in the parking lot of the Dirty Bourbon bar, reference to a female behind the business who needed help. Officer Torres made contact with the suspect in the parking lot of the Sonic (Just East of Eubank and Montgomery). The suspect identified was followed from the back of the business by a witness and several bouncers from the Dirty Bourbon. Officer Dennis Torres immediately detained the offender and went back to the Dirty Bourbon to interview the victim. Sex Crimes Detectives were called out because the offender had attempted to rape the female in the alley behind the bar. Detective M. Caplan came out and took over the case. The offender was transported to the Main Police Station then booked into the Metro Detention Center on Kidnapping and Attempt to commit a 2nd Degree Felony.

Team 9- Sgt. David Baca

On March 25, 2012, Officers Danny Padilla and Jonathan Mares, along with units from the

other squads, responded to a residential burglary in-progress at 12120 Towner Rd NE. The victim, an 80 year old woman, reported she woke up to find an unknown male subject wanting to know where her jewelry was located. She was able to get away from the suspect and went across the street to neighbors to call police.

Officer Mares arrived on scene and immediately began to set up a perimeter around the house. While he was doing this Officer Padilla contacted the victim and began to get information about the incident and suspect. This incident ran smoothly to a final conclusion of K9 officers clearing the residence. All the officers involved in this call handled themselves professionally and without the need for supervision.