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From the Commander's Desk

Good day everyone,

It has been a very busy year end and start to the new year for us here in the Northeast Area Command. We have been tasked with providing year end reports for our Chief of Police and Mayor along with identifying our goals and objectives for 2012. It should come as no surprise we are looking to increase police presence and problem solving activities in our neighborhoods and business corridors so expect to see and hear from us a lot this year!

Criminals continue to use technology to their advantage and now more than ever we are using statistical data and crime analysis along with advanced technology to identify areas where we suspect criminals may go. By saturating the area with law enforcement and showing a greater police presence, we hope to deter potential crime in our Area Command.

We all look forward to successful partnerships with our many Neighborhood Associations and will see you soon.

Respectfully,

Commander Bonnie Montoya



NE Area Command Highlights

Officers from our swing shift teams have been working hard to address various issues presented by our Neighborhood Associations. The officers made numerous arrests and issue multiple citations for parking violations to include handicapped areas. Officers were instrumental in maintaining law and order at retail establishments within the area command.

An auto burglary tact plan was conducted due to the area

being hit hard by auto burglars. Officers utilized crime analysis mapping to show them real time data to assist in their efforts. They also stopped several suspicious subjects in the area and were able to stop potential crime.

A holiday tact plan was conducted during six weeks in which officers maintained high visibility near area businesses that have been, in the past, hard hit by

criminal activity. There were more misdemeanor citations issued and less felony crimes committed. One stand out was noted in the amount of handicapped parking citations issued. Over \$24,000 worth of stolen property was recovered during the tact plan. Only one injury was reported during the tact plan when a citizen's foot was run over by another citizen's vehicle in a parking lot.



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Kudos!!

As many of you may know, there has been an increase in residential burglaries in our city. With available real time statistics to show when and where the next offender may possibly hit, it has proven to give us vital information in order to apprehend burglary offenders, solving several burglary rings.

However, just this last week, officers of the Northeast Area Command along with the assistance of the APD Burglary Unit, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's

Department helicopter and some very helpful neighbors along the way, officers were able to apprehend two burglary offenders who had just burglarized a home. An alert neighbor called police and gave our operators a detailed description of two individuals who were walking down the arroyo with shopping carts full of various items they had just taken from a home. The offenders were located by officers and a foot

chase ensued however, the offenders were not fast enough. They were apprehended and taken to jail and the homeowner was able to receive their items back.

If it were not for the watchful eye of the neighbors who saw the suspicious activity and immediately called it in to our dispatch, these suspects may have not been caught. Thank you to the officers and the neighbors.

**We the willing,
lead by the
unknowing,
are doing the
impossible for
the ungrateful.
We have done
so much, for
so long, with
so little. We
are now
qualified, to do
anything, with
nothing.**

- Unknown

Did you know? Door to Door Solicitation

We ran this article in the September newsletter, however, we are sending it out again as a reminder to all as we are seeing an increase in door-to-door solicitation. Be sure to read below in our Crime Trend Section on recent activity involving door to door solicitation in the city.

Did you know that all legitimate businesses in the City of Albuquerque must have a permit to operate? This includes the door to door solicitor per City Ordinance 13-3-1-1. The ordinance requires the individual to have

on their person a permit that can be produced on request, which includes photo identification. Any solicitor that claims not to have one or has left it in another location should be considered illegitimate. If you desire the right of privacy, posting a No Trespassing sign on your premises must be observed by the solicitor. Solicitation is permitted only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and sunset.

Illegal or unauthorized door to door solicitation presents a

possible unsafe situation in the residential setting? Individuals who represent themselves as a legitimate business are often times conducting fraudulent or potential criminal activity.

If you feel that someone is operating illegitimately, you can call 242-COPS (2677) to report it. Remember to try to get a good description of both the individual and/or the vehicle they are driving, including their license plate.

Current Crime Trends

Robbery to individuals has been an issue for several years, but it seems to be on the increase. Robbery to individuals (purse snatchings/muggings) accounted for 52% of cases that were investigated by our Robbery Unit.

Recently, in surrounding area commands, the unit has begun investigating two separate groups who are targeting homeowners. The first group

consists of a female who is 5'7", 150-170 pounds with tattoos on her face and neck. She possibly goes by the name Ashley. Usually there are two male subjects with her.

The second group is a female who is 5'0", 130 pounds with a large gap between her front teeth, possibly goes by the name of Patricia. She usually has

one male subject with her.

The females will knock on a homeowners door, then once the door is open, the male(s) will rush inside and they will take what they want and leave. They have threatened harm but have not hurt anyone thus far.

Again, it hasn't happened in the Northeast Area yet, but always be sure of who is at your door and do not open it to anyone you don't know.



Crime Prevention

Happy New Year! It has already started out to be quite a busy start to the year.

Neighborhood Associations are starting up their general meetings again. We are receiving requests for tours of the substation for various children's groups. We are also getting ready to have our

annual officer's shift bid. This means that we will most likely have some different officers coming into the command. The entire switch will take place around mid-March. With that in mind, we will be looking to have an open house here at the station so everyone can come and discuss concerns with our command

staff and officers.

We will be having other events throughout the year, so be sure to keep a lookout for those upcoming events.

If you have a request or ever need to get a hold of me you can call me at 505-796-1915 or email me at spress@cabq.gov.



Safety Tip of the Month

As we go forward into the new year and put the holiday season behind us, it is most likely that quite a few of us made new years resolutions to start becoming more active. This means that some of you may venture outside into the great outdoors for a walk or run with your pet or family members. Below are some safety tips to remember:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Stay on marked walkways and trails.
- Make sure to carry water and a cell phone with you.
- Keep animals leashed at all times to keep them safe from running out into traffic or coming into contact with other animals along your route.
- Keep a flashlight with you if you plan on being out in the darkness.
- Wear appropriate clothing for the conditions and if it is in the dark, wear reflective markers so others may see you.
- Have Fun!

Showcase Police Service Aide of the Month

Kris Ricketts has been with the department for 3 years. He has worked in Operations Review in the Chief's Office, the Southeast Area Command and with the Northeast Area Command. His current assignment is with Team 1 and can usually be seen out in the community at various events, playing McGruff the Crime Dog. He also responds to calls for service for minor accidents and helps with tact plans on all shifts.

His hobbies include off-roading, soccer and bull-riding. He is a graduate of La Cueva High School where he was a Gunny Sgt. in the Marine ROTC.

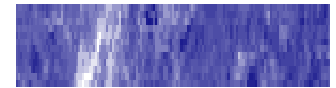
Congratulations!!

We are pleased to announce two of our very own here at the Northeast Area Command will be promoted to the ranks of Lieutenant and Sergeant at the upcoming promotions on January 27, 2012.

Congratulations to Sgt. Gabriel Mares from Team 1 who will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Congratulations to Impact Detective Richard Hilger, who will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant!

We wish them both the best in their upcoming endeavors!



“Community based policing is NOT a destination, but a continuing journey. In order to be successful you must discard some traditional police beliefs and practices, and learn to think outside of the box. You are only limited by your imagination.”
Anonymous

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Northeast Area Command 823-4455

Coronado Mall 875-0500

Foothills Area Command 332-5240

Southeast Area Command 256-2050

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