



# Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

## Message from the Commander

By Murray Conrad, Commander, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

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It was a long, but good, summer. With the start of fall, I begin my third year as Area Commander for the Southeast, and my 20th year as an officer with the Albuquerque Police Department—how time flies when you're having fun!

Summer brought challenges, old and new, to the Southeast. The Trumbull Village Neighborhood experienced a major problem with cruising during the summer months which caused a huge headache for residents of the neighborhood. Monies were allocated early in an attempt to curb the problem. This strategy was so effective that additional money was set aside for enforcement, including a roadblock to check for driver licenses, registration and insurance. Throughout the summer months, numerous citations were written, vehicles

towed and arrests effected. We anticipate the same issues next summer and will be prepared.

We continue our successful efforts in the Kirtland Addition Neighborhood.

Thanks to help from neighbors and the neighborhood association, problems have been reduced to a few locations. Increased patrol and utilization of the Criminal Nuisance Abatement Unit will bring problem homes into compliance lest owners run the risk of losing their property.

The City of Albuquerque is hosting more Shop and Stroll events in the Nob Hill area. As you may have noticed, the City has been blocking off Central Avenue from Washington to Girard. People can enjoy shopping and entertainment without having to worry

about traffic on Central. The events are hugely successful and will continue through 2009. I have provided the Southeast Area Command mobile substation as well as uniformed and bike officers to help keep everyone safe during these events.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta has come to a close. If you didn't know it already, I am a balloon pilot. We had some awesome flights and then there were the bad weather days. On one of my flights I took the opportunity to land in the Netherwood Park Neighborhood, in Netherwood Park. Some of the neighbors came out and helped us put the balloon away which was greatly appreciated.

Not everything at Balloon Fiesta was good. I didn't take (cont. Page 2)



### Points of Interest

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## Having an Impact

By Gary Barboa, Sergeant, Southeast Impact Team

The Southeast Impact Team is comprised of detectives who are responsible for investigating cases that are submitted by field officers as well as working proactively in the community to address crime. During the summer

months, the SE Impact Team committed itself to a variety of projects .

The first focused on identifying and apprehending white collar offenders working within the SE Area Command. We received complaints from

community groups, such as ARAPA, and numerous reports and tips from field officers about individuals who were stealing identities and using them to purchase good at local retailers. Using both (cont Page 2)



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my own advice and set myself up to be a victim. I had all of my ballooning equipment in the front of my truck for the whole world to see. This was just the opportunity that a well trained criminal needed. They pried open my door lock and stole everything off the dash and front seat. I always preach that you don't leave anything of value in plain sight for this exact reason. It was a costly reminder.

I am asking for your

continued assistance in keeping the Southeast Area Command beautiful. If you see trash, large items or graffiti, please call 311. The polite, professional person at 311 will take care of anything that you need.

Citizens can also report vandalism, lost cell phone and other minor incidents online, providing there is no suspect information. You can then print out a copy of the report for your insurance company or whoever may need it.

If you need assistance from me, or any of my officers, please contact me at 256-2050.

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*"...don't leave anything of value in plain sight..."*

**Cmdr. Murray Conrad**

traditional and undercover investigative techniques, the Team was able to obtain information on several of the perpetrators. One individual was a male wanted in a domestic violence incident also being investigated by SE Impact. The male was alleged to have beaten his girlfriend unconscious, whipped her with an extension cord, and then carved

his initials onto her back with a knife. Using surveillance and undercover techniques, the subject was located and arrested along with seven other suspects.

The Team also identified and followed a female subject who had used over \$4,000 in stolen checks to purchase items for her own use. In

just these two incidents, eight subjects were arrested on felony charges and three search warrants were executed. A tremendous amount of stolen property, narcotics and weapons were recovered.

## Crime Prevention Corner

By Sandy Martinez-Pino

Crime Prevention in the Southeast Area Command continues to be a high priority for the community. The most active area, currently, is around UNM where the priorities are residential burglaries, stolen cars and assaults. The Area Command has done some personal safety trainings for UNM sororities and has worked with

the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association, Twin Parks Neighborhood Association and Summit Park Neighborhood Association to provide Neighborhood Watch trainings, that include personal safety components.

Laura Kuehn and Sandy Pino have done some

team trainings for the elderly on Identity Theft. This segment of the population seems to be very vulnerable.

We just completed our most successful Officer Appreciation Day. Thank you for the tremendous support from our Neighborhood Associations and businesses (cont)



## Crime Prevention Corner

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For the second year running, our celebrity chef was Nate Korn of Kaufman's. We fed 225 people and extended our food to the Cesar Chavez Community Center. Chaplin Ross Nicholas was instrumental in the preparation of the food. The 2008 theme was "Mardi Gras" and every guest and officer at the SE was given beads in true Mardi Gras fashion and we even had crawfish flown in from Louisiana as a special treat!

Trumbull Village had a recent ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new single family affordable housing units at Southern and Pennsylvania. The former apartments were purchased by the City of Albuquerque and demolished to allow less dense, single family units to be built. It was a huge step in the revitalization of this area.

The Southeast Crime Prevention Unit is working closely with the South San

Pedro Neighborhood Association to fight crime on Indiana SE between Zuni and Southern. There is a mix of apartments and single family homes and we have done enforcement following by meetings with the good neighbors in this area to try and reduce crime.

Fielding many calls from businesses seems to be working in disseminating information to appropriate units in the SE—kind of like a 311 from the SE Area Command.



**Crime Free Multi-Housing Seminars held in January, April, July, October**

## Just the Facts

By Rae Mason, Lieutenant, Phil Chacon Memorial Substation

We had a very busy summer in the great Southeast Area Command! Dayshift officers responded to 10,476 calls for service, wrote 2,256 reports, issued 2,633 citations and made 592 arrests in the past three months. In addition, officers continued to focus on problem areas, investing many hours on tactical operations that concentrate on quality of life issues.

Our speed trailers

have been in high demand all summer long. We have used it in several different areas around the command and requests keep coming through the substation and 311. Speeding vehicles are the biggest traffic violation that occurs. In addition to the speed trailer, we utilize laser tact plans throughout the area command—writing citations and/or warnings for speeders. With the start of the

new school year comes an increased number of calls regarding parents who are dropping off or picking up their children in neighborhoods. We continue to work with all parties to reach a resolution that accommodates everyone.

Bike units are doing great work in the Nob Hill and University areas. Their high visibility and approachability make them very effective.



*"If you think it's a problem, it needs to be addressed!"*

**Cmdr. Murray Conrad**

## Cooperation: "to work or act together for a common purpose or benefit"

By Gary Barboa, Sergeant, Southeast Impact Team

The Southeast Impact Team worked with Crime Stoppers and Probation and Parole to identify and apprehend wanted felons. Information sharing between units allowed several felons to be tracked down and arrested. Probation and Parole worked closely with the Team to track a felon who had been "on the run" for over

a year. This felon was living in the Southeast and had recently been featured as the Fugitive of the Week (wanted for felony child abuse). Impact used information from informants and Crime Stoppers to track down one of Albuquerque's Most Wanted.

Impact also went after

felons wanted on warrants the Team had produced. One such felon was a female who had assaulted loss prevention personnel at a local retailer as they tried to apprehend her. The female was tracked down and arrested on an armed robbery warrant written by one of our detectives.





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### Mission Statement

We, the members of the Albuquerque Police Department, believe in the shared responsibility of police personnel, government leaders and citizens to improve Albuquerque’s quality of life and to defend our community. We vow to uphold the U.S. Constitution, to fairly enforce the laws of New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque in order to protect life, property and rights. In partnership with the community, we will engage in policing to maintain order, reduce crime and the fear of crime through education, prevention and enforcement.

### Vision Statement

The Albuquerque Police Department envisions a safe, secure, community where the rights, history and culture of each citizen is valued and respected. We will achieve this vision by proactively collaborating with the community to identify and solve public safety problems and improve the quality of life in Albuquerque.

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## State Fair Wrap Up

By Gary Barboa, Sergeant, Southeast Impact Team

The 2008 New Mexico State Fair has come and gone. During those seventeen days, the Impact Team focused on the area surrounding the fair grounds. This focus proved highly successful with 58 arrests, 37 of those were on felony charges.

Large amounts of crack cocaine, heroin, and powder cocaine were seized as were firearms.

Valuable information on narcotic and property crime offenders was obtained due to

our work during the fair.

The extreme pace of the last three months will continue. In the coming months the Team will be working with neighborhood groups to focus on curbing auto burglaries, working with local retailers to curb property crimes and with continued cooperation apprehend more felons!

