

Trending Tuesday: The APD Crime Analysis Unit released their auto burglary data for the past week (10/29-11/4) and 130 auto burglary reports were taken by APD. The numbers ranged from a low of 14 (South West Area Command) to a high of 38 (South East Area Command) and ***the Foothills Area Command logged 26 – second highest number of auto burglaries for the week in the entire city!*** This is a disappointingly big jump from so much success last week. ***What may be contributing factors?*** Leaving items of value inside parked cars and walking away. The ***Foothills trail head parking areas have been targeted all week*** – and you wouldn't believe the items left inside parked vehicles at trail head parking lots that are stolen. Just yesterday in the High Desert open space trail access area (Michael Emery Trail Head) a Louis Vuitton purse and wallet and contents left fully visibly on the car floorboard; one of the victim's credit cards was being used at a nearby gas/convenience store. People we have simply got to stop leaving valuables in our cars and walking away thinking we won't be auto burglary victims! The hardest hit area in the Foothills Area Command for the past week was the area from Paseo Del Norte to Montgomery and bordered by Tramway down to Eubank.

Hot Wheels Report: APD Crime Analysis reports that APD took a total of ***52 stolen vehicle reports for the past week*** (10/29-11/4). The numbers ranged from a high of 15 (North East Area Command) to a low of 4 (South West and North West Area Commands). The ***Foothills Area Command logged 6 stolen vehicle reports, second lowest in the entire city for that week!*** Great progress, folks! ***The numbers are on a steady decline:*** 10/29-11/4 show 52 stolen vehicles reported; 10-22-10/28 had 85 stolen vehicles reported; 10/15-10/21 showed 88 stolen vehicles reported to APD. ***A big downward slide is occurring for auto thefts!*** Also, the Crime Analysis Unit noted that ***the Foothills did not have any 'repeat locations' for the past week for stolen vehicles*** – no one address seemed to be a 'fishing hole' and the incidents we did have were dispersed throughout the Area Command.

What locations across Albuquerque were good fishing holes? Crime Analysis Unit reports: apartments (19), single family residential (18), parking lots (2), medical centers (2), then with 1 case each: business, strip mall, restaurant, hotel, bar, recreational, mobile home park.

What makes and models were 'hot' for the auto thieves operating in Albuquerque? Chevrolets (7/3 2005-2007 Impalas), Fords (6/4 pickups) and 4 motorcycles (Harley Davidson, Yamaha, Kawasaki). Kias and Hyundais also placed on the Crime Analysis list; 3 Optimas were stolen last week and 3 Sonatas.

Thanks for the great messages about the VIN Etching at AAA of New Mexico in the Foothills Area Command last Saturday – apparently this was very well attended and appreciated by the community. Watch this web page, nextdoor.com or call '311' next year for the 2019 dates, times and locations for more APD Auto Theft VIN Etching events.

Property Crimes reported in the Foothills Area Command on Monday, November 5th

1 Armed Robbery/Commercial: 10400-block of Montgomery Blvd NE.

2 Stolen Vehicles: 1000-block of Candelaria Rd NE, 3100-block of Jane Pl NE.

2 Commercial Burglaries: 300-block of Panorama Pl NE, 200-block of Dorado Pl SE.

1 Residential Burglary: 10500-block of Camino Del Oso NE.

2 Auto Burglaries: Michael Emery Trail Head parking area (High Desert), 5300-block of Eubank Blvd NE.

Entries and Items left in vehicles that were burglarized this weekend: Broke vehicle window to steal a Louis Vuitton purse and wallet left in plain view on vehicle floorboard stolen with IDs, credit cards; one of which was being used at nearby gas station. Second incident did not list any method of entry or items stolen.

Stay safe everyone – Jill Garcia, Crime Prevention Specialist / ICPS, NCPS – Albuquerque Police Department, Foothills Area Command



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