

OPERATION EARTHQUAKE

Overview and Recap

A two day Command Post instituted May 21, 2008 through May 22, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Operational Area includes 15th Avenue to 35th Avenue, Bethany Home Road to Thomas Road. This project is designed to concentrate on the fastest growing area in the city for the violent crimes and offenses which appear to support the robberies (street level, street jump, and business) with a focus on prostitution, drugs, and criminals with outstanding warrants.

Intelligence driven analysis by Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU), determined the multi-precinct area as the fastest growing region for street jump robberies as well business and residential burglaries. A Management Team was developed under the direction of Chuck Williams, Resource Lieutenant, Cactus Park Precinct, which consists of Resource Lieutenants from the affected precincts. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) was established to identify partners and stakeholders participating in the Operation. Specific crime suppression strategies were formulated to address the enumerated identified problems and internal and external Details were solicited to join the operation.

This project is a collaborative crime suppression approach between Squaw Peak, Maryvale, Cactus Park Precincts, internal/external resources, public safety, and strategic partners. Managed as a unified Incident Command System all available resources, internal and external were utilized to address community problems within designated boundaries and provide the social foundations to produce real change.

Overall objective is to enhance the quality of life in our designated area by providing predetermined specialized public safety operations for the duration of the event.

Enforcement efforts include:

- Traffic enforcement to create the high visibility police presence.
- Reduce the violent crimes and property crimes in the Black Canyon Corridor area while restoring the perception of safety in the communities.
- Proactive crime suppression approach to touch other areas that tend to support the violent crimes in the area.
- Street enforcement, visible police presence, Intel gathering, information dissemination, warrant round ups, hotel/motel, apartment complex, narcotic, prostitution 'customer apprehension', and probation violation arrests.

The NIMS system was utilized during the entire operational period. The Incident Commander was Commander Benny Pina (P9) with Lt. Chuck Williams (P97) serving as the Operations Sector Chief. Superior planning, coordination, communication and intelligence driven crime suppression led to a successful operation. Excellent work by everyone involved.

Enforcement Recap:

Total Arrests: 178

Adult Misdemeanor: 103

Gang Member Arrests: 2

Warrant Arrests: 35

'John' Arrests: 43

Guns seized: 5

Homicide suspects arrested: 2

Armed Robbery suspects arrested: 2

Child molester suspects arrested: 1

30 day tows: 43

Methamphetamine: +1 pound \$10,000

Cocaine: 5 grams

Crack: 12 grams

Vehicles Seized (from drug sellers): 3

Adult Felony: 74

Juvenile Felony: 1

Drug Related Arrests: 5

Prostitution Arrests: 21

Marijuana: 20 grams

Search warrants served: 1