



District of New Mexico Newsletter

A Message from the Marshal

“Crescit eundo”



2013 is fast approaching and reflecting upon another year past, I am pleased that the Marshals Service Mission of **Justice, Integrity and Service** that defines the United States Marshals Service persisted steadily in 2012. The year was coalesced with many successes and significant contributions by the Marshals Service to the State of New Mexico and its many communities. With traditional precision, Marshals Service personnel achieved the mission with unyielding commitment knowing their efforts would surge towards safer communities. Collaboration and effective partnership with the law enforcement community resulted in the pursuit and arrest of over 2,000 fugitives, many considered dangerous and violent. The combined diligence of the Marshals Service and its many law enforcement partners remain committed to public safety by arresting dangerous and violent fugitives so they will no longer be a danger to our families, friends and neighbors. I am appreciative and acknowledge the enormous contributions of our partners in the law enforcement community. A familiar theme that defines our partnership is reflected throughout the year as we in the Marshals Service stood shoulder to shoulder with our partners from local, county, state, federal and tribal agencies; together thirty-four (34) fugitive warrant round-up operations were successfully completed. The operation that rises to significance is **Operation Complete Clean Up**, a New Mexico wide effort to verify that every sex offender located in the State to include Tribal and Pueblo lands was in compliance with applicable federal and state law. The primary goal of the operation was to verify offender compliance and to ensure continual safety and security of our many communities. We partnered and assisted State, County, City and Tribal jurisdictions by completing a broad scope of compliance verification of all registered sex offenders. Beginning

May 1st and running through August 31st, the operation resulted in the verification of 3,254 sex offenders and their addresses. This accounts for approximately 98% of all offenders living in the State of New Mexico and on Tribal or Pueblo Lands. In order to accomplish a long-term impact against sex offenders in non-compliance, the Marshals Service partnered with United States Attorney, Kenneth Gonzales for the federal prosecution of those sex offenders in violation of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. The Marshals Service and cooperating agencies contributed 1,744 operational hours during the 30 individual operations spanning the State of New Mexico with over 60 law enforcement agencies contributing to the success of **Operation Complete Clean Up**.

To further enhance mission critical functions the District of New Mexico was successful in the implementation of two additional specialized inspector positions. The first is the Detention Management Inspector which will oversee the thirteen (13) jail contracts that are in place with county and state jail facilities for the purpose of housing federal inmates. In the district there is a daily average of 1,700 federal detainees awaiting trial, sentencing or designation to the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). The Marshals Service has the responsibility of maintaining a standard of safe, secure and humane confinement of all federal detainees and the quality control of this responsibility will be enhanced with this specialized position in place. Added to the ranks for the District of New Mexico was a Sex Offender Investigations Coordinator. This position will allow a highly skilled Inspector to work closely with local, county, state and tribal jurisdictions to assist with the compliance mandates that are legally imposed on sex offenders. The overarching goal of this position is to assist law enforcement agencies in maintaining compliance of sex offenders through

regular verification, deterrence and prosecution.

The versatility of the United States Marshals Service brings about a diversity of responsibilities. First among these is protecting the Federal Judiciary and members of the court family; followed by the pursuit and apprehension of dangerous and violent fugitives in the most remote and isolated parts of the state. Also important is providing assistance to all law enforcement jurisdictions with the seizing of assets that have been gained by illegal means and ensure the custody, management and disposal of forfeited assets through the equitable sharing program. The positive impact stemming from these multidimensional tasks would not be attainable if not for the dedication and commitment of my operational and administrative staff. Our tradition of excellence in service is due in large part to the administrative staff and our extraordinary volunteers. I am especially thankful to our volunteer partners such as the Wounded Warrior Project, New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services, volunteer Chaplaincy Team and the many college interns that work selflessly on behalf of the Marshals Service, District of New Mexico. In closing, I want to welcome the newest and valued members of the management team to the District of New Mexico, Chief Deputy Alex Ramos and Assistant Chief Tom Cassels, both are exceptional leaders and bring to the team and the district extensive managerial experience that will be relied upon to continue with the tradition of excellent service to our Federal Judiciary, Court Family and our Community.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Blessed New Year and may your 2013 be filled with happiness and health. God Bless!

Conrad E. Candelaria
United States Marshal
District of New Mexico

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District of New Mexico Leadership



Chief Deputy Alex Ramos

My First 60 Days

“I have been a career Deputy U.S. Marshal for the past 23 years. I love my job and consider myself lucky to be able to do what I do.

My career began in the Southern District of Texas in 1990. In 2004, I was promoted to Supervisor Deputy U.S. Marshal while assigned to the Laredo, TX office. In 2007 during my time in McAllen, TX, I was promoted to Assistant Chief Deputy Marshal. I was promoted to Chief Deputy of the District of New Mexico in 2012.

My arrival to the District of New Mexico has been met with many obstacles and challenges, such as meeting new people, remembering names, and getting to know the district and its policies. However, I must admit that I have truly enjoyed every minute of it.

My job as Chief Deputy is to run the district effectively and efficiently, but also to be a colleague and to always help or offer support in any way needed. I realize that change at times can be difficult, but I appreciate everyone's support as we move forward to make the District of New Mexico and the United States Marshals Service the best it can be.

I want to thank everyone for their patience during this transition and please know that my door is always open.”



Assistant Chief Deputy Tom Cassels

Welcoming New Assistant Chief

Assistant Chief Tom Cassels started his federal career in 1986 as a linguist with the Department of Defense. In 1992 he attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy and began his career with the US Marshals Service.

His assignments have included service in Baltimore, Maryland, Washington D.C., and Indianapolis, Indiana. He has held billets in witness security, protective operations to include the Office of National Drug Control Policy (Drug Czar), supervisor for the Joint Fugitive Task Force in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Operations supervisor for the Southern District of Indiana.

In 2006-2007, Assistant Chief Cassels, a former Marine reservist, was called to active duty and served as a Platoon Sergeant for a Marine infantry company in Iraq.

Assistant Chief Cassels holds a BA in Russian Studies from the University of Maryland and an MA in Security Policy Studies from the George Washington University.

He is now filling the role of Assistant Chief Deputy in the Las Cruces Office overseeing the operations of our largest sub-office in the District.

~~ The District welcomes you both! ~~

Notable Arrests

U.S. Marshals Service 15 Most Wanted fugitive **Edward Salas** was arrested on October 4, 2012 in Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico, by the Policia Federal Ministerial in coordination with the U.S. Marshals Service.

"Many New Mexico communities will breathe a sigh of relief because fugitive Salas, a child killer, will no longer outrun the justice that is long awaited," said Conrad E. Candelaria, U.S. Marshal for the District of New Mexico. "On behalf of the Marshals Service I extend heartfelt and sincere condolences to the family, friends and loved ones impacted by the horrible crime committed by Salas and other accomplices. This is another example of the extraordinary efforts by the Marshals Service, in partnership with many law enforcement agencies efforts to pursue those fugitives who strike at the core of our communities."

Salas was taken into custody based upon the issuance of a Provisional Arrest Request from the United States, which seeks his extradition to New Mexico. The U.S. Marshals Service worked closely with the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs and the Curry County (NM) District Attorney's Office.

Salas was added to the Marshals 15 Most Wanted fugitive list in December 2011. A convicted child killer, Salas escaped from the Curry County Detention Center in Clovis, New Mexico, in August 2008, and had been on the lam ever since. He was serving a life sentence plus 56 years for his role in the murder of 10-year-old Carlos Perez.

On July 10th, 2012 the U.S. Marshals Service extradited **Noe Torres** from Mexico City, Mexico, back to the United States. Torres is charged with the 2005 murder of 10-year-old Carlos Perez. Torres is the suspect of a drive by shooting that killed Perez in his bed the night before his 11th birthday. In 2005, Torres fled Clovis prior to prosecution and remained on the run for nearly six

years. Torres was taken into custody in Chihuahua, Mexico, outside of a religious compound in the first week of January 2012. He is also wanted in New Mexico for narcotic violations and firearms violations. Torres was featured on the television show America's Most Wanted four times. "The arrest and extradition of fugitive Torres from Mexico is a profound and humble moment for the United States Marshals Service, but it is far outweighed by the emotional and heartfelt pain that will always be experienced by the family of young Carlos Perez when his life was tragically and violently ended," said Conrad E. Candelaria, U.S. Marshal for the District of New Mexico.

On October 10, 2012, the United States Marshals Service and the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) took violent fugitive **Noe Jimenez** into custody at the intersection of Avenida De Mesilla and Hickory St. in Las Cruces, NM. Jimenez refused to stop for LCPD's emergency equipment and rammed a Police cruiser attempting to flee from law enforcement officers. Once LCPD was able to get the vehicle immobilized, two Pitbulls in Jimenez's vehicle became aggressive towards approaching officers. Officers were able to subdue the dog's violent actions without any injury to the dogs. Jimenez refused to exit the vehicle and had to be forcibly removed by officers. After arrest, upon searching Jimenez, he was found to be wearing body armor.

On November 12, 2012, New Mexico State Police were called to a Homicide investigation in Bernardo, NM. NMSP identified the victim as Adrian Burns. State Police developed information identifying two murder suspects, brothers, **Joe Lawrence Gallegos** and **Andrew "Smiley" Gallegos**. The Gallegos brothers have been identified by Law Enforcement Officers as Eastside Locos gang members. New Mexico State Police obtained arrest warrants for the Gallegos brothers charging them with

an open count of Murder, Kidnapping, Conspiracy to Commit a Felony, Tampering with Evidence, and Arson.

United States Marshals from the South West Investigative Fugitive Team (SWIFT) task force arrested former Maine State Prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General, **James Cameron**, in Albuquerque on December 2nd, 2012. Cameron had been convicted of Possession of Child Pornography and was released from federal prison pending a Federal Circuit Court appeal. On November 14th, Cameron, who was on court ordered monitoring is believed to have fled the state of Maine. On November 15th, a warrant was issued for Cameron's arrest for violation of conditions of release. The former state prosecutor for Maine is facing 16 years in federal prison for his part in Trafficking in Child Pornography. Cameron was observed by Deputies entering a local store in the 6000 block of Coors Blvd NW, on Albuquerque's Westside. U.S. Marshals surrounded the store and the former Prosecutor was taken into custody without incident.

New Mexico's most wanted sex offender Henderson Burke was arrested Deputies and Task Force Officers with the Marshals Service Southwest Investigative Fugitive Team (SWIFT) on December 4th, 2012 near Shiprock, NM. Burke was wanted on federal charges of failure to register as a sex offender. United States Marshal Conrad E. Candelaria said "The Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico and its New Mexico's Most Wanted Program is successful because of the many partners that define the law enforcement community in New Mexico. A common theme that leads to the successful apprehension of dangerous and violent fugitives is due to the effective partnerships which emphasizes effective intelligence gathering and sharing, which is evident in this latest arrest".

New Mexico's Most Wanted

Notable Achievement

Since the New Mexico's Most Wanted Program's (NMMWP) inception in December of 2010 there have been a total of 105 cases profiled for the state. Out of those cases a total of 54 arrests have been made. Such fugitive cases that are generally profiled are violent offenders, gang offenders, and sex offenders. Marshal Candelaria said "the successes that have evolved since the establishment of the NMMW program have far exceeded the original projected outcome, which is due to the extraordinary and effective partnerships between the Marshals Service and local, county, state, federal and tribal police agencies. Our collaborative approach has resulted in a safer New Mexico."



On October 17, 2012, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office received a tip that Pedro Orrantia was in Berino, NM. On October 9, 2012, Deputy United States Marshals in Las Cruces, NM, added Pedro Orrantia to the Marshal's New Mexico Most Wanted list. Orrantia was placed on NM Most Wanted due to his gang affiliation and violent criminal history. Orrantia eluded captivity for two years. United States Marshals believed Orrantia was in the Las Cruces metro area and requested the assistance of the public. Deputy Marshals were able to locate an old girlfriend of Orrantia and conducted surveillance on Delicias Street. Deputies observed Orrantia and took him into custody without incident. Orrantia was booked into the Dona Ana County Detention Center and is awaiting his court appearance.

Apprehended

On October 10, 2012, United States Marshals with the assistance of New Mexico State Police and New Mexico State Department of Corrections, and New Mexico Probation and Parole arrested Violent Fugitive and Sex Offender, **Melanie Freeman**. On October 4, 2012, Freeman was added to the US Marshals Service, New Mexico's Most Wanted list for her alleged criminal acts.

One of New Mexico's most wanted sexual offenders was apprehended in late November by local authorities. Shortly after being placed on the New Mexico's Most Wanted List, **Howard Ortiz** was arrested by the Jemez Pueblo Police Department for failure to register as a sex offender and failing to attend sex offender treatment.

Newest Additions

October 22, 2012 - The United States Marshal Service in New Mexico added **Carlos Joseph Ramos** to the United States Marshals Service District of New Mexico "New Mexico's Most Wanted Program." Ramos is wanted by the New Mexico Probation and Parole Department for a Probation Violation. Ramos was convicted of criminal sexual contact with a minor (4th degree felony) in 1997 and was put on Probation in February of 2003. Ramos has violated the terms of his probation and has been a fugitive from justice since August of 2003. Ramos is believed to be armed and dangerous.

On October 10, 2012, **Charles Rausch** turned himself into the Torrance County Sheriff's in Moriarity, New Mexico. Rausch was a fugitive on the U.S. Marshals Service "New Mexico's Most Wanted Program" after allegedly shooting his roommate during an argument then going on the run. The U.S. Marshals Service added Rausch on September, 26 2012 and have been tirelessly investigating his whereabouts ever since. Investigators believe that their relentless investigative efforts combined with the help of the media led to Rausch turning himself in.

<p>NAME: RAMOS, CARLOS JOSEPH Sex: MALE Race: HISPANIC Date of Birth: 11/25/1960 Place of Birth: United States Height: 6'00" Weight: 165 Eyes: BROWN Hair: BLACK Gang Affiliation: UNKNOWN Scars/Tattoos: BIRTHMARK-FACE-LEFT CHEEK Charge(s): PROBATION VIOLATION - (SEX OFFENDER) Originating Agency: New Mexico Probation and Parole Narrative Offense: The subject is wanted by New Mexico Probation and Parole for Probation Violation. The subject has violated various conditions of release. Officers consider this individual to be dangerous. He has been on the run since August 2003.</p> <p><small>If you receive any information regarding the above named individual, please contact the United States Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico. (505) 266-6000/Albuquerque or (575) 251-4820/Las Cruces</small></p>	
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Special Programs

Operation Complete Clean up

Operation Complete Clean Up, a four month long sex offender verification operation, concluded August 31, 2012 with outstanding participation and results. The operation was a New Mexico wide effort to verify that every sex offender located in the State, including Tribal and Pueblo lands, was in compliance with applicable federal and state law. These compliance checks included verifications of places of residence, work, and school locations if the offender was attending a post-secondary educational program. The main goals of the operation were simple; to verify offender compliance ensuring the safety and security of the public and to offer assistance to County, Tribal and Pueblo jurisdictions in completing this public safety task.

The operation, which began May 01, 2012, verified 3,254 sex offenders and their addresses. This figure accounts for approximately 98% of all offenders living in the state of New Mexico and on Tribal or Pueblo lands. Approximately 2,857 offenders live within New Mexico's 33 counties. The remaining offenders live on Tribal or Pueblo lands. Officers conducting the verifications were able confirm 100% of the offenders living on tribal lands. The operation resulted in 46 registration violations being referred to the United States Marshals Service for Federal Prosecution based on the Adam Walsh Act. In addition there were several hundred arrests made pursuant to local warrants and violations of the State's sex offender registration law. In total the Marshals Service and cooperating agencies spent more than 57,600 total hours during the 30 individual operations that comprised Operation Complete Clean Up. The operation, covering over 121,298 square miles, cost less than \$34,000 to complete.

The operation was collaborative effort by the United States Marshals Service and 62 agencies throughout the state.

Operation Push Back

The United States Marshals Service concluded Operation Push Back in Dona Ana County, NM on August 23rd, 2012. This was a 2 day joint operation that was comprised of law enforcement officers from US Marshals, Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office, Las Cruces Police Department, United States Border Patrol, New Mexico State University Police Department, Sun Park Police Department, and New Mexico State Probation and Parole. Operation Push Back targeted fugitives wanted for Domestic Violence, Batteries, and Assaults. During the 2 day operation, Law Enforcement Officers arrested 39 subjects and cleared 60 warrants. On one of the encounters Deputies recovered over \$3000 in stolen diamonds and jewelry that were taken during a theft. Conrad E. Candelaria, United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, stated "the Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico has a proud tradition of partnership with New Mexico's law enforcement community that spans generations, which is evident by the level of multilateral cooperation with local, county, state and tribal police agencies working towards a goal of safer New Mexico." There were two notable arrests made during this operation. **Orlando Uranga**, was wanted for battery against a household member. Uranga is an East Side Loco 13 gang member and was apprehended with 2 grams of crack cocaine on him. The second arrest was **Olajuwon Herrera**, he was arrested for a state probation violation and is also an East Side loco 13 gang member. During the arrest, marijuana was found in the residence which also netted two additional arrests.



Orlando Uranga



Olajuwon Herrera

Wardens Training

The United States Marshals Service hosted a meeting for all U.S. Marshals Service Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Contract Wardens and Deputy Wardens in New Mexico on October 30th, 2012 in Albuquerque, NM. During the meeting USMS personnel provided training on numerous aspects of Detention Management and conducted an informal "roundtable" style discussion with the Wardens and Deputy Wardens to discuss prior problems and solutions that the District has encountered. The goal of the meeting was to increase the collaboration and efficiency in which the Marshals Service and the IGA Contract facilities interact. Some of the areas that the meeting and discussion touched on were: Suicide prevention, Intergovernmental Agreement Contracts, USMS jail Inspections, Quality Assurance Reports, NM jail standards, incidents requiring jail notifications to USMS, Writs, JPATS, USMS jail teams, jail bills, remands, prisoner housing needs and USMS federal prisoner population trends.



Pictured above: U.S. Marshal Candelaria and Wardens from New Mexico's Jails.

Community Outreach

41st Annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

The United States Marshal Service, District of New Mexico, assisted local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the 2012 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The 41st annual event took place October 6-14. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta set the world record for most balloons launched in one hour, sending 345 hot air balloons into the sky from Balloon Fiesta Park during the opening day of Balloon Fiesta. The 2012 Balloon Fiesta hosted pilots representing 19 countries from all over the world and the event attracted over 1 million spectators over the 9 day period. During the nine days of Balloon Fiesta, the men and women of law enforcement devoted all their efforts and resources to provide all visitors to the park with the highest quality service and protection. They maintained a 24/7 mobile, mounted, plain clothes, and foot patrol surveillance throughout Balloon Fiesta.

The Balloon Fiesta Public Safety Team, Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque Fire Department, Bernalillo County Sheriff Office, New Mexico State Police, New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Rio Rancho Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Marshal Service, Sandia Pueblo Police Department, Bernalillo Police Department, City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation, City of Albuquerque Emergency Management, National Guard 64 CST-WMD, New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, United States Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, New Mexico Mounted Search and Rescue, Bernalillo County Fire Department and other organizations, were all collectively responsible for the enforcement of all traffic laws, local jurisdiction criminal codes, and upholding all Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta policies and regulations.

Marshal Conrad Candelaria for the District of New Mexico said “The United States Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico proudly continues the longstanding tradition of partnering and assisting by maintaining security with many law enforcement agencies at the 2012 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, so that all balloonists and the many spectators that will visit and enjoy one of America’s spectacular events that attracts people from many parts of the international community.”



(Above) Deputy U.S. Marshals Royce Namoca (left) and Robert Medina with the Intel and New Mexico state flag hot air balloons at the 41st Annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta on October 14, 2012.

The Color Run Albuquerque

The Color Run is a popular, nationwide series of urban 5K races in which thousands of participants start out in pristine white t-shirts and are doused head to toe in different colors as they pass through “color zones” at each kilometer. Participation in The Color Run has exploded since its debut last year.

The 5K Color Run was Saturday, August 25th in the downtown area. The finish was at Civic Plaza where the infamous color festival began. This is where one breaks open their packet of color and tosses it in the air. This color throw was the apex of the event with music and dancing. Approximately 6,000 walkers, runners and rollers, with over 100 volunteers, came out to support the first annual Color Run in Albuquerque.

The Charity Partner was Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House Charities of New Mexico provides comfort, care and a home away from home for families whose children are in medical treatment. One of the greatest visions for the Color Run is to bring fundraising to local communities. The Host Hotel was Double Tree by Hilton. Members of the District AF Office participated this year.

U.S. Marshals Put Federal Seizures to Good Use

The U.S. Marshals Service turned over custody of four vehicles, a 2004 Chevy Silverado K1500 valued at \$11,475, a 2005 Pontiac GTO valued at \$12,825, a 2002 Lexus GS 300 valued at \$6,400 and a 2007 Chevy Silverado K2500HD valued at \$24,725 to the Otero County Sheriff's Office Thursday. The Otero County Sheriff's Office received the vehicles under the Marshals' equitable sharing program. The vehicles were seized by the DEA during an investigation in which the vehicles were either used in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime or purchased with funds from illegal sources.

In January, during an investigation initiated by the Otero County Sheriff's Office, a drug detection canine was used on the 2004 Chevy Silverado K1500 and 2005 Pontiac GTO, which resulted in a positive alert for the presence of contraband in the vehicles. The investigation revealed that the vehicles were used to transport marijuana and cocaine. Also in January, the 2007 Chevy Silverado K2500HD and 2002 Lexus were seized following a state search warrant at the defendant's residence. The vehicles were then turned over to the Marshals Service as the agency responsible for their safekeeping during federal court proceedings required for the federal government to take possession of the assets.

United States Marshal for the district of New Mexico Conrad E. Candelaria commented "the Marshals Service for the District of New Mexico is lockstep with local, county, state, tribal and federal agencies in the pursuit of dangerous criminals and fugitives, with an overarching mission to permanently eradicate criminal activities and enterprises. The Department of Justice's Asset Forfeiture Program further illustrates the commitment to the law enforcement community by providing additional resources to assist in the fight against crime."

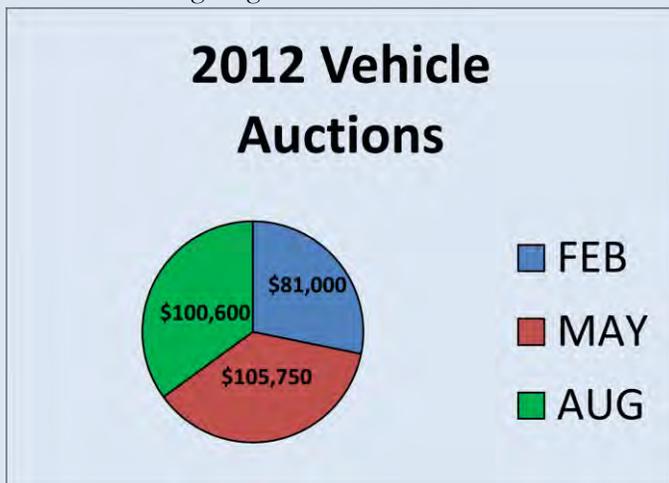
U.S. Marshals Raise \$100,000 in 30 Minutes

On 31 August the U.S. Marshals Service in the District of New Mexico raised \$100,600.00 during an auto auction. The 15 vehicles were seized by FBI and DEA due to illegal activities. The auction was held at Dugger Services and was conducted by Apple Towing Company in Albuquerque, NM.

The Marshals Service auto auction had vehicles at every level. The steals of the day were a 1987 Cadillac sedan that sold for only \$300.00 and a 2003 Dodge Dakota that sold for \$1,400.00. The highlights of the auction were a 2007 Harley Davidson Fat Boy with very low mileage that sold for \$11,100.00 and a 2004 Peterbuilt Tractor Trailer Truck sold for only \$29,000.00. Seven of the seizures sold for less than \$2000.00. Overall the 15 seizures sold in less than thirty minutes.

District of New Mexico, United States Marshal, Conrad E. Candelaria, stated "with repeated success the District of New Mexico's Asset Forfeiture Team continues to raise significant monies from auctions and within the span of 12 months tens of thousands of dollars have been raised from several auctions; the monies raised will be equitably shared with New Mexico's local, county and state law enforcement agencies that actively assisted with federal criminal investigations. It is the collaborative effort of many law enforcement jurisdictions working together to ensure criminal activities are stripped of their financial base with the goal of permanently eradicating criminal enterprise."

Proceeds from U.S. Marshals' auctions are used to compensate victims of crime and fund law enforcement initiatives. In addition, the funds are often shared with state and local law enforcement agencies that participated in the investigations leading to the forfeiture of the assets.



Director's Award

Administrative Employee of the Year

Susan Finley the Management and Program Analyst for the District of New Mexico was selected for the Administrative Employee of the Year Award from Attorney General Eric Holder, Director Stacia A. Hylton, and Deputy Director Chris Dudley. This outstanding achievement reflects the dedication and personal sacrifices that Ms. Finley has made for the District and the United States Marshals Service. The ceremony was held in Washington D.C on August 1, 2012 and recognizes employees who go above and beyond the call of duty for the United States Marshals Service. Ms. Finley's selection speaks volumes about her integrity, work ethic, and loyalty for the United States Marshals Service. The District of New Mexico was honored this year with the presentation of the Administrative Employee of the Year award to Ms. Susan Finley. Susan currently serves as our Management and Program Analyst with responsibility for managing our funding to keep our incredibly important Law Enforcement work ticking like clockwork! She has 28 years of federal service, 19 of those excellent years have been in the service of the U.S. Marshals Service. With a severe shortage of financial staffing, Ms. Finley has had to serve not only as the Management and Program Analyst, but has performed the duties of the Purchasing Agent, Budget Analyst and most other financial functions in the District. She has managed to effectively track and report the expenditures that directly keep our District operating like a well-oiled machine. In addition, she has controlled the execution of funding in excess of \$50M to pay for prisoner housing, transportation, guards, prisoner medical, courthouse contract guards, and Joint Law Enforcement Operations.



Attorney General Eric Holder, Susan Finley, Director Stacia Hylton, and Deputy Director Chris Dudley.

Director's Group Award

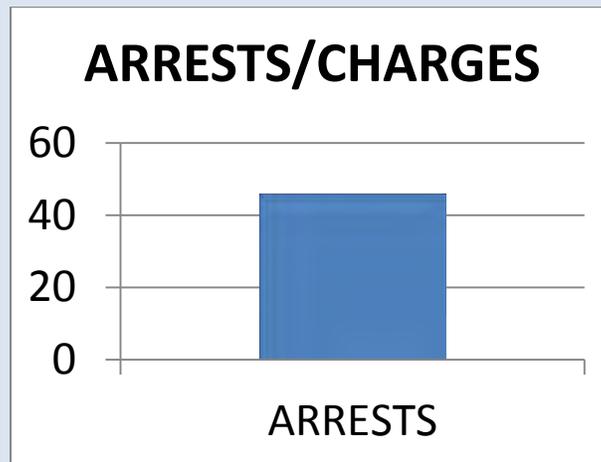
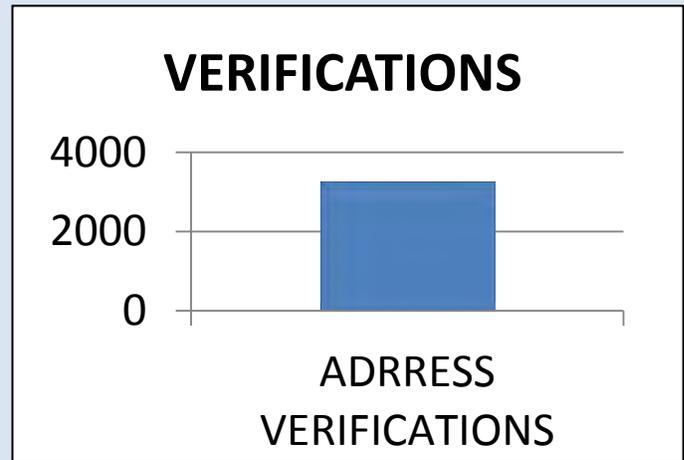
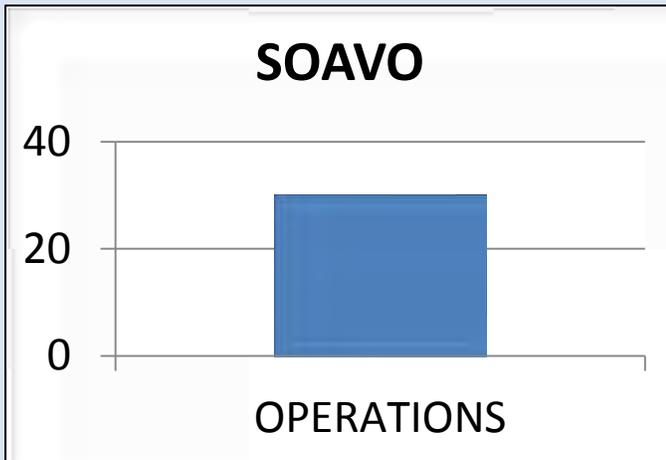
DUSM Kozuszko & K-9 Hope

Deputy US Marshal Todd Kozuszko and his partner K-9 Hope and other USMS personnel from around the country that responded last year's tragic shooting incident in Tucson, AZ were honored by receiving the USMS Director's Group Award on August 1, 2012. Within minutes of the incident DUSM Kozuszko and his partner Hope were called out to Tucson to help provide security and without hesitation responded to the scene. Marshal Candelaria said "I can say with the utmost confidence that we all share a similar sentiment that DUSM Kozusko and Hope are deserving of this prestigious and honorable award, which reflects unwavering commitment to the USMS and dedication to a standard of excellence. I am proud and fortunate to have DUSM Kozusko and Hope as members of our team so please join me in congratulating them for this well-deserved and honored award."



K-9 Hope on scene in Tucson

Sex Offender Investigations Branch (SOIB)



In 2012 there were approximately 2,857 sex offenders living within the State of New Mexico with 397 offenders living within Tribal or Pueblo lands. The aggressive sex offender address verification operations conducted in the year 2012 netted 46 registration violations. All in all there were a total of 3,254 sex offender verifications and a total of 30 operations. U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales commended U.S. Marshal Conrad Candelaria for spearheading this important operation, and added, “The purpose behind the Adam Walsh Act is to protect the public from sex offenders and offenders against children through effective sex offender registration and notification. But it only works if we are assured that sex offenders are complying with the Act’s registration and notification requirements. Thanks to the U.S. Marshals Service, who led Operation Complete Clean Up, and the numerous agencies that cooperated in the Operation, the citizens of New Mexico have access to important information that will enable them to take measures to make sure that their families and friends are safe.”

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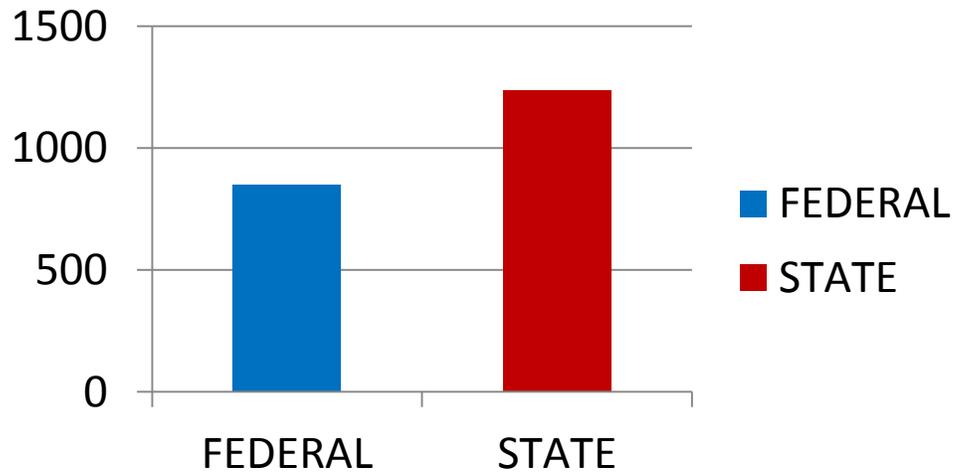
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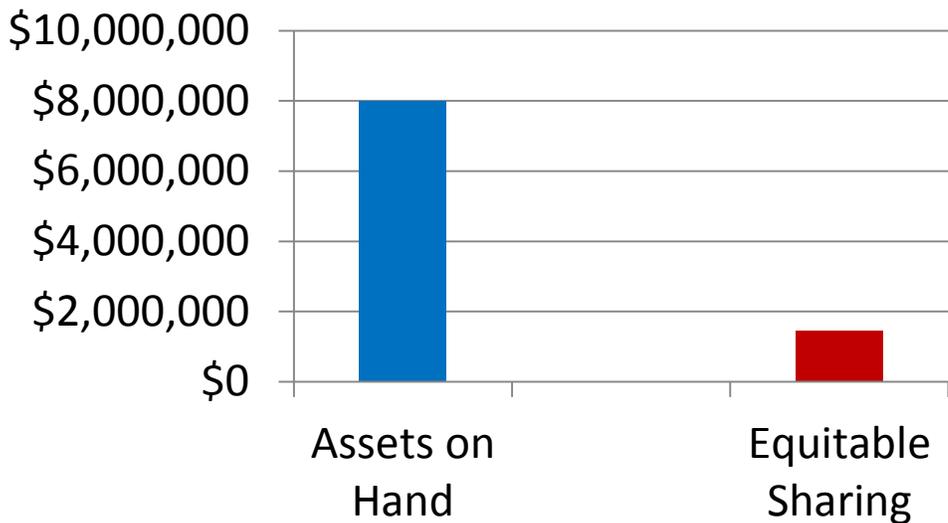
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2012 U.S. Marshal Service District of New Mexico Arrests



2012 Asset Forfeiture Unit



Assets on hand are items, property, and cash that are seized by the U.S. Marshals Service. This includes money, property, firearms, jewelry, electronics, heavy machinery, and conveyance. In 2012, there was just over **8 million dollars** in assets on hand for the District of New Mexico. Also for 2012 the equitable sharing was at **1.4 million** dollars. Moreover, under the Equitable Sharing Program, the proceeds from sales are often shared with the state and local enforcement agencies that participated in the investigation which led to the seizure of the assets. This important program enhances law enforcement cooperation between state/local agencies and federal agencies.