

Operation Eradication:

Operation Eradication was in effect from August 27, 2009, through August 28, 2009, from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. each day.

The Round-up was initiated as police recognized other Phoenix neighborhoods were experiencing a drop in crime while the areas of 27th Avenue to the east, 35th Avenue to the west, Peoria Avenue to the north, and Northern Avenue to the south was showing an increase. Cactus Park Precinct personnel utilized intel driven crime analysis data, computer modeling, and consulted with concerned neighbors including the Cactus Park Community Alliance to form Operation Eradication.

Crime statistics indicated street violence and property crime had steadily increased in this small geographical area within the Cactus Park Precinct. Based on a 2-year comparison of the area, data indicated a 6% increase in overall violent and drug crimes versus a 10% drop citywide. Additionally, during the 6 months prior to the implementation of Operation Eradication, the target area earned the top position in calls for service.

The development of a multi-phase plan and deployment model was instituted to improve the quality of life for the citizens residing in the target area. Operation Phases include: crime analysis/planning, investigation, enforcement, education, and maintenance. During the initial planning phase, it became apparent that the traditional enforcement methods such as surveillance, area saturation, and Crime Free Multi-Housing Programs, had limited impact on the increasing crime problem; it was clear that multi-housing complexes in and around the area of 35th Avenue Dunlap Avenue were the focal point of the increase in crime and calls for service. As a result, officers gave special attention to these locations. Understanding that illegal drugs share a commonality with the proliferation of violent crime, the Drug Enforcement Bureau was solicited as a resource to assist in the establishment of an undercover operation that would identify violent offenders, career criminals, and multi-housing unit owner/operators in support of illegal activity. The next step of the operation involved development and implementation of interdiction strategies which required investigation and case building endeavors that implicated individuals involved in illegal drug sales, trafficking in stolen property, auto theft, and burglary.

Police worked undercover during the 30-day Investigation Phase then enforced those targeted for arrest. At the completion of the operation, the Drug Enforcement Bureau and Cactus Park Precinct had been successful in building felony cases against individuals involved in repeat offender criminality within the target area. The investigation resulted in 82 transactions involving sixty 67 identified suspects. All cases were submitted to the Maricopa County Attorneys Office for prosecution. The Cactus Park Precinct was in direct contact on a daily basis with individuals that were involved in the drug trade at street level, including selling and stealing stolen property.

The enforcement aspect of the Operation was a team effort between department precincts, bureaus, and outside agencies, including Maricopa County Sheriffs Office, County Attorney's Office, and AZ Department of Public Safety.

The main operational goal of the operation was to serve search warrants and arrest warrants related to individuals implicated during Operation Eradication, probation violators, and other felony crimes. In conjunction with warrant service, officers from the department's VICE Unit, Traffic Unit, and Major Offender Bureau will proactively seek

out individuals involved in crimes in progress. Neighborhoods say with Cactus Park Precinct focusing on this area, officers are able to solve a multitude of criminal activity which will in turn make an impact on the community.

Cactus Park Precinct commends all involved officers and detectives for coming together and working as a team. Because of their teamwork, dedication to the program and community, the officers and detectives completed 82 deals involving 55 suspects, all of which were positively identified, while working only 21 shifts.

The following information is a general overview of the statistics related to Operation Eradication:

*Awaiting results from Traffic Bureau

	<i>Recap</i>		<i>Evidence Purchased</i>
<i>Total:</i>	81	<i>Methamphetamines</i>	81.5 grams
<i>Traffic Citations</i>	168	<i>Crack Cocaine</i>	9.5 grams
<i>Vehicle Seizures:</i>	8	<i>Cocaine</i>	17 grams
<i>Felony Arrests:</i>	35	<i>Marijuana</i>	528.5 grams
<i>Misdemeanor Arrests:</i>	51	<i>Heroin</i>	2 grams
		<i>Pills</i>	198.5

Property Recovered:

- 1 1993 Honda Prelude (reported stolen)
- 4 pistols
- 1 Phoenix P.D. ballistic vest (reported stolen)
- 1 lap top computer (reported stolen)
- 4 desk top computers (3 of which were taken in burglaries)
- Keys and miscellaneous documents (taken in the same burglary)

Click here to view Channel 10's segment on Operation Eradication:

[http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/local/Crime Crackdown Underway](http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/local/Crime_Crackdown_Underway)

Maintenance Phase:

Cactus Park Precinct is committed to the maintenance phase of the operation by establishing sustainable crime suppression infrastructures within the target area by providing crime analysis, internal and external resources, and information to assigned "Beat Accountability Officers, Community Action Officers, and Neighborhood Enforcement Teams. Moreover, the education of multi-housing owners and managers of the department's Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, CPTED, Adopt an Apartment program is paramount to sustainability within the area.