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AUGUST 2018 Newsletter



Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III

Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our August 2018 issue of the "communicator."

We continue our effort to work with you, our community and visitors of our county to continue to provide you with the superior service you have come to expect.

This newsletter is intended for residents and visitors of the County of Bernalillo, the Sheriff's East Area Command, North Valley Area Command, and South Valley Area Command. The purpose of our newsletter is to keep an open line of communications between you, the citizens, and us, the deputies, who are sworn to protect you and your property.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to any and all your neighbors who are interested news, crime fighting tips, and communication from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office. If any person wishes to be placed on the internet e-mail distribution list please forward that request via e-mail :

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News from the East Area Command



Summer is in full effect, and the weather up in the East Mountains is wonderful. Everyone seems to be taking advantage of all that the area has to offer, and this includes motorcycles.

Recently, there has been an increase in motorcycle traffic, especially on the Crest Highway. BCSO will be increasing patrols on Highway 536 to ensure that all traffic is obeying traffic laws, especially speeding. We want everyone to enjoy this time of year, and to take advantage of the scenic routes up to the Crest, but we want people to do it safely, and within the law. If you have a specific complaint, please call Captain Joshua Kingsbury directly at 468-7420, and he will work with you to see it is addressed.

Speaking of speeding, BCSO has been working at getting traffic slowed down on Highway 337, and over the last month, have written many speeding citations on South 14. We will continue to enforce

traffic laws all over the area. If you have specific concerns, again, please contact Captain Kingsbury, and he will work with you to get them taken care of.

Recent rains here in the mountains have allowed for the reopening of the Sandia Ranger district, but fire danger continues to be one of our largest concerns. Please continue to stay vigilant and protect yourself and your neighbors from the dangers of wildfires. Report any suspicious activity to either the Sheriff's Department, or Bernalillo County Fire for immediate investigation. Also, make sure you and your family are ready for emergency evacuations in the case they become necessary by putting together a "go-bag". Food, water, medications, and anything else you may need to get you through a few days. Ready.gov has great ideas on exactly what to consider for inclusion in your kit.



Annual Summer Citizen Event

We will be holding our annual summer citizens event on Wednesday, August 1st, at the East Area Command Center at 6pm. This year, BCSO has coordinated a potluck dinner and everyone is invited. There is an online signup and RSVP at <https://potluckbuddies.com/jkingsbury/sheriffspotluck/?code=abc123>. The password for the site is abc123. If you would like to attend, please follow the listed link and sign up, so we can account for numbers. Sheriff Manuel Gonzales will be in attendance, along with members of his command staff County Commissioner James Smith, as well as deputies assigned to the Area Command. So come for good food, conversation and a chance to get to know your BCSO and Bernalillo County representatives better.

We will be forever on duty to ensure you are safe and cared for.

News from South Area Command

ABANDONED PROPERTIES

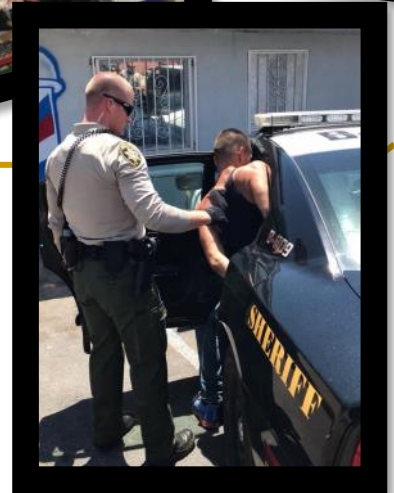
Deputies and supervisors have been working tirelessly with Bernalillo County Zoning to condemn and shut down properties and residences that have become a nuisance and haven for criminal activity. If you have an abandoned property in your neighborhood that is causing problems for the neighborhood, please contact Captain Taylor at ataylor@bernco.gov.

SOUTH VALLEY BBQ

Members of the Sheriff's Department were honored to host a barbeque for the citizens of the South Valley on July 12, 2018. Thanks to our generous sponsor Jerry's Market and the South Valley Neighborhood Coalition the event was a true success. This event gave citizens the opportunity to meet and talk with deputies on a personal level. We look forward to next year's event!

SPLASH PAD!!!

The South Valley Splash Pad is now open and is an exciting spot for children and adults alike. Please remember to keep an eye on your children when they are playing in the area as injuries can occur due to the slippery surface. When visiting please remember that thieves are always on the lookout for easy targets so keep a close eye on personal property.



News from North Area Command



PLEASE JOIN THE SHERIFF AND THE NORTH VALLEY DEPUTIES FOR AN AFTERNOON MEET AND GREET!

We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Come out and meet your neighbors!

**TIME: 1:00 PM TO 4PM
NORTH AREA COMMAND CENTER
6900 4TH STREET NW**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
CAPTAIN BRODERICK SHARP @ (505) 314-0044

NEW FROM CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of One Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 8 Sergeants and 60 Detectives. CID handles all investigations for Bernalillo County as well as assisting APD and NMSP on all officer involved shootings. Numerous detectives also work in conjunction with our Federal partners (FBI, DEA, ATF, HSI and USMS).

THE CID UNITS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **Crime Scene Investigations**
- **Violent Crimes**
- **Homicide**
- **Special Victims Unit**
- **Narcotics**
- **Property Crimes**
- **White Collar Crimes**
- **Gang Unit**
- **Fugitive Apprehension and Surveillance Team**
- **GHOST**
(GHOST investigates all missing persons cases, child pornography and human trafficking)
- **Crisis Intervention Unit**
- **Special Investigations Unit**
- **Sex Offender Registration and Tracking**
SORT is responsible for the registration and tracking of approximately 900 registered sex offenders in Bernalillo County)



F. A. S. T. UNIT

Fugitive Apprehension Surveillance Team



The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department Fugitive Apprehension and Surveillance Team received recognition from Crime Stoppers in the month of July, for their outstanding work in apprehending fugitives in Bernalillo County. Specifically for their efforts in the apprehension of an escapee whose original charges stemmed from being in a stolen vehicle and crashing into a mother and daughter resulting in their deaths. Another specific recent apprehension includes the arrest of a homicide suspect from South Dakota.

The Fugitive Apprehension and Surveillance Team is utilized on a regular basis by other units from within the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department and are regularly requested by numerous outside agencies to assist in locating and apprehending violent felons that may seek refuge in our community.

The dedication and efforts of the deputies assigned to the Fugitive Apprehension and Surveillance Team is commendable and another example of how the Criminal Investigation Division serves our citizens.



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The "Communicator" recently sat down and interviewed the BCSO GHOST Unit.

Communicator: What is GHOST and how does the work of the unit impact the safety and security of citizens of Bernalillo County?

GHOST Unit: The Ghost unit investigates human trafficking, child exploitation and all missing person cases for the Sheriff's Office. We are trained in responding quickly to any child abduction or other endangered missing person, as well as working with a specially trained patrol unit called the "High Risk Victim Unit." With that unit's help, we have been successful in identifying more human trafficking victims and therefore identifying more human traffickers. Recently this unit has identified a 14 year old girl who was being sold online, got her rescued from the traffickers, and are currently working with social services to get her stabilized.

Child exploitation cases help identify people that has sexual fantasies with children and demand content to satisfy that need. To satisfy their needs they could be physically molesting children, or asking others to molest children and record it. The Ghost Unit has led New Mexico the past 3 years with the amount of cases we have worked proactively to stop this abuse.

Communicator: What type of training does the GHOST unit complete and are other deputies within BCSO similarly trained?

GHOST Unit: We were very proud to train the first group of patrol deputies (or officers) in the State on recognizing human trafficking operations, including victims and offenders. We also offer training for civilians on human trafficking recognition, internet safety for children and teens and other training regarding safety of children in general and from child abuse and neglect.

Communicator: Does the GHOST unit partner with other Public Safety providers/agencies?

GHOST Unit: We work with many agencies. These are some of the most worked with. FBI, HSI, NM Attorney General's Office, APD, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Communicator: Do you have any brief tips or best practices to share for keeping our children and community safe?

GHOST Unit: TALK TO YOUR KIDS! No matter the age. Get to know their world. Just because it isn't your world doesn't make it any less important for you to try and understand. Kids will be presented with dangerous situations no matter how much you want to protect them. We want them to come to you when it happens, so we can all get them help, as a community.

CRIME REDUCTION AND SAFETY TIPS

Neighborhood Safety Tips For Parents

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- **Know where your children are.** Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- **Help children learn important phone numbers.** Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.
- **Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood.** Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
- **Get to know your children's friends.** Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.
- **Choose a safe house in your neighborhood.** Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries, and police stations.
- **Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists.** Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- **Work together with your neighbors.** Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.



The Sheriff's Department holds a shift bid for all sworn uniformed employees twice a year. During this time employees bid for positions on each shift and in each area command. The most recent shift bid took effect on July 8th. These deputies continually strive to provide public safety services in a timely, professional and friendly manner.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to these fine men and women when they are out and about patrolling your neighborhoods.

NEWS FROM BERNALILLO COUNTY

Legislative Finance Committee Report Validates Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Initiatives in Bernalillo County

Report endorses implementation of evidence-based practices that increase public safety and improve fairness and efficiency in the criminal justice system.

Bernalillo County - Bernalillo County officials today welcomed results of an extensive Legislative Finance Committee study on crime in Bernalillo County, noting that the committee's report endorses many of the collaborative "best-practice" initiatives adopted by the county's criminal justice partners over the past three years. The report highlights several of Bernalillo County's recent initiatives, such as the new jail re-entry and behavioral health programs.

"For many years, Bernalillo County government has worked with our partners in the criminal justice system to help implement data-driven, evidence-based "best practices" that make the system fairer and more efficient while making our community safer," says County Manger Julie Morgas Baca. "It's important to see those cooperative efforts validated by the LFC's extensive evaluation and learn how we can continue moving forward."

The LFC report released today identifies several examples of county-funded initiatives that have effectively moved the justice system towards nationally-recognized best practices proven to reduce crime by providing swift and certain consequences; reducing counterproductive incarceration; and employing risk-based decision-making. The report concludes "there is little evidence that those changes and reforms had significant negative impact on the crime rate."



Among the implemented best practices identified in the LFC report are the use of a risk assessment tool to facilitate evidence-based court decisions, use of pretrial supervision to promote public safety, and the NM Supreme Court's Case Management Order setting deadlines for case processing. Some of the report's key recommendations are founded on research showing that inappropriate incarceration of low and moderate risk individuals dramatically increases the likelihood of new criminal activity.

The report also recognizes the importance of re-entry planning for inmates leaving incarceration and highlights programs implemented by the county including the new Re-Entry Resource Center, the discharge planning team and Medicaid enrollment initiatives at MDC, the Medication Assisted Treatment initiative, and the Managed Care Organization in-reach program.

Morgas Baca says the report is an endorsement of county efforts. "We're encouraged by this report and motivated to continue doing what we can to make our community safer."



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News from the Administrative Support Bureau

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy recently graduated 28 cadets from the Basic Police Academy whom will now join the sworn ranks our remarkable institution.

These new deputies have completed instruction, including but not limited to, Criminal and Civil law, defensive driving, firearms, physical fitness, crisis intervention training, first aid, hazmat response, interpersonal communication skills, defensive tactics, court room testimony, DWI, gangs, and report writing. While the Academy is long, tiresome, difficult and stressful it is also one of the most rewarding experiences an individual could ever receive. The Academy 26+ weeks long followed by 3 months of on the job training.

These most recent graduates will now progress to the Field Training Officer program. The purpose of the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTO) is to train new deputies so that each is prepared to function as a solo patrol deputy at the conclusion of their training cycle.

The training cycle consists of over 12 weeks of intensive on-the-job training and daily performance evaluations. Training is conducted and staffed by specially trained

field training officers and patrol sergeants. Field training officers have the dual responsibility of providing police service in their assigned area commands, as well as conducting training and evaluation of the new deputy.

Daily observation reports (DORs), completed by the Field Training Officer, are scored and reviewed by both the trainer and trainee. Field training sergeants are responsible for the supervision of all personnel assigned to their teams and for coordinating and supervising the on-the-job training of recruit deputies.

New deputies are required to meet specific performance standards in 30+ performance categories before being certified for solo patrol duty. As the deputies near the completion of their probationary period, the FTO program administers a formal review of all DOR's and deputies who have performed at an acceptable level are recommended for retention as permanent employees.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To train and evaluate all recruit deputies in preparation for solo patrol duty.
- To achieve a +90% success rate for all recruit officers trained.
- To train newly appointed field training officers and sergeants in preparation for their new duties.
- To provide information and training to outside agencies in the development and implementation of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Model of the Field Training and Evaluation Program.



