

# Neighborhood News

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Keeping Children Informed

## What Parents Can Do to Keep Children Safe at School

For most of the year, children spend more time at school than anywhere else other than their own home. At school, children need a secure, positive, and comfortable environment to help them learn.

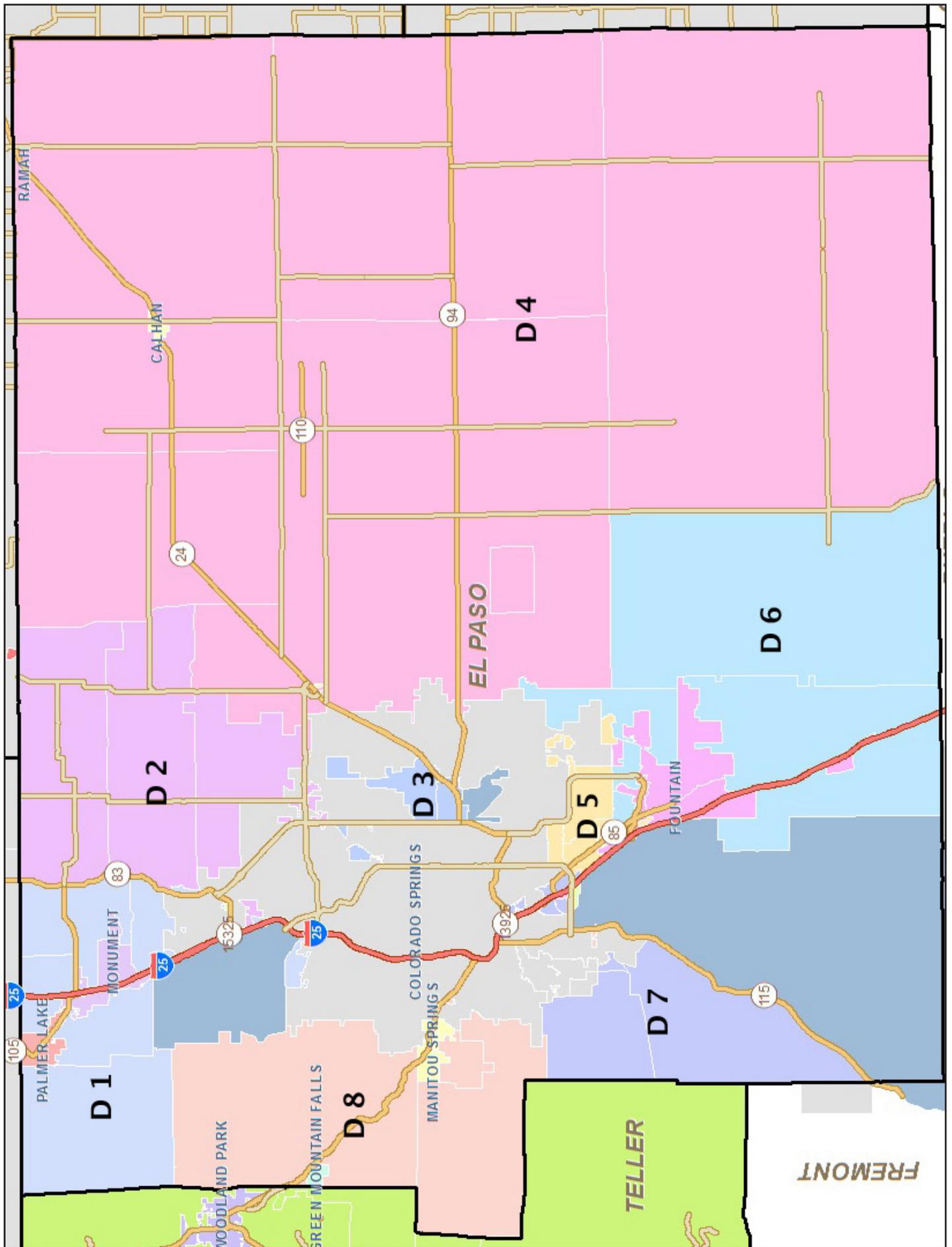
Overall, schools are one of the safest places children can be. However, some schools have problems, such as bullying and theft, which make them less secure. These problems make students and educators feel less safe and it makes it harder for students to learn and for teachers to do their jobs.

There are specific ways that parents can make going to school a safer and more valuable learning experience for their children.

### In the Classroom

Kids need a safe and comfortable environment to learn to the best of their capabilities. This means they have to feel safe in their school and be able to positively interact with their teachers and classmates. By doing the following, parents and other adults can help make sure children have a positive school experience.

- Talk to your children about their day. Sometimes children won't tell you right away if they are having problems at school. Ask your children if they see anyone bullied, if they are bullied, or if anything else makes them feel uncomfortable. Look for warning signs, such as a sudden drop in grades, loss of friends or torn clothing.
- Teach children to resolve problems without fighting. Explain that fighting could lead to them getting hurt, hurting someone else, or earning a reputation as a bully. Talk to them about other ways they can work out a problem, such as talking it out, walking away, sticking with friends, or telling a trusted adult.
- Keep an eye on your children's internet use. Many elementary schools have computers with internet access. Ask your children's school if students are monitored when they use the internet or if there is a blocking device installed to prevent children from finding explicit websites. Talk to your children about what they do online – what sites they visit, who they email, and who they chat with. Let them know they can talk to you if anything they see online makes them uncomfortable, whether it's an explicit website or a classmate bullying them or someone else through email, chat, or websites.
- Ask about the safety and emergency plans for your children's school. How are local police involved? How are students and parents involved? What emergencies have been considered and planned for?



# Crimes in Your Neighborhood

## Highlights From *August*

### District 1

Multiple vehicle break-ins, motor vehicle thefts, and burglaries were reported in this district in August. Please remember to lock your vehicle, remove valuables from the vehicle to include garage door openers, and keep garage doors closed.

### District 4

Multiple fraud and theft cases reported. A homicide occurred on Fort Smith Rd. A suspect is in custody. A home invasion occurred on Rio Secco Rd.

### District 7

Multiple vehicles were broken into. Please remember to lock your vehicle, remove valuables from the vehicle to include garage door openers.

### District 2

No pattern crimes were reported in August. Four fraud cases, one mail theft, and a suspicious incident with an arrest were reported.

### District 5

Multiple vehicle break-ins, motor vehicle thefts, and burglaries were reported in this district in August. Please remember to lock your vehicle, remove valuables from the vehicle to include garage door openers, and keep garage doors closed. Multiple cases of graffiti were reported in the area of Rose Dr. A shooting occurred on Huxley Ct and detectives are actively investigating the incident.

### District 3

Multiple vehicle break-ins, motor vehicle thefts, and burglaries were reported in this district in August. A robbery occurred on the 900 block of Peterson Rd. Please remember to lock your vehicle, remove valuables from the vehicle to include garage door openers, and keep garage doors closed.

### District 6

Multiple vehicles were broken into. Please remember to lock your vehicle, remove valuables from the vehicle to include garage door openers.

### District 8

A motor vehicle theft occurred on Morrison St. A suspect was later arrested.

## Upcoming Events

**Safety Fair** – September 24, 2016 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM @ Lowe's – 701 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Information will include personal safety, kid's safety, and situational awareness.

**Prepare-a-thon/Zombie Run** – September 24, 2016 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM @ Bear Creek Regional Park – Argus St/21st St. Colorado Springs, CO 80905. Family activities, information, & demonstrations to include: Emergency Responders, Vehicles, and Equipment (fire trucks, bulldozer, bug-out car), Personal and Family Readiness for Disaster, Off-grid camping and survival demonstrations, Disaster First Aid, Fire escape planning smoke demonstration trailer, Backup and portable power, alternatives, Personal safety and crime prevention, Preparedness supplies and gear (plus zombie novelty items), Animal Readiness for domestic pets and livestock (plus petting zoo), Readiness Activities for children (with take-home kit), Community Emergency Response Team, Community Gardeners, Games and prizes (free stuff!), Hands-on Fire extinguisher practice (real flames), Food Vendors, Music, Zombies! (disclaimer: zombies are not real). Take your preparedness to the next level.

**Coffee with a Cop** – September 24, 2016 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM @ Pikes Perk Coffee and Tea House – 5965 N Academy Boulevard Ste 203 Colorado Springs, CO 80918. Meet your neighbors and EPSO deputies for coffee and conversation! No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the deputies in your neighborhood!

## FOR EMERGENCIES: DIAL 9-1-1

El Paso County Sheriff's Office Dispatch  
(non-emergency crime reporting): **390-5555**

EPSO Telephone Reporting System (for minor crimes without suspect information): **520-7111**

EPSO Traffic Hotline (for reporting problem areas or traffic violations): **520-7192**

EPSO Tip Line (for reporting suspicious activity or the location of wanted persons): **520-7777**

***Always remember to report criminal activity or suspicious behavior promptly.***

For more information, contact the  
Crime Prevention Coordinator:  
Merody Broom  
**719-520-7151**  
***MerodyBroom@elpasoco.com***

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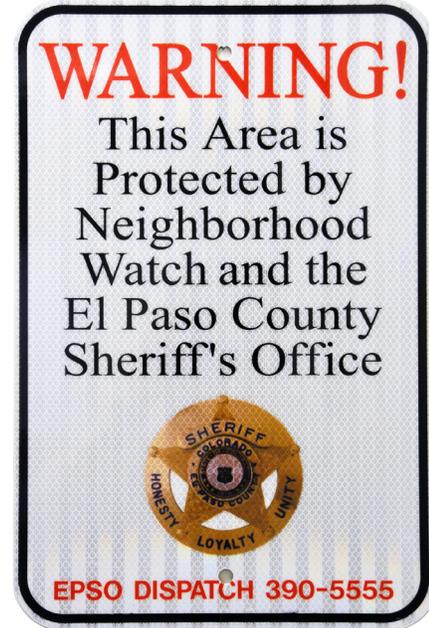
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 Nextdoor: Social Networking for Neighborhoods

For more information, please visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)



## What Parents Can Do to Keep Children Safe at School *Continued*

### Traveling To and From School

- Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.
- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.
- Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school they should tell an adult.
- Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and zip code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.

### On the Bus

- Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up.
- Make sure children know to stand on the sidewalk or on the grass while waiting for the bus.

- Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.
- Be aware that often bullying takes place on the school bus. Ask children about their bus – who they sit with, who they talk to, and what the other kids do. Let them know that if they see someone being bullied, or are bullied themselves, they can talk to you, the bus driver, or another trusted adult.

### On the Phone

- Send appropriate text, email, or picture messages only.
- Do not give out your address or other personal information on a phone call, text, or email to people you don't know, or others can hear you.
- Do not respond to an email, text, picture or voice message from someone you don't know.
- Tell an adult you trust if you receive anything on your phone—a call, a text message, an email, a picture, or voicemail message—that makes you uncomfortable.
- Be aware of your surroundings and understand when talking and texting is appropriate and when it is not.

### For Information on Bullying visit

<https://youtu.be/mUm8C8CDVTY>