

## October 2021 AIA Newsletter

### Upcoming dates

October 1st. Due date for annual dues

October 2nd. Chipping Date

AIA Board Meeting. October 20th @7PM via zoom

NEPCO General Meeting November 13th @10 AM the Barn Woodmoor Dr

For more information, feel free to contact a Committee, Board or Project member via our website at: <https://arrowwood3.org/contacts/>

### Board Members

At the September board meeting the following board positions were announced:- President Deb Fiala, Vice President Lou Johnson, Treasurer Dana Merveldt, Secretary /NEPCO Bill Mayo, Fire Wise Elizabeth Mayo, ACC Lonnie Wheeler, Chipping Coordinator Steve Merveldt. In addition 4 residents have generously agreed to continue with committee roles, Website Jeanette Breton, Roads and Grounds Greg Bielanski, Neighborhood Watch Jackie Heyda, Co Treasurer Bob Heyda.

If you are interested in becoming an appointed board member for one year come to October's board meeting , reply to this newsletter or contact any board member via the contact form on the website.

Being on the Board is a great way to be active in your neighborhood and make a difference.

### Financials

AIA 2021/22 budget (attached) was approved at September's board meeting. It will be posted to arrowwood3.org website under legal documents/financials

### AIA annual dues

Invoices have been sent out. Checks for the annual dues of \$50 should be sent to AIA, PO Box 431, Monument , Colorado , 80132. The due date is 1st October, thank you for a timely remittance.

### Fire Mitigation

Fall chipping day is Saturday October 2nd. Please have your slash ( trees and tree limbs) street side by 8.00am on that day. The AIA will be renting a chipper and removing the chippings . We need a crew of volunteers, so if you can help for an hour/hours or the whole day please contact Steve Merveldt (719 440 8551 or [smerveldt@coloradopropane.com](mailto:smerveldt@coloradopropane.com))

If you want your chippings to remain on your property, contact Steve Merveldt or (719) 440-8551 or [smerveldt@colopropane.com](mailto:smerveldt@colopropane.com).

To have your piles ready and more effectively mitigate your lot for fires, and for cost of chipping if you do not volunteer or help load your slash, please read the attached Chipping Policies(or [on our website](#)) . Any twigs 18” or less will not be chipped as it is a danger for the crew, these can be placed in trash cans. Please place your slash with the cut end towards the street piled with the trees/limbs on top of one another in parallel. A tangled pile makes it difficult for the crew to unravel.

AIA is a nationally Firewise-recognized community. This means as a community we outlined areas that needed fire mitigation and formed a plan to tackle this danger. As we are all aware, our main activity are the bi-annual chipping days. There are also members of our community that can help you as a home or lot owner identify and prioritize areas that need wildfire reduction actions. While we can help guide you, our Tri-Lakes fire department is also willing to come out to your property and help identify fire dangers. They can be reached at 719-484-0911. More information on what being a Firewise community means can be found at <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

If you would like to be a part of the Firewise committee please contact Elizabeth Mayo at [tuumayo@hotmail.com](mailto:tuumayo@hotmail.com)

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Please find the attached Neighborhood News from El Paso County Sheriff's Office .

### **Next Board Meeting**

Our next Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 20th at 7.00 pm via zoom. Details will be posted to our website under [Association Board / Board Meetings](#) a week before the meeting date

### **NEPCO** (Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Associations)

The next NEPCO meeting is on Saturday November 13th. It will be held 10.00-12.00 at The Barn Woodmoor Dr. The speakers for this meeting will be the El Paso County Commissioners. Please find the attached synopsis of the September NEPCO meeting.

Arrowwood III is a member of this organization and thus has access to all presentation slides and minutes of meetings that are accessible on the NEPCO website, [www.nepco.org](http://www.nepco.org). The password for the NEPCO web site is:

Username: member

Password: nepco@2021

Check out our AIA website [www.arrowwood3.org](http://www.arrowwood3.org) for community information and all official documents.

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## **Synopsis of NEPCO Meeting 11 Sep 2021**

This synopsis is intended to provide the highlights of the NEPCO General Membership meeting to all residents of NEPCO member Homeowner Associations. Full minutes & presentations at [www.nepco.org](http://www.nepco.org).

**NEPCO Transportation and Land Use Committee Reviews:** John Lewis, new Chairman of the TLUC, gave a presentation of recent activities. NEPCO has reviewed over 20 proposals from the county and Town of Monument over the past six months, many were small but a few were significant. The county web site called “EDARP” is the place to get all the land use proposals and attached documentation for review; John used charts to present detailed instructions on the steps to use this on-line site for review, and the instructional charts are in the meeting presentation package on the NEPCO web site. He provided a description of some “lessons learned” over the past years. John set up a face-to-face meeting with county planners to discuss the review process and the problems NEPCO has had for many years with the process. El Paso County seemed to ignore many of NEPCO comments sent to them, and, after discussion with county planners, it turns out that many areas of the proposals were already decided before the proposals went out for citizen review. John asked the county planners for a flow-chart of their review process to show when citizens can make inputs and comments that will be considered. John said the review process must start with an understanding of the new County Master Plan. John explained how a new land use proposal review model for NEPCO to follow will begin with identifying HOAs impacted by a proposal for land use using a digital model he is building to correlate geographic locations. NEPCO will support the impacted HOAs with information and guidance, but the impacted HOAs are the best ones to do a review and provide comments to the county. He is currently experimenting with his geographic correlation program to assess its feasibility. NEPCO members interested in volunteering to be a member of the NEPCO Transportation and Land Use Committee should contact Greg Lynd at [president@nepco.org](mailto:president@nepco.org) or 1-303-808-5002.

**NEPCO Wildfire Preparedness Committee:** Greg briefed a chart for the Committee Chairman, Matthew Nelson, that had the following points. Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is controlling the \$245K grant for wildfire mitigation, and many of the original grantees are receiving their grants. Leftover funds will be allocated to new proposed projects upon review. NEPCO will be involved in advertising the process for receiving grant money, and the NEPCO Wildfire Preparedness Committee will be the point of contact.

**Current and Future Water Availability:** Greg introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Tom Tharnish, Director of Public Works for the Town of Monument. Today’s program was originally to have been a panel of water experts to discuss the current and future availability of water in northern El Paso County, but two district general managers were unable to attend. Mr. Tharnish of Monument, however, provided an excellent description of the current water situation and future initiatives, including the “loop” concept for renewable water for our area. Mr. Tharnish explained the “loop” concept for acquiring treated wastewater in our area. The six water districts in our area currently treat wastewater at two wastewater plants. Under the “loop” concept, the treated wastewater from these plants would flow south to Colorado Springs where it would be treated again. Then it would be dispensed into Monument Creek where it would be extracted and flow back to storage tanks in northern El Paso County. The water would then be dispensed to the six water districts for treatment and dispensed for use by homeowners and businesses in our area. This concept would get about 60-65% of the water back. The development of the “loop” would be costly but would save enormously on the extraction of ground water from the Dawson or Arapahoe aquifers which are becoming seriously depleted. Mr. Tharnish said “loop” studies should be completed in about a year from now. He said previous studies of the ground water resources showed that the year 2035 is when our ground water from the aquifers is in jeopardy. The “loop” will eventually allow all our aquifers to drop much less than now and therefore last longer.

## AIA MAY CHIPPING PLAN/EXECUTION

• Oct 2021

Below are the chipping plan and rules for execution this year (2021)

- Chipping leads will survey all properties with slash week prior
  - Ensure limbs are butt-to-the-street; If NOT, no chipping; Mixed configuration will be charged a minimum of \$20.
  - No “duff” or small branches that can be placed in trash cans.
- Chipping participation and charge
  - **NOTE: This year we plan on hauling the resulting chips away from the neighborhood. If you want your chips, you MUST notify Steve Merveldt or Lonnie Wheeler prior to chipping day (2 Oct)**
  - Owners who assist with their own slash may not be charged
  - Owners who do NOT assist will be charged a minimum of \$25.
    - Slash piles that take longer than 15 minutes, and where the owner does NOT participate will be charged up to \$50.
    - Seniors who are physically unable to participate are exempt. However, their slash piles must meet the configuration identified above. If not, owner will be charged a minimum of \$20.
  - **Please notify Lonnie [440-0954] or Steve [440-8551] if you are physically unable to assist with the chipping.**

# Neighborhood News

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## Quick Tip:

Have you checked your Homeowner's insurance policy lately? Homeowners insurance policies often have different deductibles depending on the type of loss you experience. Some of these deductibles can be several thousand dollars. The time to learn the amount of your deductible is now, not at the time of loss or damage. An annual review is recommended to help prepare you when initiating a claim during a disaster.



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Neighborhood Watch Program



## National Preparedness Month

### September is “National Preparedness Month”

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is observed annually in the month of September. The goal during this time is to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. It is a great idea during this month to start making plans for your house and family to prepare for potential disasters, such as weather or fire, or re-evaluate any current plans you might have already implemented. The message during NPM is to make a plan and be prepared if you find yourself or your family involved in a disaster such as wildland fire, snowstorms, or other related natural disasters that can occur relatively unexpected. Throughout this newsletter, numerous topics of interest will be discussed, however, more in-depth information can be found by searching for National Preparedness Week. Various agencies, both local and nationally, support the NPM initiative and have published brochures and educational information to help you and your family prepare for these potential incidents. I was refreshed of some of the topics listed below from an article posted by Mr. Joseph Porcelli on August 23, 2021 from Nextdoor.

**Do you know the difference between a weather Watch and a weather Warning?** It is important note the difference so you can be better informed

potential harmful elements in your area or community. A **Watch** essentially means all the determinants/elements for a weather event to possibly occur and are present and you should keep an eye out for further possible developments. A **Warning** means that a weather event is present or near your area and you should seek shelter immediately at the nearest safe location. Local police and fire departments, emergency managers, the National Weather Service (NWS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and private industry are working together to make sure you can receive alerts and warnings quickly through several different technologies no matter where you are—at home, at school, at work, or in the community.

**Are your house numbers clearly visible from the street?** When you have lived at your residence for any amount of time, you may find yourself rarely paying attention to your house numbers (address). In the event of an emergency, maybe when several seconds count, responding emergency personnel such as police, Fire, or EMS will need to locate you easier and faster and by having house numbers or addresses that are clear and easy to read expedite in that process. Make sure all the numbers are still there and if possible, easily read from the street. Confirm there is nothing hindering address visibility, such as vegetation or landscape. Finally, please make

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sure the numbers (address) are well lit during dark hours to assist first responders.

**Do you have a NOAA weather radio in your home?**

Although cell phones and various other media sites provide great information, a NOAA radio will give you an audible warning of potentially dangerous weather approaching. Weather radios broadcast continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office in your area. You can select the type of broadcasts you want to hear including daily forecasts, severe weather warnings, watches, and other hazard information. These radios are cost effective and provide an audible warning to all the occupants in your residence that might not be near a cell phone, computer, or television set broadcasting dangerous weather approaching your area.



**Do you have at least a three-day supply of water for each person in your household?**

If the pipes in your home freeze, the electricity goes out and you have a well, or if there is a major blackout and your utility company is unable to pressurize water throughout your community, you will need 1 gallon of water per person per day for both drinking and sanitation. At the minimum, you should have a three-day supply of water on hand. If possible, you should consider storing enough water to last your household a week or more. Please don't hoard but, be prepared to assist you or other community members, if needed.

**Do you have enough non-perishable food to feed your household for a week?**

As we have seen in recent media and experiences here in Colorado, having perishable foods is a must. Following a disaster, power outages can last days, and you may need to rely on shelf-stable foods that do not require refrigeration or cooking. It is recommended that you have enough food to feed each person in your household for a week or more and a manual can opener. Sometimes the simple necessities, such as a manual can opener, will escape you during your preparation process!!!

**Do you have enough battery power, or the ability to generate power, to stay safe and healthy during a power outage lasting more than 3 days?**

Having backup battery power will allow you to let family members and friends know you are safe, and if needed, be able to call 911 and receive emergency notifications, such as snow warnings or other potentially dangerous weather alerts. It is important to note that on most current cellphones, you can still call 911 even if the phone does not have active current service, however the phone must be charged.

**Have you identified more than one way to leave your neighborhood/community in an emergency?**

What if the normal route you use to enter/exit your property is blocked for whatever reason? Do you have an alternate route you can use to get to safety? This was an issue during both the Black Forest and Waldo Canyon fires. As humans, we are typically systematic people meaning we become routine based and enter/exit our work areas or neighborhoods the same way every day. Challenge yourself to look at alternate ways to leave, if the situation dictates. During time of disaster is not the best time to find other alternatives.

**Do you have a "Go kit"?**

In the event of an emergency, you may not have time to quickly find or collect essential items. To name a few, a Go Kit is a collection of basic items, such as prescription medications, blankets, family documents/heirlooms, extra food and water for your pets and family members, which is assembled in a transportable kit in the event you need to quickly evacuate your home. Each kit is not generic in nature as you should consider your family's unique needs when determining what goes in your specific kit. For further information and suggestions, please visit <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>. You can also visit the American Red Cross' site for further recommendations.

**Do you have a plan for your pets and large animals?**

As you plan for your family, make sure you have not forgot about planning for your pets. Just as you would plan for your family's emergency supply kit, think about the basic survival needs your pet would require, such as food, water, and medications. Some items you should consider are several days of food and water, prescription medications, and an animal first aid kit. Make sure your pets ID tags are current and you have proper restraining devices set included such as collars and leashes. A picture of you and your pets is also ideal in the event you become separated from your animals.

Other key points to consider during your preparation planning might include creating a Family Disaster Plan that includes meeting locations and communication plans. This plan should also include the evacuation and housing of large animals as it applies to your family. Plan and practice several different evacuation routes. As an exemplar, during a recent large fire in El Paso County, first responders and homeowners experienced the confusion and what can happen if the one route you are accustomed taking becomes blocked. It is critical to have multiple evacuation plans to include exiting your home, if required.

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## Upcoming Events

- Friday, September 24, 2021, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Coffee with a Cop at Wesley Owens Café located at 1744 Lake Woodmoor Dr in Monument.

## Neighborhood Watch

A neighborhood watch system is easy to establish, simply by getting to know your neighbors within your neighborhood. In a Neighborhood Watch community, neighbors keep watch on each other's homes/property's and are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to either the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Coordinator or the El Paso County Sheriff's Office dispatch center. As one of the most successful community/law enforcement partnerships in the United States, this program aids law enforcement by creating a closer sense of community among citizens and furthermore builds a strong relationship with Sheriff's Office deputies. Neighbors who know each other become the Sheriff's Office "eyes and ears" within that community and develop an awareness of unusual circumstances and suspicious behaviors.

To learn more about the program, please contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator at 719-520-7151 to schedule a meeting or go to [www.epcsheriffsoffice.com](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com) under the **Community** tab for further details.

## Crime Prevention

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is committed to helping our citizens keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe from crime, the fear of crime and neighborhood decay. Working collaboratively with other local law enforcement officials, the Sheriff's Office assists to establish networking systems, provide educational materials, programs, training, and safety tutorials to promote pro-active crime prevention in our community. Through an active Community Oriented Policing philosophy, we believe that individual citizens should be empowered to work with law enforcement to help keep themselves and their families safe. Many programs we offer will provide tools that you can use to learn crime prevention strategies, engage other community members, and coordinate with local law enforcement to aid in crime prevention.



# Crime Prevention Tips

## Child Safety:

- Advise your children to never give out personal information to strangers and to tell you immediately if somebody asks.
- Educate your children on the importance of knowing how and when to use 911.
- Any time a situation has made a child uncomfortable they should tell a parent immediately.
- **\*See something, Say Something**

## Home:

- Place a metal or wooden rod in the track of sliding glass doors/windows.
- Have sufficient lighting at all household entrances.
- Do not hide keys; have a trusted person keep a spare.
- Explore the options for video doorbells and exterior cameras. These technologies are priceless when it comes to your safety and are extremely beneficial to law enforcement agencies when establishing suspect information or vehicle information involved in criminal activity.
- If you install a security system, make sure you are aware of the company's response policy and register your exterior cameras with the Sheriff's Office at [www.epcsheriffsoffice.com](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com).

## Vehicle Safety:

- Keep your car in good working condition.
- ALWAYS lock your car door even if you are only away from the vehicle for a few minutes.
- Park in well-lit areas. There is a huge increase in catalytic converter thefts across the county. Please be aware of this crime and park in lit areas or a garage, if possible.
- Check the back seat when entering your vehicle.
- Remove all weapons from your unoccupied vehicle.

## Personal Safety:

- When walking, stay in well-lit areas; avoid bushes, alleys, unmarked trails, etc.
- Walk in groups or pairs, if possible.
- Be aware of your surroundings; look around to see if there are other people in the area.
- If something or someone doesn't seem right, "See something, Say something."

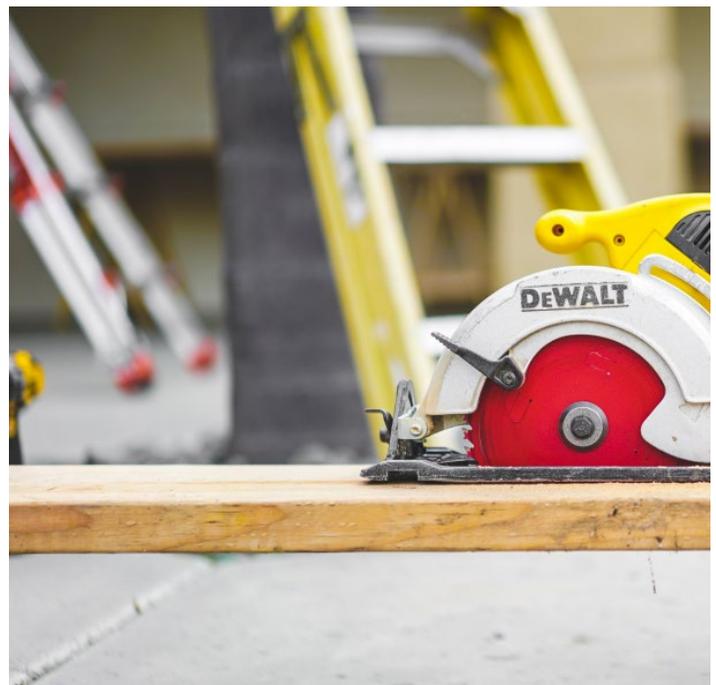
Register for the El Paso-Teller County Emergency Notification System (or Reverse 911). This system is used to advise residents of any situation that threatens harm to life and/or property or is deemed dangerous by officials. This could be man-made disasters, crime, pandemics and hazardous materials incidents, missing persons, evacuation notifications, neighborhood emergencies and similar important issues. To register for this service or for more information go to [www.elpasoteller911.org](http://www.elpasoteller911.org).

Schedule the Crime Prevention Coordinator to come to your residence and conduct a CPTED evaluation (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). This evaluation is a free service and takes about 30 minutes to complete. A few of the items evaluated are lights, locks, landscape, and security areas. This evaluation will give you **"options to consider"** to make your residence more secure.

**\*\*You can now go to the Community Crime Map which is a Lexis Nexis product to check the crime activity in your neighborhood or community. It will show the same numbers that I present at meetings with some limitations such as names, addresses, etc. for privacy reasons but it is a great snapshot of activity in your areas. You can also utilize the map in your travels if you plan on traveling out of state. This product is an excellent means of showing crime activity across the nation. \*\***

**HELP US HELP YOU BY CHOOSING NOT TO BECOME A VICTIM OF CRIME AND MAKING IT TOUGH FOR CRIMINALS TO COMMIT THEIR CRIMES.**

**\*\*ADDITIONAL NOTE/REQUEST – The residential and commercial building industry is ever increasing. With that, home builders and commercial builders are experiencing huge losses in lumber and associated lumber products at their jobsites. Residential home builders' hours are typically 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. If you witness a vehicle at a jobsite after those hours loading lumber or other materials, please contact the Sheriff's Office or Colorado Springs Police Department IMMEDIATELY to report your viewings. A good vehicle description or license plate is extremely helpful if you can acquire one SAFELY!! If not, at a minimum, please report the incident\*\***



## 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: **520-7151**

## Going on Vacation?

Going on vacation can sometimes be stressful. Let us help you relax a bit. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office provides a service in unincorporated El Paso County when Patrol Deputies or Citizen's Patrol volunteers are available. During these times, they will conduct directed patrol checks at your properties while you are away.

To participate please go to [www.epcsheriffsoffice.com](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com) and under Services select Vacation Check Request Form.



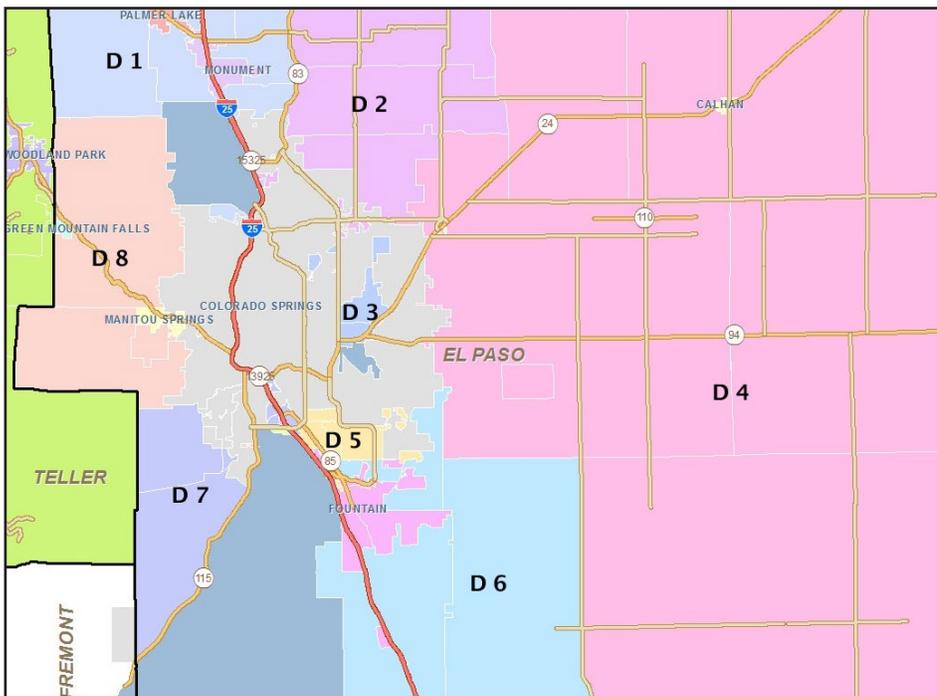
## Interested in learning more about the Sheriff's Office?

Are you interested in learning more about what the Sheriff's Office has to offer residents of Unincorporated El Paso County? Request a representative from one of our numerous units to come and speak with your group.

To participate please go to [www.epcsheriffsoffice.com](http://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com) and under **Community** select **Speakers Bureau** and submit the Speaker Request.

## Crimes in Your Neighborhood: Highlights From *June - Sept.*

District 1		District 2		District 3	
Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	7	Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	4	Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	30
Burglaries	1	Burglaries	1	Burglaries	8
Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	13	Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	2	Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	26
Thefts	26	Thefts	18	Thefts	72
Criminal Mischief	10	Criminal Mischief	5	Criminal Mischief	32
Fraud/Forgery	8	Fraud/Forgery	5	Fraud/Forgery	17
Traffic Incidents	134	Traffic Incidents	138	Traffic Incidents	446
District 4		District 5		District 6	
Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	3	Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	15	Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	7
Burglaries	1	Burglaries	11	Burglaries	9
Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	0	Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	14	Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	7
Thefts	16	Thefts	38	Thefts	27
Criminal Mischief	13	Criminal Mischief	25	Criminal Mischief	7
Fraud/Forgery	9	Fraud/Forgery	9	Fraud/Forgery	11
Traffic Incidents	68	Traffic Incidents	157	Traffic Incidents	90
District 7		District 8			
Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	9	Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	3		
Burglaries	12	Burglaries	2		
Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	8	Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	7		
Thefts	27	Thefts	6		
Criminal Mischief	29	Criminal Mischief	3		
Fraud/Forgery	6	Fraud/Forgery	0		
Traffic Incidents	110	Traffic Incidents	16		



**District 1**—Woodmoor/Canterbury, Gleneagle, Kings Deer, Club Villas, Palmer Lake, Monument

**District 2**—Black Forest, Wissler Ranch, Hawk Ridge

**District 3**—Cimarron Hills, Constitution Hills, Claremont Ranch, Park Vista & Siefert

**District 4**—Woodmen Hills, Falcon, areas east of Meridian Road

**District 5**—Security, Fountain Valley, Colorado Centre, Clearview Estates, Southmoor

**District 6**—Widefield and Little Ranches area

**District 7**—Stratmoor Valley, Stratmoor Hills, B Street, Hwy 115

**District 8**—West Colorado Avenue, Ute Pass, Green Mountain Falls, Cascade, Rampart Range

**\*\*The above statistics reflect the various assigned Sheriff's Office districts and furthermore illustrate a "snapshot" into what the Sheriff's Office is experiencing across El Paso County. If you are interested in individual neighborhoods or areas, please contact Mr. Brent Ambuehl, Criminal Intelligence Unit, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Sheriff's Office at (719) 520-7151 or email at [brentambuehl@elpasoco.com](mailto:brentambuehl@elpasoco.com) for more specific information. You can also utilize the Community Crime Map from Lexis Nexis to provide a snapshot of the criminal activity in your neighborhood or community. The map can be accessed at [www.communitycrimemap.com](http://www.communitycrimemap.com)\*\***