

Neighborhood News

EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | June 2019

Quick Tip:

Video doorbell systems are proving to be a very successful way of slowing criminal activity on your front porch. These systems allow homeowners to talk to someone who might be on their front porch, even while away from the residence, and to also capture video and still photography of potential criminals or criminal activity. For example, the Sheriff's Office has used individual home video doorbell surveillance footage to solve numerous package theft cases and establish suspect information regarding other specific cases. As always, do your research when in the market for these various products to help choose the right one for you.



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36th Annual National Night Out Event

The following article is being republished from the April Neighborhood Newsletter to reemphasize the importance of the upcoming Annual National Night Out event and furthermore serve as a reminder for neighborhoods and communities if they want a deputy or representative from the Sheriff's Office to attend their event they need to contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator to get on the request list. The Sheriff's Office request deadline is **Friday, July 19, 2019**. After that time, we will be scheduling deputies or representatives to attend your event and requests after July 19 might not get filled. The National Night Out event in El Paso County runs from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

The "36th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6, 2019**. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office cordially invites your community and neighborhoods to take part in this event. Per a recent correspondence from the National Association of Town Watch, "last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 16,790 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 38 million people

participated in NNO 2018. Hopefully, this year's "36th Annual NNO" will be the largest ever!"

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for local anticrime programs, such as Neighborhood Watch groups; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, communities and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, visits from Sheriff's Office deputies and staff members and fire department personnel. National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and build police-community partnerships. The benefits your community and neighborhoods will gain from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond this one-night event.

From 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on August 6th, residents in your neighborhoods and communities are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors, police and fire department members. National

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Project Coordinator Matt Peskin stated, “This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation.” Mr. Peskin encourages neighborhoods nationwide to unite in Giving Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party. A National Night Out proclamation is also drafted, read and proclaimed by the El Paso County Board of Commissioners in their August session.

The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office views National Night Out as a critical annual activity in our crime prevention efforts. The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, through support of the Crime Prevention Coordinator, ask if you are hosting an event and would like a Sheriff’s Office representative to attend, please contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator with your request by July 1, 2019. The Sheriff’s Office takes great pride in having a deputy try and visit your event or function between the hours of 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.



Sheriff’s Office Monthly Statistics

In a recent press release, the Sheriff’s Office released the monthly statistics on Sheriff Elder’s Top priorities. The March 7, 2019 release is listed below. Please note, the Inmate Booking and Release numbers are the actual number of bookings and releases for February 2019, not the average. In 2017, Sheriff Bill Elder laid out illegal marijuana enforcement, addressing mental health in the community and reducing the average daily jail population as his top priorities for the next four years of his administration. The Sheriff’s Office will be releasing monthly statistics on the work that is being done to stop the diversion of legal marijuana to the illegal marijuana market, prevent the unnecessary incarceration of individuals with mental illness and the impact the jail population is having on inmate assaults on staff and other inmates.

****DUE TO A TIME CRUNCH ON GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER OUT IN A TIMELY MANNER, THE FOLLOWING STATS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MID MONTH. I WANT TO GET THIS LETTER OUT BEFORE THAT TIME AS IT ADDRESSES THE UPCOMING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT SO I WILL FORWARD THE STATS ON TO ALL THE GROUPS ONCE THEY BECOME AVAILABLE IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.****

El Paso County Jail February statistics:

- Average Daily Population (ADP):
- Average Inmate Bookings:
- Average Inmate Releases:
- Inmate vs. Staff assaults:
- Inmate vs. Inmate assaults:
- Inmate vs. Inmate fights:

Behavioral Health Connect Program (BHCON) statistics:

- Calls for Service:
- Provided Services to Clients:
- Attempted Follow-up’s with Clients:
- Clients Treated on Scene:
- Clients Transferred:
- Clients Arrested:

Illegal and Black-Market Marijuana Enforcement statistics:

- Search Warrants and Knock and Talks:
- Plants Seized:
- Processed Marijuana Seized:
- Cash Seized:
- Arrested:

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 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

Please keep your garage doors down when you are away from your residence. Most residential burglaries are opportunistic crime. A criminal doesn't have to use much effort to walk into open garages and possibly into your residence. Lock the main door or doors that go from the garage into your residence during evening hours, even if your main garage door is closed.

Car burglaries (CTA) can be prevented by locking your car doors when you are away from your vehicle. Also, remember to take your valuables out of your car. Before you get to your destination, pull over and put your valuables in the trunk. Don't do this at your destination as criminals will watch for this and enter your vehicle and open the trunk to get those items. Leave your porch and patio lights on during evening hours. Remember, a criminal doesn't want to get caught. By lighting up your residence and neighborhood, that might deter a burglar from coming to your neighborhood and make him or her choose to go to another neighborhood that is not well lit.

Schedule your home package deliveries for when you are home or have them delivered to a trusted neighbor. **DO NOT** leave unattended packages on your front porch. As witnessed in the recent media, "porch pirates" are alive and well and watch UPS and Fed Ex deliver packages to homes. If they are left unattended, these thieves will take them right off your porch in plain daylight. **Choose to not be a victim; schedule your deliveries when you are at home!!!**

Schedule the Crime Prevention Coordinator to come to your residence and conduct a CPTED evaluation (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). This evaluation takes about 30 minutes and some items looked at are lights, locks, landscape, and security areas. This evaluation will give you "**options to consider**" to make your residence more secure.

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



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 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 and under Community select Speakers Bureau and submit the Speaker Request.

Crimes in Your Neighborhood

Highlights From *June*

District 1	District 2	District 3
Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	1	6
Burglaries	1	3
Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	2	3
Thefts	5	3
Criminal Mischief	4	7

District 4	District 5	District 6
Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	2	4
Burglaries	1	5
Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	6	3
Thefts	11	12
Criminal Mischief	14	17

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

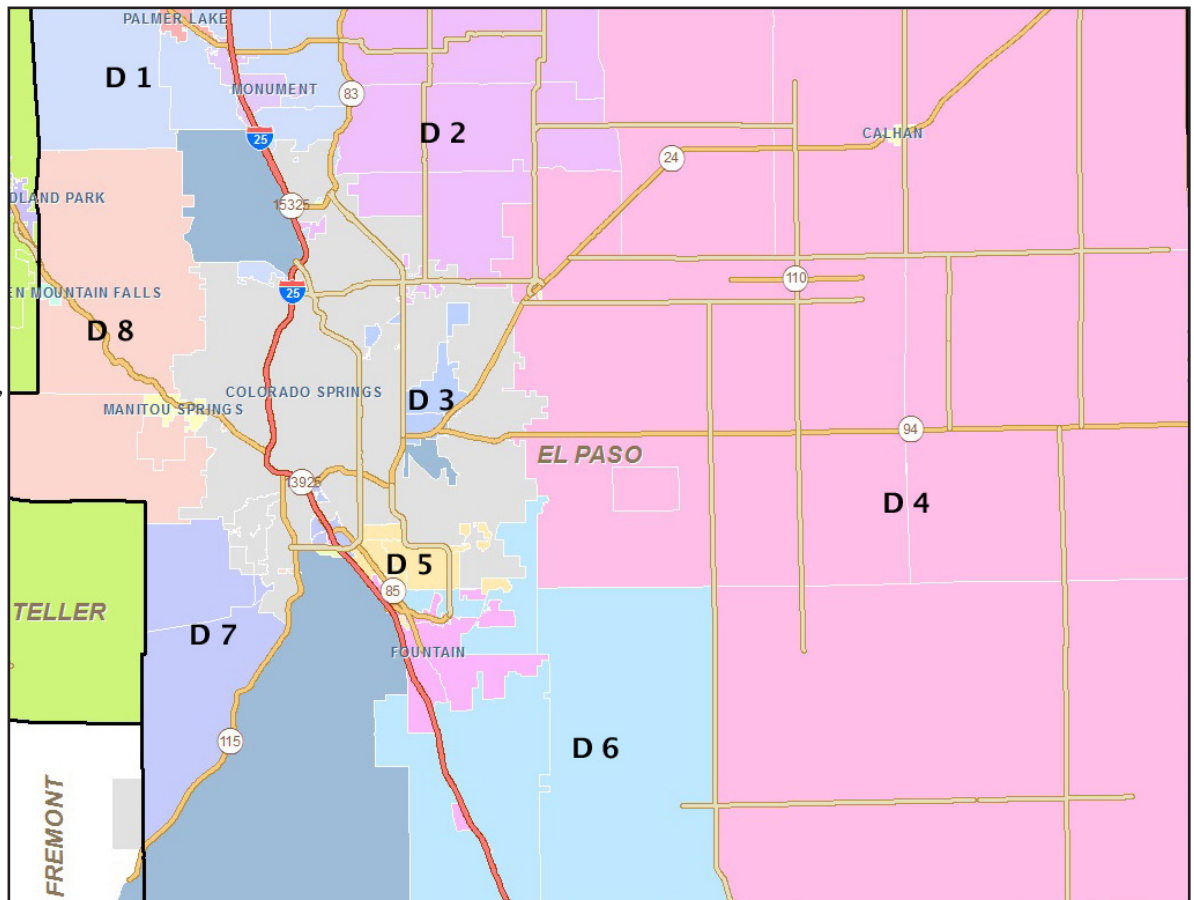
District 5—Security, Fountain Valley, Colorado Centre, Clearview Estates, Southmoor

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

District 7	District 8
Motor Vehicle Thefts (MVT)	0
Burglaries	0
Criminal Trespass Auto (CTA)	0
Thefts	0
Criminal Mischief	0



The above statistics reflect the various assigned Sheriff's Office districts and furthermore illustrate a "snapshot" of what the Sheriff's Office is experiencing across El Paso County. The illustrated numbers show the number of case reports, not calls for service, the Sheriff's Office has taken. If you are interested in individual neighborhoods or areas, please contact Brent Ambuehl, El Paso County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Coordinator at (719) 520-7151 or email at brentambuehl@elpasoco.com for more specific information.

Upcoming Events

Tip-a-Cop

Saturday July 14, 2019

12:00pm - 8:00pm

Texas Roadhouse, Monument, Powers Blvd., North Academy Blvd., and Cheyenne Mountain

Slurpee With a Cop

Friday, July 19, 2019

10:00am - 12:00pm

7-11, 7693 Barnes Rd. (Marksheffel / Barnes)

Cram a Cruiser

Saturday, July 27, 2019

10:00am - 12:00pm

MoGlo's Coffee Shop, 101 Fontaine Blvd.

Coffee With a Cop

Saturday, December 27, 2019

9:00am - 11:00am

Starbucks, 5070 N. Nevada Ave.

Join Sheriff Elder, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, local and State law enforcement officers for an informal and friendly conversation. This is a great time to speak with these folks on issues or concerns that might be on your mind.

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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:

719-520-7151