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JUNE 2018 Newsletter



Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III

Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our July 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 BERNALILLO COUNTY

Bernalillo County – During the Fourth of July holiday, more companion animals, especially dogs, are picked up by Bernalillo County and City of Albuquerque animal care officers than at any other time of the year.

“Animals should be secured indoors during Fourth of July events and all animals should have identification in case they do escape,” says Bernalillo County Animal Care Services Director Misha Goodman. “A dog’s hearing is much more acute than humans and the high pitched sounds from fireworks may result in physical or emotional damage to your pet.”

Animals frightened or confused by the fireworks may run away or even jump fences to try to escape the noise.

If residents in the city or outside the city limits in unincorporated Bernalillo County find that their animal is missing, residents should check at www.petharbor.com to look for their animal online and also physically check all shelters in the area to find their animal.

Bernalillo County’s shelter facility is located at 1136 Gatewood Avenue SW.

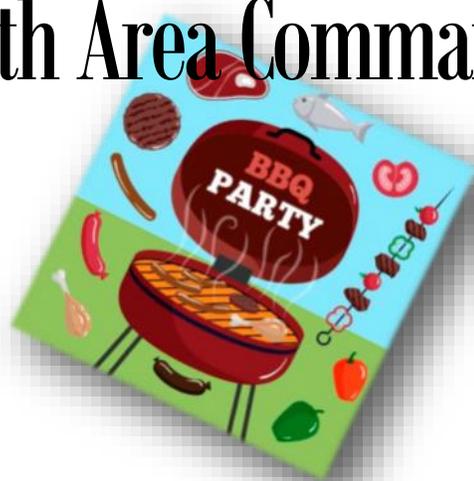
The Eastside Animal Welfare shelter is located at 8920 Lomas NE and the Westside Animal Welfare shelter is located at 11800 Sunset Gardens SW. Call 311 to contact either shelter.

Or call 468-PETS (7387) for Bernalillo County Animal Care Services, 1136 Gatewood SW.

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

News from South Area Command

The South Valley Area Command Center will be hosting a community barbeque on July 12, 2018 from 5pm to 8pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Come out and get to know your local deputies and command staff. Jerry's Market has very kindly agreed to donate all the food. The South Valley Area Command Center will be hosting a community barbeque on July 12, 2018 from 5pm to 8pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Come out and get to know your local deputies and command staff. Jerry's Market has very kindly agreed to donate all of the food.



We are currently in discussion with Office of Emergency Management to open a cooling station at one of the local community centers. This will be for the elderly and any person needing to get out of the extreme heat. We will update you all when this is open.

As always please contact South Area Command Captain Andi Taylor at ataylor@bernco.gov with any community concerns or questions.



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NEWS FROM ^{THE} REGIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY

The Sheriff's office would like to invite the public to the graduation and swearing in ceremony of Basic Police Academy Class #39. The graduation ceremony will take place on **Friday July 20, 2018 at 3:00pm** at the Albuquerque Convention



ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Launches New Communications Technology

On June 12, 2018, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office launched a new internal records management system. (RMS)

For over 50+ years the Albuquerque Police Department has been the custodian of record for police reports generated by the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III identified the need to have BCSO maintaining its own records. This process began almost 2 years ago. After countless hours of working with Bernalillo County Information Technology, Motorola (vendor), Bernalillo County Communications, and many other entities, we are now operational.

This system will allow our Deputies access to real time internal crime data that we never had before. All of our reports will be in our own system and accessible to our Deputies 24/7. The public will be able to purchase BCSO reports directly from our Headquarters location at 400 Roma NE. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30. Records personnel can also be reached at 505-468-7140.

Our Records Management Staff will also be verifying and compiling crime data that will be reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation using the latest National Incident Based Reporting System.

CLASS 40 TESTING EXTENDED

The BCSO Academy class #40 test dates have been extended! Interested in a rewarding career in law enforcement? Now is the time to act upon your interest. For more information visit www.go-bcso.com OR contact a recruiter today!

RECRUITING UNIT

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Our new system also allows the public access to crime data. There are three features the public can access to include Crime Mapping, Register a Camera, and Tip Submit. Anyone can access this information from his or her personal computer or smart phone. The public should access these features via the BCSO web page, www.bernalillocountysheriff.com. There is also a tutorial video on the web page if the user needs assistance in navigating the



Crime Mapping

The crime mapping feature allows the user to point and click on icons displayed on a map. These icons represent dispatched calls for service in Bernalillo County. Bringing up the icon will show the user an approximate address of occurrence along with the reported crime type and a case number. This gives our citizens some insight into what is occurring in their neighborhood.

Register a Camera

Register a Camera is an innovative way for the public to help law enforcement solve crime. This feature allows a homeowner or business owner to register their surveillance cameras with BCSO. The Sheriff's Office does not have the capability to monitor or view any part of your camera feed. If a crime is committed in your area, our personnel can search registered cameras located in your area in the database. If there were, a camera that could have information that can possibly solve a crime a Deputy would contact the registered owner of the camera. The registered owner of the camera would have the opportunity to allow us to view the footage in an effort to determine if there is any valuable information captured that could be used to solve a crime. This is a collaborative effort between the Citizens of Bernalillo County and the Sheriff's Office to work together to combat crime in our community.

Tip Submit

Tip Submit allows the public to submit tips about criminal activity in our community. The user can remain anonymous if they wish. It is very important to our agency to follow up on the tips we receive. All tips received will be routed to the appropriate Division Commander or Detective Unit for follow up. Please keep in mind that Tip Submit is not monitored 24/7. If you have an emergency that needs, immediate attention dial 911.

Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III is committed to keeping our community safe. We believe this new technology will greatly benefit our community and the Sheriff's Office.

CRIME REDUCTION AND SAFETY TIPS

AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF ROAD RAGE

The "Communicator" received a request asking for tips and best practices to avoid being a victim or experiencing "Road Rage." We in turn reached out to our Traffic Investigations Unit who was pleased to provide the following:

1. Be well rested when you drive. The more tired you are the more easily you will become irritated. Also the more exhausted you are the more likely you are to be distracted and less observant which will tend to cause driving errors that appear aggressive and possibly provoking road rage.
2. Listen to traffic reports on the radio to avoid congested areas. You can do this on side streets before you reach the highway where congestion is more likely.
3. Know alternative routes to your destination. This would include back roads that have less traffic. Even if they are a few miles longer, it is usually worth it to avoid long delays in traffic.
4. Avoid a lot of noise and loud music. It is well known that lots of noise puts more stress on a person. Preferably, listen to soft music or talk radio. In addition, remind passengers to keep the noise down.
5. Try driving at cooler times of day. Heat, especially when it cannot be controlled makes people more irritable. It will also be easier on your engine to drive when it is cooler.
6. You can help in preventing road rage by giving yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Knowing you may be running late automatically puts you into "speed mode" where you are more tempted to get around other drivers to get where you are going.
7. If you are running late call the person and tell them you will be late even if you must pull over to do so. Knowing that the person/s you are going to, expect you will be late takes a load of stress off you and you do not have to rush to meet their expectations.
8. Avoid driving if you are already emotionally upset or excited.
9. Exercise patience while driving. Patience prevents a multitude of problems including car collisions. Mentally relax when unexpected delays happen. Just be glad you aren't alone. Everyone around you is delayed too. You will be preventing road rage in yourself by practicing patience.
10. Signal early before braking.
11. Give plenty of room for the driver behind when changing lanes.
12. Keep at least two car lengths of space ahead and behind your vehicle.
13. Always signal when changing lanes.
14. Count two seconds before proceeding at a stop sign.
15. Don't step on your gas pedal to get through a yellow light.

Using all these polite driving habits will keep you from seeming like an aggressive driver, and thus preventing road rage in drivers around you.



NEWS FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Prepare Now for Monsoons, Dangerous Flash Floods

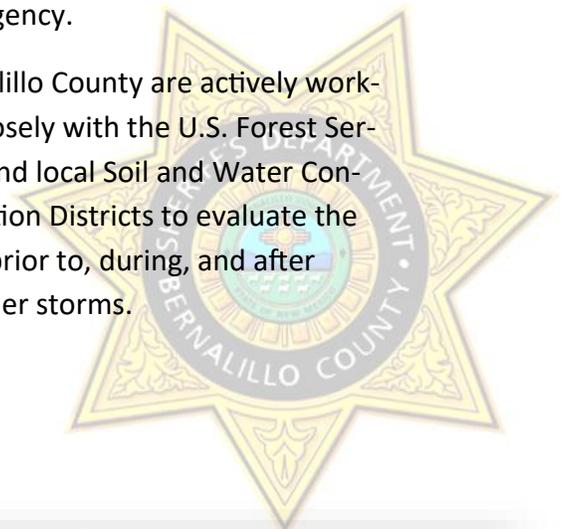
Flash floods present serious danger after forest fires

The summer rain season has arrived and East Mountain residents are encouraged to watch out for dangerous flash floods, especially in areas burned by wildfire or erosion. People should be ready to leave quickly during storms, especially those that live in low-lying areas.

Flash floods are a common danger to residents and visitors of Bernalillo County. New Mexico is headed into its annual summer monsoon season and flash floods are a very

real public safety concern in the area, including but not limited to, burn scars, arroyos, ditches, watersheds, and seasonal streams. If you see any indication of flooding, leave immediately. We urge all residents to be prepared to leave in an emergency.

Bernalillo County are actively working closely with the U.S. Forest Service and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to evaluate the area prior to, during, and after summer storms.





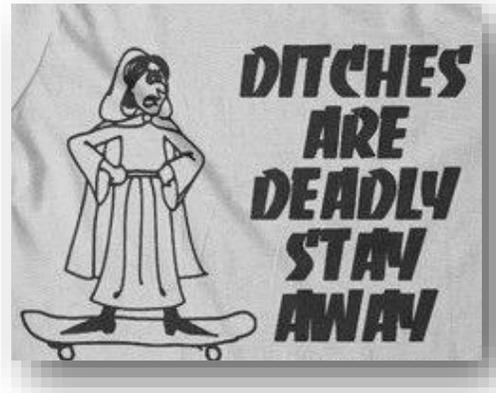
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DITCHES ARE DEADLY!

While on patrol throughout the County, our deputies have contacted a few children playing dangerously close to or actually in arroyos and ditches. We want to remind all our citizens that ditches can indeed prove deadly and all persons should swim and play in safe areas.

Although arroyos and ditches can appear harmless, it is important to remember that a flash flood, New

Mexico's number one natural disaster, can occur at any moment. Here is what you need to know about ditches and arroyos.



DITCHES

- Are mud-lined waterways that run north to south, parallel to the Rio Grande River.
- Their purpose is to move irrigation water.
- They are usually filled with water from March 1st to October 31st of every year.
- The water in ditches can move up to 20 miles an hour!
- Some ditches have undertows. If you are caught in one of these your chances of getting out of is very slim.
- Many ditches contain debris such as glass and barbed wire.
- There are often dead animals in the ditches.
- Bridges over the ditch can be slippery or possibly rusted.
- The banks of ditches are very slippery—if someone falls in, they can't easily get out!
- The age range of drowning victims is 2 years to 87 years old.

ARROYOS

- Arroyos are cement or dirt-lined waterways that run east to west or west to east.
- Their purpose is to move flood water from the mountains or mesas to the Rio Grande River as quickly as possible
- 99% of the time they are dry, so it is tempting to walk, jog, skateboard, or rollerblade in them.
- They fill with water when it rains. It may be sunny in Albuquerque, but raining in the mountains. Water comes down so fast that it's called "flash flooding." Within 10 seconds you could get caught in water going up to 40 miles per hour. It is nearly impossible to get out!

The Sheriff's Office is happy to provide **FREE** swim passes to area residents. These residents can be picked up in person at any of our three area Sub-stations **while supplies last.**