

News from the East Area Command

As a reminder, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) is responsible for snow removal and road maintenance on State Highways. The NMDOT has updated the priority level given to major arterial roadways within the east area command of Bernalillo County, which will be maintained by the "Tijeras patrol" unit of the NMDOT. The priorities are outlined below:

Priority 1 I-40 from Carnuel (MM168) to County Line (MM 184)
NM 333 from Clovis Lane to the junction with NM 217

Priority 2 NM 14 (MM 0.0) to Santa Fe County Line (MM 14.3)
3333 from Bernalillo/ Torrence County Line (MM 8.3) to junction with NM 333 (MM 29.1)

Priority 3 NM217 from Camino Yrrisari to I-40
NM 536 from NM 14 to Sandia Crest

If you need information on snow removal schedules from NMDOT they can be reached 24x7 at TMC dispatch 505-222-6590



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



News from the South Area Command

When speaking with our fellow public servants, The Bernalillo County Fire Department, the topic of “deep fried” turkeys came up. The Sheriff’s Office learned that on average the BCFD responds to several “deep fried” turkey caused fires each Thanksgiving. We would like to pass on the following advice concerning SAFE “deep fried” turkey cooking.

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn.
- Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages.
- Make sure the fryers are used on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you don't watch the fryer carefully, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer when in use. Even after use, never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer. The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot, hours after use.
- To avoid oil spillover, do not overfill the fryer.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when touching pot or lid handles. If possible, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and be careful with marinades. Oil and water don't mix, and water causes oil to spill over, causing a fire or even an explosion hazard.
- The National Turkey Federation recommends refrigerator thawing and to allow approximately 24 hours for every five pounds of bird thawed in the refrigerator.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Remember to use your best judgment when attempting to fight a fire. If the fire is manageable, use an all-purpose fire extinguisher. If the fire increases, immediately call 9-1-1 for help.
- Even after use, never allow children or pets near the turkey fryer. The oil inside the cooking pots remains dangerously hot, hours after use.

News from the ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU



Graduates of the Sheriff's Office Regional Law Enforcement Academy Class #39 are finishing up their on the job training known as the Field Training Officer program. This "field training" is in addition to, over 1100 hours of intense and demanding academy based training which included, but was not limited to; firearms qualifications, de-escalation techniques, community policing, law, traffic control, crisis intervention, communication, driving, and officer survival.

As part of their ongoing training and certification, the graduates are required to successfully complete three months (12 weeks) of one-on-one field training with a certified Field Training Officer. During this training program, their performance is evaluated and scored on daily. These cadets will soon be released to solo patrol. Please help us with welcoming the newest members of BCSO to our ranks.



Sheriff Gonzales would like to recognize the graduates from Class #38 of the Regional Training Academy. They graduated in October 2017 and having completed a yearlong probationary period will now be promoted from Deputy 2nd class to Deputy 1st Class.

371 Luke Candelaria

385 Alejandra Heredia

394 Tyler Sanchez-Mirabal

372 Bradley Denger

386 Steffani Jacobs

398 Gary White

380 Robert Eichers

389 Mustafa Mudada

News from the CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



Members of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations division strive to provide the best law enforcement service to members of our community through proactive work and partnerships with those in our law enforcement community.

On October 25, 2018, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office conducted a Warrant Round-up. The Albuquerque Police Department, New Mexico State Police, New Mexico Auto Theft Prevention Authority and Homeland Security Fusion Center joined our effort as we conducted the joint operation, primarily focusing on outstanding arrest warrants and recovering stolen vehicles in Bernalillo County.

Bernalillo County has approximately 60,000 outstanding misdemeanor arrest warrants and approximately 5,000 outstanding felony arrest warrants. The operation was a proactive approach to target crime in the Bernalillo

County and Albuquerque Metropolitan area. The roundup took place primarily in the Nob Hill, UNM and Albuquerque Downtown areas. The combined effort of the operation resulted in the following:

Traffic Stops	114
Total Arrests	34
Felony Arrests	20
Misdemeanor Arrests	14
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	3
Recovered Firearms	2
Narcotics Seized (Cocaine)	28g
Citations	20
Positive Citizen/Business Contacts	18
Pedestrian Contacts	32
Gang Cards	25

In addition, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office conducted Operation Safe Child. The operation was a collaborative effort with the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and Albuquerque Police Department.

Detectives made contact with families, caretakers and children who have been reported to, have been in or are currently in abusive and/or neglectful situations. The primary objective of the operation was to ensure the welfare of the children the detectives came into contact with. The operation also focused on positive community interaction. Detectives provided resources through the utilization of social workers from our agency and CYFD.

The Special Victims Unit works diligently to connect families with local non-profit organizations within our community. We are proud to collaborate with the Aspen Project, Beds 4 Kidz and Project Zoe, among other community partners. The operation was a success and the diligent effort of all personnel resulted in the statistics below:

- Residence checks: 79
- Closed referrals: 51
- Cases opened: 5

These are just two examples of the efforts made by our deputies to work proactively as a part of our community.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



HOLIDAY GIVING

The BCSO is currently involved with several non-profit organizations to provide food baskets and gifts to families and children in need during this upcoming holiday season. If you would like to donate money, clothes, children's gifts, or non-perishable food please email: BCSOHolidayDrive@bemco.gov. Any donation is welcome and appreciated.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Thanksgiving is approaching and we encourage each of you to celebrate safely and responsibly. If you are hosting or attending a Holiday party please designate a driver prior to consuming alcohol. DWI and its affects are the most easily preventable crime and there are numerous options available to the public to arrange for a safe ride home.





UNIT SPOTLIGHT TRAFFIC UNIT

In addition to the 24 hour, 7 day a week coverage that uniformed patrol in the Field Services Division provides, the Sheriff's Department has a host of specialty units that focus on particular areas of need throughout the County. This week, we would like to highlight the Traffic Unit.

The BCSO Traffic Unit is staffed with 12 deputies, 2 sergeants and a lieutenant who all report to the East Area Commander. Despite being within the chain of command of the East Area captain, the BCSO Traffic Unit is a countywide service. It currently consists of a Motors Unit, and a DWI Unit.

The BCSO Motors Unit has several areas of responsibility. The unit Sergeant and the 6 deputies currently assigned there are tasked with the investigation of major crashes throughout Bernalillo County. These can include fatalities, crashes involving great bodily injuries, or crashes that have resulted from criminal or negligent actions. These deputies have received nearly 300 hours of specialized training in the investigation and reconstruction of these crashes. They also investigate any crashes involving Sheriff's Department vehicles. The Motors Unit also conducts traffic enforcement, and is available to all Area Commands for enforcement requiring special

attention at the request of the Area Commander. In addition, the Motors Unit is periodically charged with providing escorts for visiting dignitaries including Presidential visits. Members are specially trained motorcycle riders and have developed superior riding skills for both low and high-speed operations.

The BCSO DWI Unit is also comprised of 6 deputies and a supervisor. This unit is responsible for the apprehension and arrest of drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. This uniformed unit typically works from 6pm to 2am on a regular basis. In addition, the DWI Unit is tasked with conducting DWI checkpoints and saturation patrols in an attempt to identify and arrest drunk drivers. These events are held countywide in locations where DWI activity has been identified as a problem. All members of the DWI Unit are certified instructors in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, and teach at the BCSO Academy, certifying all new incoming deputies on the SFST skill, which is required statewide for all law enforcement professionals.

If you have a specific concern relating to traffic issues and would like to speak to us about them, please feel free to contact Captain Joshua Kingsbury at (505) 468-7420.



*"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."
-Joseph Campbell*



General SAFETY/ CRIME REDUCTIONS TIPS

Winter driving safety tips:

There are particular items you ought to always have with you in your motor vehicle for winter driving safety. These include the following:

- ◆ Jumper cables
- ◆ Lock de-ice
- ◆ Emergency first aid kit
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Road flare
- ◆ Shovel
- ◆ Additional electric batteries
- ◆ Cell phone charger

Those who are
happiest are those
who do the most
for others
— Booker T
Washington

Treasurer's Office to mail Property Tax Notices on Nov. 1, 2018 *First half of the tax bill is due Nov. 10, 2018*

Bernalillo County – Bernalillo County Treasurer Nancy Bearce has announced that property tax notices will be mailed out on Nov. 1, 2018. The due date for the first half of the tax bill is Nov. 10 and are delinquent after Dec. 10, 2018.

Bernalillo County taxpayers have several options when making payments. For more information about the Bernalillo County Treasurer's Office and the different payment options, or for customer service questions, please visit www.bernco.gov/treasurer.

"We can accept payments online, at drop boxes, through the mail or by simply coming into the Treasurer's Office in person in the basement of One Civic Plaza NW," says Treasurer Nancy Bearce. **"My top priorities have been better customer service, transparency and more payment options for Bernalillo County taxpayers."**

Additionally, five banks and credit unions will accept property tax payments from now through Dec. 10, 2018, including:

Rio Grande Credit Union, First Financial Credit Union, Wells Fargo Bank, First National Rio Grande and U.S. Eagle Federal Credit Union.

News from BERNALILLO COUNTY



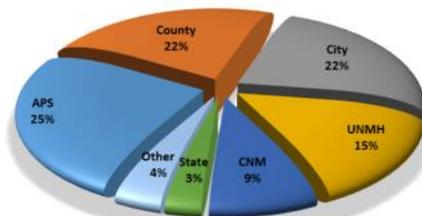
Payments can also be dropped off at the following drop box sites: Westside, Paradise Hills, and Raymond G. Sanchez community centers; the Motor Vehicle Division office in Tijeras; and at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center at the corner of Fifth Street and Marquette Avenue NW.

For information on tax savings programs, including exemptions, please visit the [County Assessor's Tax Savings Programs webpage](#).

Treasurer Bearce also noted that her office is still collecting information for taxpayers interested in receiving their tax bills electronically in the future. If interested, visit <http://www.bernco.gov/treasurer/electronic-tax-bills.aspx> or email Treasurers@bernco.gov to learn more.

- ◆ Bernalillo County 2018 tax bills will be mailed Nov. 1, 2018. If property owners do not receive a tax bill or are unsure of the amount owed, they should call customer service at (505) 468-7031 or email Treasurers@bernco.gov.
- ◆ Collection Dates: The first half tax payment is due Nov. 10 and becomes delinquent, if not postmarked, by Dec. 10, 2018. The second half is due April 10, 2018 and becomes delinquent after May 10, 2018.
- ◆ Convenient payment methods include mail, online, drop box, banks or in person.
- ◆ For mailed payments, cash is not accepted. Please mail a personal check, cashier's check or money order. The parcel identification must be included for proper credit.
- ◆ Payments should include a valid 2018 tax coupon(s) or documentation referencing the parcel/UPC number. The indicated payment amount should match the check amount.
- ◆ Residents may call the Treasurer's Office at (505) 468-7031 for more information, or visit the [Bernalillo County Treasurer's Office online](#), or by email at Treasurers@bernco.gov.
- ◆ Please note that Bernalillo County collects and distributes property taxes not just for Bernalillo County government, but for most other local governments as well, including the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Public Schools, CNM, UNMH, and the State of New Mexico. Please see graph below.

2017 Property Tax Distributions



*We are proud of
our deputies and
once you know
more about
them we are
sure you will be
proud of them
too!*



H²⁰¹⁸ Holiday Food & Toy Drive

BERNALILLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HELP A BERNALILLO COUNTY FAMILY IN NEED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Food and toy donation boxes available at all Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office substations until December 17TH.

Monetary donations accepted payable to "BCSO Citizens Academy Alumni" or contact Lieutenant Romero at (505) 468-1395. For other information email to: BCSOHolidayDrive@bernco.gov

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