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THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our August 2019 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 to tgartenmayer@bernco.gov

NEWS FROM THE
SOUTH AREA COMMAND

On July 18th, 2019 the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department along with Bernalillo County Zoning Enforcement and BCFD conducted several property visits in the South Valley to identify and address abandoned homes that were deemed a nuisance by members of the community.

The Sheriff's Department has a continuing relationship with several government agencies to assist in cleaning up, as well as preventing properties in the south valley from becoming a hub for potential criminal activity. The efforts of the deputies, code enforcement officers, and fire personnel could not be accomplished without the help and input from members of our community.

We would like to thank every citizen who has provided information regarding abandoned properties such as these, which not only pose several health concerns, but also attract criminal activity in our neighborhoods. The Sheriff's Department will continue to take a proactive approach in enforcing the laws and regulations governing properties placed in this category by Bernalillo County Zoning Enforcement.

If you identify any abandoned properties that you feel may be out of code or are attracting criminal activity, please do not hesitate to call Bernalillo County Code Enforcement at (505) 314-0352 or the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Non-Emergency line at (505) 798-7000.

NEWS FROM THE
NORTH AREA COMMAND

National Night Out is Thursday, August 6th. Please feel free to contact Captain Broderick Sharp at the North Valley Area Command, (505)314-0030, if you like members of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department to attended a neighborhood sponsored event.

Deputies attended the Lavender Festival during the weekend of July 20-21st, sponsored by the Village of Los Ranchos. The event was a success, no criminal activity or thefts were reported at the venue.

We thank you all for your support!

NEWS FROM THE
EAST AREA COMMAND

National Night Out (NNO) is nearly upon us and will be taking place on Tuesday evening, August 6th. If you do not already know about it, National Night Out is a celebration of the partnership between the public and law enforcement.

From the NNO website:
"National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more."

Neighborhoods across the country participate in NNO and see it as a way to better acquaint themselves with the police that patrol and service their areas. BCSO will be out in full force on NNO to meet with as many neighborhoods as we can.

If you would like deputies to come by your celebration, please contact Captain Joshua Kingsbury at 468-7220 and he can assist you with getting on the schedule. It may be late for you to start planning for this year's NNO, but consider it for future events.

As always, if you would like BCSO representation at your neighborhood meeting, or would like to use the conference room at the Sheriff's East Area Command Center, please call us at 468-7220 to help you get set up.

HAVE A SAFE AND LOVING START OF THE NEW YEAR; WE WILL BE FOREVER ON DUTY TO ENSURE YOU ARE SAFE AND CARED FOR.

NEWS FROM THE
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

RECRUITING:

The 41st Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Cadet Class is tentatively scheduled for January 2020. Test dates are now available and applicants can visit BCSO's recruiting website at www.go-bcso.com to complete an online application. The hiring process is a highly competitive series of examinations ranging from knowledge to physical strength as well as physical and mental health.

The next test dates for cadet class 41 are:

August 3rd, 2019
August 17th, 2019
August 31, 2019
September 14th, 2019

Additional test dates for cadet class 41 will be posted to the recruiting website as they become available. Please contact a Recruiter for more information.

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FORUM FOR WOMEN SEEKING A LAW ENFORCEMENT:

On Wednesday July 24th, 2019, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office hosted a Forum, at the Fraternal Order of Police Albuquerque Lodge #1, for women seeking a law enforcement career. We strive each day to appeal to women who want to make a difference in their community, have a service driven heart, and have a calling for helping those victimized by crime. We want women to know the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office makes every effort to progress, especially when it comes to conveying our support for females who want to enter a law enforcement career.

Women had the opportunity to listen to other females within the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and were able to ask any questions they may have regarding the hiring process, the cadet academy, the job, and family life outside of work.

ACADEMY:

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department has currently 29, new Deputy Sheriff's, who are currently in the second phase of their training; which is after the graduation of our Basic Academy.

These new Deputies are currently assigned to Field Services, where they ride with a Field Training Officer for 60 working days. Experienced, hardworking Deputies go through a very rigorous testing process to earn the title of Field Training Officer. During this program, our new Deputies are observed and graded on every aspect of the job to include: driving, report writing, performance during stress, relations with the community, proactive patrol, and much more.

The Field Training Officer is there to not only show them how to do the job properly but make sure they can adequately perform the job without any assistance. Should these new Deputies perform well during this phase of training they will be released to solo performance. They will then join a squad of Deputies; where they will be taking calls for service, patrolling for criminal activity, and performing welfare checks on those they serve the citizens of Bernalillo County. This phase of training is very demanding; as the new Deputies are tasked with proving to our Agency and the Public that they possess the morals & ethics, technical skill, and strong desire to serve their community.

NEWS FROM THE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

COLD CASE

A cold case is a case in which all available investigative leads have been exhausted, but remains open pending the possible discovery of new evidence. The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office recognizes the importance of solving homicide cold cases and bringing those accountable to justice, giving families long sought closure.

There may be someone in the public who has information that could help solve the case. A witness may have had information at the time the crime occurred, but was afraid to come forward, or received information later and had not known who to contact.

If you have any information, regardless of how much time has passed, please call the Homicide Unit at (505) 468-7111.You may also provide tips by calling Crime Stoppers (505) 843-STOP (7867)

Case Name EDDIE GUERRERO
Case Number Case Number 99-560325
Description On August 24, 1999, 20 year old Eddie Guerrero and his sister Lisa Guerrero were both shot. The two were parked in the 200 block of Sunny Slope Rd. SW. Lisa died at the scene. Eddie was transported to a hospital where he died days later

Case Name LISA GUERRERO
Case Number Case Number 99-560325
Description On August 24, 1999, 30 year old Lisa Guerrero and her 20 year old brother Eddie Guerrero were both shot. The two were parked in the 200 block of Sunny Slope Rd. SW. Lisa was pronounced dead at the scene, she died of multiple gunshot wounds. Her brother Eddie was transported to a local hospital where he died from multiple gunshot wounds 4 days later.

BCSO CONTACT INFO
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency:505-798-7000

CRIME REDUCTION SAFETY TIPS

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS:

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office wants to remind citizens and visitors that the start of the School year is quickly approaching. In preparation, we would like to share the following "Back to School Safety" information. This information was provided by the National Safety Council and can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the following website. https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school

As summer ends and children start heading back to school, family life can get hectic. It is important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY »
Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

WALKERS »
Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.
Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic
Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections
Stay alert and avoid distracted walking

BIKE RIDERS »
Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child.
•Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file
Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street
Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

BUS RIDERS »
Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.
Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus
Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb
If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other
Get the facts on bus safety from Injury Facts

DRIVING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL »
Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.
Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure
Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street
Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

TEEN DRIVERS »
Car crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for teens. Fortunately, we can do something.
Teens crash because they are inexperienced; practice with new drivers every week, before and after they get their license
Set a good example; drive the way you want your teen to drive
Sign the New Driver Deal, an agreement that helps define expectations for parents and teens

GENERAL
DEPARTMENT NEWS

It is essential for all people to be “good neighbors.” We at the Sheriff’s Department do our job with professionalism and pride, but we cannot always be everywhere, all the time. We rely on you to do your part to help us in maintaining order and safety throughout Bernalillo County.

There are things that you can do to increase the safety and prosperity of your neighborhoods.

First, and most importantly, we would never ask that you place yourself in harm’s way to confront a dangerous situation. That is our job. What you can do, however, is be a good witness. If you see something that does not seem right, tell us. Call our non-emergency number at 798-7000. Give as many details as you possibly can including physical descriptions, addresses, vehicle descriptions, license plates (if possible), and relay that to our dispatch operators. Do not be concerned if it turns out to be nothing, it is better to be safe than sorry. We will gladly check on your concerns, and even meet with you following our investigation to advise you on what was going on.

Get to know your neighbors. Become familiar with what they look like, what their children look like, what they drive, so when something seems out of place, you can report it. Neighborhood Associations are a good way to become involved with the details of what is going on in your immediate area. Get to know your board members, or even better, become one. By joining this coalition, you place yourself in a position to increase your access to your public safety officials, and can voice your concerns in a time and place where you have our full attention, the association meetings.

I hope that this has given you a few ideas on how to become more involved in your community, and as always, feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.