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Happy New Year!

Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. The Sheriff's Office would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year. May your hopes, wishes, dreams and resolutions come to fruition during the New Year.

We have undergone numerous administrative and procedural changes within the Sheriff's Department this past year and we look forward to working 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@berncogov

WINTER STORM



GENERAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Sheriff's Office holds a shift bid every January where our uniformed patrol deputies select area commands and shifts to work for the next 6 months. This shift bid is based on department seniority and our manpower is divided amongst the three area commands (North, South, East) based on crime analysis, population, calls for service, and safety concerns.

As a result of this shift bid we would like to introduce you to the uniformed deputies whom will be assigned to the East, South, and North Area Command. Please feel free to introduce yourself to these fine men and Twomen when you see them out and about patrolling your community and neighborhoods. A few residence have called the Sheriff's Office

Aquiring about the difference between a winter storm warning, winter storm advisory, or winter storm watch. It important to know the difference between the warnings so you may better plan ahead and prepare future changes in the weather. The below information is courtesy of the National Weather Service and the American Red Cross:

Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states, while others affect only a single community. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain. Regardless of the severity of a winter storm, you should be prepared in order to remain safe during these events. Know the Difference

Winter Storm Warning

Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

Winter Storm Watch

Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

Winter Storm Outlook

Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2 to 5 days. Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.



NEWS FROM THE SOUTH AREA COMMAND

With the New Year beginning, many of you all are opting to take on a new healthy lifestyle and join the gym! Kudos to you. Please remember that thieves target cars where they are aware people will be inside a facility for a while. Remember to always lock your doors and keep valuables with you while at the local gyms in the South Valley area.

During the cold months, please be sure to keep an eye on your fires in the fireplace and space heaters. If they are left unattended, it is very common for a household fire to start, which can be devastating.

Winter driving conditions can be dangerous especially on roads that are not salted or plowed. Please remember to drive cautiously and courteously when the roads are bad. Give yourself ample time to arrive safely and plenty of room between yourself and other vehicles to brake.

If you are need of assistance that is non-life threatening and your property is not at risk please call our non-emergency number at (505) 798-7000. Many citizens think that they are "bothering" BCSO by calling for minor issues, however, this is our job and we are happy to serve you the

citizen no matter what the situation may be.

The South Valley Area Command has obtained a Hummer vehicle in order to patrol the west Pajarito Mesa! This all-terrain vehicle will allow the deputies to abolish the illegal dumping and shooting occurring on the mesa by being able to get into the areas that regular patrol cars cannot get to. The Hummer has lights and sirens and will be on patrol each day. It is our sincere hope that this vehicle will stop crime from occurring on the mesa.

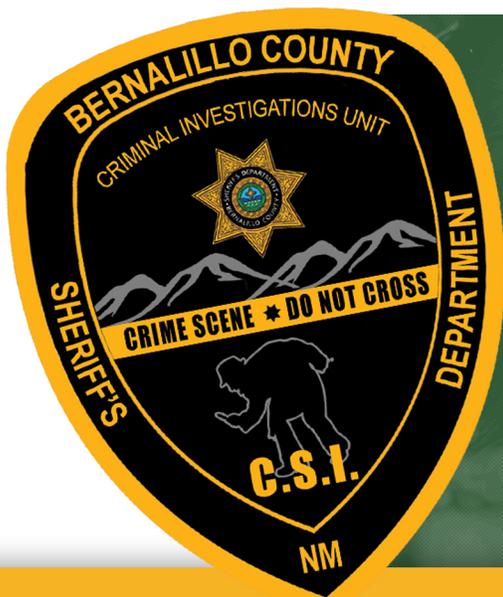


NEWS FROM THE NORTH AREA COMMAND

Captain Broderick Sharp og the North Area Command offers the following update on the 4th street construction.

1. The east side of 4th street should be substantially completed by the end of December. The paving on the north bound lanes should start January 2nd and run through the second week of January.
2. The construction on the west side of 4th is scheduled to begin in mid-January. The project is now scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2019.

WE ARE PROUR DEPUTIES AND ONCE YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM WE ARE SURE YOU WILL BE PROUD OF THEM TOO!



JANUARY HUMAN TRAFFICKING *awareness* MONTH

NEWS FROM THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office GHOST Unit has dedicated specialized detectives, who utilize a victim centered approach, while working with our federal investigative partners to investigate reported cases of Human Trafficking. In addition, the GHOST Unit has trained a group of our Field Services Deputies in the recognition and response to High Risk Victims with the intent of intervening before a person becomes a victim of human trafficking.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. We are asking you as members of our community to take advantage of this opportunity to raise your awareness of this heinous crime by increasing your knowledge of signs and indicators of trafficking and how to report suspected trafficking to law enforcement.

WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or commercial sex. Victims can be any age, race, ethnicity, gender, sex, or nationality, and they can come from any socioeconomic background. Human trafficking happens everywhere — across our communities in cities, suburbs, and rural areas. Any minor (under the age of 18) engaged in commercial sex is a victim of human trafficking according to federal law, regardless of whether there is force, fraud, or coercion.

HUMAN SMUGGLING VS. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human smuggling and human trafficking are different crimes. Human smuggling is the illegal movement of someone across a border. Human trafficking is the illegal exploitation of a person.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

As an individual or organization there are many actions you can take to help raise awareness of human trafficking and work to combat this heinous crime.

Visit www.dhs.gov/bluecampaign

- Educate yourself by viewing free educational awareness products and videos.
- Learn more about how to recognize and report suspected human trafficking.
- Download and share free resources in your community and online.

HOW TO REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING TIPS

Do not confront a suspected trafficker or alert a victim to your suspicions.

HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

To report suspicious human trafficking activity and alert ICE HSI in your area:
1-866-DHS-2-ICE (347-2423)

If you think you are being trafficked and need help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-373-7888 (not a law enforcement or immigration authority).
Text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733).

INDICATORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Recognizing human trafficking is the first step in combating this heinous crime. Learning the indicators and reporting tips helps law enforcement identify victims and connect them with the care and services they need. The indicators listed below may help you recognize human trafficking, but any one indicator is not necessarily proof of human trafficking.

PHYSICAL: Does the person...

Show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?

Appear to be deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other necessities?

Lack personal possessions?

SOCIAL: Does the person...

Work excessively long and/or unusual hours?

Show sudden or dramatic changes in behavior?

Act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid?

Defer to another person to speak for him or her?

Appear to be coached on what to say?

Appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or place of worship?

Not have the ability to freely leave where they live?

BCSO CONTACT INFO

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 505-798-7000



NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

On behalf of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those of you who donated food, clothes, toys, and other items to our Annual Holiday food/toy box drive. Thanks to your generosity we were able to deliver over 50 boxes of food and toys to over 50 families in need during the Holiday Season. This small gesture had an overwhelming positive impact on the families we were able to help out. With your support this endeavor would not have been possible. All the families that were sponsored were nominated by deputies and department personnel through their daily interactions with the community. We would like to thank all department personnel for their time and dedication to this cause, along with the following sponsors and community partners:

- HARTSOCK'S PHOTOGRAPHY
- STAND TRUE 4 BLUE
- BERNALILLO COUNTY CITIZENS ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
- COSTCO
- JERRY'S MARKET
- SMITHS
- BIMBO BREAD
- ALBERTO'S TIRE SHOP
- VICTORS PHARMACY
- FARMERS INSURANCE
- DOLLAR GENERAL- COORS/ ARENAL



CRIME REDUCTION AND SAFETY TIPS

I GOT A DRONE FOR CHRISTMAS

So you or a family member received a drone, formally referred to as an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), for Christmas and are eager to take it out to fly. Before you do so we would like to caution you on current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules governing the use of privately owned hobby drones.

We encourage new UAS owners to seek out instruction from local drone hobby groups and to check with your neighborhood association, parks and recreation division, and the US Forest Service for any rules regarding aircraft or remote-control vehicles operations in areas you plan to fly.

Please keep in mind that if an UAS owner decides to fly their UAS for commercial purposes the rules become rather strict. For example, you may need a local business license and the FAA requires that the operator have a UAV operator license.

In an effort to educate the public on the rules governing the use of UAS (drones) we offer the following advice from the FAA.

You don't need permission from the FAA to fly your UAS (aka drone) for fun or recreation, but you must always fly safely.

Before you fly outside you must:

Register your UAS if it weighs more than 0.55 pounds and less than 55 pounds
Label your UAS with your registration number
Read and understand all safety guidelines

You must be:

13 years of age or older (if the owner is less than 13 years of age, a person 13 years of age or older must register the small unmanned aircraft)
A U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident*
Visiting foreign nationals must register their UAS upon arrival in the United States (online registration serves as a certificate of ownership).

To register, you'll need:

Email address
Credit or Debit card
Physical address and mailing address (if different from physical address)
Registration costs \$5 and is valid for 3 years.
Register UAS that weigh less than 55 lbs. and more than 0.55 lbs. online
Register UAS that weigh more than 55 lbs. by mail

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Fly at or below 400 feet
Keep your UAS within sight
Never fly near other aircraft, especially near airports
You are restricted from flying within a 5 mile radius of an airport unless you first notify the airport and air traffic control
Never fly over groups of people
Never fly over stadiums or sports events
Never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires
Never fly under the influence
Be aware of airspace requirements
Be aware of any helicopter landing areas such as area hospitals, news stations, and designated helicopter landing pads.

Disclaimer

The rules and advice listed below are not all inclusive. The Sheriff's Office encourages you to read the entire FAA rules and registration requirements pertaining to personally owned drones at the following website: https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/fly_for_fun/

