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THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our May 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

During the month of April the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, South Area Command, along with the Criminal Investigations Division and Bernalillo County Zoning Enforcement conducted operations on the county's Pajarito Mesa. The goal of the operation was to identify criminal activity and clean up several stolen vehicles that have been dumped in the area over the past several months.

Utilizing the department's newly acquired HUMVEE, deputies and enforcement officers with zoning were able to locate several vehicles throughout the mesa and worked to get them recovered and out of the area. Deputies also acted as a deterrent to the ongoing problems of illegal shooting and dumping on the mesa.

This was the first of several operations planned by the BCSO South Area Command to take a proactive approach against illegal activity on the Pajarito Mesa. The BCSO South Area Command has established two Pajarito Mesa Liaison deputies on day and swing shifts who will concentrate on planning and coordinating future operations. A follow-up meeting with the Pajarito Mesa Community Association was fruitful, as both organizations are working together to provide the best law enforcement services to residents of the Pajarito Mesa Community.
If you should have any questions, comments, or concerns you may contact the South Area Commander, Captain Chris Romero at csromero@bernco.gov or 505-314-0010

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

NEWS FROM THE
EAST AREA COMMAND

I would like to take a moment to address traffic enforcement. We realize that to most residents of the East Mountains, seeing deputies working traffic enforcement brings up mixed feelings. On one hand, getting people to adhere to traffic law is good, on the other; these same deputies could be out patrolling and looking for criminal activity.

I understand both sides of this issue. I ask all of the deputies that work up here to dedicate a small portion of their workday to enforce traffic laws. An overwhelming number of traffic crashes incidents had speed, or distracted driving as a contributing factor. Traffic enforcement targeting these types of violations in areas in which the crashes are occurring makes the roads safer for all of us.

If you would like to discuss the above issues, or anything else that may be on your mind, please feel free to contact me at the East Area Command Center at 468-7441, or email me at jkingsbury@bernco.gov. I look forward to talking with you in the future.

NEWS FROM THE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HONORS SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT SERGEANT WITH ALLIED PROFESSIONAL AWARD

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department presented Sergeant Amy Dudewicz of the Bernalillo County, New Mexico, Sheriff's Department with the Allied Professional Award during the annual National Crime Victims' Service Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. This honor recognizes individuals from a specific discipline outside the victim assistance field for their service to victims and/or contributions to the victim assistance field.

"Sergeant Dudewicz has dedicated almost a dozen years with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office to helping child and adult victims of sex crimes," said Attorney General William P. Barr. "By implementing innovative programs and fostering new partnerships, she has been a steadfast ally of victims and a staunch advocate of children who are at risk of harm—and other jurisdictions are catching her vision."

During her career with the Crimes Against Children and Special Victim units of the Bernalillo Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Dudewicz has helped to implement the Operation Safe Child program. Using a referral system through the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department, detectives make contact with high-risk families and help them access services to prevent further family deterioration. Sgt. Dudewicz has expanded Operation Safe Child to include other county and state entities, nonprofit organizations and law enforcement agencies. Under her leadership, the program sorts through about 150 referrals per month.

"Law enforcement efforts to protect victims can benefit from collaboration with child protection services as well as other county, state and nonprofit organizations," said Office of Justice Programs Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt M. Dummermuth. "Sergeant Dudewicz's inspiring work shows how these agencies can work together to prevent crimes as well as close cases."

Look in next month's issue for upcoming news about the expansion of Operation Safe Child.

NEWS FROM THE
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

Have you ever thought about a career in law enforcement? The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department is looking for motivated individuals who want to make a difference in our community. Information about our next Academy class is listed below. Please don't hesitate to contact a recruiter for additional information.

The 41th Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department Basic Regional Training Academy is tentatively scheduled for January 2020!

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department is currently accepting application registrations for cadet applicants. Interested person may apply online at http://www.bernalillocountysheriff.com/bernalillo-county-sheriff/recruiting.aspx

Please be advised; a recruiter will contact you via email upon acceptance or denial of your application.

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against any applicant based on age, gender, sexual orientation, or race. The application process is a highly competitive series of examinations ranging from knowledge to physical strength as well as physical and mental health. We at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department applaud you for choosing to enter into this process and wish you good luck.

*THERE IS A $50 NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING

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CRIME REDUCTION SAFETY TIPS

With the warming weather many resident will began to frequent the various mountain trails and open space areas within Bernalillo County. It is important to note that a large amount of wildlife live within the area, including Bear, Cougar, deer, snakes, insects, and skunks. All wild animals can be dangerous. Always maintain a safe and respectful distance from wildlife and look for signs of wildlife in your immediate area.

Reduce the risk of close encounters:

Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

Keep children close to you and within your immediate sight at all times.

Make noise, talk, sing or clap your hands to let a bear/ cougar know of your presence. Don't rely on bells, usually they are too quiet. Shout often, especially when traveling upwind, near streams, or when you cannot see the path ahead and avoid thick brush.

Be alert and watch for animal sign such as tracks, droppings, diggings, rocks rolled over, scratch marks on trees and logs torn apart. Carry binoculars and scan ahead periodically.

Don't hike alone or at night. Many animals are most active at dawn, dusk and night, but may be encountered any time. Groups of three or more people tend to make more noise and appear more formidable. This makes groups safer than solo hikers.

Stay on trails for your safety and to protect the habitat.

Avoid carcasses and report dead animals to the nearest ranger station. It is very risky to approach a carcass; a bear/ cougar may be just out of sight, guarding its food.

Avoid odorous items and leave foods and beverages with strong odors, scented deodorants and lotions and other odorous items at home. Animals have an acute sense of smell that can detect odors from great distances. Dry foods are both lighter and less smelly.

Stay with your gear. Don't leave your packs, food or beverages unattended.

Pets may attract other animals; keep them on a short leash to avoid conflicts with wildlife.

View and photograph from a safe distance. If an animal approaches, back away to maintain a safe distance.

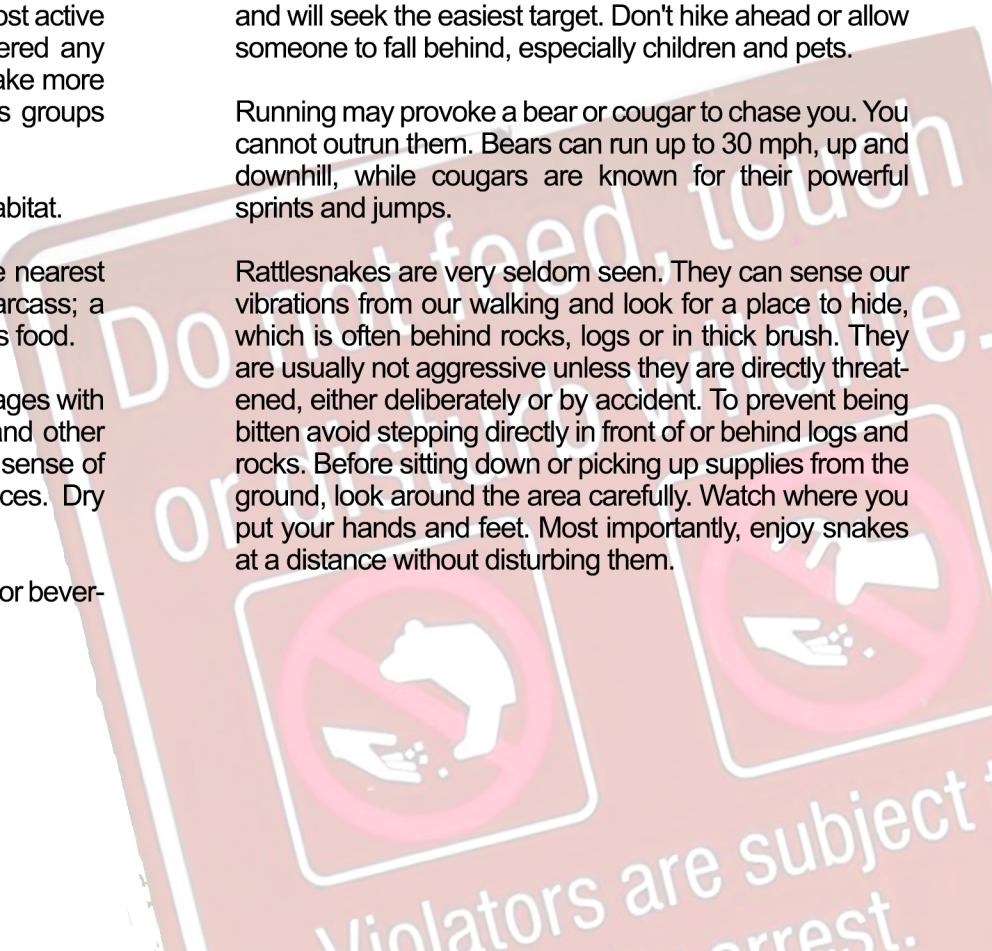
Use binoculars, spotting scopes or a telephoto lens when viewing and photographing an animal to avoid stressing the animal.

Bicyclists and Runners should carefully select the areas they are recreating in and be extra alert in cougar, bear and rattlesnake country. Speed and quietness increases risks of a sudden encounter.

Hike at a pace everyone can maintain and stay together. Cougars and some bears behave in a predatory manner and will seek the easiest target. Don't hike ahead or allow someone to fall behind, especially children and pets.

Running may provoke a bear or cougar to chase you. You cannot outrun them. Bears can run up to 30 mph, up and downhill, while cougars are known for their powerful sprints and jumps.

Rattlesnakes are very seldom seen. They can sense our vibrations from our walking and look for a place to hide, which is often behind rocks, logs or in thick brush. They are usually not aggressive unless they are directly threatened, either deliberately or by accident. To prevent being bitten avoid stepping directly in front of or behind logs and rocks. Before sitting down or picking up supplies from the ground, look around the area carefully. Watch where you put your hands and feet. Most importantly, enjoy snakes at a distance without disturbing them.



GENERAL
DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office is a full-service law enforcement agency, responsible for the policing of unincorporated Bernalillo County. We are currently staffed with just over 300 sworn law enforcement professionals, dedicated to improving the quality of life for all citizens of the county. The Sheriff's Department is comprised of four divisions, each offering a different service component of law enforcement.

FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

The Field Services Division (FSD) is the largest of the three divisions within BCSO. The FSD provides the type of service most typically associated with uniformed service. Deputies assigned to FSD work in various assignments including patrol, DWI Unit, Traffic Investigations Unit (Motorcycles), K-9 and School Resource Officers.

BCSO is comprised of three area commands: North Valley (NACC), South Valley (SVCC) and the East Mountains (EACC). A Captain oversees each of these areas. All three area commands provide 24-hour service to the community with squads of deputies, reporting to a Sergeant and Lieutenant on each shift.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Criminal Investigations (CID) is responsible for the follow up in investigations to a wide variety of crimes. It is in this division where detectives work to provide dedicated focus to solving crimes that have already occurred. Some of the different units within CID include Homicide, Violent Crimes, Special Victims Unit, White Collar, Auto Theft and Property Crimes. Detectives working in CID report to their chain of command on the progress they make on their cases.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

While being the smallest division by sworn workers, it is comprised of the majority of our civilian staff. The responsibility of the Administrative Services Division is quite widespread.

Judicial Operations falls under the ASD, and they are responsible for the security of the District and Juvenile courthouses, and are responsible for the service of legal paperwork in regards to civil actions, subpoenas, writs of replevin, execution of evictions, and extradition of prisoners from other jurisdictions.

In addition, the ASD operates and manages the BCSO Basic Police academy, advanced in-service training, Citizen Police academy, and firearms training divisions.

ASD is responsible for our new record management system and Warrants section, allowing BCSO to provide police report services to the public, confirmation of felony and misdemeanor warrants, verification of Orders of Protection, and entering/clearing of stolen property from the police crime database.

This is just a quick overview of how BCSO is comprised. If you would like additional information, or are considering a more in depth analysis of your sheriff's department, perhaps you would consider participating in our next Citizens Academy. This program is a one night a week, 16-week session in which participants are introduced to BCSO in a much more detailed manner. If you are interested in the Citizens Academy, feel free to contact Deputy Anton Maltby at amaltby@bernco.gov for further details.

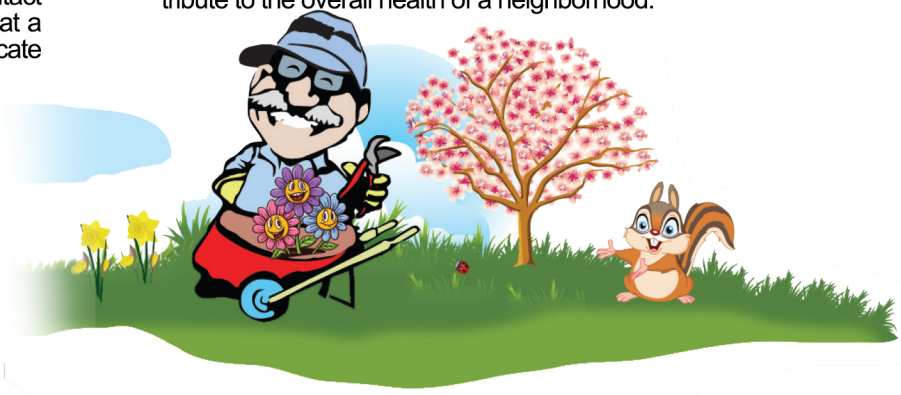
WARM WEATHER SAFETY

Winter has gone and the weather is warming up. During the summer months, calls to 911 usually increase. Rest assured that we will continue to respond to calls for service in a timely manner with the same professionalism you have come to expect and deserve.

With the warm weather, children began to spend more time enjoying the outdoors. Please rehearse with your children the need to know their personal information if they come into contact with law enforcement. For example, if a child is found hurt at a neighborhood park, deputies will need this information to locate a parent or guardian and ensure the child is reunited.

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Numerous studies have proven that when residents take pride in their neighborhood criminal acts diminish exponentially. With that said, take some steps to beautify your neighborhoods. Cleaning of front yards is the best place to start. Introduce yourselves to neighbors and turn the porch light on. Spend more time outdoors. These steps can be accomplished cost free and contribute to the overall health of a neighborhood.



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THINK TWICE BEFORE HOSTING A GRADUATION PARTY!

Graduation season is upon us and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office would like to send out our congratulations to all students who have earned their High School Diploma or Degree of higher learning. We look forward to you joining the workforce and/ or continuing your educational endeavors.

With graduations come graduation parties. BCSO wants you all to share your achievements with others in the form of barbecues, parties, and family gatherings we feel obligated to encourage you all to celebrate safely and legally. Please monitor alcohol consumption of attendees who are over 21 years old and restrict all access of alcohol to persons under 21 years old.

Designating a sober driver prior to drinking can save you all the shame of arrest and most importantly SAVE A LIFE. Remember the life you save could be your own or that of a loved one. Keep in mind that serving alcohol to a minor is a 4th degree felony punishable by over a year in jail and a hefty fine.

If you or people you know will be hosting a graduation party ensure you secure the proper permits, notify the Sheriff's Department, restrict alcohol and illegal drug consumption, and be courteous to your neighbors. For further information please feel free to contact your respective Area Commanders.

Sheriff Deputies will be conducting saturation patrols, DWI checkpoints, and Party Patrols. Uniformed Deputies will respond to all loud music and loud party calls and will issue citations and effect arrests when warranted. If you require a police response to loud music or parties in your neighborhood please call our county dispatch at 505-798-7000.