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Hello fellow residents of Bernalillo County. Autumn is in the air and the weather is finally starting to cool down.

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 NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH AREA COMMAND



IF YOU'RE COLD, THEY'RE COLD!

Please remember that your pets get cold too. Outdoor dogs can easily freeze to death during a cold night. Please bring your pets inside on cold nights or provide them with an adequate doghouse with straw bedding, which helps maintain warmth from their body heat. As an added reminder, it is illegal to chain any dog, cat, goat, etc. in Bernalillo County. They must be free roaming on the property or inside a large kennel run.

COLD MONTHS AHEAD- DON'T BE A VICTIM

As the weather gets colder and you are tempted to warm up your vehicles prior to driving please remember that car thieves may be watching and by doing so, you are making yourself an easy target. If you need to warm up your vehicle prior to driving away, please stay with your car. Do not make yourself an easy victim for would be car thieves.

ZONING IN THE SOUTH VALLEY

Captain Chris Romero, the South Valley Area Commander, continues to work closely with county zoning to shut down residences that are nuisance or condemned properties. If you have a house that is in disrepair or an eyesore in your neighborhood, please contact county zoning.

COMMUNITY POLICING

South Valley deputies will be conducting off site briefings at least 4 times per week. This is an effort to deter crime, practice community based policing and get to know our citizens better. If you have an area or business that you would like us to hold a briefing at please contact Captain Chris Romero at 505-314-0010

NEWS FROM THE THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

Special Victims Unit Highlight:

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) investigates adult sexual crimes, crimes against children, crimes involving the elderly, and crimes of neglect and/or abuse of animals. The unit is comprised of one sergeant and eight detectives. These men and women are singular in their commitment to conducting investigations involving the most vulnerable victims and representing some of the most heinous crimes.

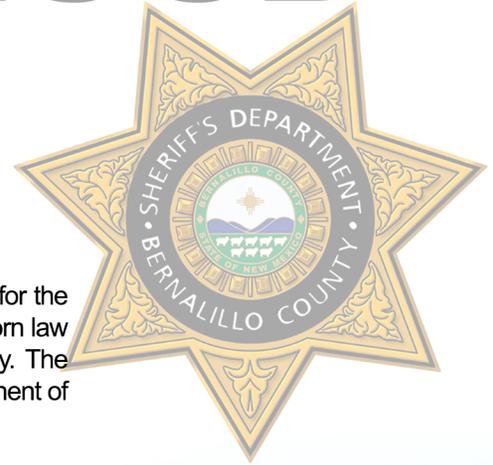
SVU collaborates with public safety entities such as BCFD, APD, FBI, HSI and the NM Attorney General's Office to strengthen cases and increase the outcome of successful prosecutions. Detectives also dedicate their time and resources through community outreach programs and through partnerships with nonprofit organizations such as All Faith's Receiving Home, Aspen, and ZOE.

Recently two of our detectives provided child abuse and neglect training to our partners at Bernalillo County Fire Department. This training demonstrated to the men and women of BCFD the ability to detect the less obvious signs of abuse or neglect of children. This has resulted in an increase of calls for service and referrals originating from BCFD to BCSO regarding the welfare of children.

SVU, in conjunction with the Safe Child Unit and the Ghost Unit, has continuously strived to educate and bring awareness to our community. These detectives work closely with nonprofit organizations to provide necessary resources to the families of our community. These Unit's commitment and dedication represent an exemplary component of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office.

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWS FROM THE EAST AREA COMMAND



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 three 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)
- East Mountains (EACC).

Each of these areas are overseen by a Captain and provide 24-hour service to the community with squads of deputies, reporting to a Sergeant and Lieutenant on each shift. These are the deputies that respond to calls for service when you call 911 or our non-emergency number, 798-7000.

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:

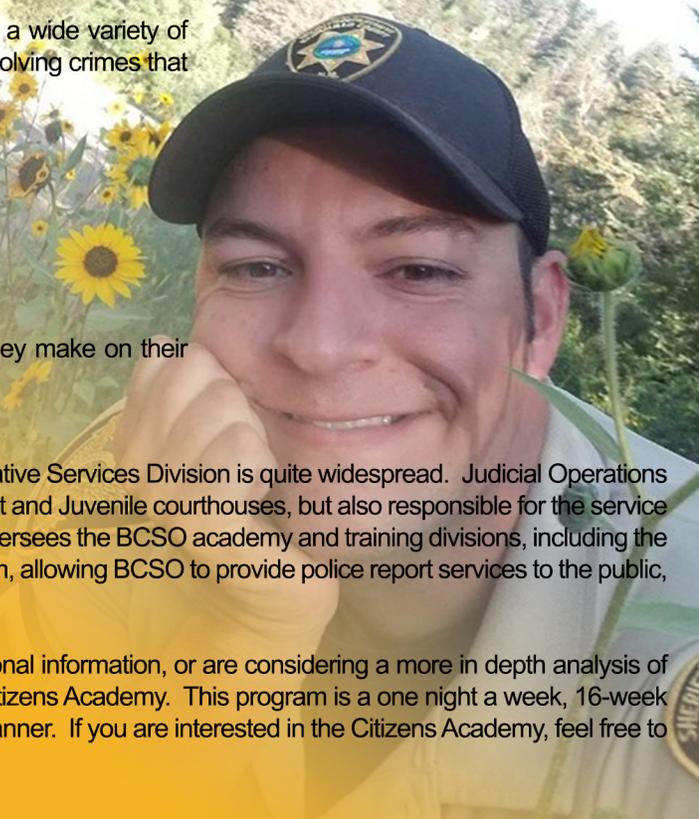
- Homicide, Violent Crimes
- Special Victims Unit
- White Collar
- Auto Theft
- Property Crimes

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 work force, the responsibility of the Administrative Services Division is quite widespread. Judicial Operations falls under the ASD, and they are not only responsible for the security of the District and Juvenile courthouses, but also responsible for the service of legal paperwork in regards to civil actions taken in court. In addition, the ASD oversees the BCSO academy and training divisions, including the civilian academy. ASD is also responsible for our new record management system, allowing BCSO to provide police report services to the public, separate from the Albuquerque Police Department.

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.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

BCSO CADET CLASS 40

BCSO Cadet Class 40 is completing their final week of the Field Training Program. Twenty-nine Deputies, who graduated our Training Academy on June 28th, 2019, have spent the past 60 working days learning from an experienced Field Training Officer, who has evaluated every step they take. Once they pass this portion of the program, they are released to what we term "Solo Performance."

This means they have met (or exceeded) training standards in 30 separate categories (some of which are driving, report writing, handling stress, problem solving, relations with the community, investigative procedure, mapping, and many more). These new Deputies will now be on their own; working with a squad of Deputies in the Field Services Division. Please help us congratulate and welcome them to Public Service as they have now earned the title of Deputy Sheriff and the badge they wear upon their chest. You should be able to pick them out of a crowd of Deputies because they will have the biggest smiles, shiniest badges, and driving the most "experienced" looking patrol cars.



CITIZENS' ACADEMY

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy was created in 2012 and was organized to form a stronger bond between our Department and the Community it serves. Class 13 of the Citizens' Academy is in full swing and started this past August 20th. Thirty-four participants are taking the 16-week journey through the inner workings of our Agency. Ride-a-longs, visiting a DWI Checkpoint, and visiting various offsite entities within the county are also part of the experience. When the participants graduate, they will be able to further assist the Sheriff's Office through the Citizens' Academy Alumni Association. The next Citizens' Academy Class starts in February 2020 and you can sign up for that class starting in November 2019. For more information visit our website at www.go-bcso.com or call Deputy Maltby at 804-0004.

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NEWS FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Friday, September 20, 2019, Bernalillo County Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III recognized the following personnel for earning "employee of the Quarter Awards."

CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER

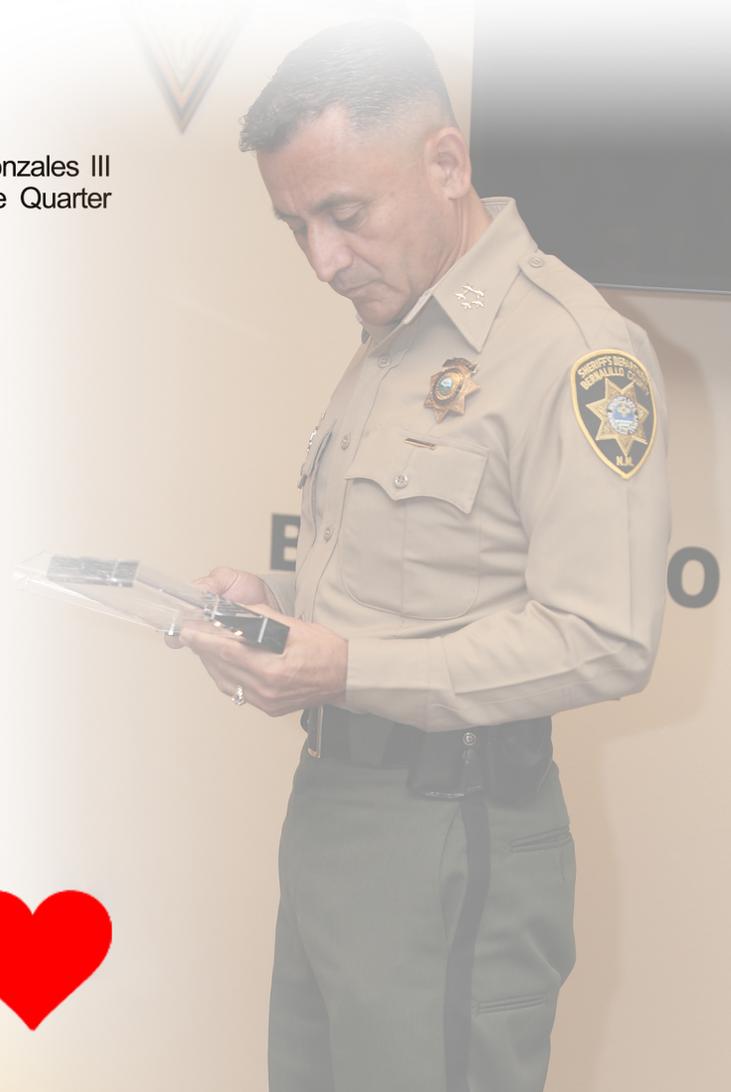
Judy Tobias - Criminal Investigations Support

NON-UNIFORMED DEPUTY OF THE QUARTER

Deputy Jennifer Garcia

UNIFORMED DEPUTY OF THE QUARTER

Deputy Jeremy Sanchez



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AWARDS



Detective Jeffery Hunter
Detectives Ronald Perez



Deputy Oleg Yurchenko
Deputy Taylor Feist
Deputy Leroy Chavez
Deputy Luke Candelaria



Deputy Mitchell Skroch
Deputy Paul Montoya

CRIME REDUCTION & SAFETY

HALLOWEEN EDITION

Halloween is quickly approaching and we would like to share some safety tips when you and your children are out and about trick or treating. The below safety tips are authored by "Safe Kids Worldwide" and can also be found at the following website.

<http://www.safekids.org/tip/halloween-safety-tips>

Walk Safely

Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.

Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.

Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.

Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to

the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.

Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes both Creative and Safe

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.

Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.

Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully. Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.



2019 INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

What is the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta?

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is a world-renowned attraction and destination for kids of all ages. For more than four decades, the first week in October brings the smell of roasting chilies and the beautiful, magical moving picture show of hot air balloons sailing silently through the crisp fall air.

Guests from all over the world come to Albuquerque to celebrate ballooning. Literally hundreds of balloons will be taking flight from the Balloon Fiesta Park this year October 5-13, 2019.

From its modest beginnings in 1972 with 13 balloons launching from a shopping mall parking lot, the Balloon Fiesta has grown to multiple events launching year-round at the custom-designed, 365-acre Balloon Fiesta Park. Our signature event remains Balloon Fiesta—which, with almost 600 balloons, is the largest ballooning event on earth, the most photographed event on earth, and the largest annual international event held in the United States.

Imagine 54 football fields, all put together. That's the size of Balloon Fiesta Park's 78-acre launch field! And at this Park's "playing field," there are no losing teams and no viewing stands. Guests walk the field and are part of the action.

Hundreds of thousands of smiling upturned faces, awestruck by the spectacular beauty of hot air balloons filling the big blue New Mexico sky. What you can't hear until you walk our field at nightfall is the thrilling roar of hundreds of burners simultaneously igniting, turning the Park into a huge lighted Christmas tree of colorful balloons. What you can't feel until you join us is the massive joy everywhere around you.

Where does Balloon Fiesta take place?

Balloon Fiesta takes place at Balloon Fiesta Park, which is located north of Alameda Boulevard, one mile west of I-25.

When should I arrive at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Since crowds for some of our events are in excess of 80,000 people, arriving sooner is better. For weekend events, plan to arrive at the park by 4:00-4:30am. During evening events, try to be at the park by 4pm. Gates open at 4:30am and 3:30pm.

Where do we watch the balloons?

Because of our 44-year safety record, we are one of the only balloon (aviation) events where you are actually able to walk among the balloons and talk to the pilots. We are a hands-on event, but please be courteous to hot air balloons and do not step on or over any.

What is a session?

A session is all the activities that go on during a certain time frame. Balloon Fiesta has morning sessions and evening sessions. An example would be when you visit the park to see the Dawn Patrol and Mass Ascension, you would be coming to a morning session.

Are pets allowed at Balloon Fiesta Park?

No, however service animals are allowed.

Is smoking allowed at Balloon Fiesta Park?

There is absolutely no smoking allowed inside Balloon Fiesta Park. A lit cigarette could possibly ignite a balloon's fuel tank and an ash can melt the balloon envelope. Also, pockets of propane can settle in areas around the field. This odorless gas can easily ignite.

Who are the Zebras at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Zebras are Balloon Fiesta's launch directors. They help launch the balloons every morning. The reason they are called Zebras is that they wear black and white striped shirts. Zebras make up half of all of the officials on the field. We have about 120 officials that run the events during the week of Balloon Fiesta.

What do Chase Crews do?

Chase crews help the pilot inflate and deflate his/her balloon for each flight. If you are interested in being on a chase crew, you can register online at www.balloonfiesta.com, call to have an application sent to you, or visit the Chase Crew tower in the southeast corner of the launch field to sign up.



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Honor and Courage

2019 INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

What is Dawn Patrol?

Dawn Patrol is a group of selected balloons that launch prior to sunrise on the days of Mass Ascensions.

What is a Mass Ascension?

A mass ascension is when all 500+ balloons launch from Balloon Fiesta Park.

What is Flight of the Nations?

Flight of the Nations is an event held during the Wednesday Mass Ascension. It honors all of the countries that are represented in Balloon Fiesta. Up to two balloons from each country launch after the "Sponsor of the day" balloon launches. Each balloon will carry its country's flag.

When is the best time to take a picture?

The magic hour of twilight, dawn or dusk, create beautiful lighting opportunities where the warmth of "Balloon Glow" blends with the velvet blue of muted skylight. Photographers call this "the jewel box effect". Twilight and night are low levels of light which require high speed film.

What is the Special Shape Rodeo™?

The Special Shape Rodeo is two days where special shape balloons are showcased at Balloon Fiesta. Special Shape balloons are the only ones that will launch from Balloon Fiesta Park on those mornings (the standard shape balloons will fly into the park) and will also have a "Glowdeo" in the evening. A "Glowdeo" is a static display of the Special Shape balloons. Special Shape balloons can be shaped into almost anything you can imagine. Some examples include a stagecoach, piggy bank or a cow.

How long does it take for the balloons to launch?

All 500+ balloons should be launched in less than two hours.

In what type of competitions do the pilots compete at Balloon Fiesta?

Pilots compete in Balloon Fiesta Hold 'em, Key Grab, Balloon Fiesta Golf, Multiple Judge-Declared Goal, Fly-in Task, Minimum Double Drop and a Prize Grab. All competitions are based on flying accuracy rather than speed.

How many acres is Balloon Fiesta Park?

Balloon Fiesta Park is over 360 acres. The launch field is over 80 acres itself.

What are typical weather conditions, and what do I wear?

Generally, temperatures in the morning are around 20-40°F, warming up to about 50-70°F by noon. Bring a jacket and dress in layers. Also remember to wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring sunscreen to put on after the sun is up. You will be at a high altitude and are at risk for sunburn. Bring appropriate eye protection. Sun and wind could be your enemies on a bright, sunny or windy day. For further weather information, visit www.balloonfiesta.com.

Are there places to eat on the field?

Yes. There are food vendors at Balloon Fiesta Park serving a variety of foods. There is over 1/3 of a mile of concessions on the field. Watch the amount of alcohol that you drink. You will be at a mile-high altitude which could increase the alcohol's affect.

Where can I learn more about Albuquerque?

Visit the website itsatrip.org, the official website of the Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau to browse an online version of the Official Albuquerque Guest Guide, or request a printed copy by calling the Bureau offices at (800) 284-2282.