



BERNALILLO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

www.bernalillocountysheriff.com

THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our March 2020 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@berncov.gov



NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWS FROM THE EAST AREA COMMAND

Things have been moving very quickly around here in the East Area Command. With the current spate of retirements and promotions, there is a new crew of supervisors that will be finishing out the current bid period ending in July.

All of these dedicated supervisors can be reached at the East Area Command Center at 468-7420. Please understand that they are not always here onsite as they handle calls for service in the field, but feel free to leave a message for them and they will get back to you as soon as they can.

As always, if you need immediate assistance from law enforcement, please call 911 in an emergency, or in the case of non-emergencies, you can call 798-7000 to have deputies dispatched to assist you.

You can also contact the area commander, Captain Joshua Kingsbury at 468-7420 or by email at jkingsbury@bernco.gov. He is available to assist with any law enforcement issues or questions that you may have.

If you have any meetings or presentations that you would like to have BCSO represented at, please contact Captain Kingsbury and he can help arrange that for you.



Sergeant Chris Starr to dayshift. Sergeant Starr brings with him a wealth of institutional knowledge, as a veteran of the United States Military, Former member of the BCSO SWAT Team, Investigator, and Firearms Instructor. In addition to his duties as the East Dayshift Supervisor he also manages or department Bike Unit and Gang Response Unit.



Acting Sergeant Luke Edwards will be assigned to swing shift. Sergeant Edwards has worked all three area commands, served as a Drill Instructor at our Academy, a detective, and most recently as a member of the US Marshals/ BCSO taskforce.



Sergeant James Frederickson will be working as the cover Sergeant when the regular shift supervisors are on their days off. Sergeant Fredrickson is also a member of the United States Armed Forces, has worked all three area commands, and was previously assigned as the senior detective within our BCSO Homicide unit.



NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWS FROM THE **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

The Violent Crimes/Homicide Unit investigates all violent crimes which occur within the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County. These crimes include but are not limited to Aggravated Assaults, Aggravated Batteries, Robberies, and Homicides.

Recently, our Violent Crimes Detectives investigated an armed robbery which occurred in Bernalillo County in January 2020.

On 1/24/2020, three male offenders robbed employees at gun point at the Pizza Hut located at 3055 Coors Blvd SW. After receiving credible tips, as well as conducting interviews and surveillance, Violent Crimes Detectives arrested three offenders who had committed the robberies. Those subjects had committed at least one armed robbery in Bernalillo County and 7 armed robberies within the city of Albuquerque.

With tenacity and unrelenting determination, our Violent Crimes Detectives investigated, identified and arrested three dangerous offenders who were on a crime spree putting citizens and law enforcement at risk.

The Violent Crimes/Homicide Unit is committed to conducting complete investigations and utilizing all available resources to ensure quality cases are forwarded to the Bernalillo County District Attorney's Office for successful prosecution.



NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH AREA COMMAND

THE BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE HAS SOCIAL WORKERS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU!

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department South Area Command currently employs a full-time Clinical Social Worker to attend the needs of the community we serve and encounter on a daily basis. The program also employs a social worker for our North and East area commands and was recently approved for an additional part-time clinician.

The South Area Command has experienced tremendous success with having an in-house social worker to meet the needs of our residents in the South Valley. During the month of February our South Area Command Social Worker received 17 new referrals for individuals that needed resources and additional assistance.



Sam graduated from NMSU MSW Class of 2016. She has over 5 years experience in mental health, crisis intervention, and case management. Sam's prior experience includes Open Skies Healthcare, UNMH, ABQ Rape Crisis Center and ABQ Sex Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE).

Email: samontoya@bermco.gov
Phone: 505-314-0486



Jacki graduated with a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Oklahoma. She has worked for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department as a social worker since 2001. Jacki is among the first social workers in the county to work within a law enforcement agency.

Email: jwest@bermco.gov
Phone: 505-314-0131

ADVOCACY

Emotional support and/or giving a voice to those who need it in a variety of settings

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Speaking with other support providers on your behalf in order to create the best treatment plan and/or course of action in order to progress to your end goal in the smoothest possible way.

PARENTAL GUIDANCE & EDUCATION

Assists families in skill building and problem solving issues

IN HOME VISITS

Meeting our clients where they are most comfortable to address problems or concerns

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Assisting with the de-escalation and safety of a situation with the primary goal bringing the incident to a safe and stable place. This often leads to other services and a long term working relationship with our clients.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

NEWS FROM THE REGIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY

www.go-bcso.com

THURSDAY
APRIL 30, 2020
6PM - 9PM
Regional Training Academy

Reserve your seat today
by calling or texting
505-804-0000

SEMINAR FOR WOMEN SEEKING A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT



www.go-bcso.com

FORUM FOR WOMEN SEEKING A LAW ENFORCEMENT:

On April 30th, 2020 (6pm-9pm,) the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Forum 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.

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

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.



KEEPING YOU INFORMED



NEWS FROM THE RECRUITING UNIT

Applying for a Law Enforcement Agency in this day and age is no easy task and the Recruiters for BCSO have seen a lot of changes in how applicants approach the hiring process. Along with a decline of interest to become a law enforcement officer by the younger generations and misunderstandings of this career field, the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office has taken some new proactive approaches to help get rid of the unknowns and misconceptions about the hiring process and the function of our agency within the community. To better help applicants navigate through a difficult and fairly lengthy hiring process the BCSO Recruiters have introduced several programs that are completely free to attend. Two such programs are the Hiring Workshops and Seminars for Women Seeking a Career in Law Enforcement.

The Hiring Workshops are held at least once a month throughout the year and are designed to help individuals wanting to apply for BCSO to better understand what is required from them throughout the three to six month hiring process and what to expect from the Academy Staff as they navigate their way through each step. The workshop is three hours long and usually held during weeknights at the BCSO Regional Training Academy which is located at 415 Tijeras Ave. NW in downtown Albuquerque. During the workshop the applicants will be introduced to the Academy training staff, learn how to start the online application process and the format in which they are to fill out the initial Personal Integrity Questions. They will also learn what to expect on the day that they choose to come test with us and will receive practice test material that they can take home with them. The department's Lead Background Investigator and Deputy who conducts the polygraph test will walk the potential applicants through portions of the hiring process and the Recruiters will talk to the individuals about being prepared for the interviews that take place and how to better communicate with the Sheriff and his Staff. These workshops will help applicants put their best foot forward as they traverse the Sheriff's Office hiring process. The Hiring Workshops will be posted on the Sheriff's Department Recruiting website and on all of the Sheriff's Office social media pages; please keep an eye out for the next workshop.

The Seminar for Women Seeking a Career in Law Enforcement was created in 2019 after the Recruiters observed a disparity between the amount of sworn female deputies in the department and the community that the Sheriff's Office serves. The Bernalillo County and Albuquerque Metro area population is made up of 50% women but only 11% of the sworn personnel that work for the Sheriff's Office are female deputies, detectives or supervisors. These Seminars were designed and hosted by the Sheriff's Office to help women who may have concerns, fears, doubts, unknowns, taboos and misbeliefs about women working within the law enforcement field. Each Seminar is set up and hosted by Deputy Jennifer Garcia. Deputy Garcia and a panel of fellow female deputies discuss their career paths within the department and what life is like working in law enforcement. These great events are for women only and were created for women who may be interested in law enforcement, women who want to serve their community, and are welcoming to women of all ages. The next Seminar for Women Seeking a Career in Law Enforcement is Thursday April 30, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Academy. If interested, you can sign up for the event by contacting Deputy Garcia at 505-804-0000 or jegarcia@bemco.gov

The Recruiters are also taking part in a Law Enforcement Mentoring Program through the Criminal Justice Department at New Mexico State University. Each month the recruiters travel to Las Cruces where they spend the day in the mentoring center and attend Criminal Justice classes talking to students and answering questions about how BCSO is working within its community to make it a safer place for everyone that lives there. They are also actively Recruiting students from the University to join the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office and starting their journey in community service after they graduate.

In 2020 the BCSO Recruiters have started a partnership with the ArmyPays program in order to reach more Military Personnel that are separating from the armed forces. This is a great partnership that allows the Sheriff's Office to have access to the men and women of the United States Army along with other branches of the military across the country and offer them an opportunity to continue their life of service right here at home. We look forward to assisting these brave individuals in making the transition from service to their country right into the service to their community.

CRIME REDUCTION SAFETY TIPS

Because of the variety of ATMs, the unique characteristics of each installation, and crime considerations at each location, no single formula can guarantee the security of ATMs. Therefore, it is necessary for ATM customers to consider the environment around each ATM and various procedures for remaining safe when using an ATM.

Criminals select their victims and targets, focusing on the unaware or unprepared. Criminals are also drawn to environmental conditions that enhance the opportunity to successfully complete their crime. The attitude and demeanor you convey can have a tremendous effect on potential assailants. There are a number of things you can do to increase your personal security and reduce your risk of becoming an ATM crime victim.



THE FOLLOWING CRIME PREVENTION TIPS CAN HELP MAKE THE USE OF ATM'S SAFER FOR EVERYONE:

WALK purposefully and with confidence. Give the appearance that you are totally aware of your surroundings.

BE AWARE of your environment and what is going on around you. Criminals tend to avoid people who have this type of demeanor.

ATM SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS:

Whenever possible, select an ATM that is monitored or patrolled by a security officer.

Always watch for suspicious persons or activity around an ATM. Be aware of anyone sitting in a parked car in close proximity to or at a distance from the ATM location

If you notice anything strange, leave and return some other time. Even if you have already started a transaction, cancel it and leave.

Maintain a small supply of deposit envelopes at home, in your car or office. Prepare all transaction paperwork prior to your arrival at the ATM site. This will minimize the amount of time spent at the ATM

Maintain an awareness of your surroundings throughout the entire transaction. Do not become so involved with your transaction that you are not aware of changing conditions in the area

Do not wear expensive jewelry or take other valuables to the ATM. This is an added incentive to an assailant

If you get cash - put it away immediately. Do not stand at the ATM and count it

PERFORM mental exercises and plan out what you would do in different crime or personal security situations.

FOLLOW your instincts. If you feel you are in danger, respond immediately. Remember that your personal safety is the top priority.

Never accept offers of assistance with the ATM from strangers; ask the bank for help

Never lend your ATM card to anyone; treat it as if were cash or a credit card

If you use a drive-up ATM, ensure your vehicle doors and windows are locked

During evening hours consider taking a companion along, park close to the ATM in a well-lighted area and lock your car. If the lights around the ATM are not working properly, do not use it

When leaving an ATM location make sure you are not being followed. If you are being followed, drive immediately to a police, sheriff or fire station, crowded area, well-lighted location or open business. Flash your lights and sound your horn to bring attention to your situation and call 911.

If you are involved in a confrontation and the attacker is armed with a weapon and demands your money or valuables, **GIVE IT TO THE SUSPECT**. Do not resist, property may be recovered later or replaced

NEWS FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE



SHERIFF MANUEL GONZALES III
& THE BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE
4TH ANNUAL
**SHERIFF'S
BALL**

Saturday March 7, 2020
5:30 PM Cocktails, Bling Bar & Silent Auction
7:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM Live Auction & Awards
Dress Attire: Semi Formal

HOTEL ALBUQUERQUE
800 Rio Grande Blvd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104



All proceeds benefit Beds4Kidz and Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run



4th ANNUAL SHERIFF'S BALL

The Sheriff's Office is proud to host the 4th Annual Sheriff's Ball- Giving from the Heart. The 2020 Charity Partners of this year's ball are Beds4Kidz and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. All proceeds of this event will be donated to these worthwhile charities.



SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2020
MARRIOTT PYRAMID BALLROOM



Come Support Our Local First Responders
with an evening of fun, food, and entertainment

YOUR BEST FOR THE BEST
Honoring the 505's Favorite Eaters

Brought to you by Stand True for Blue, NM C.O.P.S. & The Blue Thunder Foundation

SUNDAY March 29th, 2020 **4:00-8:00 PM**
Silent Auction Raffle **TICKETS: \$20** Food Live Music

Marriott Pyramid Ballroom
5151 San Francisco Rd., NE, Alb., NM 87109

Purchase your tickets today at StandTrue4Blue.com

D.S.