The “36th Annual National Night Out” (NNO), a unique crime prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019. The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office cordially invites your community and neighborhoods to take part in this event.

Per a recent correspondence from the National Association of Town Watch, “last year’s National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 16,790 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 38 million people participated in NNO 2018. Hopefully, this year’s “36th Annual NNO” will be the largest ever!”

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for local anticrime programs, such as Neighborhood Watch groups; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, communities and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, visits from Sheriff’s Office deputies and staff members and fire department personnel. National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and build police-community partnerships. The benefits your community and neighborhoods will gain from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond this one-night event.

From 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on August 6th, residents in your neighborhoods and communities are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors, police and fire department members. National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin stated, “This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation.” Mr. Peskin encourages neighborhoods nationwide to unite in Giving Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party. A National Night Out proclamation is also drafted, read and proclaimed by the El Paso County Board of Commissioners in their August session.
The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office views National Night Out as a critical annual activity in our crime prevention efforts. The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, through support of the Crime Prevention Coordinator, ask if you are hosting an event and would like a Sheriff’s Office representative to attend, please contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator with your request by July 1, 2019. The Sheriff’s Office takes great pride in having a deputy try and visit your event or function between the hours of 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. In the May Neighborhood Newsletter, a notes and tips section will be provided to help you promote your event and hopefully make your National Night Out successful.

Sheriff’s Office Releases Monthly Statistics:
In a recent press release, the Sheriff’s Office released the monthly statistics on Sheriff Elder’s Top priorities. The March 7, 2019 release is listed below. Please note, the Inmate Booking and Release numbers are the actual number of bookings and releases for February 2019, not the average. In 2017, Sheriff Bill Elder laid out illegal marijuana enforcement, addressing mental health in the community and reducing the average daily jail population as his top priorities for the next four years of his administration. The Sheriff’s Office will be releasing monthly statistics on the work that is being done to stop the diversion of legal marijuana to the illegal marijuana market, prevent the unnecessary incarceration of individuals with mental illness and the impact the jail population is having on inmate assaults on staff and other inmates.

El Paso County Jail February 2019 statistics:
- Average Daily Population (ADP): 1,740 inmates
- Average Inmate Bookings: 1,774
- Average Inmate Releases: 1,796
- 8 Inmate vs. Staff assaults with 0 resulting in injury to staff
- 14 Inmate vs. Inmate assaults with 5 resulting in injuries to inmates
- 18 Inmate vs. Inmate fights with 10 resulting in injuries to inmates

Behavioral Health Connect Program (BHCON) February 2019 statistics:
- Responded to 47 calls for service
- Provided services to 44 clients
- Attempted 18 follow-ups with clients
- 34 clients were treated on scene and provided mental health resources
- 2 clients were transferred to a local medical facility or walk-in center
- 3 clients were arrested

Illegal and Black-Market Marijuana Enforcement
February 2019 statistics:
- 4 Search Warrants and 18 Knock and Talks
- 69 plants seized (Street value of $69,000 at $1,000 per plant)
- 435 pounds of processed marijuana seized (Street value of $1,522,500 at $3,500 per pound)
- $3,881 in cash seized
- 3 arrests

Going on Vacation?
Going on vacation can sometimes be stressful. Let us help you relax a bit. The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office provides a service in unincorporated El Paso County when Patrol Deputies or Citizen’s Patrol volunteers are available. During these times, they will conduct directed patrol checks at your properties while you are away.

To participate please go to www.epcsheriffsoffice.com and under Services select Vacation Check Request Form.

Interested in learning more about the Sheriff’s Office?
Are you interested in learning more about what the Sheriff’s Office has to offer residents of Unincorporated El Paso County? Request a representative from one of our numerous units to come and speak with your group.

To participate please go to www.epcsheriffsoffice.com and under Community select Speakers Bureau and submit the Speaker Request.
Crime Prevention

The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office is committed to helping our citizens keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe from crime, the fear of crime and neighborhood decay. Working collaboratively with other local law enforcement officials, the Sheriff’s Office assists to establish networking systems, provide educational materials, programs, training and safety tutorials to promote pro-active crime prevention in our community. Through an active Community Oriented Policing philosophy, we believe that individual citizens should be empowered to work with law enforcement to help keep themselves safe. Many programs we offer will provide tools that you can use to learn crime prevention strategies, engage other community members, and coordinate with local law enforcement to aid in crime prevention.

Crime Prevention Tips

Please keep your garage doors down when you are away from your residence. Most residential burglaries are opportunistic crime. A criminal doesn’t have to use much effort to walk into open garages and possibly into your residence. Lock the main door or doors that go from the garage into your residence during evening hours, even if your main garage door is closed.

Car burglaries (CTA) can be prevented by locking your car doors when you are away from your vehicle. Also, remember to take your valuables out of your car. Before you get to your destination, pull over and put your valuables in the trunk. Don’t do this at your destination as criminals will watch for this and enter your vehicle and open the trunk to get those items. Leave your porch and patio lights on during evening hours. Remember, a criminal doesn’t want to get caught. By lighting up your residence and neighborhood, that might deter a burglar from coming to your neighborhood and make him or her choose to go to another neighborhood that is not well lit.

Schedule your home package deliveries for when you are home or have them delivered to a trusted neighbor. DO NOT leave unattended packages on your front porch. As witnessed in the recent media, “porch pirates” are alive and well and watch UPS and Fed Ex deliver packages to homes. If they are left unattended, these thieves will take them right off your porch in plain daylight. Choose to not be a victim; schedule your deliveries when you are at home!!!

Schedule the Crime Prevention Coordinator to come to your residence and conduct a CPTED evaluation (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). This evaluation takes about 30 minutes and some items looked at are lights, locks, landscape, and security areas. This evaluation will give you “options to consider” to make your residence more secure.

HELP US HELP YOU BY CHOOSING NOT TO BECOME A VICTIM OF CRIME AND MAKING IT TOUGH FOR CRIMINALS TO COMMIT THEIR CRIMES.
### Crimes in Your Neighborhood

#### Highlights From March

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**District 1** — Woodmoor/Canterbury, Gleneagle, Kings Deer, Club Villas, Palmer Lake, Monument

**District 2** — Black Forest, Wissler Ranch, Hawk Ridge

**District 3** — Cimarron Hills, Constitution Hills, Claremont Ranch, Park Vista & Sieferd

**District 4** — Woodmen Hills, Falcon, areas east of Meridian Road

**District 5** — Security, Fountain Valley, Colorado Centre, Clearview Estates, Southmoor

**District 6** — Widefield and Little Ranches area

**District 7** — Stratmoor Valley, Stratmoor Hills, B Street, Hwy 115

**District 8** — West Colorado Avenue, Ute Pass, Green Mountain Falls, Cascade, Rampart Range

The above statistics reflect the various assigned Sheriff’s Office districts and furthermore illustrate a “snapshot” of what the Sheriff’s Office is experiencing across El Paso County. The illustrated numbers show the number of case reports, not calls for service, the Sheriff’s Office has taken. If you are interested in individual neighborhoods or areas, please contact Brent Ambuehl, El Paso County Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention Coordinator at (719) 520-7151 or email at brentambuehl@elpasoco.com for more specific information.
Upcoming Event

Coffee with a Cop: Join representatives from the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office for a cup of coffee. A cup of coffee is a common bond and activity usually shared by friends. It is also a way for strangers to come together and get to know each other. In this light, the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office is trying to build better relationships with the community that we serve. This is an agenda free Event. There will be no Power Point presentations, no speeches or specific topics to discuss. Just informal conversation about what matters to the community or anything else that you would like to talk about.

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at The Coffee Cup Cafe, 251 Front Street #6 Monument CO 80132.

Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Nana’s Kitchen located at 11882 Stapleton Drive in Peyton

Saturday, December 21, 2019, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Starbucks located at 5070 North Nevada Avenue in Colorado Springs

FOR EMERGENCIES: DIAL 9-1-1

El Paso County Sheriff’s Office Dispatch (non-emergency crime reporting): 390-5555

EPSO Telephone Reporting System (for minor crimes without suspect information): 520-7111

EPSO Traffic Hotline (for reporting problem areas or traffic violations): 520-7192

EPSO Tip Line (for reporting suspicious activity or the location of wanted persons): 520-7777

Always remember to report criminal activity or suspicious behavior promptly.

For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator:

719-520-7151