

BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"COMMUNICATOR"

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Hello residents and visitors to Bernalillo County. Please enjoy our August 2017 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@berncoco.gov

NEWS FROM THE EAST AREA COMMAND

The Sheriff's Department holds a shift bid for all sworn uniformed employees twice a year. During this time employees bid for positions on each shift and in each area command. The most recent shift bid took effect on July 8th and I am pleased to introduce the deputies and supervisors who will be assigned to patrol the east area command. These deputies continually strive to provide public safety services in a timely, professional and friendly manner.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to these fine men and women when they are out and about patrolling your neighborhoods.

EAST AREA COMMAND – CAPTAIN JOSHUA S. CAMPOS- C9

Captain Campos has been employed with the Sheriff's Office for over 15 years and has served as the Commander of the East Area Command and as the Special Operations Commander in charge of the SWAT Team, Emergency Response Team, Crisis Negotiations Team, Reserve Unit, and the K9 unit for the past 1.5 years. Prior to his promotion to Captain he served as the Assistant Division Commander of the Criminal Investigation division. He has earned his Master's Degree in Business, Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, and his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. During his tenure with BCSO he has served in the DWI Unit, the Gang Unit, as an Academy Drill Instructor, Field Investigator, Hostage Negotiator, Emergency Response Team, Field Training Officer, and General Police instructor.

Sergeant Bradley Cooksey, S-31

Sergeant Cooksey has been with the Department for 7 years. He has a B.A. in Criminology from the University of New Mexico. He has worked in all area commands for the first 3 years of Patrol, while working secondary assignments on the Emergency Response Team, Gang Recognition and Intelligence Patrol, and Field Training Officer. Sergeant Cooksey spent the last 3.5 years, prior to promotion, working in the Narcotics Unit and on a Drug Task Force with Homeland Security Investigations. He has been awarded Non-Uniform Deputy of the Quarter on two separate occasions and is an Expert Witness for all drug trafficking cases in the 2nd Judicial District

DAYSHIFT
0600-1400

Sergeant Edward Martinez, S-11

Sergeant Martinez has been with the Department for 18 years. He is a Chief Master Sergeant in the 150th Security Forces Squadron, New Mexico Air National Guard and has served in the Air Guard 29 years. He has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of New Mexico. Sergeant Martinez has served in Field Services, Civil Process, Criminal Investigations Division, Internal Affairs, and is a former Drill Instructor.

Deputy Marco Baldonado # 129

Deputy Lance Burch # 110

Deputy Burch has been working for the Bernalillo County Sheriff Department for seven years. Upon graduation of the University of Northern Arizona he went to work in the field of mental health care. Working ten years as a child care worker, supervisor and parent trainer. The skills he gained were used to become an independent contractor working with Presbyterian hospital. He was contracted to go across the state of New Mexico training families on how to deal with children with mental and emotional difficulties. As a field deputy he is Crisis Intervention trained and a Field Training officer. Deputy Burch recently has become a member of the Crisis Negotiation team and is an active member.

Deputy Christian Erb # 165

Deputy Erb has been employed with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department for 17 years and has been a member of the Emergency Response Team, and Crisis Negotiation's Team. Most of his time has been spent as a patrol deputy although he was a Narcotics Detective for two years assigned to the Region 1 Middle Rio Grande Valley Task Force. During this time he received a service award from the Drug Enforcement Administration in 2009. Deputy Erb has also been a Field Training Officer, a Field Investigator, and a Ground Control Instructor for the academy. Deputy Erb has lived and worked in the East Mountains and enjoys the time he spends on patrol.

Deputy Felix Valdez # 270

Deputy Valdez has been employed with the Sheriff's Office for 7 years having served in all three area commands. He has also worked in the Traffic Investigations Unit and is a certified field investigator.

Deputy Nathan Kmatz #252

Deputy Kmatz has been with the department for 19 years. He has served with the Emergency Response Team, S.W.A.T., School Resource Officer, DARE/GREAT, and was the Training Coordinator at the Academy. The majority of his patrol experience is in the East Mountains.

Deputy Bradley Halsey #167

Deputy Halsey has been with the Department for 12 years. He served in the Air Force, Air Reserve and Air National Guard. He retired from the military after 23 years of service. He has his B.A. in Psychology from the College of Santa Fe. Deputy Halsey has spent his career in field services and is an FTO. He has worked one year in EACC prior to his current bid.

Deputy Nathan Harger #173

Deputy Harger has been with the Department for 12 years. He has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Texas Christian University. Prior to joining the Department, Deputy Harger worked as a Classification Officer at the Correction Corporation of America (Prison) in Tarrant County. Deputy Harger was also a Deputy with Tarrant and Chavez County prior to coming to Bernalillo County. Deputy Harger has lived in the East Mountain area for the last 8 years.

Deputy Dorena Torres #290

Deputy Torres has been with the Department for 12 years. She has a B.A. in Psychology from New Mexico State University. She has worked Field Services Division, Criminal Investigations Division, and Internal Affairs. She is currently a Field Training Officer and a Field Investigator for the Department. This is Deputy Torres first full-time bid in the EACC.

Deputy Joshua Shores #339

At the age of 14 Deputy Shores started volunteering with the Police Explorer program in Albuquerque and began working for Bernalillo County in 2006, as a Community Service Aide. In 2008 he became a Deputy and has spent a majority of his career in the East Mountains. He has also lived in the East Mountains since 2009 and has a total of 11 years working for Bernalillo County

SWING SHIFT
1400-2200

Sergeant Matt Rael #S-3

Deputy Rael has served with BCSO for 12 years. He has been a member of the Emergency Response Team for 8 years and served as a recruiter. In addition he has worked in the civil/extraditions unit and air unit. Currently assigned to the east area but have worked all area commands.

Deputy Michael Borrecco #113

Deputy Borrecco has 6 years of Law Enforcement experience having prior served with the Rio Rancho Police Department. He has also have 8 years served in the military. His wife also works with BSCO as a Detective. He loves this career and the ability to help the community. He spends most of my off time doing out door stuff with my family.

Deputy Patrick Brown #322

Deputy Brown has been on the Department for over 9 years. During his career he has worked as a patrol Deputy for 5 years and as a Property Crimes Detective for 4 years. He has been assigned as a Field Training Officer for 6 years and is also a State Certified Law Enforcement Instructor at the BCSO Regional Academy as a Defensive Tactics Instructor, an Active Shooter Instructor and head instructor of the Officer Survival Program. He has also served on the Emergency Response Team and is currently a member of the SWAT team. During his career he has been awarded the Life Saving Award, Uniform Deputy of the Quarter, and Non-Uniform Deputy of the Quarter and has been nominated for Non-Uniform Deputy of the Year.

Mark Cerna #151

Deputy M. Cerna has been employed with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department since June of 2015. M. Cerna started his career in law enforcement at a Federal Detention Center as a Corrections Officer, where he was employed for 2 years. When the Federal Detention Center closed their doors he transferred to the Metropolitan Detention Center where he served 5 years a Corrections Officer and was on the Sergeants list for promotion at both correctional facilities. M. Cerna was a member of the Corrections Emergency Response Team. M. Cerna is currently a background and field investigator, and also a member of our Gang Recognition Intelligence Patrol Unit

Andrew Limon #177

Deputy Limon was born and raised in Albuquerque, NM. He attended the University of New Mexico and received his Bachelors in English. Before beginning his career in law enforcement he was a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competitor. He is a second generation law enforcement officer. His father, great uncle, and two other uncles all retired from the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department. His special interest is in Gang intelligence. Deputy Limon enjoys working the East Area because of the scenic landscape the area has to offer. He has been with the sheriff's department for nearly two years.

Deputy John McCauley #271

Deputy McCauley has been with Bernalillo County since 2007 He has served in the Field Services Division, Emergency Response Team, Field Training Officer, General Police Instructor, Crisis Intervention Team, Field Training Officer Board, Canine Unit, and the Metropolitan Air Support Unit as a Tactical Flight Officer

Deputy Natasha Nieto # 150

Deputy Nieto is a native New Mexican and has been with the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department just under two years. She is a member of the Emergency Response Team and has worked in the East Area Command since July 2016. Prior to her commitment to the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Nieto obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico in liberal arts where she held several job positions ranging from Project Coordinator to Building Manager at the Student Union Building

GRAVE YARD SHIFT
2200-0600

Raymond Perea S-6

Sergeant Perea has been a member of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department for nearly fifteen years. He has been a sergeant in the East Area Command since September 2012. He has served in the Field Services Division his entire career. He has served the department as a Field Training Officer, Field Investigator, and Drug Recognition Expert. He was a member of the DWI unit and Motor Unit. Sergeant Perea currently serves as the chairman of the department Accident Review Board. Prior to joining the sheriff's department, he worked as a Public Safety Officer and firefighter/EMT with the Rio Rancho Department of Public Safety for three and a half years.

Sarah Barrick #182

Deputy Barrick, born and raised in Texas, has lived in Albuquerque for 9 years. She has a degree in Criminal Justice from CNM and was a personal trainer/fitness competitor prior to her law enforcement position with the county. Deputy Barrick has been with Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department for a little less than two years and is currently a part of the Emergency Response Team, the Gang Recognition Patrol Unit, and is a Field Investigator. Deputy Barrick currently works on the East Mountain graveyard -Watch I- squad and has been working in the East Mountains since June 2016.

Joseph Armijo # 335

Deputy Armijo has been employed with BCSO for over 4 years. He is actively pursuing a bachelor's degree in Psychology. He is also assigned as a Firearms Instructor and Line Safety Officer at our department shooting range.

Joshua Gibson # 383

Deputy Gibson was born and raised in Albuquerque and has been with BCSO since 2014 working Patrol. Deputy Gibson was a martial arts instructor for 4 years and served in the USMC Reserves unit here in Albuquerque.

Ryan Riley #193

Deputy Riley is from southeastern New Mexico and has lived in Albuquerque for 18 years. Deputy Riley previously worked as a classification officer with the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center for 6 years, prior to joining the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department in 2012. Deputy Riley has split his 4 years in patrol working graveyard shift in all 3 area commands.

Jason Williams #399

Deputy Williams has been with the department for 3 years and is currently working his first bid in the East Area Command. Prior to joining the department Deputy Williams served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves as well as the New Mexico Army National Guard. Deputy Williams is currently working towards an accounting degree at the University of New Mexico and has spent his time with the department in the Field Services Division.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 1st is a collaboration between neighborhood associations and their public safety partners that gives us a chance to meet under pleasant circumstances and to become more familiar with the names and faces of the communities that we serve. It is an important function designed to fortify relationships between the Sheriff's Department and the community.

National Night Out works, it really does. The chance to interact with the public is instrumental in ensuring that we are meeting the needs of the community. The public relies on the Sheriff's Department to help to maintain safe and prosperous neighborhoods, but we are only part of the solution.

It is essential for all people to be "good neighbors." We at the Sheriff's Department do our job with professionalism and pride, but we cannot always be everywhere, all the time. We rely on you to do your part to help us in maintaining order and safety throughout Bernalillo County. There are things that you can do to increase the safety and prosperity of your neighborhoods.

First, and most importantly, I would never ask that you place yourself in harm's way to confront a dangerous situation. That is our job. What you can do, however, is be a good witness. If you see something that does not seem right, tell us. Call our non-emergency number at 798-7000. Give as many details as you possibly can: physical descriptions, addresses, vehicle descriptions, license plates (if possible), and relay that to our dispatch operators. Do not be concerned if it turns out to be nothing, it is better to be safe than sorry. We will gladly check on your concerns, and even meet with you following our investigation to advise you on what was going on.

Get to know your neighbors. Become familiar with what they look like, what their children look like, what they drive, so when something seems out of place, you can report it. Create

friendships with my immediate neighbors, and rely on them to keep an eye out on your house when you are away.

Neighborhood Associations are a good way to become involved with the details of what is going on in your immediate area. Get to know your board members, or even better, become one. By joining this coalition, you place yourself in a position to increase your access to your public safety officials, and can voice your concerns in a time and place where you have our full attention, the association meetings.

I hope that this has given you a few ideas on how to become more involved in your community, and as always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I can be reached at the East Area Command Center at 505-468-7441 or via email at jcampos@bernco.gov

NEWS FROM THE **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of One Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 8 Sergeants and 60 Detectives. CID handles all investigations for Bernalillo County as well as assisting APD and NMSP on all officer involved shootings. Numerous detectives also work in conjunction with our Federal partners (FBI, DEA, ATF, HSI and USMS).

The CID units are as follows:

Crime Scene Investigations

Violent Crimes

Homicide

Special Victims Unit

Narcotics

Property Crimes

White Collar Crimes

Gang Unit

Fugitive Apprehension and Surveillance Team

GHOST (GHOST investigates all missing persons cases, child pornography and human trafficking)

Crisis Intervention Unit

Special Investigations Unit

Sex Offender Registration and Tracking (SORT is responsible for the registration and tracking of approximately 900 registered sex offenders in Bernalillo County)

The Detectives within CID each handle a hefty caseload and do an outstanding job with superb solve and conviction rates.

CRIME REDUCTION AND SAFETY TIPS

Neighborhood Safety Tips For Parents

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- **Know where your children are.** Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- **Help children learn important phone numbers.** Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.
- **Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood.** Do you want them crossing busy roads? Playing in alleys or abandoned buildings? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
- **Get to know your children's friends.** Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.
- **Choose a safe house in your neighborhood.** Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help. Point out other places they can go for help, like stores, libraries, and police stations.
- **Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists.** Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- **Work together with your neighbors.** Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

NEWS FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

New Chief Hired to Lead the Metropolitan Detention Center

Bernalillo County – Former Bernalillo County Undersheriff Greg Rees is switching uniforms to become the next chief of the Metropolitan Detention Center, effective Aug. 7.

Rees has over 23 years of law enforcement experience, working his way up through the ranks at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department – as deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, chief deputy, and undersheriff for the past two years.

“Greg Rees knows the community, the criminal justice system, and he knows Bernalillo County. He will be able to hit the ground running because of his knowledge and familiarity with how the jail, courts and law enforcement agencies work together,” says County

Manager Julie Morgas Baca. **“Lastly, I appointed Greg because he is a proven leader who can bring accountability and stability to the MDC.”**

As undersheriff, Rees’s job was to oversee department operations, which included over 300 sworn officers and 100 civilians. He also has extensive experience working with collective bargaining units. At the MDC, Rees will be in charge of managing over 500 employees and approximately 1,200 inmates.

“During the past few years, MDC has made incredible progress in certain areas of its operation, and I believe, working collaboratively with the staff, we can keep the momentum moving in the right direction, addressing other challenges before us,” says Greg Rees, the newly appointed MDC chief.

Rees further states, **“I’m grateful to County Manager Julie Morgas Baca for her confidence in my ability to effectively lead the MDC, and I want to thank my former boss, Sheriff Manny Gonzales, for the opportunity to serve as undersheriff in one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state.”**

“Greg Rees has served this community honorably as a Bernalillo County law enforcement officer for more than two decades,” says Bernalillo County Sheriff Manny Gonzales III. **“I would like personally to thank Undersheriff Rees for his proven leadership and unselfish service to the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office and the citizens of Bernalillo County. I believe the selection of Undersheriff Reese as chief is a win-win situation for everyone.”**

The Metropolitan Detention Center jail chief is a position tasked with overseeing the day-to-day operation and security of the jail, along with managing employees of the MDC. In addition, the chief ensures the continued maintenance of the facility, reviews and coordinates jail programs, and is responsible for developing and implementing the department’s yearly budget.

In an agreement Rees signed with the county, he will earn \$150,000 a year and commits to staying on the job as MDC chief for at least three years. As an at-will position, the MDC chief can be appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the county manager.

Former interim jail administrator Tom Ruiz will remain on the job to assist Chief Rees with important administrative functions.

Chief Rees plans to schedule a news conference the week of Aug. 7 to speak to the news media.

INTERVIEW WITH THE BCSO GHOST UNIT

The “Communicator” recently sat down and interviewed Detectives Kyle Woods and Kyle Hartsock of the BCSO GHOST Unit.

Communicator: What is GHOST and how does the work of the unit impact the safety and security of citizens of Bernalillo County?

GHOST Unit: The Ghost unit investigates human trafficking, child exploitation and all missing person cases for the Sheriff's Office. We are trained in responding quickly to any child abduction or other endangered missing person, as well as working with a specially trained patrol unit called the "High Risk Victim Unit." With that unit's help, we have been successful in identifying more human trafficking victims and therefore identifying more human traffickers. Recently this unit has identified a 14 year old girl who was being sold online, got her rescued from the traffickers, and are currently working with social services to get her stabilized.

Child exploitation cases help identify people that has sexual fantasies with children and demand content to satisfy that need. To satisfy their needs they could be physically molesting children, or asking others to molest children and record it. The Ghost Unit has led New Mexico the past 3 years with the amount of cases we have worked proactively to stop this abuse.

Communicator: What type of training does the GHOST unit complete and are other deputies within BCSO similarly trained?

GHOST Unit: We were very proud to train the first group of patrol deputies (or officers) in the State on recognizing human trafficking operations, including victims and offenders. We also offer training for civilians on human trafficking recognition, internet safety for children and teens and other training regarding safety of children in general and from child abuse and neglect.

Communicator: Does the GHOST unit partner with other Public Safety providers/ agencies?

GHOST Unit: We work with many agencies. These are some of the most worked with. FBI, HSI, NM Attorney General's Office, APD, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Communicator: Do you have any brief tips or best practices to share for keeping our children and community safe?

GHOST Unit: Talk to your kids. No matter the age. Get to know their world. Just because it isn't your world doesn't make it any less important for you to try and understand. Kids will be presented with dangerous situations no matter how much you want to protect them. We want them to come to you when it happens, so we can all get them help, as a community.

WE WILL BE FOREVER ON DUTY TO ENSURE YOU ARE SAFE AND CARED FOR.

If you would like the "Communicator" to highlight a particular area or division of our Department please forward those requests to Administrative Assistant Terri Gartenmayer at tgartenmayer@bernco.gov

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