

BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III

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 EAST AREA COMMAND

Greetings,

My name is Joshua Kingsbury. I have recently been assigned to the East Area Command to take over for Captain Joshua S. Campos who has been appointed as the Administrative Section Bureau Chief. I would like to take a moment to thank Captain Campos for his service to the East Area Command, and wish him well on his new assignment.

A little about myself, I have been with the Department for 20 years, and have experience working within all the divisions our department has to offer: Field Services, Criminal Investigations and Administrative Services. My background and heart is primarily in uniformed service, having spent the majority of my career working in various units in the Field Services Division.

My most recent assignment was as the Criminal Investigations Division Commander, where I worked to establish partnerships with the community in order to collaboratively solve problems within our areas of responsibility. My plan is to continue those types of partnerships here in the East Mountains, and hope to help improve all of our quality of life.

I firmly believe in keeping open lines of communication with the community that I serve. I am always available if you have questions or concerns. You can email me at jkingsbury@bernco.gov, or reach me by phone at 505-468-7420. As always, if you require immediate assistance, if it is an emergency, call 911. If not, our non-emergency dispatch number is 798-7000.

I look forward to getting to know you all and working to make the East Area Command a more safe and secure place to live and work.

The changing of the seasons is upon us and temperatures in the east mountain area are beginning to fall. We would like to remind you of the fact that temperatures and weather can change within minutes and citizens and residents enjoying the numerous trails and outdoor recreation areas should be prepared for inclement weather. As such, please remember the following:

1. Become self-reliant by learning about the terrain, conditions, local weather and your equipment before you start.
2. Tell someone where you are going, the trails you are hiking, when you will return and your emergency plans.
3. When you start as a group, hike as a group, end as a group. Pace your hike to the slowest person.
4. Weather changes quickly in the mountains. Fatigue and unexpected conditions can also affect your hike. Know your limitations and when to postpone your hike. The mountains will be there another day.
5. Even if you are headed out for just an hour; an injury, severe weather, or a wrong turn could become life threatening. Make plans for survival.

The Sandia Ranger District, Ranger Station, has numerous booklets, pamphlets, and resources available to ensure a safe hike.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH AREA COMMAND

As the weather gets colder and you are tempted to warm up your vehicles prior to driving please remember that car thieves count on you warming up the car with the keys in it so they can easily steal it. If you need to warm up your vehicle prior to driving away, please stay with your car. Don't make yourself an easy victim for would be car thieves.

Again, as the weather turns colder 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 dog house 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.

Captain Andi Taylor, 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.

South Valley deputies will be conducting off site briefings at least 4 times per week. This in 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 Andi Taylor at ataylor@bernco.gov.

NEWS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

The Sheriff's Department continues instruction of CLASS 38 of the Bernalillo County Regional Training Academy. The cadets have completed instruction in Criminal and Civil law, defensive driving, firearms, physical fitness, crisis intervention training, first aid, hazmat response, interpersonal communication skills, and report writing. While the Academy is long, tiresome, difficult and stressful, it is also one of the most rewarding experiences an individual could ever receive. The Academy is over 6 months long followed by 3 months of on the job training. This current academy class is scheduled to complete their academy training in October and will continue to on the job training for 3 months.

CONGRATULATIONS:

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office recently honored employees with awards for the 3rd Quarter of 2017.

Uniformed Deputy of the Quarter



- Deputy Joshua Mora
- Deputy Mitchell Skroch

Non-Uniformed Deputy of the Quarter



- Deputy Ian Dunbar

Civilian of the Quarter



- Therese Land

The Bernalillo County Sheriff Manuel Gonzales III recently promoted several individuals to the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief Deputy. I would like to take this time to introduce you to the newest promoted deputies.

Captain Joshua S. Campos- Promoted to Chief Deputy

Lieutenant Craig Sevier- Promoted to Captain

Sergeant Alfonso Rodriguez- Promoted to Lieutenant

Deputy David Priemazon- Promoted to Sergeant

Deputy Adam Gaitan Promoted to Sergeant

GENERAL SAFETY/ CRIME REDUCTION TIPS

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.

Now that the weather is changing and the winter months are fast approaching we would like to remind you all to protect yourself from becoming a victim of auto theft. Please do not leave unattended vehicles running while warming up. An unattended, running vehicle is a prime target for theft and five minutes of sitting in a cold vehicle is far better than the stress and frustration of having your vehicle stolen.

Balloon Fiesta

In an effort to help answer questions in regards to the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta we offer the following information provided by the Balloon Fiesta. More information can be obtained at <http://www.balloonfiesta.com>



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 7-15, 2017.

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.

Where do we park?

We have general parking lots on the north and south ends of the park; it is \$15 for each session you are at the park. Each parking lot is color-coded and the gates are numbered, so please remember the color and number of the gate through which you entered the field.

Is there an alternative to driving to Balloon Fiesta Park yourself?

Yes, we offer [Park & Ride](http://www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/park-ride) locations throughout Albuquerque. Please go to our website at www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/park-ride for times and up to date locations. Tickets should be available in June.

Do you offer shuttles from hotels within Albuquerque?

No. You will need to contact your individual hotel to see if they are offering a shuttle to Balloon Fiesta Park.

Are large packages and backpacks allowed at the park?

Yes, but they are subject to inspection upon entering the Park.

Can we bring food and drinks into the park?

Yes, but you cannot bring glass or alcohol and your bags or coolers are subject to search.

What types of entertainment happen at the park?

Besides the balloons, there is a stage located in the center of Main Street that schedules various bands and children's acts. We also have roving entertainment and interactive education at the Balloon Discovery Center.

Who organizes the Balloon Fiesta?

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Inc. organizes the Balloon Fiesta each year. It is non-profit organization with 13 full-time staff members.

Is the Park handicap accessible?

Yes. Hard-surface handicap parking near the entrance gates is available for the regular parking fee (\$15.00 per session) each time you park.

Located near the Information Booths, mobility scooters, wheelchairs, strollers and wagons are available for rental on a first come first serve basis, for the following prices:

Standard Mobility Scooter	\$30 per session
Plus-Size Mobility Scooter	\$40 per session
Wheelchairs	\$15 per session
Strollers	\$15 per session
Wagons	\$10 per session

Courtesy shuttles also run the length of the Park.

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.

What is the Balloon Discovery Center?

The Balloon Discovery Center is the educational center located at the north end of Main Street. It offers guests a chance to learn about the sport of ballooning.

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 Albuquerque Aloft™?

Albuquerque Aloft is a community flight the Friday before Balloon Fiesta starts. Registered pilots of Balloon Fiesta launch from designated elementary schools throughout Albuquerque and Rio Rancho.

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.

What is the difference between the Balloon Glow and the Night Magic Glow™?

They are both static displays of the balloons after sunset. The Balloon Glow is the original, occurs on the first Sunday night, and usually has a few more balloons. The Night Magic Glow occurs on the second Saturday night. For evening events, bring a flashlight. Also, take note of where you have parked your car. It may be more difficult to find it in the dark.

What is the America's Challenge™?

It is a long distance gas balloon race. The balloons lift off from Balloon Fiesta Park. The winning balloons will usually fly about three days, landing somewhere on the east coast of the United States.

What is the best way to take a picture?

Create simpler, bolder pictures that are not cluttered with unwanted detail by moving in closer. Close-ups provide variety and add interest to pictures. Take the overall view, then a tight view, then some close-ups of the details.

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 can I purchase tickets for Balloon Fiesta?

- Gondola Club and Chasers' Club tickets will be available in March 28.
- General Admission tickets should be available in April.
- Park & Ride tickets should be available by June.

Tickets are available by calling (855) 725-1824; at Balloon Fiesta's Gift Shop at 4401 Alameda Blvd. NE or online at www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/ticketing-information. Please contact Balloon Fiesta's corporate office to find out where other selling locations may be. General Admission tickets may also be purchased at the gate on the days of the event.

What is the Gondola Club?

The Gondola Club is offered to Balloon Fiesta guests that would like to receive some extra special treatment while they are visiting the Balloon Fiesta. Guests will receive one Balloon Fiesta admission ticket, beverages, a host bar (except on Sunday mornings), private parking ticket, gourmet buffet meal, a collectible pin, courtesy shuttle service, evening entertainment, in/out privileges into the Gondola Club area, and more. Full-price tickets include a Gondola Club souvenir. To purchase tickets for the Gondola Club visit the Gondola Club page on our website, www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/gondola-club, or www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/ticketing-information, call the Balloon Fiesta office and ask for extension 109, or call 855-725-1824.

What is the Chasers' Club?

The Chasers' Club is offered to Balloon Fiesta guests that would like special treatment while they are visiting Balloon Fiesta, but at a lesser cost than Gondola Club. Guests receive one Balloon Fiesta admission ticket, beverages, cookies, and a hot food item. There is a no-host bar and evening entertainment. The club is located on the north end of the field and is an open patio area. To join the Chasers' Club visit our website at www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/chasers-club or www.balloonfiesta.com/guest-guide/ticketing-information call the Balloon Fiesta office and ask for extension 106, or call 855-725-1824.

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.

Are Lawn Chairs allowed at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Yes.

Is there seating available at Balloon Fiesta Park?

Yes, a limited number of benches, bleachers and picnic tables are available.

Where are the ATMs located at Balloon Fiesta Park?

There are ATMs at both the north and south ends of Main Street and near the Stage in the middle of Main Street.

What car rental companies are in Albuquerque?

Most major car rental companies have an office in Albuquerque. Visit www.balloonfiesta.com Guest's Guide PDF, page 19, for a listing.

Where is the field located?

The field is located in North Albuquerque, west of I-25, approximately 12 miles north of the Albuquerque Sunport (Airport), 7 miles north of downtown Albuquerque, and 5 miles east of Rio Rancho. Latitude: 35° 11.8 N Longitude: 106° 35.8W

What are the dates of future Balloon Fiestas?

2017 October 7-15
2018 October 6-14
2019 October 5-13
2020 October 3-11

Where can I purchase Balloon Fiesta Souvenirs?

Souvenirs may be purchased online at www.balloonfiestastuff.com, at Balloon Fiesta's gift shop year round, or on the Park at an official Balloon Fiesta Souvenir tent.

Where can we stay?

Contact Balloon Fiesta Travel to reserve a hotel, [click here](#), (505) 346-0522.

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.

Can we park our RV at the Field?

We have several areas for parking RVs. You are within walking distance to the field. Check in time is 8:00 am - 7:00 pm. For further details, please see our [RV Information](#) page, or contact Jennifer Garcia at jgarcia@balloonfiesta.com or by calling the AIBF office at (505) 821-1000 ext. 107.

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.

How do we contact the Balloon Fiesta directly?

[Email us](#) for the quickest response online, or write to:

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

4401 Alameda Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Toll-Free: 1-888-422-7277

Phone: (505) 821-1000

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