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I would like to take this opportunity to inform you on the below listed topics/crime trends. Topics of information are El Paso Pride Day & Home inspections. Your time in reading this material is greatly appreciated.

EL PASO, TEXAS – The El Paso Police Department would like to inform you on the above listed topics in an effort to beautify our city.

El Paso Pride Day is being organized by the Keep El Paso Beautiful and the El Paso Police Department. This event will take place October 18th 2008, Saturday. The kick off is on October 17th 2008, Friday at 6-8 pm. at 3100 Jefferson, Grandview Park. Take pride in your community by helping with the cleaning of trash, debris and weeds in your area. Take advantage of this great opportunity to beautify your community. Organize your neighborhoods/friends/groups for this worthwhile event. Call the Keep El Paso Beautiful office at 546-6742 and register your group for trash collection and bins. Clean up supplies will be available to the community at all local fire stations throughout El Paso.

Unfortunately burglary of habitations occurs in all parts of the city and with the upcoming holiday seasons more residents will be victims of such crime. In our efforts to reduce crime in our city we are encouraging the citizens of El Paso to secure their homes on a regular basis. In an effort to assist the public better secure their homes the El Paso Police Crime Prevention Units are available to conduct a home survey upon request. The survey can reduce your home owner's insurance premiums if inspection passes by a certified crime prevention specialist. For additional information contact your local Regional Command Center and ask for your crime prevention officer.

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Graveyard
Shift
Supervisor

Help us Help You....

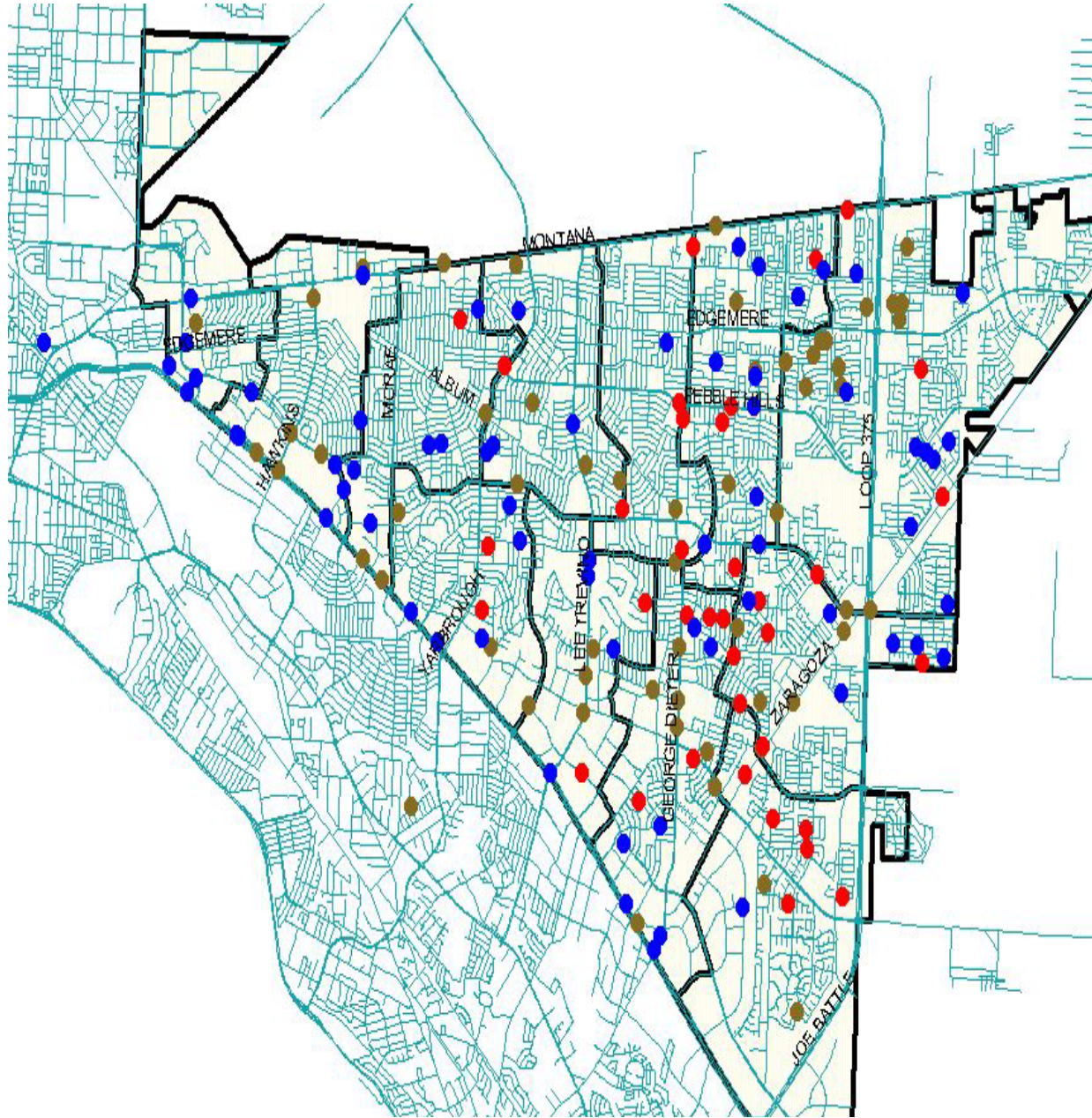
Hello from the Graveyard Shift.

We have been working hard addressing crime from auto thefts, burglaries to assaults. I will say that one of the most common and difficult crimes our officers deal with are Driving Under the Influence. The officers arrest individuals for this crime nightly, and sadly, routinely respond to an accident involving injuries or deaths because of an intoxicated driver. In many cases the deaths occur to an incident driver or pedestrian and the intoxicated driver survives with minimal injuries. These drivers later regret their actions and will face the legal consequences. No matter how hard we work in arresting these individuals, we still encounter intoxicated drivers nightly. We encourage citizens who have been drinking to seek an alternative to driving by calling for a taxi or friend. We truly care and do not want anyone killed or injured under any circumstance. Please, **don't drink and drive.**

Pebble Hills
Crime
Statistics

September 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008

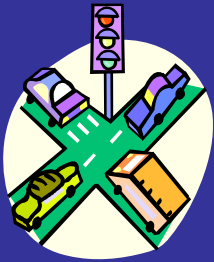
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- Vehicle Theft (58) ●



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Traffic Control

Well hello again,

First of all to those of you who read these quarterly articles, and relay the messages our Department sends out in an effort to keep our streets and our City safe I would like to say thank you. Often times it is hard to tell just how much we do as officers and as a Department really affects the public's general well being. This is due to the fact that many incidents go unreported. On that note, I'm happy to report that for the year we are behind in fatalities, and that I hope that it remains that way through the end of the year. For the year, there have been 4,597 reported accidents and 296 driving while intoxicated arrests in our area alone. I would like to remind everybody that on a daily basis there are officers in every region working DWI grants and therefore it is safer for everyone to use a designated driver, or to just not drink and drive at all. We understand that this type of arrest adversely affects the individual arrested, but public safety far outweighs the effects on the individual that brought those conditions on themselves. The officers are quite simply doing their jobs and sometimes may appear cold and uncaring when making an arrest, but the truth of the matter is that each officer has to maintain discipline and not allow himself/herself to become emotionally involved on how each arrest will adversely affect that individual.

Since the start of the school year, our Traffic Section has focused on working the school zones with the goal being to keep the students, parents, and school employees safe. The officers use their discretion on each stop and the decision to cite or warn is entirely up to the officer. We understand that it is difficult to drop off and pick up at each school due to the congestion, but we have to work those areas nonetheless as we constantly receive complaints of violations from the school administration and from citizens. For the year there have been over 2000 citations issued in and around schools in the PHRCC.

By the time I submit my next article we will be coming up on the end of the holiday season. With that in mind please remember to leave home early to avoid road rage incidents, to allow you the time to drive defensively as well as slowly, and to be able to better deal with the stress of the traffic congestion in and around our stores. Also remember to have alternate mode of transportation available if you have had too much to drink while out enjoying the holiday season.

Well that is it for now. As always please take care of yourselves, and obey our traffic laws.

Gabriel Sida

Neighborhood
Relations
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Did you know?

Welcome to the Fall of 2008 Newsletter. The PHRCC- Special Operations Section continues to remain active with a number of projects directed to increase the public's interest in their respective neighborhood.

NEWSFLASH:

Please WELCOME PAR Officer Krandell Chew and PAR Officer Mirella Canales to the Neighborhood Relations section.

PAR Officer Chew is a dedicated (14) year veteran Officer of the El Paso Police Department. His most recent assignment was at the Pebble Hills Regional Command Patrol day shift. His office telephone number is: 599-5602.

PAR Officer Canales is a dedicated (4) year veteran of the El Paso Police Department. Her most recent assignment was at the Pebble Hills Regional Command Center Patrol evening shift. Her office telephone number is: 599-5557.

PHRCC Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting (CAB) - You are invited to attend this meeting on October 13, 2008 at the PHRCC Community Meeting Room from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Insightful Crime Prevention Information is always on the agenda. For more information, please contact Gabriel Sida at 599-5512.

Neighborhood Watch Programs - The NW Program is a corner stone Community Policing approach to Crime Prevention, personal security, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of El Paso, TX. NW Program benefits include: preventing crime and reducing fear, bonding block residents, improving citizen and police pro-active initiatives. The PHRCC Special Operations Section invites you and your neighbors to start or join a Neighborhood Watch Program. For more NWP information, call Crime Prevention Officer L. Gomez at 599-5898.

The PHRCC has an active Police Explorers Chapter that provides valuable Law Enforcement information and civic contribution experiences to young citizens 14 to 20 years of age. For more information call Officer V. Macias at 599-5515.

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VIOLENCE AT HOME

It can happen to anyone
Does it happen to you?

There is a raging battle across the United States that many families did not sign up for. The battle is in the place in which one should feel and be safe, but unfortunately this is not the case as many families become victims of domestic violence in their own home.

With the football season in full swing and the holiday season rapidly approaching families are coming together to celebrate. During family celebrations people are eating, drinking and having a good time; however, some of those good times turn to bad when drinking and violence interrupt the celebration. Statistics show that family violence increases during the months of October through January. The stress of the holidays and financial matters tend to drive people to consume more alcohol in order to dull the effect of the stress and worry. This alcohol consumption has an effect on the family unit as personalities and tempers collide; causing a volatile situation which sometimes turns into physical abuse; and the people that are affected by the abuse are the ones which we love. Domestic violence is:

“ An act by which a member of a family or household against another member of the family or household that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault.”

If you or a family member finds yourself in a volatile situation this holiday season or any time during the year; remember that there is assistance for victims of domestic violence. During the month of August the Victim Services Response Team (VSRT) at Pebble Hills Regional Command Center was assigned a Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Officer to conduct home visits to victims of domestic violence in order to educate victims on the services available and to ensure that victims remain safe in their home. The VSRT and the DART unit are working together to keep families safe this holiday season and throughout the year.

Safety during an explosive Incident:

- If an argument is unavoidable, try to have it in a room or area that has access to an exit.
- Do not try to reason with an angry or intoxicated individual.
- Devise a code word to use with your children, family, friends and neighbors when you need to have them call the police.
- Identify a neighbor(s) you can tell about the violence and ask them to call police if they hear a disturbance coming from your home.
- Use good judgment and trust your instincts.
- Do not tell the aggressor you are calling the police. Simply call 911 and leave the line open, if you are unable to speak with a police dispatcher.

Remember the safety tips and keep in mind that you have a right to protect yourself until you are out of danger or the police arrive. The following lists of agencies can also assist victims with advice and programs that will keep them safe, if they should find themselves in a domestic violence situation.

County Attorney – 546-2153

- Two year protective orders

Center against Family Violence- 593-7300

- 24 hour hotline (Shelter-residential services)

Family Resource Center-595-2238

- 911 cell phones, A.W.A.R.E alarms, free counseling and other services.

Office of the Attorney General- 188-983-9933

- Relocation, medical, counseling, child care and loss of support

Family Services of El Paso- 532-2491

- Free counseling for family

Las Americas- 544-5126

- Immigrant advocacy center

For further assistance or referrals call Victim Services @ (915) 599-5675. Stay safe this holiday season!!!!

UPCOMING
EVENTS...

Citizen's Advisory Board Meetings:

OCTOBER 13, 2008

NOVEMBER 10, 2008

DECEMBER 8, 2008

10/11/08 – Neighborhood Watch Social at Westside Regional Command at 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

10/18/08 - PHRCC will participate in the Annual Pride Day Citywide Community Clean Up. This event is designed to increase environmental awareness and build community pride. For more information call Keep El Paso Beautiful at 546-6742, PHRCC at 599-5512 or 599-5516.

10/25/08 - Block Captain training will be held at the Westside Regional Command Center. For information on time call 599-5898.

El Paso Police Department

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The El Paso Police Department's [Mission Statement](#) outlines the importance of community policing efforts. The ever-changing job of law enforcement, especially on the local level, is only fulfilled when its philosophy and efforts are reflective of the community it serves. Community policing is more than just a philosophy, it is a cooperative relationship and attitude toward problem solving and investing in the community's present and future. Community policing efforts affect all aspects of a police officer's daily duties. The focus is on the community, working with concerned and responsible citizens in an effort to improve the quality of life in the City of El Paso.