

EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2014 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Community Member,

I am proud to present the El Paso County Sheriff's Office 2014 Annual Report. The fulfillment of my pledge to protect and serve this community is reflected in this report which summarizes highlights from Fiscal Year 2014, and provides descriptions of different sections within the office, as well as the many programs we have to offer in the community we serve.

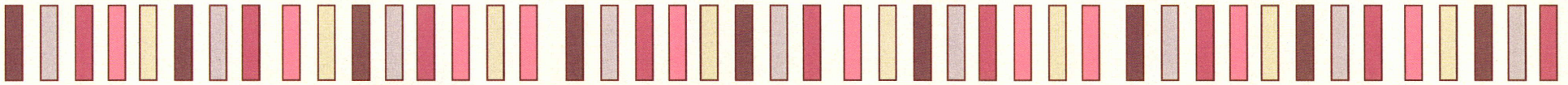
It is an honor to show our colleagues and community the commitment of the men and women of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and I believe this report documents the processes used to serve our community with pride, while demonstrating dedication to our Core Values: To honestly and ethically carry out our responsibilities, while enforcing the law.

As Sheriff, I am very proud of the Office's efforts to develop opportunities for partnerships which enhance service delivery and fiscal accountability. Throughout our history, we have entered into a number of partnerships with other law enforcement agencies to improve the quality and delivery of services. We have also made use of Federal and State grant opportunities, allowing the purchase of equipment and providing overtime dollars for traffic and drug enforcement.

We would be unable to do what we do without the assistance and collaboration of other law enforcement agencies, community groups and, most importantly, the citizens of El Paso County. On behalf of all El Paso County Sheriff's Office employees, I would like to say thank you for your support and involvement in enhancing the quality of life within El Paso County.

We move into 2015 with one goal in mind: to continue diligently providing the best law enforcement and detention service possible to citizens of El Paso County. I am privileged to lead an agency of talented people who reflect all of El Paso's best qualities through our desire and commitment to "Serve with Pride".

Sheriff Richard D. Wiles



El Paso County *Sheriff's Office*

Core Values

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office values the public trust and will honestly and ethically carry out our responsibilities.

We will adhere to the Constitution of the United States and the State of Texas in pursuit of community service.

We will investigate and respond appropriately to all allegations of impropriety.

Mission Statement

El Paso County Sheriff's Office, as part of, and empowered by the community, is committed to:

- ◆ Protect lives, property, and the rights of people;
- ◆ Maintain order;
- ◆ Enforce the law impartially;
- ◆ Provide quality police service in partnership with other members of the community.

To fulfill our mission, we will strive to attain the highest degree of ethical behavior and professional conduct at all times.



LEADERSHIP TEAM



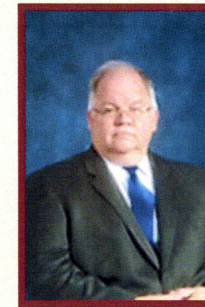
Richard D. Wiles
Sheriff



Sylvia Aguilar
Executive Chief Deputy



Tom Whitten
Chief of Law Enforcement



William Ellis
Executive Administrator Officer



Kevin W. Lanahan
Commander
Patrol Division



Gomecindo Lopez
Commander
Internal Affairs



Paul Cross
Commander
Criminal Investigations



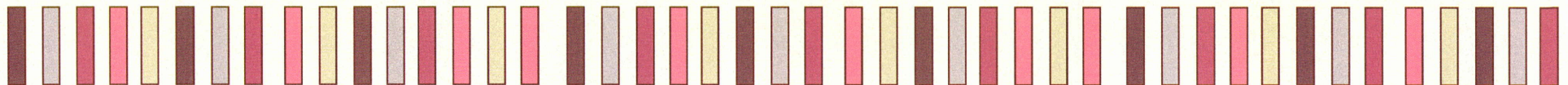
Marco Vargas
Commander
Detention Facility Division



Robert Flores
Commander
Jail Annex Division



Wendy Wisneski
Commander
Jail Administration &
Support



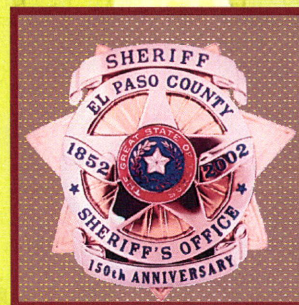


Grants

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
US Dept. of Homeland Security 2013	EPCSO \$656,720.00
	EPPD \$994,955.00
	Horizon PD \$44,325.00
	Socorro PD \$47,057.00
	Anthony PD \$57,850.00
	\$1,800,907.00
US Dept. of Homeland Security 2014	EPCSO \$890,136.97
	EPPD \$1,236,273.92
	Horizon PD \$69,290.42
	Socorro PD \$44,549.69
	Anthony PD \$82,749.89
	\$2,323,000.89
Texas Office of the Attorney General	\$42,000.00
US Dept. of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant 2014	EPCSO \$116,384.00
	DA \$12,931.00
	EPPD \$129,315.00
	\$258,630.00
COPS-Hiring (A three year grant with the fourth year as a match)	\$1,250,000.01
	County Match \$217,809.85
	ISD Match \$1,540,621.33
	\$3,008,431.19
COPS-Communities of Color	\$80,519.76
Mental Health Stigma Awareness Campaign	\$101,000.00
Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division	\$224,000.00
Texas Dept. Of Public Safety	\$205,973.00
Department of Homeland Security	\$96,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Direct Services Office of the Governor-CJD	\$61,200.00
	Match \$58,605.00
	\$119,805.00
Academy Training Grant Office of the Governor-CJD421 Grant (Sub-Contract From RGCOG)	\$158,659.00
Texas Safety School Center Texas State University in San Marcos	\$37,800.00
Texas Department of Transportation comprehensive 2014-2015	\$83,255.74
	Match \$33,805.89
	\$117,061.63
DWI Enforcement 2014/2015	\$11,922.13
Seat Belt Safety Enforcement 2014	\$4,991.92
West Texas HIDTA	Transportation \$255,552.00
	Multi-Agency \$394,285.00
	Fugitive Taskforce \$230,423.00
	Enterprise \$434,176.00
	SCMNTF \$134,238.00
	Smuggling \$513,379.00
	Management \$711,504.00
	Intelligence \$833,453.00
	Training \$82,282.00
	SI-Enterprise \$125,000.00
SI-Intelligence \$95,000.00	
Operation Lifesaver Trainings	\$5,000.00
Office of National Drug Control Policy	Piwtxprev12 \$15,000.00
	Enterprise13 \$398,563.00

Internal Affairs



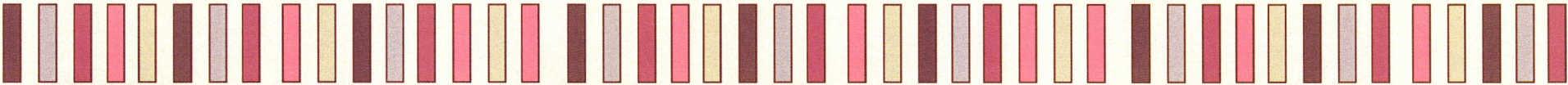
The Internal Affairs Section is overseen by Commander Gomecindo Lopez.

The Section is committed to protecting the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the employees and the citizens of El Paso County, through proactive investigations of alleged misconduct.

Investigations conducted reveal if the complaint is Sustained (sufficient evidence supports the allegation against the employee), Not Sustained (evidence is insufficient to support the allegation), Exonerated (the action was justified, lawful and/or proper), or Unfounded (it did not occur, or did not involve agency personnel)

The Internal Affairs Section received a total of 238 complaints or allegations during 2014. There were a total of 215 Internal Investigations and 23 Citizen complaints.

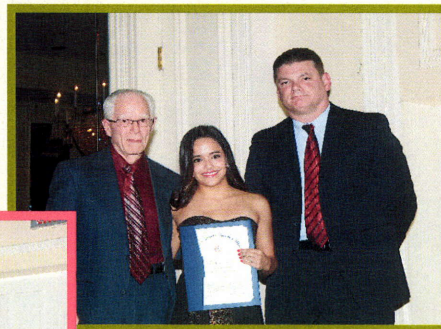
A total of 24 use of force incidents were reported during 2014. Nine incidents were reported for the Law Enforcement Bureau (to include 2 incidents of deadly use of force), and 15 incidents were reported for the Detention Bureau.



Commendations and Awards

The Sheriff's Office provides recognition to those employees and citizens whose actions exemplify our core values, specifically: Courage, Integrity, Respect, Perseverance and Initiative. At the Annual Sheriff's Office Awards Ceremony, the Sheriff recognized 28 employees, the Communications Section and the El Paso County Sheriff's Association with a Certificate of Appreciation for 2014.

2014 Awards



Thirteen (13) Lifesaving Medals, (18) Commendation, (11) Sheriff's Citation (4) Unit Citations and (4) Executives of the Year Awards were among the Awards presented by Sheriff Wiles.

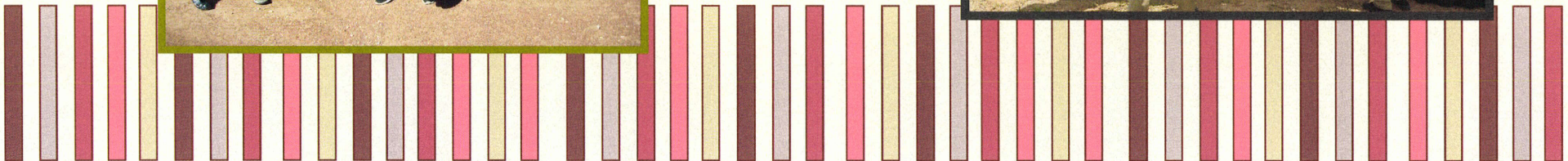
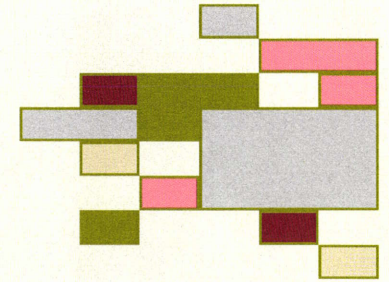
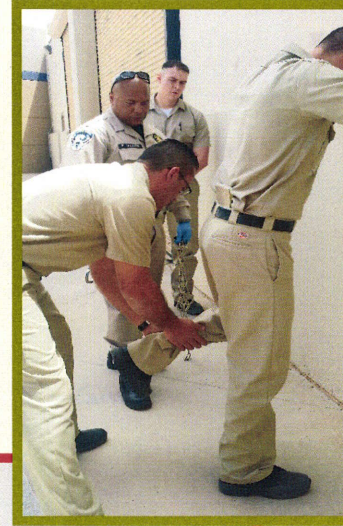
Region VIII Training Academy

The Region VIII Training Academy focuses on hiring the best personnel to work in a dynamic and challenging environment. For individuals wishing to become employees and make a difference in their community, they must pass a comprehensive background check, specific physical, academic, and psychological requirements. Making sure new recruits meet all training standards is one of the many roles of the Region VIII Training Academy.

The Academy is comprised of seven staff members who support the daily operations of the Sheriff's office such as Pre-Employment Physical Assessments, In-Service Training and maintaining Training Records.

In-service instruction, online training and continued FSD training produced the bulk of instruction with 75,969 student contact hours, 605 resident courses and 108 online courses. The Training Academy conducted four basic detention officer and one basic peace officers academy in 2014.







PATROL



Division Commander - Kevin W. Lanahan

Montana Patrol Station - Lt. Saul Ambriz

Vinton Patrol Station - Lt. Juan Wittke

Clint Patrol Station - Lt. Ryan Urrutia

Special Operations - Lt. Robert Almanza

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division is responsible for patrolling a total of 1,015 square miles in the westernmost county in the state of Texas. According to the 2013 census, there are approximately 827,718 residents in El Paso County. Based on service demands and call volume, the Patrol Division has patrol stations and districts in strategic areas that provide consistent and efficient response to criminal activity. The Patrol Division strives to identify areas where processes can be streamlined and improved, while simultaneously allowing the Sheriff's Office to be more effective, proactive and responsive to community needs. The Patrol Division is divided into two operational areas which consist of Patrol and Special Operations. The Patrol function is delegated to three operational areas within the County: Montana Station, Clint Station, and Northwest Station. Each station is supervised by a lieutenant and has a designated number of districts to patrol. The Special Operations Section consists of Traffic Section, School Resource Officers (SRO), Environmental Crime, Animal Control, Targeted Response Unit (TRU) and Specialty Teams. In 2014, the Patrol Division responded to 109,177 calls for service, a total of 22,251 traffic citations were issued, and made 787 felony arrests.



The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Headquarters is located on the east side of the County, within El Paso City Limits. The Headquarters Office for the Patrol Division houses the Division Commander, and the Special Operations Lieutenant. In addition, it is the hub of communications between the issuance and deployment of patrol resources to address specific crime issues or trends.

The Special Operations Section consists of four(4) sections, each overseen by a Sergeant: Traffic, Target Response Unit (TRU), School Resource Officer (SRO) Section. The SRO Sergeant in charge also oversees the Environmental Section and Animal Control. Specialty Teams consist of SWAT, CNT and SAR.

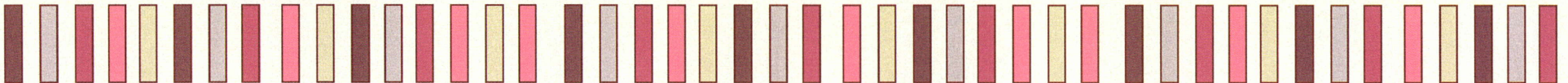
The Montana Patrol Station is located in the far east northern area of El Paso County. It has direct access to major roadways that allow for a timely response to calls for service. It is managed by a Station Commander who holds the rank of Lieutenant. The Station Commander has primary responsibility for four patrol districts as well as the field Training Officer program. These districts encompass from the eastern city limits of the City of El Paso to the Hudspeth County line, and north to the Federal Military Reservation and south to Interstate Highway 10. Their area of responsibility includes Montana Vista, Hueco Tank Estates, North Ascension areas, West Texas Airport, Emerald Park Estates and other outlying areas around Horizon City.

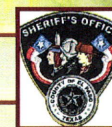


The North West Patrol Station is located in far north El Paso County, in the Town of Vinton, with direct access to major roadways allowing for timely responses to calls for service in the Upper Valley. It is managed by a Station Commander who holds the rank of Lieutenant. The Station Commander has primary responsibility for three patrol districts identified within its geographical area. The area of responsibility for the Vinton Patrol Station encompasses an area west of the western city limits of El Paso, North to the New Mexico state line, and from the edge of the Franklin Mountains State Park West to the New Mexico state line. This includes West Way, Canutillo, Town of Vinton and Tranmountain Road.



The Clint Patrol Station is located in the southeast Lower Valley of El Paso County, centrally located within the Town of Clint. It has easy access to major roadways allowing for timely response to calls for service. The Station is commanded by a Lieutenant who has primary responsibility for four patrol districts, These districts encompass an area east of the El Paso City limits to the Hudspeth county line and north of the international border. The specific areas of responsibility for the Clint Patrol Station are El Paso Hills, Lynwood Estates, Agua Dulce Subdivision, Las Colonias Subdivision, Town of Clint, San Elizario, Fabens, Tornillo, and Palo Alto.





CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

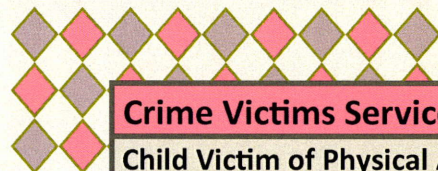
The men and women of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division are responsible for investigations, examination and analysis of crime scenes, evidence collection, and working in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office for successful prosecutions.

The Division is comprised of 130 personnel (82 Law enforcement officers and 48 civilians) divided into eight sections, all focused on providing the highest quality investigative services to the public and the criminal justice system.

Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property are two investigative sections in this division, dedicated to investigating reported Crimes. The other three sections consist of Civil Processing, Crime Records, Evidence and Forensics, and Criminal Warrants and Apprehension. In 2014 the Criminal Investigations Division went through a major realignment. The Special Operations Division and its two sections, Border Crime Initiative (BCI) and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) were assigned to this Division.

This report provides numerous statistical crime data collected, measuring the division's investigative productivity. The crime data collected for specific crimes direct us to proactive measures by pre-planning tactical investigative operations, aggressive investigating and collaboration with the Patrol Division and/or the Special Operations Division in taking measures to prevent crimes and identify suspects who may be involved in criminal activity.

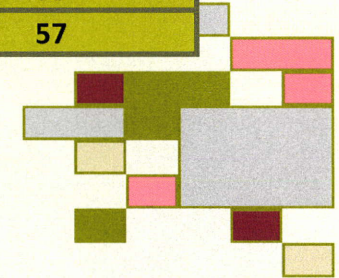
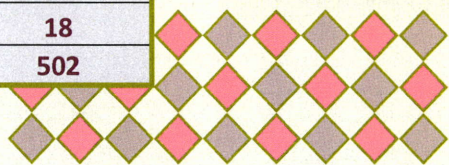




Offense	2014
Murder	4
Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assault	40
Aggravated Sexual Assault	16
Aggravated Robbery	3
Robbery	6
Aggravated Assault	118
Aggravated Kidnapping / Kidnapping	8
Assault Offenses (Misdemeanor)	467
Injury to Child / Elderly	80
Child Abandonment / Endangering	14
Harassment	152
Terroristic Threats	42
Protective Custody Orders	259
Deadly Conduct	5
Unlawful Restraint	3
Child Pornography	0
Interfering w/Child Custody	80
Unattended Deaths	67
Indecency with a Child	27
Disorderly Conduct	5
Delinquent Conduct	0
Injured / Sick Party	230
Runaways	201
Harboring Runaway Reports	2
Missing Persons	18
Miscellaneous Cases	502

Crime Victims Services	2014
Child Victim of Physical Abuse	94
Child Victim of Sexual Abuse	137
Victim of DUI/DWI	25
Victim of Domestic Violence	785
Adult victim of Sexual Assault	29
Fatality Victims	6
Victim of Kidnapping	5
Elderly Abuse	6
Aggravated Assault	252
Assault	765
Vehicular Accident	24
Other Types of Crime	331

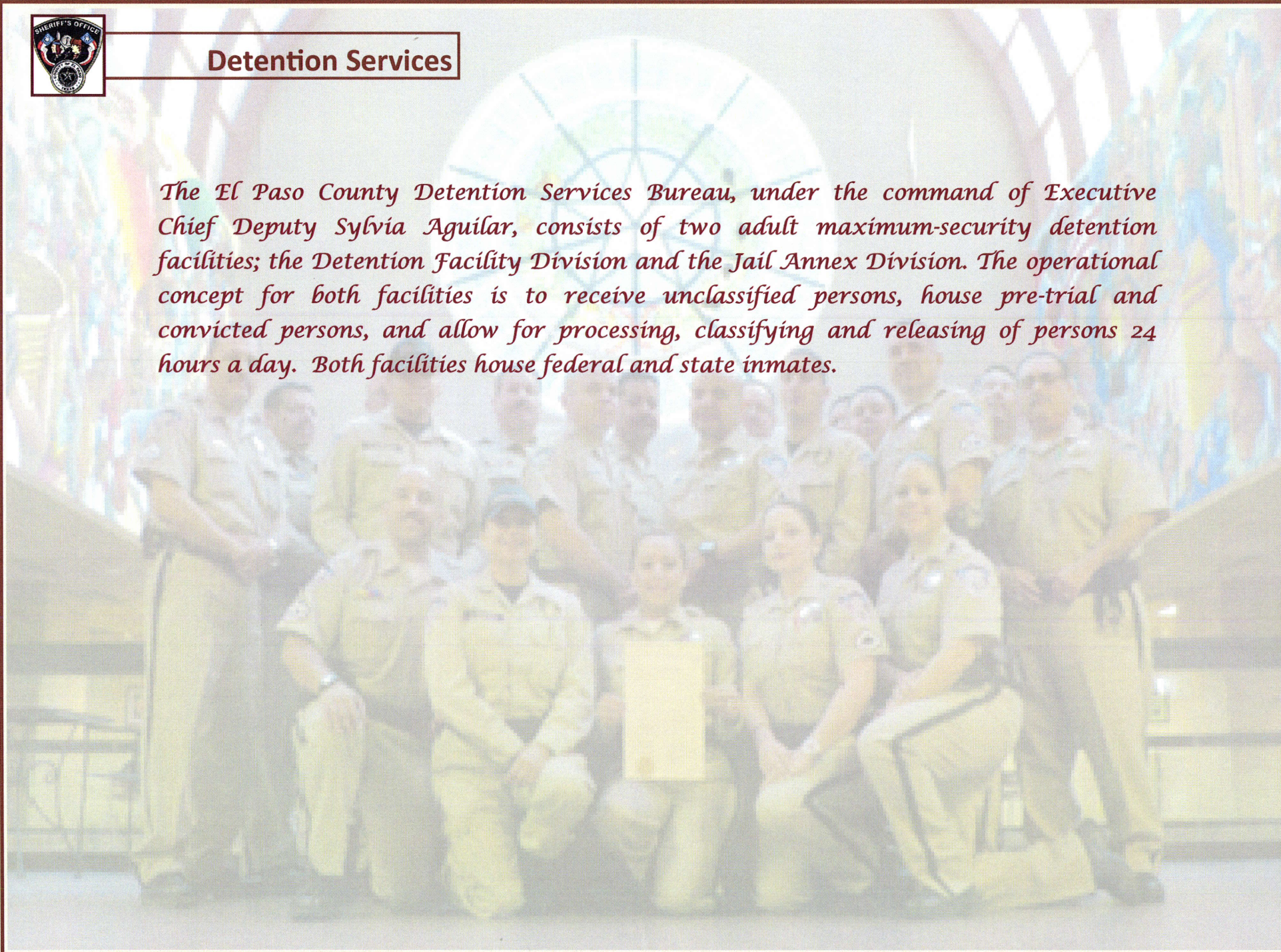
Property Section Reports	2014
Arson	12
Burglary of Business	90
Burglary of Habitation	201
Burglary of Vehicle	120
Criminal Mischief	423
Cruelty to Animals	2
Graffiti	35
Unauthorized use of Vehicle	57





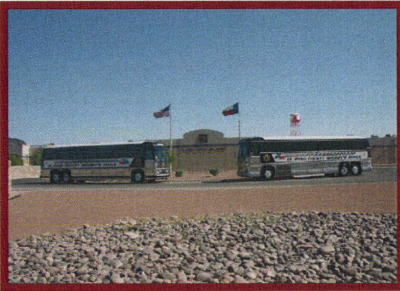
Detention Services

The El Paso County Detention Services Bureau, under the command of Executive Chief Deputy Sylvia Aguilar, consists of two adult maximum-security detention facilities; the Detention Facility Division and the Jail Annex Division. The operational concept for both facilities is to receive unclassified persons, house pre-trial and convicted persons, and allow for processing, classifying and releasing of persons 24 hours a day. Both facilities house federal and state inmates.





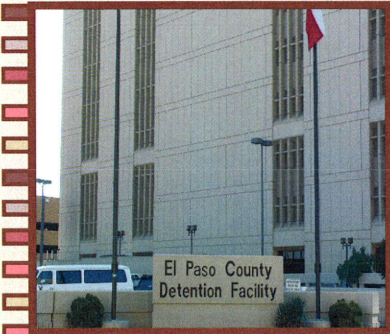
Detention Services



Located at 12501 E. Montana, the Jail Annex is of modular design, comprised of three units, each consisting of four pods. It has a capacity of 1440 Inmates and has an infirmary capable of holding 14 inmates. The Jail Annex receives classified persons from the Detention Facility and holds pretrial and convicted persons.

The Jail Annex, supervised by Commander Robert Flores, houses male inmates only. For year 2014, The Jail Annex Division was funded \$32,537,235 for operations.

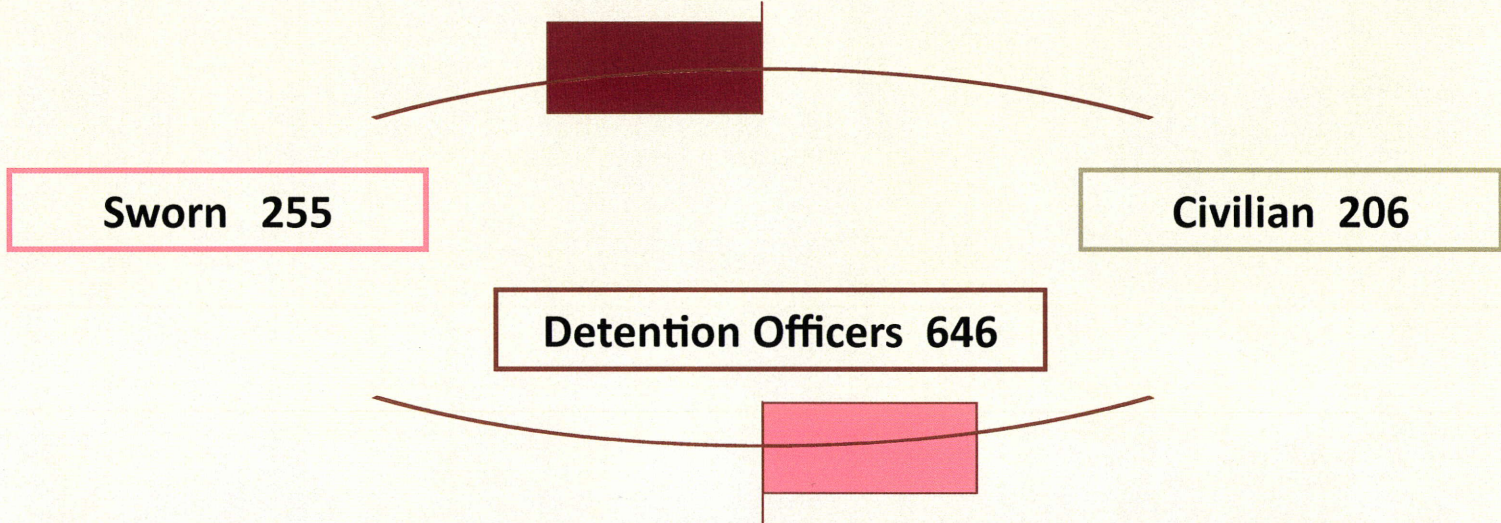
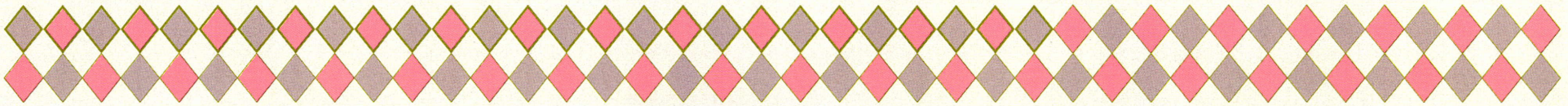
In 2014, there were 3,458 persons booked into the jail Annex compared to 626 in 2013, an increase of 2,832 intakes. The increase was due to the reopening of the booking section. These bookings ranged from misdemeanors to felony arrests. For 2014 the Jail Annex Division averaged approximately 1,326 inmates daily, compared to 1388 in 2013.



The Detention Facility, supervised by Commander Marco Vargas, is located at 601 E. Overland across the street from federal courts, state district and county courts, a Justice of the Peace court, and city municipal courts. The facility has over 310,440 square feet and a housing capacity of 1034 inmates. The facility has nine housing floors, two of which are designated for females. For 2014, the Detention facility was funded \$35,680,036.00 for operations.

In 2014, the Inmate Processing Unit (IPU) processed 31,021 persons into the Detention Facility compared to 30,347 in 2013, a increase of 674. Bookings ranged from misdemeanors to felony arrests; both federal and state.

Inmate Work Program	Detention	Annex
Bakery	30	39
Food Preparation Training	148	0
Janitorial	0	12
Laundry	30	91
Outside Beautification	32	26
PAWS Participation	0	45
Sewing	117	0



	Males				Females			
Sworn Personnel	Caucasian	Black	Hispanic	Other	Caucasian	Black	Hispanic	Other
Entry Level	19	4	172	1	1	0	13	1
Supervisory	5	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
Command	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Executive	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0
Subtotal	29	5	203	2	1	0	14	1
Non-Sworn								
Entry Level	0	2	13	0	10	4	68	3
Supervisory	44	21	523	12	9	3	92	4
Professional	11	2	17	1	2	1	7	0
Executive	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Subtotal	56	25	553	13	22	9	167	7
TOTAL	85	30	756	15	23	9	181	8

El Paso County Sheriff's Jurisdiction

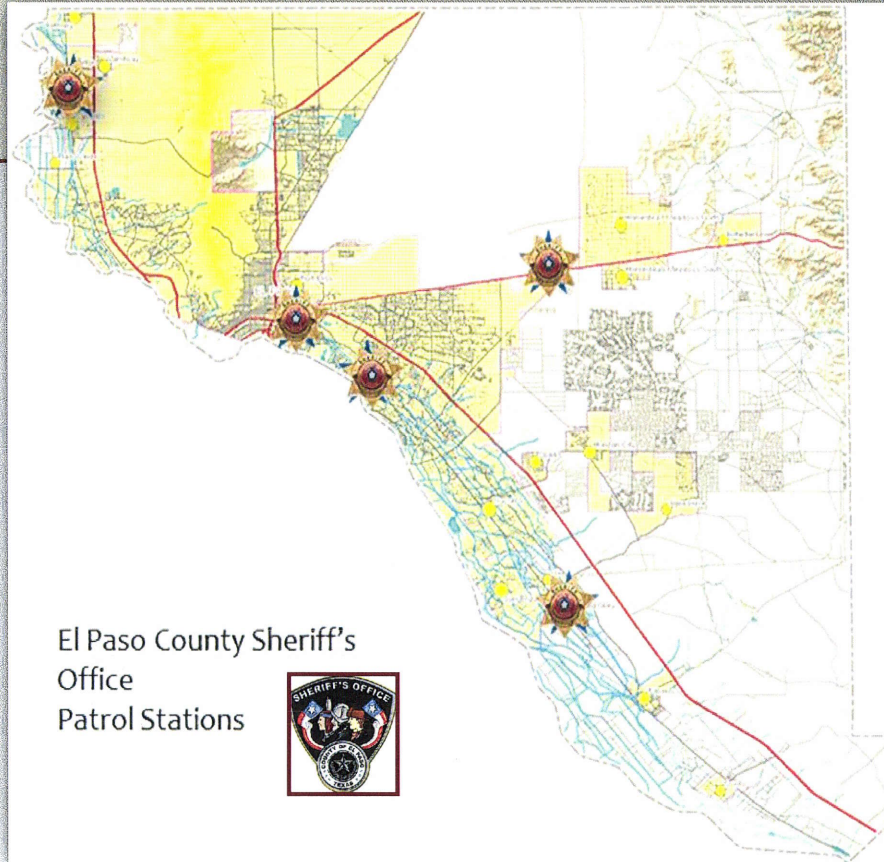


El Paso County covers almost 1,015 square miles and has a population of more than 827,000. The primary focus for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office is in the unincorporated areas of the county.

While incorporated cities within the county have their own law enforcement agencies, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office serves the entire county.

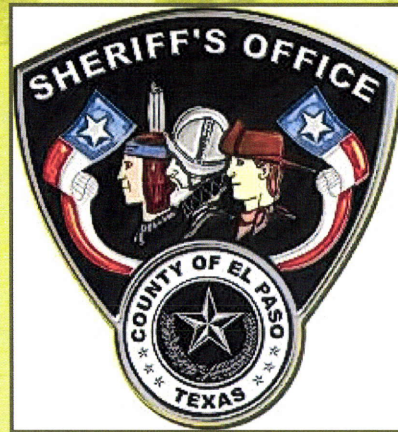
Economic development continues to affect these parts of the county with El Paso County being one of the fastest growing counties in the United States.

Strategically located stations in the northwest and eastern part of the county provide greater presence of law enforcement across the county, especially in unincorporated areas.



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Patrol Stations





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