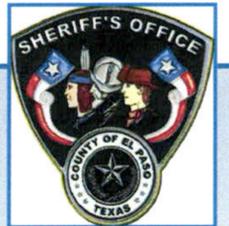


El Paso County Sheriff's Office



2009 Annual Report





In Memoriam



**Detention Officer Cesar Arreola
1971– 2009**



El Paso County Sheriff's Office 2009 Annual Report

Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ El Paso County Sheriff's Volunteer program contributed 6245 hours and saved the County of Paso \$ 128,582 for FY2009.

Great Job Volunteers!

- ◆ Sheriff's Office employees raised \$ 14,564 to benefit the March of Dimes Campaign.



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A Message from Sheriff Richard D. Wiles



It is my pleasure to present the 2009 Annual Report for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO). My pledge to protect and serve this community is reflected in this report. The report provides a summary of the impressive accomplishments by the men and women of this agency, both sworn and civilian, as they endeavor to make the County of El Paso the Safest County in the nation. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the assistance and collaboration of other law enforcement agencies, community groups and mainly, the citizens of El Paso County. This report documents the process used to serve with pride within the community, while demonstrating our dedication to our Core Values: To honestly and ethically carry out our responsibilities while enforcing the law.

Our involvement in a number of community initiatives and partnerships is an important link to reach out to citizens and assist them in realizing the highest quality of life. During 2009, we partnered with the "Alert Cab" program to reduce the number of DWI incidents and provide citizens a ride home while keeping our streets safe. During the Christmas holidays, we kicked off our annual "Santa with a Badge" program donating hundreds of gifts to underprivileged children in both the city & outlying areas of the county.

Our efforts to effectively combat crime were enhanced by the creation of the "Strike Team", a high intensity specialized team designed to be a direct response to patterns of unlawful activity. This was in addition to the already outstanding work completed every day by our Patrol and Traffic Divisions, Detectives and Special Operations personnel that resulted not only in the prevention of crime, but the resolution of several high profile crimes to include a kidnapping/murder in Horizon City.

In our efforts to maintain a transparent organization for the community we serve, we have committed ourselves to maintaining our accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This is in addition to our yearly jail inspection conducted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Because of the hard work and dedication of our detention staff, we passed the inspection with "flying colors"!

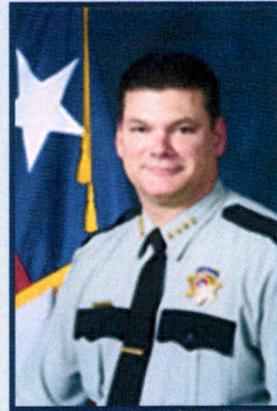
We move into 2010 with one goal in mind, to continue to diligently provide the best law enforcement and detention service possible to all citizens of El Paso City/County. I am privileged to lead a talented group of men and women who represent all of El Paso's best qualities through their desire and commitment to "Serve with Pride".



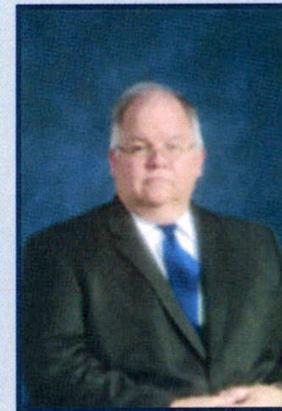
El Paso County Sheriff's Office Command Staff



**Chief Deputy
Sylvia Aguilar**



**Sheriff
Richard D. Wiles**



**Executive Administrative
Officer
William Ellis**



**Commander
Jesus Campa
Support Services**



**Commander
Angel Colorado
Jail Annex**



**Commander
Paul Cross
Criminal Investigations**



**Commander
Gomecindo Lopez
Special Operations**



**Commander
Frank Ortez
Patrol**



**Commander
Wendy Wisneski
Detention Facility**



Mission Statement

The 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.

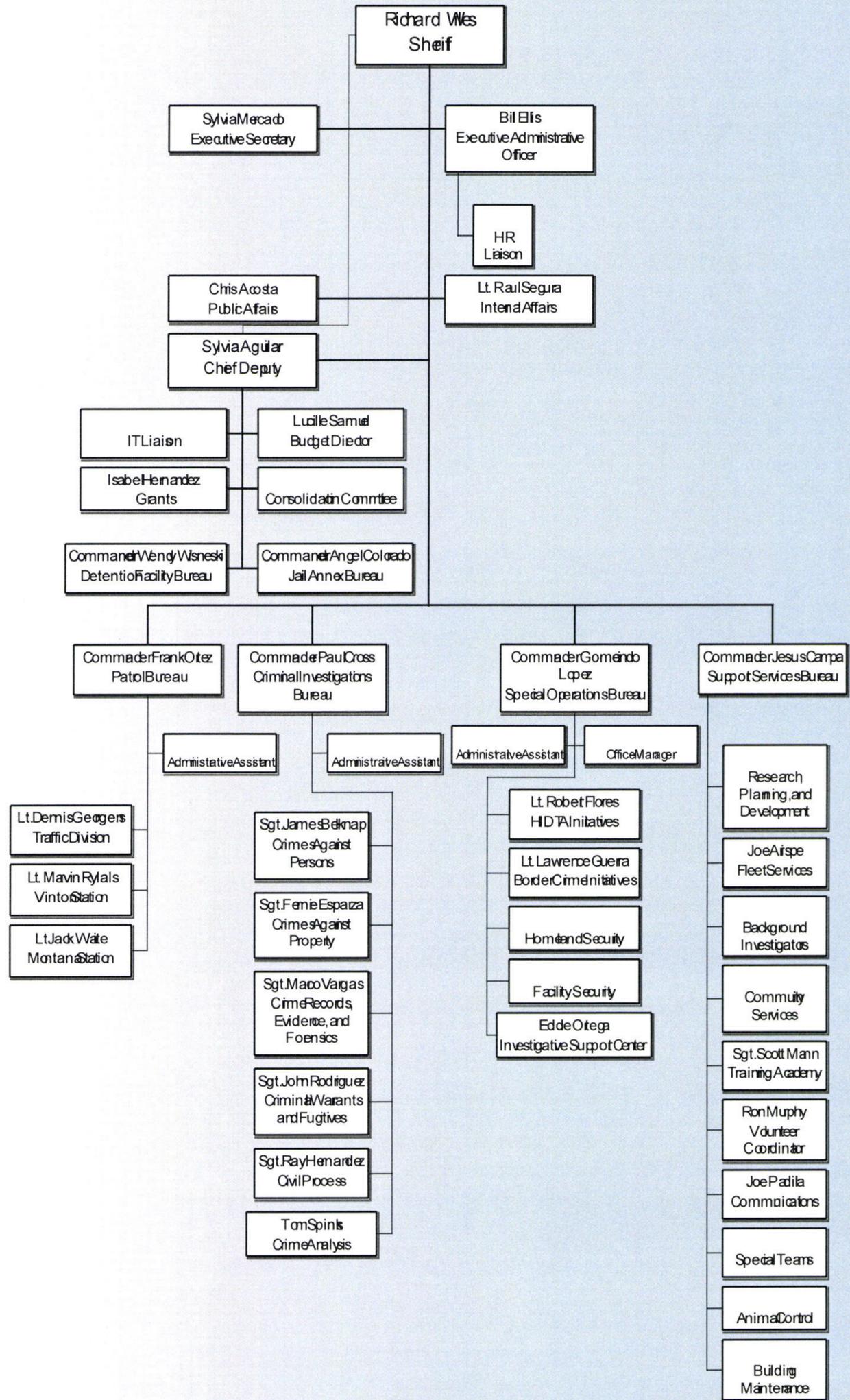
Our Core Values

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.

**El Paso County Sheriff's Office
2009 Annual Report**

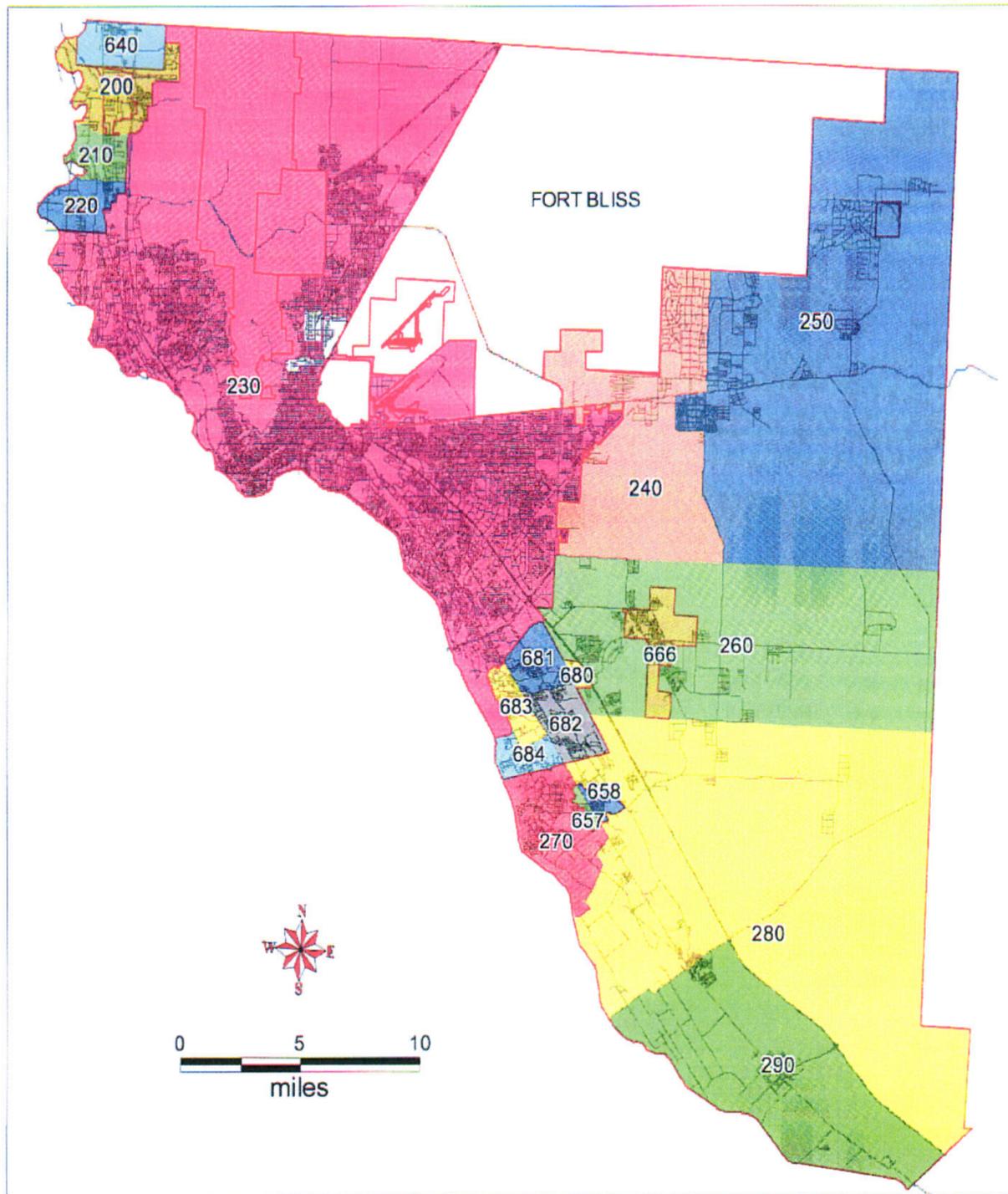


ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





El Paso County Sheriff's Office Patrol Districts



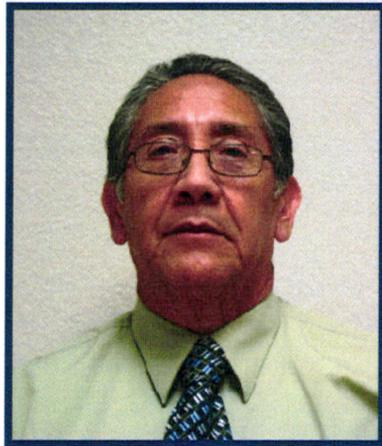
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Lt. Raul Segura

The Internal Affairs Section is commanded by Lt. Raul Segura. The Section is committed to protecting the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, the employees and the citizens of El Paso County through fair and proactive investigations of alleged misconduct.

Mission Statement

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Section shall receive and investigate all complaints of employee misconduct fairly and impartially. A relationship of trust and confidence between employees of the Sheriff's Office and citizens of El Paso County is essential to successful accomplishment of law enforcement objectives.

Consistently high standards of conduct are essential to maintain the reputation of the Sheriff's Office and encourage support of County residents for police purposes and goals.

FY2009 Status of Performance Objectives

- ◆ Successful reduction of investigative time from five to three months.
- ◆ Implementation of IA Pro/Blue Team program to assist and support the unit.
- ◆ Successful completion of training section personnel on "Managing Police Discipline"

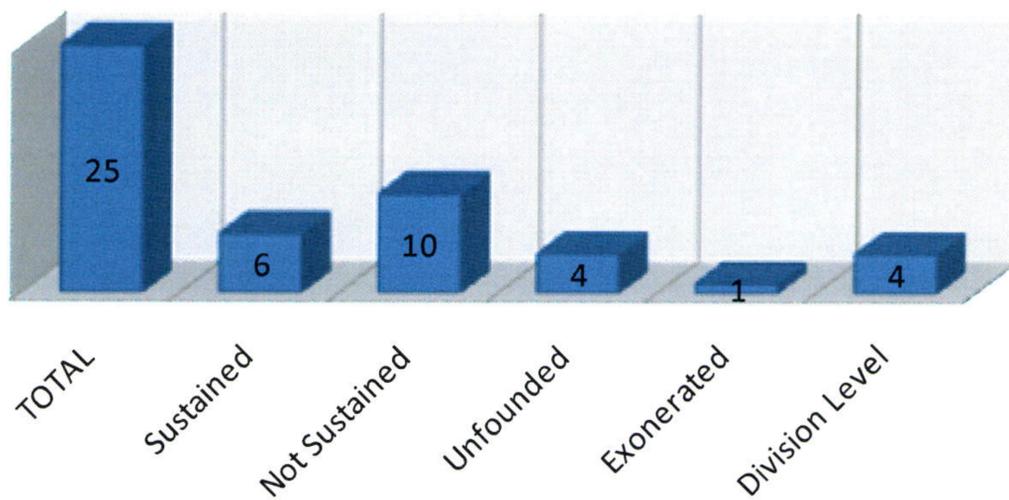


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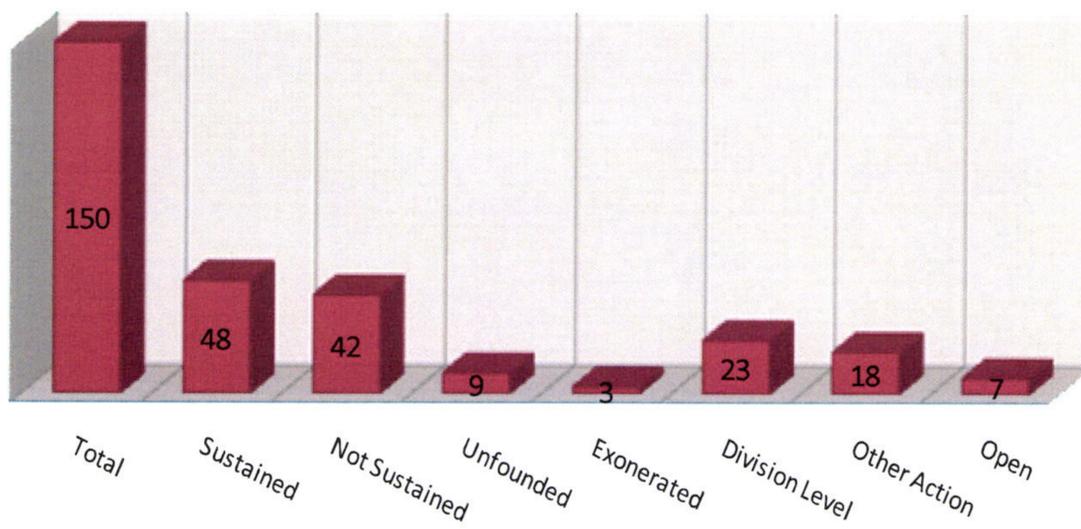
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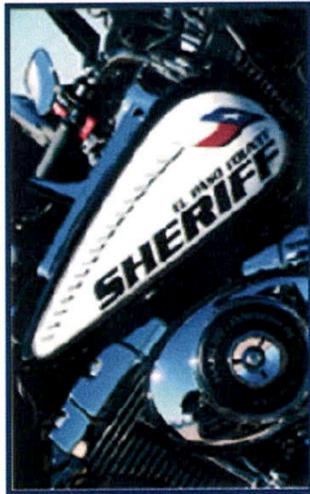
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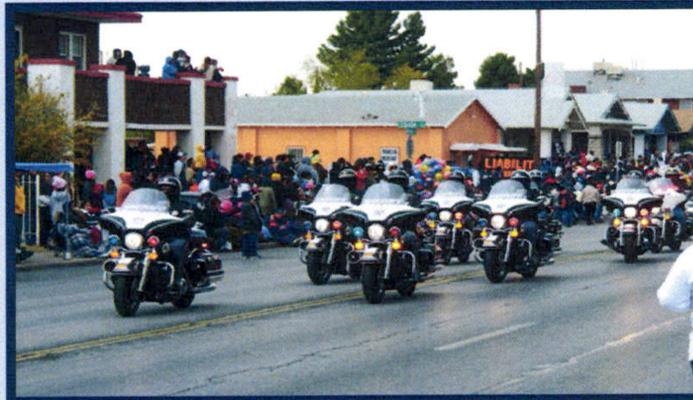
The 2009 calendar year saw many transitions in the El Paso County Sheriff's Office with the passing of the torch from one administration to another. A year that began with palpable uncertainty all change brings, ended with a satisfying reflection on noteworthy accomplishments and an eager eye looking to the future and all the possibilities that accompany energetic vision.

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- ◆ The Deputies from the Patrol Bureau responded to and effectively processed 94,158 calls for service from Jan.01, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2009.
- ◆ A “Problem Oriented Policing” philosophical approach to Patrol Duties was implemented this year. Deputies no longer simply respond to a call for service, document the situation, and then depart. Deputies now are required to propose solutions to problems they encounter. Sergeant's & Lieutenants will continue to ensure the tenets of POP are followed throughout the Bureau.
- ◆ A minimum of one (1) stationary Drivers License check per shift per month was successfully implemented. To date these checks have resulted in 290 hazardous and 24 non-hazardous citations being issued to motorists, making El Paso roadways a safer place.
- ◆ Weekly Strategic Analysis of Crime meetings have been initiated resulting in timely analysis and a strategic approach to crime patterns. This has and will continue to impact the rate of Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) occurring in El Paso County.
- ◆ Sergeant's & Lieutenants were assigned certain high profile crimes and/or citizens' concerns to personally follow up. As a result, officers became more responsive to the needs and concerns of citizens, relationships between citizens and officers were cultivated. In addition, supervisors and officers took a personal stake in the rate of crime in their areas of responsibility.
- ◆ The Traffic Section of the Patrol Bureau has been fully staffed, thereby allowing a proper and timely response to citizens' traffic related concerns, as well as resulting in reduced dangers on El Paso roadways through directed and concentrated enforcement efforts.
- ◆ The Traffic Section participated in all phases of the TXDOT “Click-it-or Ticket” grant. This resulted in a total of 1,394 citations.
- ◆ Sergeants work schedules were modified to better meet the needs of the officers and the agency.

Traffic Section



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Using accident analysis information, the Traffic Section identifies and targets high problem areas in the county. In addition to traffic enforcement, the Traffic Section is responsible for investigating all accidents involving Sheriff's owned and leased vehicles and investigating accidents involving serious bodily injury and/or death.

The Traffic Section's area of responsibility has increased substantially. Officers are now responsible for school zone speed enforcement, DWI enforcement, Click-It-Or-Ticket seat belt enforcement operations, parade / special assignment traffic control, Sheriff's Office personnel funeral details, specialized traffic concerns reported by members of the public and hit-and-run investigations.

Officers assigned to the Traffic Section hold various certifications to include: Intoxilyzer Operator Certification, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Certification and Basic Accident Reconstruction Certification.

In 2009, two additional motor units were added to the Traffic Section fleet, purchased with confiscated funds, bringing the total number of units to nine. The total number of officers assigned to the Traffic Section increased to nine to accommodate the increasing population of El Paso County. Currently, the Traffic Section motor fleet consists of 2008 and 2009 black and white FLHTP Harley Davidson motorcycles.



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Montana Station

The Montana Station, located on the east side of the County, is responsible for staffing six districts which extend from the El Paso city limits east to the county line. Each day, units leave the station to patrol areas which include Fabens, Tornillo, San Elizario, Clint, Horizon City, and the East Montana / Montana Vista areas. This is the busiest station as well as the largest patrol area in the county. Several substations are located within this area to include; Fabens, Clint, and Montana Vista. The Montana Station Commander also oversees the Field Training Officer Program and the Reserve Deputy Program.

Vinton Station



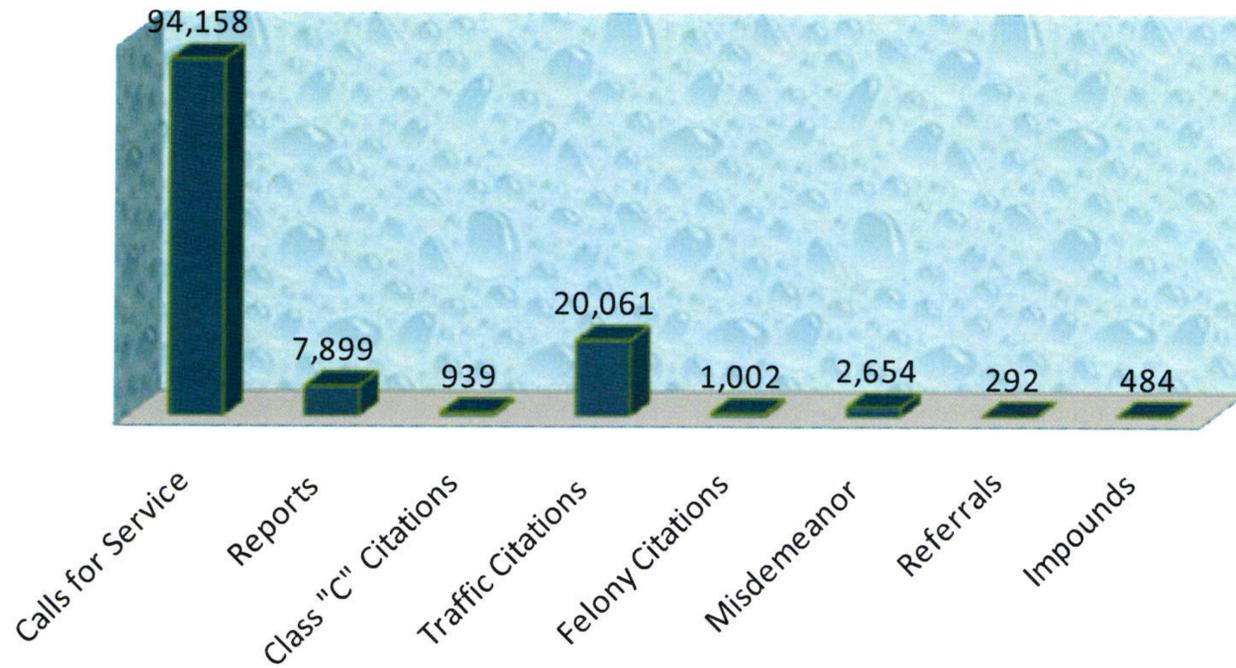
The Vinton Station, located in the northwestern corner of the County, is responsible for four patrol districts, including the county owned properties within the City of El Paso. This includes University Medical Center, Psych Center, Ascarate Park, Juvenile Detention Center and Trans-Mountain Road. Officers assigned to Vinton Station also work in partnership with the El Paso Police Department in apprehending probation violators.



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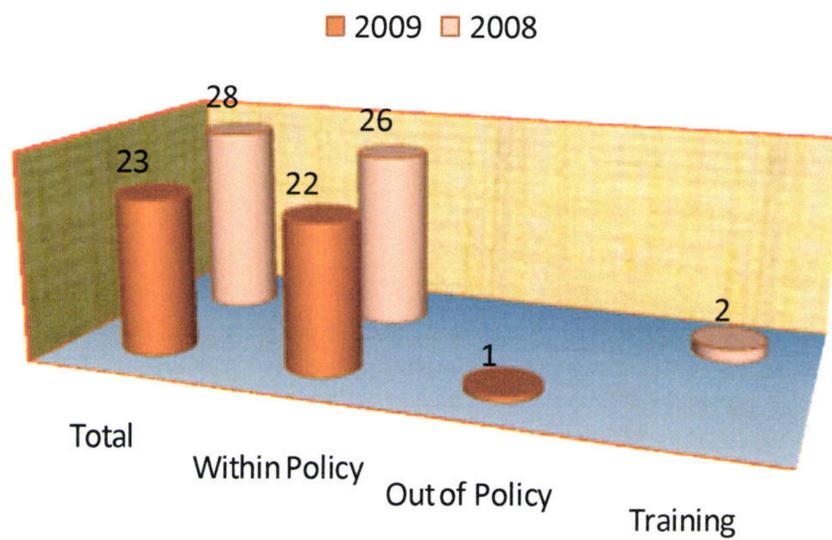
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2009 Patrol Performance



2009 Calls for Service			
January	7922	July	8702
February	7800	August	8440
March	7387	September	7942
April	7507	October	6645
May	7768	November	7127
June	8967	December	7951

Motor Vehicle Pursuits





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The Criminal Investigations Bureau is responsible for investigating all criminal complaints within El Paso County. There are two investigative sections in this Bureau which are dedicated to investigating all reported crimes against persons and property. These investigative sections operate with 21 detectives and two sergeants.

Crimes Against Persons

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Crimes against Persons Section investigates homicides, assaults, robberies, kidnappings, crimes against children and crimes against the elderly and disabled. This Section is divided into two investigative units; Crimes Against Persons and Sex Crimes. During FY2009 the Crimes Against Persons Section received 2547 Criminal Complaints.

Offense	2009
Murder	5
Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assault	33
Aggravated Sexual Assault	32
Aggravated Robbery	18
Robbery	22
Aggravated Assault	145
Aggravated Kidnapping / Kidnapping	5
Assault Offenses (Misdemeanor)	837
Injury to Child / Elderly	68
Child Abandonment / Endangering	18
Harassment	174
Terrorist Threats	64
Protective Custody Orders	0
Deadly Conduct	8
Unlawful Restraint	3
Child Pornography	0
Interfering w/Child Custody	32
Unattended Deaths	54
Indecency with a Child	27
Disorderly Conduct	3
Delinquent Conduct	2
Injured / Sick Party	307
Runaways	174
Missing Persons	10
Miscellaneous Cases	506



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UCR Statistics	2009
Murder	4
Forcible Rape	43
Robbery	30
Assault	192
Burglary	378
Larceny Theft	774
Motor Vehicle	149
Arson	27

UCR statistics is not a reflection of the Criminal Investigations Bureau report statistics.

Crimes Against Property

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Crimes Against Property Section investigates burglaries, thefts and all property crimes reported within the County of El Paso. This investigative Section is divided into two investigative units, Crimes against Property and White Collar Crime Unit and one non-investigative unit dealing with the recovery/auction of abandoned vehicles.

Crimes against Property Section

Offense	2009
Burglary / Residential / Vehicle	413
Criminal Trespass	38
Theft / Service / Check	477
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	115
Arson	22

White Collar Crime Section

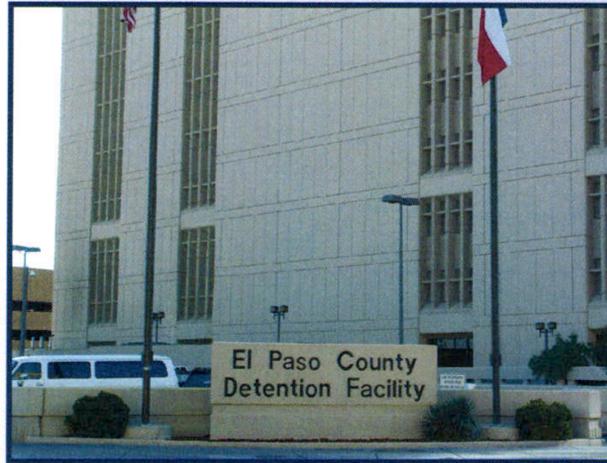
Offense	2009
Public Integrity Cases	26
County Election Violation	0
Govt. and Occupation Code Violation	0
Identity Theft	127
Fraud / Forgery	91
Tampering w/ Government Records	9
Deceptive Business Practice	5
Credit Card Abuse	37
Execution of Document by Deception	1
Tampering w/Govt. Record	3
Business / Commerce Code Violation	0
False Statement on Application	1



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Detention Services consists of two adult maximum-security detention facilities, the Detention Facility Bureau and the Jail Annex Bureau. 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. All inmates arrested by the area's 27 law enforcement agencies are processed at the Detention Facility Bureau.

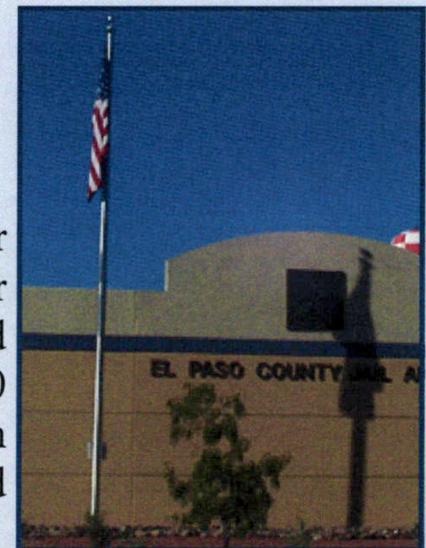


Detention Facility

The Detention Facility Bureau is located at 601 E. Overland across the street from the Federal and County Courthouses. The facility has over 310,440 square feet and a housing capacity of 1000 inmates. This facility has nine housing floors, three of which are designated for female housing. This facility also houses a Jail Magistrate Court, the Sheriff's Office Warrant Section, Jail Ministry Section, Bond and Inmate Trust Section, and liaison offices for Adult Probation.

Jail Annex

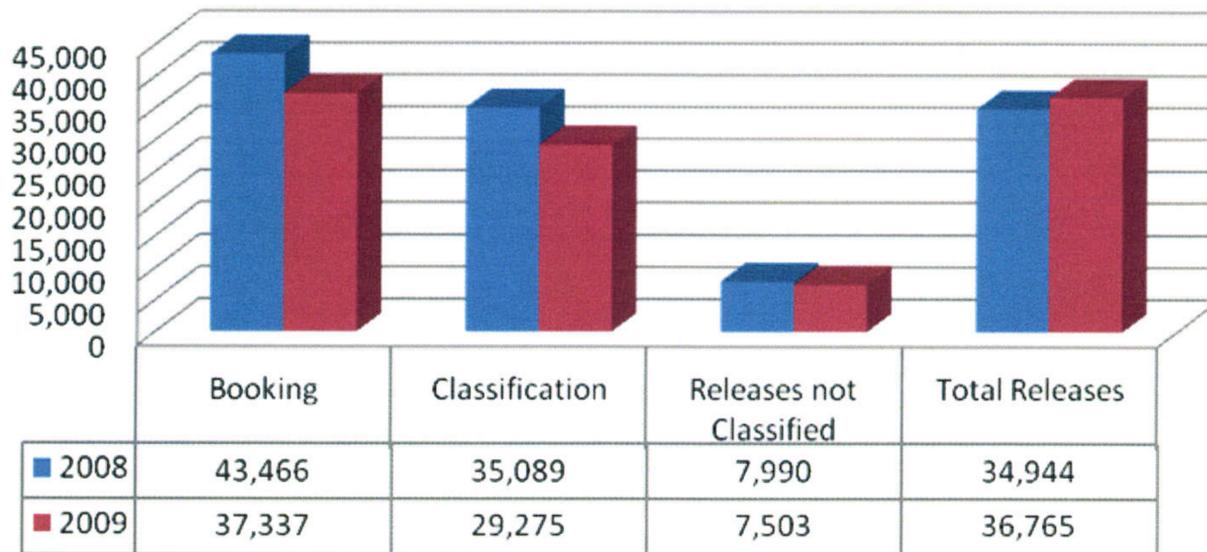
Located at 12501 E. Montana, the Jail Annex is a modular design comprised of three units each consisting of four pods. It has the capability of holding 1440 inmates and has an infirmary capable of holding an additional 10 inmates. The Jail Annex receives classified persons from the Detention Facility and holds pretrial and convicted persons.





DETENTION SERVICES

Intake/Releases of Inmates

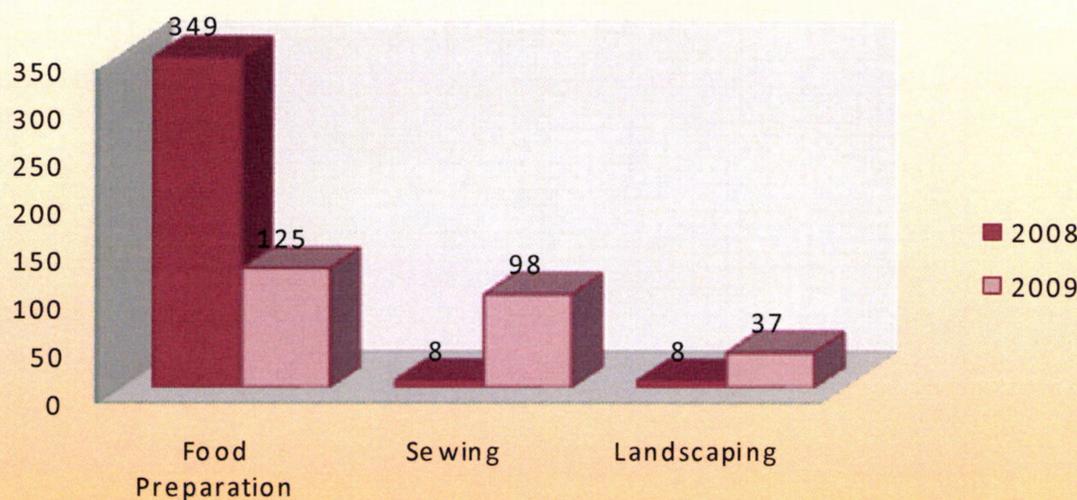


Revenues Collected	2009
U.S. Marshals Boarding Fees	\$13,380,595.40
El Paso City Boarding Fees	\$2,228,867.19
Commissary Revenues	\$589,620.48
Bail Bond Posting Fees	\$217,515.00
Justice of the Peace Fines	\$250,038.30
El Paso City Class "C" Fines	\$315,625.77

Inmate Work Program:

These work programs provide food preparation training, sewing training, and janitorial training. Listed below is the Detention Facility's number of inmates that participated in these programs.

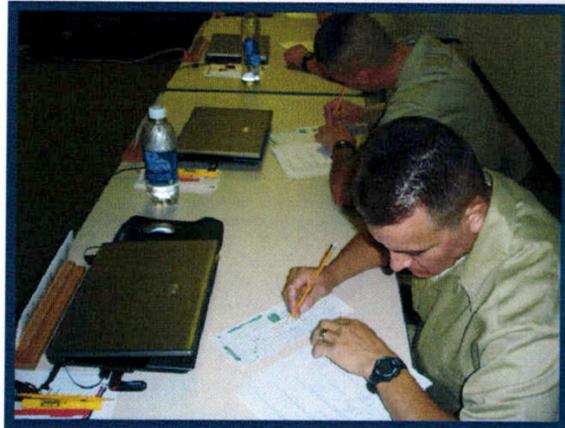
Inmate Work Program





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In February 2009, the Sheriff's Training Academy held its first Training Committee Board meeting under Sheriff Wiles' newly appointed training board. Since 2008, the Sheriff's Academy started using Blackboard CE8 (Online training) with a vision to streamline accessibility to law enforcement, corrections and other criminal justice practitioners. During the training board meeting, the Training Academy provided the board with a vision to eventually "go green" by replacing paper with modern technology.

Confiscated drug money was used to purchase "computers on wheels laptops" allowing mass mobility for the use of the hardware. On November 2009, the Sheriff's Academy began a new (280 hour/7 week) Basic Detention Officer Course [09-3], where the use of these laptops replaced hard copy testing, handouts and other study materials with electronic media.

The Training Academy, a PSTAA/CALEA Accredited Academy, believes in helping to heighten community awareness regarding environmentally responsible behavior, and continuing to do our part in helping create a national interest in establishing standards and procedures for environmentally responsible practices.



Regional Training

The academy renewed its commitment as a Regional Training Academy by providing basic and in-service training for Law Enforcement Agencies in Culberson, Hudspeth, Presidio, Jeff Davis and Brewster Counties. The academy sent instructors to conduct two Basic Detention Officer Courses in Hudspeth and Brewster Counties, along with two 40 hour in-service training sessions in the Counties of Culberson and Brewster. These courses were separate from the Online Basic County Corrections Course.

2009	Courses	Contact Hrs	Class	Class Contact Hrs	Black board	Black board Contact Hrs	Students	Peace Officers	Detention	Civilians
Jan	40	3522	23	2636	17	886	563	170	360	33
Feb	61	4182	39	2958	22	1224	800	217	515	68
Mar	78	7992	56	6998	22	994	844	344	420	80
April	64	5872	42	4876	22	996	801	222	497	82
May	58	9074	42	8406	16	668	595	163	340	92
June	70	7184	48	6596	22	588	908	344	386	178
July	61	9178	39	8386	22	792	985	608	247	130
Aug	64	12372	41	10286	23	2086	975	490	418	67
Sept	55	10249	39	9171	16	1078	779	335	309	135
Oct	77	5764	65	5310	12	454	595	314	259	22
Nov	64	7066	53	6232	11	834	658	252	367	39
Dec	36	3892	30	3592	6	300	341	78	247	16
Total	728	86347	517	75447	211	10900	8844	3537	4365	942

In a continued partnership with El Paso Community College, the academy hosted evening college courses geared towards an Associate's of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. A total of 4 courses were held in 2009, providing Sheriff's Office Employees and students within the community an opportunity to attend college courses on site. Most of the courses were taught by our own academy instructors, credentialed by EPCC as adjunct faculty. This partnership has proven very positive for our employees and community.



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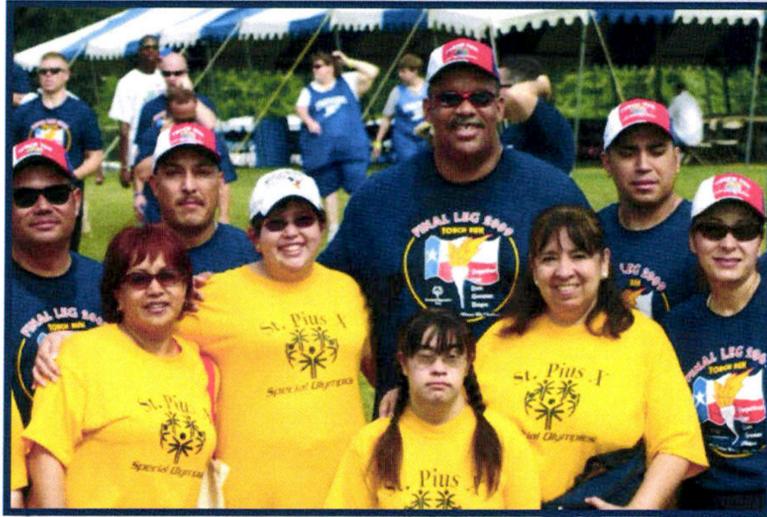
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**Special Olympics
Torch Run
May 2009**

**Ruben Orozco Run
April 2009**



**Santa With A Badge
December 2009**





On October 2009, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office received \$115,000.00 to fund the hiring of 3 civilian Animal Control Officers including equipment, vehicles and training. The Animal Control Unit patrols and responds to outlying areas of the county where there is a significant stray dog problem.

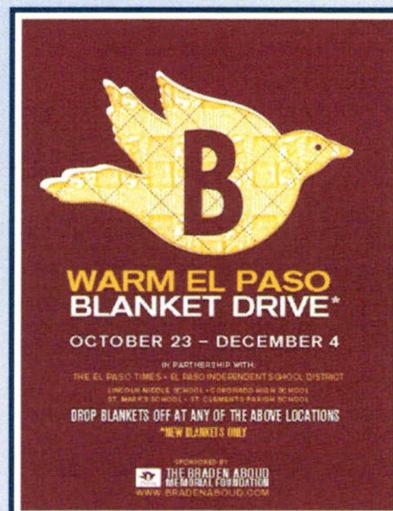


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The "Strike Team" is a high intensity Specialized Unit, designed to be a direct response to patterns of unlawful activity, with the intent to reduce crime County wide. The Unit conducts sting operations, intelligence gathering, and surveillance.

In 2009, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in partnership with El Paso Times and the El Paso Independent School District joined together for the "B" Warm El Paso Blanket Drive in honor of the Braden Aboud Memorial Foundation. The Braden Aboud Memorial Foundation is dedicated to improve the health and education development of the El Paso Youth.



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Certificate of Commendation

Sgt. Michael Gonzalez
Deputy Ruben Rebollo
Deputy Edgar Soto
Deputy Ronald Pratt
Deputy David Hargrove
Deputy Yamil Peraza
D.O. Omar Gonzalez
D.O. Juan Arroyo

Certificate of Merit

D.O. Jonathan Beard
D.O. Anthony Walker
D.O. Jose Leos
D.O. Juan D. Archuleta
D.O. Marco A. Camarillo
D.O. Richard Ramirez
Salvador Govea
Jesus Castaneda

Academy Service

Deputy Paul Soria
Deputy Eduardo Gutierrez
D.O. Luis Trevino

Certificate of Appreciation

D.O. Ramon Cervera

Promotions



To Lieutenant
Sgt. Steven Ward



To Sergeant
Deputy Juan Wittke



To Detective
Deputy Daniel Beltran
Deputy Kenneth Watt

To Detention Lieutenant



Detention Sgt. Christine Jones



To Detention Sergeant



F.C.O. Sulena H. Savage
F.C.O. John Navar



Civilian Personnel



Lucille Samuel to Budget Director.
Richard Escarzaga to Budget Procurement Supervisor
Richard Pryor to Crime Scene Tech
Martha Carlson to Baker
Bernadette Ortega to Crime Scene Tech Supervisor



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Deputy Marquez was awarded the **EPIC Directors Award** by the 70 plus certified instructors from across the country who recognized Deputy Marquez for outstanding Drug Interdiction instruction across the Country.



20 Years Award

- Deputy David Brady
- Deputy Juan Castro
- Detective Marcela Gil
- Detective Alan L. Gurtler
- FCO Carlos Gutierrez
- D.O. Rosie Lopez
- FCO Peter Martinez
- Elena Najera
- Teresa Saenz
- Deputy Keith Taggart
- D.O. Francisco J. Torres

25 Years Award

- Detective Antonio R. Arias
- Detention Sgt. Antonio Arriaga
- Sgt. Fernando Esparza
- D.O. Robert W. Hill
- Deputy Carlos A. Molinar
- Detective Richard Pineda

30 Years Award

- Sgt. Jesus M. Dominguez

2009 Retirees

- Christine Pacheco
- D.O. Maria E. Gonzalez
- D.O. Juan A. Montelongo
- Deputy Ronald A. Schweitz
- D.O. Hector Rodriguez
- Deputy Sidney Brandenburg
- Vincent S. Pokluda
- Deputy Grover S. Poynter
- FCO Manuel J. Marquez
- Lt. Ruben Lopez
- Detention Sgt. Theodore Goff
- Samuel Reyes
- Chief Deputy Dolores Messick



El Paso County Population 763,712

**El Paso County Area
1013 Square Miles**

Detention 614

Sworn 244

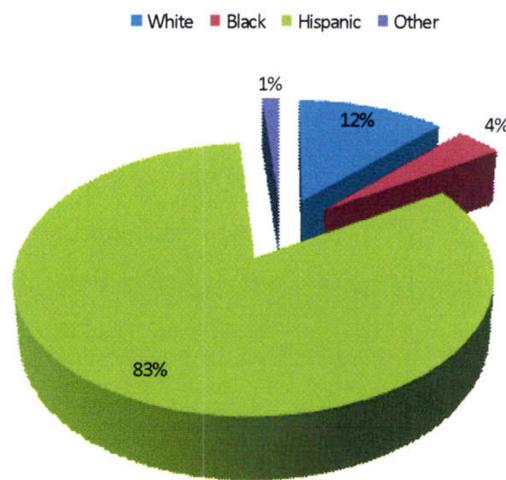
Civilians 189



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El Paso County Sheriff's Office Demographics



Rank / Gender

Sworn Personnel	Males				Females			
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Entry Level	30	4	157	1	1	0	11	1
Supervisory	6	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
Command	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Executive	1	1	4	0	1	0	1	0
Subtotal	41	5	181	1	2	0	12	1
Non-Sworn								
Clerical	3	1	19	0	6	4	73	4
Technical	56	24	468	7	6	4	86	1
Professional	9	0	21	1	4	2	4	0
Executive	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	69	25	508	8	16	10	163	5
TOTAL	110	30	689	9	18	10	175	6



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