

# Neighborhood News

May/June 2011



**Reserve the date -  
Tuesday night  
August 2nd, 2011.**



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## National Night Out 2011 Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party!

On Tuesday, August 2nd, neighborhoods throughout El Paso County are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “28th Annual National Night Out” crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime”. National Night Out 2011 is being supported in part by TARGET, the national corporate sponsor.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM on August 2nd, residents in neighborhoods throughout El Paso County and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and deputies. Many neighborhoods through El Paso County will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits with deputies, flashlight walks, contest, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

**Getting Involved**

Get your neighbors together and decide what kind of event you’d like to have. Many neighborhoods choose to have a picnic, block party, barbecue, or similar event. Whatever you do, encourage people to turn on their porch lights and come outside!

**Tips and Suggestions**

Start planning early. Events of this nature should be well thought out, and organized so important details are not overlooked.

Break down the planning and preparation tasks and assign them to several people so the process is not overwhelming to one or two people.

Plan safe activities for kids of all ages so they will be kept busy and entertained. Examples could include: sidewalk art with washable chalk, bike rodeos, games or races.

Contact your local fire department and see if they can visit your celebration and bring a fire truck or ambulance for the kids to explore and learn about.

Encourage attendance and participation from local businesses.

Let’s send criminals a message of solidarity and strength that crime will not be tolerated in our community.

The deadline to submit your registration form to the Sheriff's Office is Wednesday, June 22nd, 2011.

For further information, contact Liz Dreher, Crime Prevention Coordinator at 520-7151.





## Upcoming Crime Prevention Events

# Refuse To Be A Victim.®

Through this four-hour seminar called **Refuse To Be A Victim®**, you can learn the personal safety tips and techniques you need to avoid dangerous situations and avoid becoming a victim.

This seminar is **FREE** and open to the public. Class size is limited to 20 students over 18 years of age and **you must be pre-registered to attend**. Go to the NRA's [Refuse to be a Victim website](#) to register for one of these seminars.

## A good night to get to know your neighbors.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

Note: In Texas, Tuesday, October 4, 2011, is an optional alternate date for NNO events.  
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## Neighborhood Watch Fundraiser

at Security Service Field

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th, 2011 - Game Time : 7:05 PM**

**See flyer on last page for details!**



### Crime Prevention Safety Tips



1. Hang up immediately on obscene or anonymous phone calls. Report them to the Police and Telephone Company if they persist. Dialing \*57 on the phone after an obscene call, will trace the number through the phone company.
2. To prevent house keys from being copied, do not leave them with your car keys when leaving the car for parking or servicing.



# Crime Prevention

## Crime Prevention & Community Involvement Programs and Resources



- Neighborhood Watch
- Business Watch
- National Night Out
- Operation Identification
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Community Meetings throughout the County
- "Refuse to be a Victim" Seminars
- Safety presentations & education programs
- Speakers Bureau



### IDENTITY THEFT

#### Warning Signs:

Your purse or wallet is stolen

Your bank account is overdrawn or there is unusual activity on your credit card

Mail you are expecting doesn't arrive, especially related to financial matters; bills you paid are still showing due

You apply for a credit card or loan and are denied

#### Preventative Steps:

Carry a close-fitting or hidden pouch instead of a purse or carry a wallet in your front pocket.

Reduce the items you carry in public such as extra credit cards, Social Security card, and checkbooks

Remove your Social Security number from your Driver's License, if possible.

Consider carrying a photocopy of your Medicare card with all but the last four digits blackened out.

Shred, tear into small pieces, or cut up all mail and documents that contain Social Security, bank and credit card numbers.

Place mail with bills to be paid at the Post Office.

Ask that new boxes of checks be held at your bank or credit union for pickup rather than be mailed to you.



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CRIME  
PREVENTION  
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### IN EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1

EPSO Dispatch (non-emergent crime reporting): 390-5555

EPSO Telephone Reporting System (for minor crimes without suspect information): 520-7111 or <http://shr.elpasoco.com> — click on the icon "Online Reporting Cop-Logic"

EPSO Traffic Hotline (for reporting problem areas or traffic violations): 520-7192

EPSO Tip Line (for reporting suspicious activity or the location of wanted persons): 520-7777

[www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) - for map of crimes in your neighborhood.