



# Pebble Hills Regional Command News Beat

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**Lt. Medina  
Day Shift  
Supervisor**

Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well, now that the weather will be getting warmer and the days will be longer we will be able to enjoy the outdoors.

Whenever there is a change of season we should all be alert for the changing patterns of the criminals who want to victimize hardworking people like you. All of us should be aware that lawn equipment is a prime and easy target for thieves looking for a quick opportunity. Everyone should protect their belongings by placing them inside their garage, homes or in a secure place.

Officers proactively will be patrolling residential and business areas in order to deter criminals from committing any crimes.

However we still need your assistance and support by calling the police if you see any suspicious persons or activities.

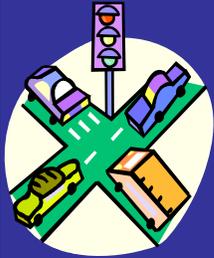
By reporting any suspicious persons or activities citizens can help police make their communities safer and more secure, reduce crime and violence and improve the overall quality of life. Your call may be the difference between your neighbor being a victim or a criminal being apprehended.

While it may seem as though you are being asked a lot of questions by the dispatcher, the information is for the safety of the responding officers. The dispatcher is attempting to gather as much information about the situation as possible so the officers will have a clearer picture of what they may encounter when they arrive at the scene. Please remain calm and cooperate with the dispatcher.

Stay Safe....

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P.H.R.C.C  
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Hello,

I hope that everyone is doing well, that each of you enjoyed the holidays, and are staying safe on our roadways. As I was writing this article and contemplating what traffic topic to touch on our region suffered the first fatality of 2014. One of the major factors for the accident was speed which caused the driver to lose control. Our goals as a Department and as a Traffic Section each year is to reduce the amount of accidents and deaths caused by traffic accidents. Both cause hardship financially and emotionally. In 2013 we met the goal of reducing accidents, but failed in reducing fatalities. For the majority of the year we were succeeding in both areas, but during the last quarter we had 7 fatalities which put our area way past the year before. The final statistics for our Region are listed below.

For 2013, our traffic related fatalities rose by 55% from 11 to 17. Traffic accidents decreased by 9.5%. There have been 4,842 reported accidents reported compared to 5,348 in 2012. The traffic focus for January will be school zone violations. As we get into the new year the traffic complaints have increased at our schools. The complaints not only pertain to vehicles speeding or being parked in a no stopping/standing area, but to the students crossing in areas not designated for crossing. We ask that both drivers and pedestrians comply with the rules pertaining to those areas as they were put in place to keep not only our children but all of us safe. The following are some tips to keep in mind when getting behind the wheel:

**Don't Drive after consuming alcoholic beverages** or while under the influence of any medication that could impair your driving ability.

**Don't Speed.** Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Take into consideration, traffic, weather, construction and the unexpected.

**Avoid distractions** as much as possible. Just a few seconds of a distraction can make the difference of safely stopping or avoiding a crash.

**Get plenty of rest.** If you feel tired take a small rest and then drive. Driving fatigued can affect your reaction time similar to the use of alcohol.

**Use your seatbelt** and ensure children are in safety seat systems.

**Drive to the conditions** of the road and the weather.

**Give yourself space** between your vehicle and the vehicle in front. Increase that space during bad weather or poor visibility.

**Share the road.** Remember you are not alone out on the road. Look out for other motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

**Avoid road rage.** Don't let your emotions or poor driving habits of other influence your driving habits.

**Maintain your vehicle properly.** Ensure that you clean your vehicle, that you inspect your lights and signals; inspect your tires and windshield wipers.

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

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Neighborhood  
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The Pebble Hills Regional Command Center's Community Service and Outreach Section are currently offering crime prevention tips and techniques.

The **Neighborhood Watch Program** is a community based crime prevention program that engages neighbors to look out for neighbors' safety, property, and homes. This program is predicated on the idea that when residents, businesses, police, and other community stakeholders look out for the safety of neighborhoods, safer communities are created, and crime can be reduced.

Our Section officers are available to conduct **home security inspections or a business surveys** which can help to prevent crime and also reduce the cost of homeowner's insurance.

The Pebble Hills Regional Command Center's **E-FORCE** is a communication service that provides citizens with Crime Prevention Tips and Crime Trend Alerts via your email address. If you wish to join our E-FORCE, please email your request to [gomezlh@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:gomezlh@elpasotexas.gov) or to [c1487@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:c1487@elpasotexas.gov).

We also offer the on-line **Code Watch** program. A Code Watch is a request for extra patrol at an individual's home or business location. These are usually requested when someone is experiencing suspicious activity or is going out of town. A Code Watch can be requested via the departmental website at [www.eppd.org](http://www.eppd.org).

If you wish more information about any of these programs, please contact our Community Service and Outreach Unit at 599-5898 or 599-5512. We appreciate your time and consideration.

### **Citizens' Advisory Board Meetings:**

PHRCC Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting (CAB) - You are invited to attend this meeting on the first Monday of each month in the PHRCC Community Meeting Room from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Insightful and pro-active Crime Prevention Information is always on the agenda. For more information, please contact Gabriel Sida at 599-5512.



## **El Paso Police Department**

**“Dedicated to Serve”**

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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.

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