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Commander's
Corner

Commander's Corner...

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Greetings,

We finished the year enjoying a -4% reduction in crime. This could not have been achieved without the involvement of the community combined with the officer's dedicated hard work.

Now that the holiday season is behind us, we ask that you continue to be vigilant in your daily commute. Please take the time to safeguard your belongings and secure your vehicles when you go about your daily commutes.

In the month of October we experienced some changes in our staffing. We bid Sgt.'s Perez and Inciriaga well in their new endeavors. We welcome Sgt.'s Navarette, Yadouga and Mayorga to the station. Also changing was Lt. R. Medina going to NERCC with Lt. F. Yanez returning to the region.

Westside Officers of the Month 2012

Supervisor of the Quarter:	Sgt. A. Perez
August:	Detective D. Holguin
September:	Officer O. Quinteros
October:	Officer M. Pagan
November:	Officer M. Evans
December:	Officer M. DeMunbrun

The above officers were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the community.

Just a reminder, the Citizen's Advisory Board meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM at the WestSide Regional Command. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

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Crime Prevention

Ladies and gentlemen,

With the holiday season behind us, we would like to continue sharing some basic crime prevention tips to help you avoid being victimized when shopping.

The El Paso Police Department continues to see vehicles that our unsecured (not locked) being broken into across the city. During the month of September one region saw 85% of the vehicle burglaries that occurred were to unsecured vehicles. The El Paso offers the following tips to help secure your vehicle:

- Always lock your vehicle and take your vehicles keys with you
- Roll up all of your vehicles windows
- Remove all valuables from inside the vehicle, to include (iPods, cell phones, cameras, laptops, case, etc)
- Always park in well lighted areas
- Remove garage door openers from the inside of your vehicle when it is parked outside
- Close garage doors after securing your vehicle inside

**SPOTLIGHT:
DRIVING WHILE
OPERATING A
CELL PHONE**

Drivers are reminded of El Paso City Code 12.22.10 Use of Wireless Communications While Driving. This ordinance prohibits talking on a cell phone unless using a wireless device which was passed March 9, 2010. The Ordinance is as follows:

12.22.10 Use of Wireless Communications While Driving

- A. An operator of a motor vehicle may not use a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.
- B. This section does not apply to an operator of a motor vehicle using a wireless communications device:
 - 1. while the vehicle is stopped; or
 - 2. that is affixed to the vehicle and used as a global positioning or navigation system.
- C. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution of an offense under this section if a wireless communications device is used:
 - 1. for obtaining emergency assistance to report a traffic accident, medical emergency, or serious traffic hazard, or to prevent a crime about to be committed;
 - 2. in the reasonable belief that a person's life or safety is in immediate danger; or
 - 3. solely in a voice-activated or other hands-free mode.
- D. To the extent that this section conflicts with the Texas Transportation Code Section 545.424, regarding the use of wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle by minors, or Texas Transportation Code Section 545.425, regarding the use of wireless communications devices in school crossing zones, or by the operators of school busses, this section does not apply.

12.22.10 Definitions

- A. "Hands-free device" means speakerphone capability or a telephone attachment to other piece of equipment, regardless of whether permanently installed in the motor vehicle, that allows use of the wireless device without use of either of the operator's hands.
- B. "Stop" or "Stopped" means to stand an occupied or unoccupied vehicle in a location other than a lane of traffic on a roadway.
- C. "Wireless Communications Device" has the meaning assigned in Section 545.425 (Use of Wireless Communications Device; Offense) of the Texas Transportation Code.

From January 1 until December 15, the Westside Regional Command Center has issued 1766 citations for citizens using their cell phones while operating a motor vehicle stemming from 2066 contacts.

There are several varieties of hands free devices available for consumers to purchase ranging from those using blue tooth technologies to those requiring a wire to be plugged in to the device to even the vehicle itself. With several options available, please take advantage of any one of these accessories. The primary focus for drivers is to arrive at their destinations safely and alive. We encourage all of you to remember that operating a motor vehicle while operating an electronic device is not suggested nor a safe combination.



El Paso Police Department

“Dedicated to Serve”

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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