



East Mountain Residents:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During the Bernalillo County Town Hall on 5/18/21, Captain Blackmon briefed residents on responsibilities of Bernalillo County Sheriff (BCSO) Emergency Response Team (ERT) during Evacuations in the East Mountains.

BCSO - ERT can do the following:

- Assist in notifying people to evacuate, by either going door-to-door, or having Dispatch do a
- "Reverse 911" notification (not called that anymore, but something similar for residences for which we have phone numbers on record).
- Block roads with deputies and patrol cars to prevent people from getting into an area being evacuated, usually done until physical barricades can be placed, if deemed necessary.
- Roam/rove cleared areas and neighborhoods to prevent the crooks from burglarizing empty houses.
- Provide security at relocation sites, like a school or community center where evacuees have been displaced, if needed.
- Utilize the EACC for a Command Center as we did during the Dog Head Fire, or at least a place to meet, collect donations of food/water, stage Red Cross, etc.

BCSO - ERT Actions will NOT:

- physically force or remove people to evacuate if they refuse. We will encourage them to leave and stress the fact that Emergency Services may not be available if they stay, but we can't make them leave if they refuse.
- In a case of parents refusing to evacuate w/ children or those caring for elderly people w/ health issues, or something like that we would probably involve CYFD or our Special Victims Unit if we thought they were truly endangering the children, but that would be a case-by-case basis.
- People have asked, but we obviously don't fight fires, or help people load their furniture or belongings when they are packing to evacuate, and we don't take care of animals/livestock when they're gone, but we would refer them to the needed resources.

Any questions or anything else that comes up, utilize my contact information:



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