

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

SUMMER SAFETY SERIES, PART II - BACKYARD BBQ

1. **Fire** - Every year grills and smokers cause thousands of fires, hundreds of injuries, dozens of deaths and millions of dollars in damage. You need to know how to cut fuel supplies, extinguish fires and call the fire department.

The first thing you need is a fire extinguisher. Second, you need to know your fire and know how to control it. Always have one person the "Fire Marshal" in charge of the fire at all times. You should also know something about treating burns.

2. **Food Safety** - Bacteria eats every kind of food, grows at any temperature above freezing and stays alive until that temperature hits around 165 degrees F. Between those temperatures, a bacterium multiplies quickly and causes disease in your food. So, until it goes into your mouth or on the grill, it needs to be kept cool. The second you are done serving it up, it goes back in the refrigerator. The basic rules are: Suspect Everything, Keep it Covered, Keep it Cool, Get it Hot!

3. **Instructions** - Read the manual, study and follow all the safety restrictions. If you have a fire and you didn't follow the instructions it is your fault, no matter what. Grills, gas or charcoal, and smokers all have very specific ranges of operation. You need to know these before you light up. Don't assume that your new grill works just like the last one and that all the same rules apply. You can find the manuals to most grills and smokers on the manufacturers website.

4. **Charcoal Safety** - Charcoal grills are the cause of far more fires than gas grills, mainly, using lighter fluid. Lighter fluid turns to a heavy gas at a relatively low temperature. While liquid lighter fluid burns the evaporated (gaseous) lighter fluid explodes so, unless you want to burn the hair off your face, DO NOT ADD LIGHTER FLUID TO HOT COALS! Follow the instructions exactly and don't ever let lighting charcoal become a game or find a better, safer way to light your coals.

5. **Smoke** - While a big part of the cookout experience is the smoke but you need to be careful because smoke gets in your hair, clothes, eyes, and lungs. Smoke from your grill or smoker contains carbon monoxide, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH), and other dangerous substances. PAH are cancer-causing

substances that form when grease burns. As much as we all love the smell of the smoke from our outdoor cooking it is best to let it get away without breathing it in. So enjoy the smell from a distance and remember that the younger you are when you are exposed to this stuff the worse the outcome.

6. **Gas Safety** - Most gas grill fires are caused by an obstruction in the path of the fuel. Regularly inspect your gas grill for problems behind, underneath or inside your grill. At the first sign of problems turn off your control valves, turn off the fuel tank, and disconnect everything. Gas grills produce a great deal of heat that can melt through hoses, knobs and other parts. Assume everything is third degree burn hot.

7. **Grease** - Even the food you may be cooking may have flammable compounds that may contribute to a grill fire. Grease that collects in your grill or smoker builds up and over time several pounds of grease may collect in the bottom of your grill or smoker. Keep your grill clean to avoid the potentially lethal "Flare-Ups". A clean grill is a safer grill whether it is gas or charcoal.

8. **Location** - Every year hundreds of people cause fires to their houses, garages and patios because they didn't put their grill or smoker in the correct location. Your manual (tip #3) will tell you the minimum distances around your unit that must be kept clear. Make sure there isn't anything (buildings, trees, etc.) in that space. Also, make sure that your grill isn't going to require people to walk too close to hot surfaces and that children won't be playing nearby.

9. **Cancer** - Though there are no absolute values ascribed, If you eat a lot of grilled meats you need to worry about grilling of meats at very high temperatures until surface charring occurs can cause cancer causing substances (Heterocyclic Amines (HCA) to form. You can minimize the risk by: use marinades (which can reduce the risk by as much as 98%); Do not overcook foods; Keep grill temperatures relatively low (under 600 degrees cooking temperature); Use thinner or smaller cuts of meat (kebabs are great);

10. **Alcohol** - Grilling and smoking require some clear thinking, especially when it's time to pull it all together. Please, keep a clear head and save that drink for after the fire is out and someone else is dealing with the dishes.

TWO 2013 DEPUTY-RECRUITS PROVE WORTHY

In April 2013, a new special crimes unit was announced and two of man's best friends became part of the Bell County Sheriff's Department.

Two highly trained canines; Bane and Toro came to the Bell County Sheriff unit as highly trained specialists using their noses to sniff out bad guys and bad places.

Bane, a 7-year-old black 100-pound German shepherd, was employed in the criminal interdiction unit. The unit works all major traffic corridors leading in and out of Bell County to inspect vehicles or other objects for drugs.



Bane, was trained in and takes his cues in Dutch and, despite trying to "learn" English, the former El Paso border patrol canine knew his job regardless of language and could detect four major illegal drug odors: marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin. He was also used to conduct inspections of the inmate quarters and other areas in the Bell County Jail.

After serving a tour in Afghanistan, Toro, a 4-year-old black Lab, donated by the military to Bell County, contributed his own specialty to the newly established crime unit. He was trained to detect 26 different odors of bomb ingredients including the odor of black powder and smokeless powder, which is used in firearm ammunition. This has aided police in locating loaded firearms or recently discharged firearms.

The team also worked in conjunction with school administrators to conduct random olfactory inspections for illegal drugs and firearms at Bell County schools.

With gratitude for a job-well-done, the first two canine deputies and their owner/handler, Deputy Dickens, have since retired.

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Sheriff's Department handlers are highly experienced officers with many years working with canines, and are assigned to the Criminal Interdiction Unit that falls under the Patrol Division of the Bell County Sheriff's Department.

The current handler is Deputy Meischen and his K-9 partner is "Flynn". Flynn is a 2-year-old male mixed breed, Pit-Bull/Black Mouth Cur who came to the Sheriff's Department in July 2015. As described above, each canine has been trained to conduct specific tasks. Some tasks may overlap but contrary to how the pop culture portrays police dogs in action that attack the "perp" to save the police, Flynn is not an "apprehension", or what is referred to as a "bite dog". Flynn received his certification in narcotics detection and tracking in September of 2015.

Therefore, Deputy Meischen's primary function is working narcotic interdiction.

According to Sgt. Perry Moose, Criminal Interdiction Unit, Crisis/Hostage Negotiator, "Flynn has proven to be a very useful tool in our efforts to combat narcotic use and transportation in Bell County. With his certification in tracking, his skills not only help the department with fugitive tracking, it is very helpful in searching for missing children and elderly individuals that go missing."

Canine training is an ongoing process for the dogs to maintain proficiency and to be recertified annually. Additionally, both Flynn and his handler, Deputy Meischen, have periodic and cyclic training requirements and why he and Flynn recently completed a 3-week training class in narcotics and tracking at the Von Liche training kennels in Indiana.

POLICE DOGS' AND HORSES' LIVES ARE ON THE FRONT LINE AGAINST DRUG RUNNERS AND VIOLENT CRIMINALS OFTEN

Police canine are the first sent in to survey dangerous crime scenes involving drugs, bombs or other high-risk situations.

So effective are they that narcotics dealers have been know to put bounties on narcotics dogs that had either thwarted or come dangerously close to foiling their operations, and why harming these four-legged law agents is now a federal offense.

Under the Federal Law Enforcement Animal Protection Act, anyone convicted of purposely assaulting, maiming, or killing federal law enforcement animals such as police dogs and horses could be fined at least \$1,000 and spend up to 10 years in prison. The United States Police Canine Association and The Humane Society believe the new law will not only provide more protection for the animals they but also deter criminals, particularly in drug stings, from targeting canines by recognizing the law enforcement animals as more than just a piece of police equipment and property; the stronger punishment recognizes the animals as partners who are valued by human officers.

BELL COUNTY SHERIFF TIP LINE: WANTED AS OF MAY 31st, 2016



Kenneth Jones, this issue's featured fugitive, is a 45-y/o White Male, with Blue Eyes and Brown Hair who is Wanted For: **Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon**. Jones 6'1" tall and weighs 220 lbs. whose last known address was in Temple.

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FROM AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added **Jose Fernando Bustos-Diaz** to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list, and a cash reward up to \$10,000 is now being offered for information leading to his capture.

Details:

- Wanted For: Flight-Escape (Original Offense: Homicide), Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.
- CCH: Murder Intentionally Cause Death
- Hgt: 5' 8", Wgt: 195 lbs.
- SMT: Heart with a cross on the webbing of his left hand; "Vanessa" with one dot on the inside of his left wrist; "Lizeth" on the inside of his right wrist. Birthmarks: Upper right and left sides of chest. Scars: Acne scaring on face.
- LKA: 1459 W. Highway 85, Dilley, TX.
- On January 30, 2005, Bustos-Diaz was working as a ranch hand at The Oaks of Kendalwood stables in northwest Harris County when he committed a homicide. He pleaded guilty to Murder and received a 35-year sentence in TDCJ prison. On April 6, 2010, Bustos-Diaz escaped from the TDCJ Unit in Dilley, Texas. On the same day, TDCJ and the Frio County Sheriff's Office both issued warrants for his arrest for Escape. On April 13, the U.S. Marshals Service issued a warrant for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution. It is believed he has fled to Mexico.



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bulletin at: www.dps.texas.gov/Texas10MostWanted/fugitiveDetails.aspx?id=328.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

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