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Douglas County Sheriff's Office Sheriff David A. Weaver "2009 at a Glance"

Hugely successful **Community Safety Volunteer Program**

- As of end of July 2009: Sheriff's Office CSVs have given over 41,000 hours since start

Highlights in 2009:

Alarm Ordinance: Between Jan-June 2008, there were 2387 total alarms. Between Jan-June 2009, there were total of 1991 total alarms; a 17% decrease since first half of 2008. If decrease continues same path, can expect a 26% decrease in alarms since 2007.

New World Systems' Public Safety Software: This will replace our existing software system that was originally purchased in 1991. Entire implementation should be completed by November 2009.

Coplink: This new network allows cops and detectives to analyze information regarding individuals, property, vehicles and incidents from various state and local law enforcement records. What used to take hours, days or months to research can now happen in a matter of minutes.

Text A Tip program: This is a program where high school students can send us tips via cell phone text messages and we will be able to literally chat with them via text messaging to get as much information as possible so that the appropriate resources can do what they need to do. The tipsters remain 100% anonymous!

New Citizen Alert System: The Everbridge (formerly 3n) system will allow us to contact thousands of residents in seconds to notify them of an emergency. The system allows not only hard wire phones to be signed up, but also wireless devices, which wasn't available on the previous system.

Sheriff's Youth Education and Safety in Schools (YESS) program: The program is a collaborative effort between the Douglas County School District, the Castle Rock and Parker Police Departments and the Sheriff's Office. Starting in August in the middle schools, the program will focus on providing innovative class presentations that will help equip our youth with additional knowledge and resources in order to make positive life choices.



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Case highlights for July/August 2009:

- Took less than a week to identify and arrest suspect in the burglary and sex assault at house on Quarry Hill.
 - Good patrol work led to arrest of 19 year old in attempted robbery of convenience store in Highlands Ranch. One suspect still at large. Video surveillance photo of suspect sent to media and Crime Stoppers.
 - ICAC made their 10th arrest of the year for Internet Luring.
 - ICAC went to trial last week for a 2008 Internet Luring case, defendant was found guilty on all counts. First case that was taken to trial and not pled out.
 - Patrol responded to loud juvenile party in Highlands Ranch on July 31. Were able to identify and cite two adults who were allowing children to drink in their house. Four underage juveniles were issued minor in possession tickets.
 - K9, Bomb Techs, and DEA Task force member assisted DEA and ATF with arrest and search warrant for a man indicted on drug and weapon charges. Several guns, explosives, and drugs were found in a house in Highlands Ranch.
 - Patrol, PCU and SIU working with HR metro rangers on patrolling parks, have seen a decrease in reports of graffiti.
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Other Sheriff's Office Highlights for last few months:

- Since starting *Twitter* page, have had almost **400** people join to follow the Sheriff's Office. Have sent Tweets on anything from crimes in progress, road closures, upcoming events, crime prevention tips and arrests made. Very positive feedback from media and community on our diversity in communication techniques.
 - **Facebook** page just hit **100** Fans. We have received a lot of compliments on the information that we post on our page; ie, photos, media releases, announcements, Sheriff's Office highlights, etc.
 - **Text-A-Tip Summary: (March-August, 2009)**
 - 153 tips came in from all high schools
 - 27-drug issues
 - 12 - fighting
 - 6 - suicidal threats
 - 6 - theft
 - 8-concerns about another student
 - 5-tobacco issuesSeveral of the tips were pranks at the beginning of the program, but that has slowed down considerably.
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