



# NEWS RELEASE

## COLORADO SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



### ***EPSO, FPD AND CSPD JUVENILE HOUSE PARTY WARNING***

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- Today individuals use social media sites (including, but not limited to, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, and Instagram) to communicate events, celebrations, gatherings, and parties. The result of this form of communication is the message can draw uninvited guests with poor intentions, especially underage youth who may be tempted to drink.
- The uninvited guest or guests who insert themselves into social events, celebrations, gatherings, and parties, have at times "crashed" the event with activities focused on criminal enterprises that may include fighting, robbery, burglary, theft, weapons violations, and other more serious crimes against persons and property.
- Law enforcement routinely investigates these types of incidents that occur throughout the community.

A recent example is October 29, 2017, triple shooting in the northeast part of the city.

**On Sunday, October 29, at approximately 12:08 AM, the Colorado Springs Police Department responded to the 3800 block of Soft Breeze Way regarding a triple shooting. When officers arrived on scene, they discovered two males and one female with apparent gunshot wounds. All three subjects were transported to area hospitals. These shootings occurred at a large house party.**

Local police and sheriff departments strive to reduce crime and increase public safety with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life for all of our citizens. However, we cannot do it alone and feel that in order to accomplish this goal, we must partner with our citizens in preventing criminal activity. Recommendations for how the community can help include:

- Be diligent in knowing the type of event you and/or your family is attending, how the event was communicated, and recognizing those in attendance.
- Remain vigilant and report any suspected unsupervised loud parties, large crowds in a residential setting, underage or excessive drinking/drug use, and illegally parked or driven vehicles. These are all reasonable grounds to alert law enforcement of potential problems.
- Also inform your Neighborhood Watch Captains of any similar activity so they may assist law enforcement with both monitoring and communicating possible problems in advance.

**For additional information please contact your local Law Enforcement Agency.**

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