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## **News Release**

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### **Sheriff Activating Emergency Operations Center to Monitor Ballot Drop Boxes**

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero is activating the Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center today through at least Tuesday night, and law enforcement officers will be visible around ballot drop-off sites throughout the city and county to ensure a safe election process.

“We take the safety and security of our election process seriously,” said Sheriff Lucero. “We want our citizens to know it’s safe to deposit their ballots in these drop boxes and that they will remain safe until they are counted.”

Sheriff Lucero said there have not been any issues in Pueblo County with the ballot boxes or polling locations. Still, as Election Day draws closer, he said the extra security and surveillance are to ensure that citizens have confidence that their ballots are safe and secure.

The EOC is being activated this afternoon and remain operational through at least 7 p.m. Tuesday when the polls close. However, the EOC may remain active later if needed. Emergency management staff and law enforcement will monitor security cameras located near the drop boxes. If suspicious and/or illegal activity is seen, law enforcement will be dispatched.

There also will be uniformed deputies at eight drop-box sites in the city and the county to ensure safety at those locations. Pueblo Police also will monitor drop-boxes in the city.

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