

# New sheriff to crack down on Burning Man crime

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Burners, beware. There's a new sheriff in Pershing County, and he intends to crack down on crime at this year's event in the Black Rock Desert.

"We don't have the personnel to issue citations to 70,000 naked people on the playa, but we will be upholding the law to the best of our ability," said Jerry Allen, a 39-year-old former deputy who replaced former Pershing County Sheriff Richard Machado in January.

"Burning Man brings nothing to Pershing County except for heartache," Allen said.

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