

Hunting For Registered Sex Offenders

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PUEBLO - It's a tedious job for Pueblo Police Detective Jeff Shay - tracking down the city's registered sex offenders. "We have to track these guys down. They won't answer the door, some aren't where they are supposed to be, and we're just trying to get everyone in compliance so we can keep tabs on them," says Shay.

Since he's taken charge of the Registered Sex Offender Unit in Pueblo, his goal is to make sure all of the city's 435 offenders are living where they told police. "We have five teams of two law enforcement agents hitting various zip codes in the Pueblo area."

Under Colorado law, police departments are supposed to track offenders yearly, something that hasn't happened in Pueblo for several years. "Some of them never experienced it and they should have. It's all changed, we're doing things differently and we're right on top of them."

In the next week, he and fellow law enforcement agents will go to 288 homes where sex offenders have registered as their home address. In many of those cases, the offender will be there; in others, they will be missing or they've just lied on their registration form.

In cases like that, the missing offender has five days to contact police to update their information. If not, they will have a warrant issued for their arrest.

If you would like more information about sex offenders in your neighborhood, click on the following links.