

THE BMCA e-BULLETIN

Mission Statement: To promote the exchange of resources and information that deters crime and secures our communities through the development of partnerships with fellow neighborhood organizations and city/county agencies and departments.

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BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT NEWS

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The **BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE** is an allvolunteer network of neighbors helping neighbors serving their community. We are an alliance of Block Watch Groups, PNP Groups / Members, Neighborhood Groups, HOA's, Businesses, Schools, City/County Agencies and Departments and Individuals in the **BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT**. Our goal is to prevent crime and improve the quality of life within our neighborhoods.

BMCA GRANT ZOOM CLASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th at 6:30pm

WHETHER YOU ARE A FIRST TIME BLOCK WATCH GRANT WRITER, OR HAVE BEEN WRITING GRANTS FOR YEARS, SEE A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND NEW IDEAS FOR BLOCK WATCH GRANT CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY PROJECTS AND WHAT CAN HELP YOU ACCOMPLISH THEM!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

E-mail info@bmcainfo.com / 480-467-7399

After registering, you will be e-mailed the link to the online ZOOM GRANT CLASS.





BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya and Commander Darren Viner

<u>COFFEES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED</u> <u>UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</u>

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain







Black Mountain Precinct 33355 North Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek, AZ 85331 Precinct: 602.495.5002

HOLIDAY SEASON CRIME PREVENTION

Another year has gone by and the holidays are approaching us at full steam ahead. The holiday season is a time for reflection, celebration and renewal and as we do these things let us all remember the less fortunate or those having difficulties, temporary or permanent. There are many ways we can assist, from the donation of time, money or gifts to even the small things like being courteous or polite during this hectic season. I will be mentioning again some tips to have a safe holiday season.

This past year has been another active one for law enforcement and Phoenix PD in many ways. There are always too many tragic events across this country or in this community to mention but the officers of the Phoenix Police Department will continue to serve the citizens of Phoenix in a respectful and professional manner. We appreciate and are very thankful for the continued gestures and words of support that we get from everyone, it means a lot to the officers to know that they are supported in their jobs.

This time of year also brings along many events to attend, family to visit, traveling, shopping and much more. Many of you will not think of crime prevention during these festive times but a few simple reminders will help reduce the opportunities for you and your family to be a victim.

1. When walking to and from stores keep your head up and be aware of your surroundings. Walk with a purpose, do not divert your attention by texting or talking on the phone, digging for car keys or be burdened with too many bags.

2. Park in a well lite area, do not park in dark or faraway places. I know it is difficult to find good parking, but do the best you can. If you go in at daylight hours and think you might be inside until it is dark, park as if it were dark.

3. Roll the windows on your car all the way up and LOCK your car. Do not leave valuables, packages, or even gym bags, in plain view inside the car; put them all in the trunk. Gym bags or other bags in view may not have but a few items of clothes in them but the thieves do not know that and will try anyways.

4. When parking your cars at home, get them in the garage if you can. If you must park in the driveway or street, remove all valuables, garage door openers and lock the car. Many thieves will break into a car just to take the garage opener and then use it to take items from the garage or enter the house at a later time.

5. Do not keep large amounts of cash with you or display cash when shopping. Take with you only what you need for the day. Be on guard while at ATM's.

6. Keep a constant eye on your children and ALWAYS know where they are. Children are easily distracted by the decorations and excitement of the holidays and may wander off in only a couple seconds. 7. Do not drink and drive, please use a designated driver, call a taxi or uber. This time of the year many people have holiday functions from work or family and drink when they usually don't and make a bad decision to drive which could end up having tragic consequences. Please enjoy the season but drive responsibly and patiently.

8. Make sure the doors and windows to your home are locked, the front lights are on all night and keep a watchful eye for suspicious activity. If you are expecting deliveries and you will not be home, ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up when they arrive. Please call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 if you see suspicious activity.

9. Please drive carefully, schools will be out on winter break and many kids will be out in the neighborhoods trying out new bikes, toys, and you need to be aware of their presence.

10. If you are going to be out of town for a winter vacation, tell a trusted neighbor to watch over your house, do not post on social media that you will be gone and call the Black Mountain Precinct at 602-495-5002 and ask for a Vacation Watch. Officers can check on your house while you are gone, if the radio calls allow them to.

11. Lastly, be patient. The crowds are larger, people are rushed and stressed. Some people do not like the holidays and can act out so please exercise patience and we all can enjoy the holidays in our own way.

Thank you again for another year of working together and the partnership your community has with the Phoenix Police Department. If there is anything I can do or if you have any questions on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-495-5192 or at Thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov.



CA Officer Tom Owsley #8047at 602-495-5192 or thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov

Black Mountain Precinct is still continuing to postpone hosting/attending upcoming community events at this time.

Events affected in Black Mountain Precinct Include: BMCA General Block Watch / PNP Meetings Coffee with a Cop - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE Information will be sent out as these events get rescheduled.

In addition, Black Mountain Precinct's Community Room will be temporarily unavailable for community meetings until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

-Lt. Brian Rimsza

'IF YOU *SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING !"* AND CALL 911, CRIME STOP 602-262-6151 *OR* SILENT WITNESS 480-WITNESS!





Wear BLUE on the 6th day of each month to show support of

PHOENIX POLICE OFFICERS!

We can all show it on the same day. No need to gather at one place, we will be everywhere for all Officers to see!

WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!

https://www.phoenix.gov/police/oisinfo

Phoenix Police Department Officer-Involved Shootings Information

The information on this page is intended to inform and educate the public about the use of deadly force, specifically Officer-Involved Shootings (OIS), and related topics from Phoenix Police.

www.phoenix.gov





Prayer for Police Officers

Anonymous

Almighty God we pray to you In heaven up above Watch over our dear police officers And protect them with your love.

Please guide them as they keep us safe both day and night And hold them firmly in your care should danger come their way.

Give them true strength and courage As they serve til duty's end And one more thing to ask dear Lord Protect their family and their friends.

BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North (Beats 212, 213 & 214) (<u>W</u> 83rd Ave to <u>E</u> Scottsdale Rd. & <u>S</u> SR101 to <u>N</u> Mingus Rd.) & Liquor Licenses

CA Officer Tim Mitten #5279 at 602-495-5238 or tim.mitten@phoenix.gov



21 Area South (Beat 211) (<u>W</u> I-17 to <u>E</u> 7th St. & <u>S</u> SR101 to <u>N</u> Dynamite Blvd.) CA Officer Jennifer Zak #9170 at 602-495-5274 jennifer.zak@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224) (<u>W</u> I-17 to <u>E</u> 7th/16th Sts. & <u>S</u> Bell Rd. to <u>N</u> SR101) CA Officer Tom Owsley #8047at 602-495-5192 or <u>thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov</u>



22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222) (<u>₩</u> I-17 to <u>E</u> 7th/16th Sts. & <u>S</u> T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to <u>N</u> Bell Rd.) CA Officer Tony Cuciti #6907at 602-495-5481 or <u>anthony.cuciti@phoenix.gov</u>



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234) (<u>W</u> 7th/16th Sts. to <u>E</u> SR51 & <u>S</u> Bell Rd. to <u>N</u> SR101) CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698 at 602-495-5213 tim.tewers@phoenix.gov



23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)

(<u>W</u> 7th/16th Sts. to <u>E</u> SR51 & <u>S</u> Cactus Rd. to <u>N</u> Bell Rd.) CA Officer Kelsey Commisso #9595 at 602-495-5227 or <u>kelsey.commisso@phoenix.gov</u>

WELCOME NEW OFFICER!



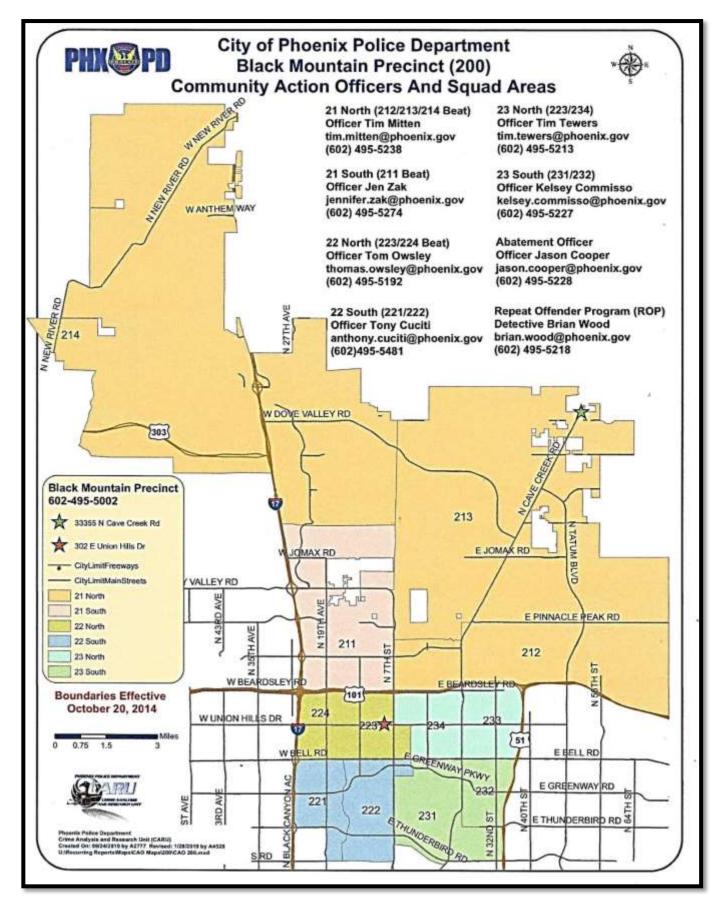
Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109 602-495-5228 or <u>david.hurt@phoenix.gov</u>



Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Linda Miller 602-769-5571 or linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct Community Programs Lt. Brian Rimsza 602-495-5032 or brian.rimsza@phoenix.gov



CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

PNP Classes

All classes are currently only being offered virtually using the WebEx platform. Attendees must pre-register at <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u>. We have been given no timeline on when we can resume in-person meetings or classes.

Spanish PNP Basic Class

October 27 and 28, 2020, 1pm to 3pm both days this is not a bilingual class it will be in Spanish only

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol classes online

We are continuing to offer classes online. We are now using the platform Webex for these webinars. The PNP basic class is being offered in 2 sessions, about 2-hours each. To become a PNP member they must attend both session 1 and session 2. To register for the classes please email <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u> only people registered for the class will be send the login information.

November Class

November 18 &19, 2020, 5pm to 7pm both days

2021 schedule

We are currently working on our 2021 class schedule. I hope to have it approved and out very soon.

Block Watch Grants

The grant application process should be opening early in November. Go to their webpage <u>www.phoenix.gov/police/resources-information/block-watch-grants</u> for details, as of today it has not been updated for the 2021 application. See PNP Radio update below. I also sent them a request to update the PNP form links on their page, it too is out of date.

PNP Logs

Thanks to everyone who got their logs in before the quarterly report went into the City Manager's Office.

PNP is doing well considering the challanges of COVID. Keep up the good work!

Community Meetings

Many community groups have gone to virtual meetings due to the COVID restrictions. I have been fortunate to be invited to a few. I am impressed with the turnout at these "newfangled" meetings, although many of you might not be too comfortable with virtual meetings you have stepped up for the good of your communities. Thank you.

I you would like me to attend your meeting, send me an invite, invite your local CAO's too. I will do my best to attend.

Virtual Coffee With a Cop

We are still working on getting this organized. I have not given up on the idea. More info to come.

PNP Radios

Here is our CURRENT pricing on the various common items the block-watch people typically purchase. (Please note that pricing is subject to change at any time). There is also an 8.6% sales tax added to the cost of any item.

RADIOS:

Motorola model MVX261G7UN. \$225.00 Includes special programming of all block watch channels. (This is the most common block watch radio purchased).

Also available for some people are Kenwood, ICOM, and Motorola models which have things such as a display, scanning capability, etc. and these radios have different pricing on a case by case basis.

ACCESSORY ITEMS:

MATU-6D replacement antenna: \$14.85 MFNB-V133Li-UNI replacement battery: \$42.44 MMH-360S light duty spkr/mic: \$22.28 MMH-450S medium duty spkr/mic: \$28.29 PRE-LMC1AT22S lapel microphone kit with "secret service" style ear tube. Other brands and models of lapel mic kits are also available at different pricing.

Feel free to pass this information on to any of your members. Best regards, Randy Power, President ProComm, A Division of Southwest Radio Sales, Inc. 2602 W. Lone Cactus Dr. Ste A Phoenix, AZ 85027 623-492-9800

Be Safe!

We should all make sure we are following the CDC's guidelines on keeping safe and slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective, Phoenix Police Department Community Relations Bureau, Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol, Criminal Nuisance Abatement, & Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Coordinator. 602-256-4303 Desk / 602-534-2346 Fax <u>Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov</u>

"Policing with a Purpose"

Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol T R A I N I N G

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4 hour Training

> Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.

- ≻ Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop 602 262 6151
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the
- questions and what information to be prepared with.
- > Be an observer without being confrontational.

NEXT TRAINING ON IS ONLINE !

PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!

First Friday's Art Walk PNP Patrols have been suspended until further

notice...

Rick Sain at <u>ussyorktown25@hotmail.com</u> or at 602-799-0143



District 1 Councilwoman Thelda Williams 602-262-7444 <u>council.district1@phoenix.gov</u>

No November District One Breakfast... Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

Phoenix Wins PR World Gold Award for COVID-19 Response Efforts

The city of Phoenix recently was named the 2020 Gold Winner in the category of Best Government Response-Helping People and Businesses During COVID-19 by Public Relations World Awards (PRWA). This annual award recognizes outstanding work in agency and in-house public relations, corporate communications, and marketing and investor relations from around the world. Because of the pandemic, PRWA created new categories to honor the contributions of individuals, teams and organizations that have demonstrated creativity, resourcefulness, and innovative thinking to assist the public in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. To date, the COVID-19 Mobile Testing Van has administered more than 17,000 tests at 55 different locations since its launch in mid-August. For the drive-thru testing, 75 events have been held in city-owned parks, as well as schools and churches. The drive-thru tests have provided more than 12,000 tests to individuals ages 6 months and above. То read the full story visit https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/public-works/1592

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofphoenixaz

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on www.phoenix.gov and

facebook.com/cityofphoenix .

Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz

Phoenix makes it easier to participate in City Council Meetings The city of Phoenix has launched a new eComment System! This new system gives residents one more option to participate in City Council Meetings from a remote location.

By using eComments, residents can either register to speak during a meeting or just post a public comment online.

Start participating today by visiting

https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-councilmeetings

Here is a quick step-by-step on how to participate in a meeting up to one hour before the start of a meeting:

- 1. Go to phoenix.gov and click on City Council Meetings
- 2. Find the meeting you want to participate in and click on the Comment icon for that meeting

3. Arrive at phoenix.granicusideas.com and sign-in and review the agenda items

4. To speak at the meeting, click on Register to Speak on the agenda item(s) you want to speak on

5. On the day and time of the meeting, go to phoenix.gov and click on City Council Meetings

6. Open the agenda for the meeting and find the weblink at the top of the agenda (only persons that registered to speak will be called upon to speak during the meeting)

If you don't want to speak but just want to submit a comment on an item, follow steps 1 - 4, but click on the Comment icon instead of register to speak.

To view a demonstration video please visit https://youtu.be/sDzB5kZd2x8 Per the most recent federal guidelines, no residents will be allowed in the Council Chambers. Questions? Want to participate by phone? ¿Necesita ayuda en español? 602-262-6001



Twitter: Jim_Waring Facebook: <u>facebook.com/waringjim</u>



District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark 602-262-7441 <u>council.district.3@phoenix.gov</u>

PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

The Phoenix Public Library has expanded Curbside Service hours for all locations: • Mondays through Saturdays: 8 a.m. – noon • Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 5 – 7 p.m. More info: www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org

GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:

City Council Meetings [agendas, results, minutes + videos] - <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Watch City Council meetings live – <u>CLICK HERE</u> Watch PHXTV (Live or On Demand) – <u>CLICK HERE</u> Public Meeting Notices – CLICK HERE

PHX City Calendar – CLICK HERE

Information by Mapped Address in Phoenix (IMAP) – <u>CLICK</u> HERE

Find out what Phoenix police precinct you live in – <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u>

Phoenix seamless service directory – <u>CLICK HERE</u> PHX At Your Service [service requests + reports] – <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u>

Volunteer Phoenix opportunities – <u>CLICK HERE</u> Register a neighborhood or business organization with the city – CLICK HERE

Start a Block Watch in your neighborhood – <u>CLICK HERE</u> Recommend a venue for a future District 3 event – <u>LET US</u> <u>KNOW</u>

If you own a business that is opening or expanding in #phxD3 – LET US KNOW

Invite #phxD3 to attend a meeting or event – <u>LET US</u> <u>KNOW</u>

Have an event or news item that you'd like included in our newsletter? - LET US KNOW

OCTOBER 14, 2020

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 22 in attendance!



ZOOM Meeting called to order at 6: pm by BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw

Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Cmdr. Darren Viner:

Commarder Darren Viner introduced our new Abatement Officer David Hurt. He talked about the Patrol Project Stats for 2020. January to September there have been 99 Felonies, 83 Misdemeanors, 321 Subject stops and 292 Traffic Stops. Officer hours were 1,202. Lt Brian Rimsza and the Net Team have been working on Bell Road btw. 17th and 19th Avenues including the Victory Inn abatement and QT clean up. There has been a 1% increase in violent crime, 8% decrease in property crime and a 22% increase in burglaries from cars from August to September. On October 25th the Precinct Community Engagement Bureau participated in the FAITH & BLUE Video Conference with Green City and Shiloh Churches about connecting with the Community. The Precinct is participating in the Dept. of Child Safety Turkey Drive from November 16th to the 23rd.



Sgt. Linda Miller, CAO Tom Owsley, Cmdr. Darren Viner, Lt. Brian Rimsza, CAO Tony Cucuti and Officer David Hurt



WELCOME NEW ABATEMENT OFFICER DAVID HURT!!!

COUNCIL DISTRICT NEWS:



Sina Matthes

DISTRICT 1: Sina reminded us that October is Domestic Violence month and there has been a huge increase in violence due to Covid. The Census is so important, please get it done.



Rose Ferguson

DISTRICT 3: Councilwoman Deb is in blackout due to the upcoming elections. Rose noted that the problems on Bell Road were being worked on. More Covid Testing sites are available.

NSD NEWS:



Mari Herrera-Daniels

NSD: Mari: NSD is partnering with BMCA on a Block Watch Grant Bootcamp for groups that have never had a grant. Ten groups have already signed up for the class to be held on Saturday, October 17th from 11:00 am to Noon.



U.S. Marshall David Gonzales

PRESENTATION: U.S. MARSHALLS with David Gonzales An excellent presentation on the oldest law enforcement agency in the country that was established in 1789. Marshall Gonzales was appointed by President Bush in 2001. They oversee the Witness Protection Program, Immigration Offenders, Gangs and Sex Offenders and protect Federal Judges. He spoke very highly of our Phoenix Police Dept. He is working with Chief Williams and has arrested many Gang Members during the protests. They are gearing up for protests and demonstrations on November 3rd.

PNP UPDATES: Another PNP / BW Training in two sessions on WEBex is coming up on November 18th & 19th

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Pete brought up the drag racing on Bell Road and 22nd Avenue every Saturday night around 9 pm to make the police aware.

Candice mentioned the gun shots talked about on social media around 32nd Street and Greenway and 7th Street and Coral Gables.....

Dee from 900 asked if 200 was having an increase in random shootings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

The next BMCA Board Meeting is Wednesday, November $4^{th}\,$ and the next BMCA General Meeting is Wednesday, January $13^{th}\,$

OCTOBER 17, 2020 Black Mountain Community Alliance Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Boot Camp

In partnership with City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services, we presented a virtual BW Grant Boot Camp for nearly 24 different neighborhoods on October 17. This was offered on the traditional GAIN day which has been postponed due to the pandemic. The workshop was created to help new start up or restarting groups to understand some of the basic tenets of the Neighborhood Block Watch Grant program which began in 1993. Lots of great questions and even more excitement to get started with the application process. The efforts of getting involved in your community is what makes a difference for everyone in the crime prevention, safety and quality of life. Neighbors being neighborly is what it is really all about. A very special thank you to Mari who saw a potential to explore and provide a new resource for everyone who is interested in maybe one day applying neighborhood block watch grant.



People say 60 is the new 40. The cop who just pulled me over didn't agree.

HOLIDAY TURKEY DRIVE

Greetings,

Here is the letter regarding the DCS collection of Turkeys and holiday meal fixings

I am including Charlotte in this group so we can check what dates could work best and if they can have someone from their organization available to assist with a drive thru drop off event. Ideally I'm hoping their rep can be on hand and will be able to take the food donations directly to their facility for storage. I really am not quite sure that we need to all coordinate for a single date or if different dates in different regions would be more feasible. Thank you to everyone for your interest in supporting this effort. Its all about families and keeping them together especially during the holidays. We all know the pandemic has created an enormous strain on everyone and hopefully this will help brighten things up for these families.

Time is short and we need to get the details figured out as soon as possible. Looking forward to hearing from everyone with your ideas and comments

Candice 602-402-7914



Starting November 16, 2020 through November 23rd 2020 the Department of Child Safety In-Home Service Units from the Phoenix area will host a Thanksgiving Food Box Donation Drive. Each office would like to provide 6 Turkeys to our most needy families for their Thanksgiving Dinners this year. These units are comprised of 41 In-Home Specialists, each of whom works with approximately 15 to 18 families each. The names of office representatives who are available to assist with the Thanksgiving Turkey donation drive are as follow:

Avondale office; Irma Martinez 602-689-6584, Irma.Martinez@azdcs.gov 965 E Van Buren St. Suite 100, Avondale, AZ 85323 (6) Specialist

Glendale office; Pamela Hodge 623-500-5156, Pamela.Hodge@azdcs.gov 5800 W Glenn Drive Suite 315, Glendale, AZ 85301 (13) Specialist

Peoria Office; Jenny King 623-463-8718, Jenny.King@azdcs.gov 8990 W. Peoria Ave, 2nd Floor Peoria, AZ 85345 (6) Specialist Pinnacle Peak office; Charlotte O. Smith 623-500-5811, Charlotte.smith@azdcs.gov 1925 W Pinnacle Peak Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85027 (13) Specialist

West 101 office; Alexis Orozco 602-774-9700, Alexis.Orozco@azdcs.gov 1860 N. 95th Lane Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85037 (5) Specialist

Each DCS In-Home office would love to be able to offer 2 turkeys each to deserving family which is identified as having the most need. Any extra donated turkeys will be distributed to other DCS offices throughout the Phoenix area. During this drive, we are also collecting donations of other Thanksgiving food staples to accompany the 6 donated Turkeys. Through this collaboration and your community philanthropy, we hope to achieve a genuine partnership with your organization for years to come. This is a worthy cause and your assistance (or your knowledge of someone who could help us greatly lessen the stress and promote holiday joy to our In-Home community) would be greatly appreciated. We can't wait to hear back!

With warm regards, Charlotte O. Smith

Charlotte O. Šmith DCS Specialist-In Home Maricopa West Region Department of Child Safety 1925 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85027

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AZDCS Website| Twitter| to report child abuse or neglect: 1-888-SOS-CHILD



Body-Worn Camera Request

It is time for us to come together to make body-worn camera deployment a reality across Arizona. As County Attorney, this is my top priority and I am calling on the leadership at the Arizona State Legislature to take action this upcoming legislative session. Earlier this week, I announced the charging decision in the death of Dion Johnson, which occurred on May 25, 2020. Mr. Johnson was shot and killed by an Arizona Department of Public Safety Trooper when the trooper attempted to arrest Mr. Johnson and a fight ensued.

While evidence and testimony in this case did not warrant criminal charges against the trooper, I write to you today because neither the trooper who shot Mr. Johnson, nor the back-up trooper who arrived on scene were equipped with body-worn cameras. As County Attorney for the third largest prosecutorial agency in the country, I believe this is a matter of public concern.

I fully support the mandated use of body-worn cameras for all uniformed officers in the field throughout the state. While there are cost challenges associated with deploying body-worn cameras widely, these are challenges that must be addressed.

When trying to determine what happens after an event like the one that ended in the death of Mr. Johnson, more information is always better. It is better for prosecutors. Better for the public, and, better for anyone who is committed to keeping our community safe. Given the importance of these types of events where life and death decisions are made, having this additional information for those of us who must sit in judgement of someone's actions, is good public policy.

l look forward to working with each of you on this much-needed effort.

Allister Adel Alister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

Make a Safety Plan to Get Out



Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence at any point in their life. Domestic violence or intimate partner violence typically exhibits a pattern of behaviors used to gain power and control over a spouse, partner, girlfriend/boyfriend, or family member. Abuse and trauma in a violent relationship can happen on a broad scale and include physical, sexual, verbal, emotional abuse and isolation, intimidation, coercion, and manipulation. This abuse occurs in a cycle that becomes more frequent and dangerous over time. When an abuser has access to a firearm, uses drugs or alcohol, and the relationship escalates to the point of threats and assault, it's essential to make a plan to help keep yourself and your children safe. Ending an abusive relationship cannot be compared to a typical break up because of the increased risk of violence. In the weeks after leaving their abuser, women are 70 times more likely to be killed than during any other time of their relationship. Making a personalized plan is an important step in leaving your situation and keeping yourself and your children safe from an abuser.

When Preparing to Leave

- Keep a journal of all violent incidents, including dates and threats made and any photos of any physical abuse
- Decide on a date and time to leave as well as how you will get to your safe place
- 1. You may request a police escort or stand-by when you leave
- Pack a bag and leave it in a secure location with a friend or relative
- 1. Make sure to include an extra set of keys, social security, birth certificates, passports, credit cards, and financial documents, car registration, housing documents, health insurance cards, and medications
- 2. Don't forget valuables like jewelry as well as photographs and sentimental items
- Open a post office box and bank account in your name
- Request an unlisted/unpublished number from your new telephone company
- Write down important phone numbers and keep them with you along with a calling card or change
- Change pet registrations under your name and make arrangements for your pets to be cared for in a safe place
 After Leaving
- If you or your children have been threatened or assaulted, request a protective order and always keep it with you
- Make a habit of locking all doors and windows while at home. Identify one or more neighbors you can talk to that can support you and call the police if they hear a disturbance in your home
- Identify exits such as doors, windows, elevators, or stairs and practice getting out of your home safely
- Let family members, friends, neighbors, school staff, work supervisors, and security know about your situation
- Make sure school staff know who has permission to see or pick up your children
- Change your work hours and ask that someone screen your phone calls before you take them
- Always walk with someone to and from your car or when using public transportation

While this is information that has helped other victims, it's important that you trust your instincts and only use these tips if you feel safe and comfortable. No one deserves to be hurt, and everyone deserves to feel safe at home. The first step is deciding to do so. To talk to someone about creating a personalized safety plan visit, <u>TheHotline.org/Help/Path-to-Safety</u>

For more information about restraining or protective orders in the state of Arizona visit, <u>WomensLaw.org/Laws/AZ</u>



Maricopa County Expands COVID-19 Relief

Maricopa County has bolstered its support for residents who are struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic with new CARES Act funding allocations to local non-profit organizations and food banks, as well as funding increases to programs for rental assistance and utility bill assistance.

Support for non-profit social service agencies

Recognizing the significant negative impact of the pandemic on local human services organizations that provide basic essential services to those in the need, the Board of Supervisors on Sept. 16 approved \$5 million in funding to support non-profit social service agencies. Administered by the Arizona Community Foundation, the funds will provide between 25 and 200 grants with awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000 each.

Funding for food banks

To support food banks who are experiencing increased demand from residents due to financial hardships caused by the pandemic, the County has allocated \$3 million to the non-profit Arizona Food Bank Network. From those funds, the Network will administer small and large grants to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, United Food Bank and Desert Mission Food Bank and their community partners. "By working with our valued partners at the Arizona Community Foundation and the Arizona Food Bank Network, who have the necessary experience and expertise, we are able to quickly deliver funding to support critical services that many families in our community need right now," said Bruce Liggett, director of Maricopa County Human Services Department. Additional details about food bank and non-profit assistance can be found at maricopa.gov/COVIDCommunityHelp.

Rental assistance

Several adjustments have been made to the COVID Crisis Rental Assistance program in order to better serve residents. The 3month limit on assistance has been removed so families can potentially qualify for rent payments dating back to March. There is also less documentation required, further streamlining the application process.

Program administrators also noticed a substantial number of applications coming from Mesa, which was not previously served by the COVID Crisis Rental Assistance program. To meet the need, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$6.25 million of CARES Act funding to bring rental assistance to Mesa. Now, individual households in Mesa can apply to receive \$1,500 per month for each month of rent owed. Mesa residents can get more information at mesaaz.gov/government/mesa-cares

So far, the COVID Crisis Rental Assistance program has provided help to more than 1,700 households for a combined 3,625 months (or \$5.4 million) of paid rent since it began in mid-July. Residents across the County can check eligibility, apply for assistance and upload documents at <u>maricopa.gov/COVIDRentHelp</u>, or they can apply at their local Community Action Program office.

Assistance for utility bill payments

To help residents who are unable to keep up with their gas and electric bills due to the pandemic, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$6 million of CARES Act funding for utility assistance, which is administered through local community action programs. Eligible applicants will be provided up to \$1,000 per household. Details on eligibility requirements and how to apply are available at maricopa.gov/CovidUtilityHelp.

Background

Maricopa County received \$399 million from the U.S. Treasury as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The purpose of this money is to cover expenditures related to the public health emergency that were not already included in fiscal year 2020 budget. Since then, County departments and partners have jumped into action, making a significant difference in combating the virus and addressing the economic fallout from it.

Maricopa County Encourages Flu Shots In October, Provides Free Vaccine Events Across Region

Maricopa County is asking residents to get their flu vaccine within the next three weeks. Getting vaccinated by the end of October ensures you are protected for the entire flu season, even if the flu starts circulating earlier than normal.

"Now is the time to get your flu vaccine," said Marcy Flanagan, Executive Director of Maricopa County Public Health. "Your body takes two weeks to develop antibodies after getting the flu shot. Even though we normally see a peak around January, our flu season can start as early as November. We encourage folks to get their flu shot now to prevent illness later."

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE FLU VACCINE

- Getting the vaccine means you have a lower chance of getting the flu and passing it to others, including those who are at higher risk for severe illness, like young children, older adults, and those with chronic medical conditions.
- If you do get the flu after you've had the flu vaccine, it tends to be milder and you are much less likely to be hospitalized.
- The flu vaccine DOES NOT cause flu illness or increase your risk for other respiratory viruses like COVID-19. Hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received flu vaccines over the past 50 years, and there has been extensive research supporting the vaccine's effectiveness.

"The more people who are vaccinated, the fewer will be hospitalized, meaning less strain on our system when we still have COVID-19 circulating," said Flanagan. "That's why we are working with partners to make sure anyone who wants the shot can get it for free."

3 WAYS TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT

- Children 6 months through 18 years of age can receive free flu shots at one of our Maricopa County Public Health <u>immunization clinics</u> on weekdays (Monday-Friday) by making an appointment.
- If you have insurance, check with your health care provider or locate a flu shot clinic near you using <u>Vaccine</u> <u>Finder</u>.
- If you are uninsured or underinsured, visit <u>Maricopa.gov/flu</u> to find a community event where adults and children can receive a FREE flu shot. These free events are open to ALL in the community, including those with insurance.

"Getting a flu shot is a quick, proven preventive measure you can take right now to protect your health, the health of your loved ones, and the precious resources of our health care system in the middle of a pandemic," said Flanagan.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Public Health will have a spokesperson available to discuss the flu campaign today (Tuesday) from 10:00-11:30 am. To schedule an interview, please contact Sonia Singh

at Sonia.Singh@maricopa.gov or 602-679-3098.



ADOR Warns Businesses of Phishing Scammers

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) urges employers to be cautious of phishing and other email scams. Scammers will disguise themselves in an attempt to access and abuse sensitive data such as passwords, usernames, social security numbers, payment, and credit card information.

For example, the W-2 form email phishing scam continues to find unsuspecting victims every day. The W-2 form contains an employee's annual wages, the amount of taxes withheld from their paycheck, and other confidential information.

The most popular W-2 form phishing scenario consists of someone in a company's payroll or human resources office receiving an email that appears to be from an executive of that business. Additionally, the email requests for employee W-2 data imposes a sense of urgency and pressure for an immediate response.

When encountering unfamiliar emails, companies should try to identify common grammatical, spelling errors, and old or wrong company information. Furthermore, the email addresses can seem like the company's internal domain email address, but will typically have an external domain email address (e.g., Gmail, yahoo).

ADOR recommends that businesses not respond to any suspicious email and instead connect with the person whose name is on the email by phone or in-person to confirm its authenticity. If there is an internal phone directory available, employees should use the number listed in that directory. Employers are encouraged to establish specific internal procedures for learning how to identify and address W-2 form and other phishing scams.

Individuals and businesses that encounter suspicious activity or have any questions should contact the Department of Revenue's Identity Theft Call Center at: (602) 716-6300, toll-free: (800) 352-4090 or at <u>https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/identity-theft</u>



Diverging Diamond interchange opens at I-17, Happy Valley Road

Design promotes safety, improved traffic movement

The state's first major Diverging Diamond traffic interchange at Interstate 17 and Happy Valley Road Phoenix in north is scheduled to open to traffic Sunday, Oct. on 11. according to the Arizona Department of Transportation.



The majority of the reconstructed interchange will open in a temporary configuration as part of a phased plan. Some lane restrictions will be in place on Happy Valley Road and the I-17 exit ramps until all work is completed later this fall. Drivers can look forward to using a modernized interchange with more lanes on the new bridge crossing over the freeway.

The Diverging Diamond interchange design, which has grown in popularity across the country, includes intersections and traffic signals that will allow drivers to cross to the left side of the Happy Valley Road bridge over I-17. That switch means motorists can make direct turns onto the freeway entrance ramps rather than waiting to turn in front of traffic traveling in the opposite direction.

A reduction in such conflict points and fewer traffic-signal sequences are safety enhancements that also allow an improved movement of vehicles through the Diverging Diamond interchange.

All I-17 on- and off-ramps at Happy Valley Road will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday to 5 p.m. Sunday. Happy Valley Road also will be closed in both directions approaching I-17.

ADOT is nearing completion on a \$50 million project to reconstruct the I-17 interchanges at Happy Valley Road and Pinnacle Peak Road. The section of I-17 between Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak roads also has been widened by one lane in each direction. Work on the project started in November 2018.

Crews have been able to maintain traffic along Happy Valley Road during most of the interchange reconstruction. The Diverging Diamond interchange project also allowed crews to remove the two roundabouts that had been in use at the Happy Valley Road interchange for the past two decades.

In addition to the improved Happy Valley Road interchange, crews also have reconstructed the I-17 interchange one mile south at Pinnacle Peak Road. It is being expanded as a traditional diamond interchange featuring more lanes and turn bays on the bridge over I-17. Construction at I-17 and Pinnacle Peak Road also is scheduled to be completed later this fall.

ADOT's project was funded as part of the Regional Transportation Plan approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004.

24 – HOUR HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900 OR 1-800-799-7739

Autumn House, Chrysalis, DeColores, Faith House, My Sister's Place, New Life Shelter, Sojourner Center

NATIONAL HOTLINE: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

LEGAL ADVOCACY HOTLINE: 602-279-2900 OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON FACEBOOK



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!

DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS GIVE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we have to end directly giving to people panhandling. Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. In order to truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care. - Central Arizona Shelter Services - Andre House - Salvation Army - St. Joseph The Worker – UMOM New Day Centers - The Phoenix Rescue Mission - St. Mary's Food Bank For more organizations and information that can provide housing, or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory at:

https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

www.givesmartaz.org





Maricopa County COVID-19 Hotline Hotline:

To answer COVID-19 questions from health care providers and the general public, call 1-844-542-8201. More information:

https://www.maricopa.gov/5460/Coronavirus-Disease-2019

For the most updated news and information related to COVID-19 or Coronavirus, please frequently check www.phoenix.gov/newsroom

CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS & RESIDENT RESOURCES

Please visit <u>https://www.phoenix.gov/Resources</u> for the latest updates to accessing resources. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or e-mail <u>contactus@phoenix.gov</u>

CITY OF PHOENIX IMPACTED SERVICES UPDATE

Please visit <u>https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1054</u> for information on City Services and facilities currently closed or impacted, and City Services available online.

Read this information in Spanish. Lea esta información en español (PDF)

https://www.phoenix.gov/newssite/Documents/COVID19_N ewsroom_Main_SP.pdf

CRIME TIPS:

THE LEAVES MAY BE FALLING, BUT ONLINE SCAMS ARE RISING

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, but being safe online is important every month. It's easier to be safe when you know what to look for.

HOW IT WORKS:

Phishing: Scammers send emails, texts and instant messages impersonating a legitimate sender (like a bank, shipping company, retailer or friend, among others). They may direct you to click on a link to address a problem or learn about a free federal grant, or they may use some other ruse.

Spear-phishing: When the criminals have obtained someone's personal information (from social media, data breaches — even public records), they use that information to make a targeted attack. Whereas scammers cast a wide net with phishing, spear-phishing targets an individual or organization.

Phony websites: Fake websites and bogus mobile apps have long been the territory of online shopping scams. COVID-19 has spawned tens of thousands of phony websites and apps to lure unsuspecting visitors.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Phishing relies on the criminal's ability to impersonate a person or entity you trust. Click on the link, and you end up loading malware onto your device that can steal logins and passwords. You could also give up sensitive personal information that could lead to identity theft.

The goal of spear-phishing is ultimately to steal money. This can happen by convincing a company employee of the legitimacy of an email they just got from a senior leader in the company asking to transfer funds. It can involve the criminal hijacking a company's systems, holding them for ransom to get a big payoff. It can also involve extorting someone with threats that sensitive or uncomfortable information will be released if the individual doesn't pay up.

Fake websites and apps seek to lure in victims, get them to pay for a product that never comes, or load malicious software on their devices to steal logins and passwords.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Engage your inner skeptic when receiving incoming emails, texts or social media messages. The criminals want you to act quickly, often by scare tactics or sharing ways to get fast money. Time is on your side when it comes to avoiding scammers' tactics.

Many websites offer two-factor authentication to ensure it's you logging on. Typically, it involves the entity sending you a code by text, email or phone, and requiring you to enter it to proceed with your login. Enable it everywhere it's offered so that someone with your username and password can't get very far.

Ensure your device's operating system and security software are current.

Visit the AARP Fraud Resource Center to learn more about these and other scams.

PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF YOUR IDENTITY IS AS IMPORTANT AS EVER

As we take steps to protect our physical health during the pandemic, we should also take care to protect the health of our identity. Identity theft shows no signs of slowing down, so it's important to stay up on the latest schemes and prevent them from happening to us.

HOW IT WORKS:

Incoming mail — and the mail we toss out — are gold mines for identity thieves. Mailboxes, recycling bins, garbage cans and dumpsters are fertile ground for picking up sensitive personal information that thieves can sell or use to commit identity fraud.

Data breaches seem to be here to stay, in which criminals hack into the

systems of banks, retailers and other companies that stockpile sensitive consumer data.

Phishing emails and texts abound, in the hope someone will click on a link that installs credential-stealing malware on their devices.

Impostor scams — whether the scammers pose as the IRS, Social Security Administration or others — often focus on extracting sensitive personal information out of their targets for identity theft and fraud.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

The number of people affected by identity fraud has gone down over the past several years, but the losses are trending upward, with \$17 billion lost in 2019.

Just as there are low-tech and high-tech ways identity thieves steal information, we have low-tech and high-tech ways we can protect against it.

If your identity is stolen, it doesn't mean it has been used fraudulently. You can take steps to prevent identity fraud from happening.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Consider upgrading your mailbox to one that locks and shred sensitive documents before recycling or trashing.

Avoid providing personal information to those who seek it through unsolicited calls and emails.

Set up online access to your financial accounts. This way you can monitor transactions and quickly recognize fraudulent activity.

Use different passwords for each online account. Write them down and store them safely, or consider purchasing a password manager application.

Set up "two-factor authentication" on every online account that offers it. This requires you to enter a passcode that you will receive by phone, text or email, to verify it's you.

Request your free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion) every 12 months at <u>annualcreditreport.com</u>. This will help you keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

Consider placing a fraud alert on your credit reports. This requires creditors to verify you are the one adding new or altering existing accounts. Contact any of the credit bureaus and the others will follow suit.

Make sure you have the most up-to-date security and anti-virus software installed on your devices.

If you find you are a victim of identity fraud, visit identitytheft.gov for a personalized recovery plan.



When it comes to fraud, vigilance is our number one weapon. You have the power to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams. Please share this alert with friends and family and visit the <u>Fraud Watch Network</u>. To report a scam or for help if you or a loved one has fallen victim, contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360

Receive AARP Watchdog Mobile Alerts* Text "FWN" to 50757 to sign up.

HOW TO PREVENT 'PORCH PIRATES' FROM STEALING PACKAGES FROM YOUR DOOR, ACCORDING TO POLICE

- Thousands of packages are stolen from doorsteps, particularly during the holiday season.
- One local police department has some tips on how to prevent package theft.
- Amazon and BoxLock also offer solutions for making sure your packages are delivered safely.



My local police department recently posted some holiday crime prevention tips to its website, which highlight, among other things, how to avoid having your packages stolen from your doorstep.

As deliveries soar during the holiday season, packages left on doorsteps are easy targets for criminals. <u>The New York Times</u> reported on Monday that up to 90,000 packages are stolen or lost *daily* in New York City.

You might think having a gadget like <u>Amazon</u>'s Ring doorbell is enough to scare off burglars, at least if you have a home where you can install one. But, as I've found in my own town, people still will run up to doorsteps and steal packages anyway. And unless you share that video with police departments -- itself a subject of controversy -- it's not enough to actually prevent further theft.



How to prevent holiday package theft

According to <u>my police department's website</u>, here's what you should do:

- Have your package delivered to your work.
- Have your package delivered to the home of a relative or friend that you know will be home.
- Have your package held at your local post office for pickup.
- Take advantage of "Ship to Store" option that many stores offer. Amazon offers a <u>"locker" feature</u> that allows you to pick up your package from a secure location.
- Request that your package has signature confirmation upon delivery.
- Ask your carrier to place package in an area out of plain view.

There are other options not mentioned by the police that are worth considering. Amazon Key, for example, now offers <u>in-garage</u> or <u>car trunk delivery</u>, which might be more convenient for people who don't want to sign up for Amazon's in-home Key delivery service. (Then again, you have to be comfortable with a delivery person entering your garage or home to drop off a package.)



Finally, another company called <u>BoxLock</u>, offers a variety of smart padlocks that work with compatible boxes that delivery people can put packages in. BoxLock has a mobile app on iOS and Android that can open the lock box for you and also lets you track package deliveries from <u>UPS</u>, <u>FedEx</u>, USPS and Amazon Prime. Delivery drivers can use the lock's built-in scanner to scan a package and unlock the box if it's an expected delivery that's addressed to you. If it isn't, the box won't open.

INFO OF THE MONTH

Share a tip, recipe, info or some humor, e-mail it to info@bmcainfo.com

INTENSIVE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

I wanted to reach out to you to introduce myself and provide an update on ITS and the services we are providing to our local community. I am the Integrated Care and Public Relations Director for Intensive treatment Systems (ITS). The COVID-19 Pandemic has affected everyone and like all providers we have had to adapt our treatments and services to follow CDC/WHO/AZDH guidelines to help slow the spread of the disease. I am very proud of our Team at ITS, they rose to the challenge and were very resilient; our patients and staff safety was paramount while maintaining the individualized levels of care.

By working closely with many community partners and the ability to deliver evidence based programs and practices we have worked diligently to monitor and improve delivery. We continue to celebrate the 'small wins' of our patients and encourage their input and feedback on treatment and services.

Some of our achievements this year:

- o Opened an Onsite Lab for testing UA's
- Expanding Lab to offer onsite testing for HIV/Hep-C/TB
- Onsite Pharmacy coming very soon (Nov 2020)
- All clinics moved to fully Integrated Care
- Psychiatric Services available at all clinics
- o Tele-Med available at all clinics
- Offer onsite AA/NA meetings
- Offer specialized program for Pregnant ladies or ladies with children under 18 months
- Continued outreach with Police to connect with homeless and vulnerable people
- COVID positive/exposed patients still able to access treatment
- Introducing Navigator services at the new ITR facility (Nov 2020)

The goal of our Team at ITS is to be an integral part of the communities we serve; to offer education to help reduce the stigma of addiction and treatment with community support to help build stronger communities. I am attaching some of the recent feedback from our patients and we would welcome your observations or any suggestions on our programming or services as we are constantly looking to improve our performance and management.

The population we serve have been severely affected by this Pandemic, there have been substantial relapses and sadly an increase in Suspected Opioid Deaths and Overdoses across the state. Many are facing challenges that have unexpectedly influenced their lives; causing mental health and emotional disturbances, along with increased substance use. The loss of a job or an unexpected bill has been the tipping point into economic hardship for this economically vulnerable population along with increased social isolation impacting family pressures and conflicts.

Should you know of anyone over the age of 18 who needs help or support with a drug or alcohol problem we can help 24 hours a day. We treat anyone who is on AHCCCS Medicaid, we have funding available to treat those with no insurance and also work with patients on TriWest for Veterans or the American Indian Health Plan. We also allow cash pay, which surprisingly is very affordable - often it cheaper than using insurance averaging at less than \$10 a day. We can make AHCCCS applications onsite and we never turn anyone away; outpatient treatment is available through our clinic in Phoenix 24 hours a day. Our goal is to help those struggling with addiction get connected to the best possible care so they truly have a chance at recovery. I have also attached a copy of our flyer in English and Spanish, you are welcome to share this with your family, friends and the community,

If you would like a tour of our clinic or have any questions, my contact information is below. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. With kind regards

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BLIGHT AND ZONING LAWS

STRUCTURES: The maintenance of a home is the responsibility of the property owner. Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens and other exterior parts of any structure on the property must be maintained in weather tight, sound condition and in good repair. The property owner is responsible for making sure there are no doors or windows left open and not secure to the outside. FOR HELP call the Preservation Division of the Neighborhood Services Dept. at 602-495-0700 to see if you qualify for a free Grant!

OUTDOOR STORAGE: All outside storage that can be seen from the street should be inside sheds or cabinets. Items should not be set in car ports in view of the street. Please use enclosed areas or backyards.

JUNK, TRASH & DEBRIS: Junk, trash and debris cannot be left in the yard or car port and must be properly disposed of. This includes junk auto parts, appliances, furniture, building and/or landscaping material, trash such as discarded papers, cardboard, plastics, etc. including tree trimmings and fallen limbs or any other items that appear to have been discarded. The only exception is during the Bulk Trash Collection weeks four times a year.

PARKING: Parking is only permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles on residential streets, on driveways or in garages. A driveway or parking area must be constructed with an approved dust free parking surface. The stone must be1/4 -3/4 in size with a permanent border holding it in. 1/4 minus size stone is not allowed for parking. There are limits to the amount of front yard area that can be used for parking. Only 35% of the front yard may be converted to driveway or dust free parking.

GRASS AND WEEDS: Grass and weeds must not be allowed to grow over 6 inches high due to fire hazard, allowing the weeds to go to seed and spreading throughout the neighborhood and insect infestation.

ELIMINATE GRAFFITI: Keeping the neighborhood graffiti free is something we can all do. If there is graffiti on your property, please remove it as soon as possible. The Graffiti Busters Program provides paint, supplies and training to assist groups with eliminating graffiti. The City will also remove the graffiti from private property with written permission from the property owner. Call 602-495-7014.



Neighborhood College is a one-of-a-kind collaboration of workshops and hands-on learning experiences brought to you by multiple city departments. The intent of the program is to provide each participant with knowledge about the city's programs, services and resources; the tools to access those resources; and the skills and ideas with which to build positive, sustainable communities. Everyone is welcome! Regardless of whether you're a seasoned community leader or a new resident just looking to get to know your new home better, Neighborhood College is flexible enough to meet the needs of all Phoenix residents! We hope to see you at one of our many free workshops - and encourage your neighbors to do the same. To sign up, call us at 602-534-4444. Online registration: We've partnered with the Parks and Recreation Department to use their online enrollment process. You will be taken to "Parks and Recreation Online" where you will need to sign up for a free account. This is a one-time process that will only take a few moments. You will then be able to use the site in the future to sign up for any additional workshops.

ALL CLASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! STAY SAFE!

COVID-19

Free Testing

Phoenix Testing Blitz: Free COVID-19 Testing Events

OCTOBER 26, 2020 11:00 AM

Community partners are holding free COVID-19 testing sites on select dates. Pre-registration is required. Free to all community members. Mobile Testing Van Locations are listed first and Drive-Tinu Testing sites are listed further down the page.

Related: Find information related to the COVID-19 virus and City of Phoenix, including testing, resources, and city impacts. Visit the Information page.

COVID-19 Mobile Testing Van

Free testing for everyone. The Mobile Testing Van offers viral and antibody tests with rapid results within 15 minutes. Testing is limited. Appointments required. Road about the City of Phoenics: Mobile Testing Van.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Deer Valley Community Center 2001 W Whalla Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027 Council District 1 6:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Monday, November 9, 2020

Mountain View Community Center 1104 E. Grovers, Phoenix, AZ 85022 Council Districts 2 + 3 6:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

(List your Block Watch / PNP, Meeting Dates and Events HERE! Send your info to the Black Mountain Community Alliance at info@bmcainfo.com

LIST YOUR BLOCK WATCH AND INFO HERE... ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT ZOOM MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH for info call 623-533-2226 or e-mail Chairman Teresa Pierson at <u>anwchairman@gmail.com</u> www.OnlineAtAnthem.com

ARROYO GRANDE-ANTHEM BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail loydnygaard@gmail.com

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

CACTUS SWEETWATER BLOCK WATCH Coleen Hager chagercpa@cox.net , or essmott@cox.net

CAREFREE MANOR BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail carefreepnp@gmail.com

CINNABAR BLOCK WATCH for info call 623-869-8118 or e-mail budpamdeb@yahoo.com

DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) Meetings are held at the Deer Valley Park Community Center on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July, August & November) with the BMCA at 6:30 pm. 623-533-0847 / dvpnbwo@aol.com www.dvpnbwo.com

HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH spring11@cox.net

INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP imcw85023@gmail.com

JOHN JACOBS BLOCK WATCH Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the John Jacobs Elementary School cafeteria located at 14421 N. 23rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85023. For contact info call or e-mail Dee at 602-380-1854 or <u>giddeeup37@cox.net</u>

MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH (in Moon Valley along Interlacken) Primary Contact: Myra Ridder <u>myraridder@cox.net</u> President/Chair: Ron Gundlach <u>ron@azfab.com</u> Contact us for meeting info.

MOON VALLEY BLOCK WATCH For info contact: Blanche Lukes at 602-993-6736 or moonvalleybw@cox.net

MOON VALLEY GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of February, May, September and November. The other months they are with the BMCA Meetings. <u>mvge@cox.net</u> Candice 602-402-7914

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS call Nora at 602-689-9696

PALM LAKES VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH Meetings held on the first Fridays at 1:00 pm at the Club House at 16415 N. 33rd Way. Arthur Welch, Coordinator. <u>fp6891@cox.net</u>

RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP Mike Haddad 317-471-9687

SEVEN PALMS BLOCK WATCH / PNP Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse. Call 602-471-5861 or e-mail <u>sevenpalmsblockwatchpp@yahoo.com</u> for info.

VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH for info call Debbie Delwiche 602-942-7550 or e-mail mrs427ford@aol.com

WHEN YOU CALL 911 - KNOW THE 10 W'S

"Call if you can. Text if you can't." was the key message rolled out during a press conference on April 2nd as text to 9-1-1 service capability becomes available for the first time in the greater Phoenix region. If you are in imminent danger and unable to talk to a 9-1-1 operator, you now have the ability to text to 9-1-1. The service goes live following months of collaboration between numerous public agencies and advocates for the disability community.

- What is your location? GIVE EXACT LOCATION
- What happened? WHAT TYPE OF CRIME?
- When did this happen?

These questions will det13ermine if it is a priority call. Give as much of this necessary information as you can.

- Was anyone hurt?
- Weapons are there weapons involved?
- What manner did they leave or arrive foot, vehicle, bicycle...?
- Who did it? -Suspect description
- Where did the suspect go? What direction
- What did the suspect obtain? type and amount
- Who is calling? Give your name location and phone number (You can remain anonymous. If you do give your name, the info is redacted from the public record access.)



BLOCK WATCH IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN NEIGHBORHOODS

Block Watches come in all sizes. They can be a few houses in a cul-de-sac to a whole square mile neighborhood. They help to develop a "sense of community" and strengthen and sustain neighborhoods by bringing residents/neighbors together with a common interest.

Every Block Watch starts with one person and their concern for the safety and well-being of themselves and their families. Their motivation may be to meet or get to know their neighbors to protect the children, to keep property values up by eliminating blight and graffiti, to stop speeding on the streets by installing speed humps to protect the children, to have peace of mind by discouraging barking dogs and loud parties, and to be safe from crimes like burglary, theft and assault.

We all want to live in a safe and secure environment. Our homes should be safe havens. By rights there should be several layers of protection from the national level to our own neighborhoods. National and state governments provide control of our borders; state and city governments provide police and fire protection, education, and other resources, community member groups provide Phoenix Neighborhood Patrollers and the posting of PNP signs on neighborhood streets; Block Watch provides neighbors watching out for neighbors; and we provide our own home security alarms, lighting and burglary prevention measures.

NORTH PHOENIX PARK RANGERS!



Ranger R. Patton, Ranger A. Gonzales and Ranger D. Olson, Urban Supervisor 602-665-2297

For information call the North Mountain Preserve Park Ranger Office at 602-262-7901

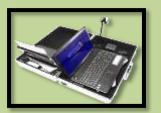


Have all important updated identification information available at a moment's notice!

FREE PERSONAL ID KITS for Children, Adults & Seniors!

Made possible by the Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program

The **Black Mountain Community Alliance** Board Members are trained and available to attend your Community Events with the EZ Child ID System. The PERSONAL ID KIT is for children and adults of all ages.





To schedule the BMCA to come and do PERSONAL ID KITS at your Event, please allow two months lead time and **call Candice Fremouw at 480-467-7399** to check on the dates the BMCA has available. We will then e-mail you an EVENT APPLICATION FORM to fill out and return to us at info@bmcainfo.com

PERSONAL ID KITS have been put on hold due to COVID 19 and until the City reopens the Community Centers.

> Call 480-467-7399 to make an appointment on our 2020 DATES

KEY FEATURES of the PERSONAL ID KIT:

- The PERSONAL ID KIT includes contact information, digital
- fingerprints, photos & video interviews
- The EZ Child Computer System digitally scans all 10 fingerprints in a matter of seconds
- The EZ Child Computer creates Child, Adult and Senior ID reports along with two laminated ID Cards & CD-R
- The Child/ Adult/Senior CD contains photos, fingerprint images, videos
 and age-appropriate crime prevention information
- The Medical ID captures vital prescription drug information and phone numbers for doctors
- NO DATA BASE! ALL FILES ARE PERMANENTLY DELETED AND FORMS SHREDDED AFTER EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION SO THAT ONLY THE PARENTS, INDIVIDUALS, OR CAREGIVERS HAVE THE PERSONAL INFORMATION

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS





THANK YOU TO THE NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



TOM ARGIRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING and EVENT

ALL PHYSICAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! STAY SAFE!

BMCA RESOURCE LIST

<u>www.bmcainfo.com</u>

ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE Help with substance abuse www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative

ARIZONA 211 Get connected/Get answers JUST DIAL 211 or 877-211-8661 www.211arizona.org

BOLOCOP Register for Crime Alerts www.bolocop.com

BLIGHT BUSTERS Join the Blight Buster Program! www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight

CARING CIRCLES Volunteer to help neighbors in need www.aaaphx.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24/7 HOTLINES FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900 OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

FAMILY SERVICES CENTERS Social services for low-income households www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/emergency

FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE See what's going on in your neighborhood www.radioreference.com

HEADS UP! TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE! www.phoenix.gov/HeadsUp

HOMELESS SHELTER DIRECTORY https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM. Recovery and information <u>www.ldentityTheft.gov</u> KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25 Post signs and stickers to slow traffic www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org

MY COMMUNITY MAP Neighborhood map and information https://phoenix.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappvie wer/index.html?id=13428321a9f84e95a634be1bea b5fe96

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS www.communitycrimemap.com or check out: www.spotcrime.com

PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S. Help the homeless! PHX At Your Service.

PHOENIX CITY CAM View the city in all directions PHXCityCam

REVERSE 911 Community Emergency Notification System <u>https://maricoparegion911.onthealert.com/Terms/I</u>ndex/?ReturnUrl=%2f

SENIOR LOCK BOXES In partnership with Phoenix Fire www.lockbox.shopkidde.com

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION In and around your neighborhood www.azdps.gov/services/public/sex-offender www.offenderwatch.com www.missingkids.org www.nsopw.gov

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH Sign up now! <u>Police Virtual Block Watch</u>

www.phoenix.gov

WRIC WASHINGTON FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER www.wesdschools.org/wric

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor Kate Gallego	602-262-7111
D1 Councilwoman Thelda Williams	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilman Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Councilwoman Deb Stark	602-262-7441
Abandoned Shopping Cart	602-CRT-PKUP
Abandoned Vehicle off street	602-534-4444
Abandoned Vehicle on street	602-262-6151
Alcoholics Anonymous	602-264-1341
AZ Humane Society 8am-6pm	602-997-7585
Barking Dogs	602-262-6466
City Bus Service	602-253-5000
City Elections	602-262-6837
City of Phoenix General Info	602-262-6011
Complaints on Mosquitoes	602-506-6616
Construction Noise	602-262-6538
Construction Permits	602-262-7884
Dead Animal Pickup	602-262-6791
Dial-A-Ride	
	602-253-5300
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Garbage Collection	602-262-7251
General Investigations	602-262-6141
GRAFFITI Busters Hotline	602-534-4444
Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline	602 #4663
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Green Swimming Pools	602-506-6616
Illegal Dumping	602-262-7251
Impounded Property	602-262-8371
Liquor Complaints	602-438-6625
Loud Party Information	602-262-7821
Loud Party Reporting	602-262-6151
Narcotics Anonymous	480-897-4636
Narcotic Complaints	602-275-5886
Neighborhood Enforcement	602-534-4444
Parking Complaints	602-262-6151
Parks Dept. after hours	602-534-9440
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Prostitution (Vice) Hotline	602-426-1231
Rabies/Animal Control	602-506-7387
SILENT WITNESS 480-WITNESS	
Spay Neuter Hotline	602-265-7729
Speeding/Traffic Hotline	602-534-7733
Street Light Maintenance	602-495-5125
Street Repairs	602-262-6441
Traffic Signal malfunction	602-262-6021
Traffic Signs damage	602-262-4659
Transient Enforcement	602-534-4444
5 5	1-877-NOT-LEGL
Water Dept. after hours	602-261-8000
Zoning Violations	602-534-4444
If you suspect a vehicle is stolen, check the lic	ense plate number at
www.theftaz.azag.gov	

BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP PATROLERS: **REMINDER!** ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS

volunteer@phoenix.gov

PNP online Patrol Log entry

To get a username and password email Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov The following information:

Your name PNP Badge number Assigned precinct Preferred Email address



For questions call 602-256-4303

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT AND DONATIONS FOR OUR CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY PROJECTS FROM OUR

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e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com Mail to: BMCA, P. O. Box 41306, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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