



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 all-volunteer 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. All are welcome to attend our monthly **BMCA Block Watch / Black Mountain Precinct Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP) MEETINGS** on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July, August and November) at 6:30 pm where you can meet with your CAOs, get the latest PNP info and see informative Presentations on Crime Prevention at the **Deer Valley Community Center** (in the Multi-purpose Room), 2001 W. Wahalla Lane, Phoenix, Arizona 85027

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

33355 North Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Precinct: 602.495.5002



POLICE PRESENT: Sgt. Scott Cain, CAO Jen Zak, CAO Tim Tewers, Cmdr. Tom Van Dorn, CAO Tim Mitten, CAO Drew Miller and Officer Spider Billingslea ...and lots of Target Employees!

WATER DISTRIBUTION DRIVE

The Black Mountain Precinct is proud to partner with Target at 3rd Street & Bell Road for a water distribution drive. Teams are driving around and supplying water to persons working outside, or unsheltered, as a reminder to stay hydrated during our extreme temperatures. Thanks Target for inviting us to participate!

Cmdr. Tom Van Dorn

NEXT BMCA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12th at 6:30pm

at the **DEER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER**
in the Multi-purpose Room

UPDATES FROM COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, & 3

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES
by Commander Tom Van Dorn

To all Black Mountain PNP Members, this is your
Black Mountain Precinct monthly PNP Meeting!



Meet with your AREA 21, 22, & 23 Community Action
Officers during the BREAK OUT SESSION!

PRESENTATION:

NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC
INFORMATION NETWORK (NIBIN)
with Lt. Mark Heimal

Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!
Refreshments

VULNERABLE ADULTS

Part 2

Now that you have a basic understanding of the size and nature of our vulnerable population and your armed with the legal definition of what a vulnerable adult is; you may be asking yourself how you can identify a potential victim or even what may raise your suspicions about a particular situation. Abuse can be in many forms. For the purposes of this article, I'm breaking abuse down into five separate categories: physical, emotional, sexual, financial and neglect. These types of abuse are significantly different, each displaying their own unique characteristics.

Physical abuse is often the easiest to identify as there are visible injuries on the vulnerable adult. Physical abuse can include the following:

- Bruises, cuts and wounds
- Sudden change in behavior
- Caregivers refusal to allow visitors or friends alone with the vulnerable adult

If you see a physical injury that you think is unusual, ask the caregiver questions about what you're observing. There may be an explanation for the physical injury that is perfectly reasonable.

To be sensitive to the signs of emotional abuse you may need to have almost daily contact with the vulnerable adult. This routine interaction helps you notice the nuances of behavioral change. Emotional abuse can be tricky to identify as some indicators come from the caregiver(s) themselves. Here are a few indicators of emotional abuse:

- Nuanced behavior changes in the vulnerable adult
- Intimidating, threatening or humiliating treatment towards the vulnerable adult
- Caregiver refusing to speak with the vulnerable adult

Sexual abuse often has physical and emotional trauma associated with the vulnerable adult. In cases of sexual abuse you may see these types of indicators:

- unexplained depression, fear or paranoia
- discomfort or anxiety around certain people
- unexplained injuries to sensitive areas

Financial abuse can be a challenge to identify but perhaps more challenging to combat. Financial abuse occurs when the caregiver obtains access or control over the vulnerable adult's finances through unlawful means. In situations surrounding financial abuse, you may need to have a frank conversation with the vulnerable adult regarding the finances in question. I recommend this type of conversation come from family and/or close friends. In cases of financial abuse, you may see these types of indicators:

- the taking of money or property
- forging a signature
- having a vulnerable adult sign a deed, will or legal documents through deception
- coercion or undue influence (see emotional abuse)
- illegally or improperly having names added to bank accounts or safety deposit boxes

Neglect can be in many forms but revolves around the caregiver's inability to provide a healthy environment for the vulnerable adult. Signs of neglect may include:

- unclean living spaces
- lack of hygiene
- no food or water in the house

In order to identify a possible situation involving vulnerable adult abuse, it's important to have a basic understanding of the different types of abuse. When these indicators start dovetailing or when you have a strong suspicion that they are, it's time to call the police. This puts into motion help and assistance for our vulnerable community.

Anytime a senior citizen or vulnerable adult is victimized it's a heartbreaking event. I hope this two part article helped familiarize you with the topic of vulnerable adult abuse. I strongly encourage you to check out the AZ Attorney General's website where there are several links to inform and empower you.

<https://www.azag.gov/>

As always, if you see something say something. If you have any additional questions surrounding vulnerable adult abuse, feel free to contact me directly.



Officer Drew Miller
Black Mountain Precinct
602-495-5227 andrew.miller@phoenix.gov

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

NEXT BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE TALK WITH COMMANDER TOM



Black Mountain Precinct Cmdr. Tom Van Dorn

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 27th 8:30 am
at the Cambria Hotel & Suites, 4425 E. Irma Lane

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GET TO KNOW YOUR CAO!

HELP PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT!

Mayor and Councilwoman Thelda Williams
along with
Black Mountain Police Precinct
Deer Valley Community Center
ASDD Document Destruction
bring to you a
Shred-A-Thon and Drug Take Back event!

When: Saturday, Sept 15
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Deer Valley Community Center
2001 West Wahalla Lane

What: Personal files, tax documents, utility bills, etc. & Unused, unwanted, or expired medication

On Saturday, Sept 15, join Mayor and Councilwoman Thelda Williams and the Black Mountain Police Precinct, at the Deer Valley Community Center parking lot for secure collection and proper disposal of your sensitive items. Simply drive, ride, or walk up, offload your materials and let the Phoenix Police Department and ASDD Document Destruction safely take custody of your unwanted personal items so they can be collected and destroyed properly!

This event is FREE for residents.







Please join the Phoenix Police Department for the **G.A.I.N. KICK OFF** on **Saturday, October 6, 2018** from 10am to Noon at Christown Spectrum Mall, 1703 W. Bethany Home Road.

Crime Prevention, Safety, Community Information, Block Watch Grant Information, Block Watch Signs & Much more!

G.A.I.N. stands for *Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods* and is a statewide crime prevention celebration. The celebrations or block parties take place in various neighborhoods and multi-housing communities throughout Arizona. It is an opportunity to strengthen neighborhood spirit, get to know your neighbors, encourage communication, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are aware.



The Phoenix Police Department will have G.A.I.N. on

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Once your neighborhood plans to host an event, the next step is to get registered. To register go to

www.phoenix.gov.police/gain-online-registration

Registration deadline is Monday, September 14th.

Black Mountain Precinct registered events will receive a free tote filled with valuable items to be used on G.A.I.N. day. Some ideas for G.A.I.N. might include having a block party, cookout, parade, potluck, ice cream social, flashlight walk, safety fair, or a poster contest. Officers from Black Mountain Precinct will visit each of our respective registered G.A.I.N. events held on October 20, 2018.

We look forward to seeing you at your G.A.I.N. event!



#9PMRoutineAz. Having a designated time to check our vehicles and garages every night will help us combat these thieves of opportunities.
#ParkSmartAZ and **#9PMRoutine!**



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 determine 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.)

SIGN UP FOR REVERSE 911 *IN CASE OF EMERGENCY*

Getting an emergency message out to those living near a catastrophe can be difficult. In Arizona, there is a reverse 911 system.

The Community Emergency Notification System helps those managing a disaster send a message to potential victims, alerting them to stay away and stay safe.

The Community Emergency Notification System is a robo-voice message alert going straight to your phone.

The system automatically dials the landlines in the area of the active scene, but with landline phones nearly extinct, you must register your cell phone if you want to get the message.

[\[Click here to register your phone\]](#)

<https://maricoparegion911.onthealert.com/Terms/Index/?ReturnUrl=%2f>

The system will be able to send text messages out and not only to those who are registered but also to anyone who is near a cell tower where the situation is ongoing.

BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North (Beats 212, 213 & 214)

(W 83rd Ave to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Mingus Rd.)
& Liquor Licenses

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



21 Area South (Beat 211)

(W I-17 to E 7th St. & S SR101 to N Dynamite Blvd.)

CA Officer Jennifer Zak #9170 at 602-495-5274
jennifer.zak@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)

(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)

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



22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222)

(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)

CA Officer Drew Miller #9226 at 602-495-5227 or
andrew.miller@phoenix.gov



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)

(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)

CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698 at 602-495-5213

tim.tewers@phoenix.gov



23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)

(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)

CA Officer Tony Cuciti #6907 at 602-495-5189 or

anthony.cuciti@phoenix.gov



Abatement Officer Spider Billingslea #7917

602-495-5228

centenius.billingslea@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct

CAO Sgt. Scott Cain #7399

602-495-5112 or scott.cain@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct Community
Programs Lt. Chuck Williams

602-495-3798 or chuck.williams@phoenix.gov



City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Community Action Officers And Squad Areas



21 North (212/213/214 Beat)
Officer Tim Mitten
tim.mitten@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5238

23 North (223/234)
Officer Tim Tewers
tim.tewers@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5213

21 South (211 Beat)
Officer Jen Zak
jennifer.zak@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5274

23 South (231/232)
Officer Tony Cuciti
anthony.cuciti@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5481

22 North (223/224 Beat)
Officer Tom Owsley
thomas.owsley@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5192

Abatement Officer
Officer Centenius Billingslea
centenius.billingslea@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5228

22 South (221/222)
Officer Drew Miller
andrew.miller@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5227

Repeat Offender Program (ROP)
Detective Matthew Martinez
matthew.martinez@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5218

Black Mountain Precinct 602-495-5002

- ★ 33355 N Cave Creek Rd
- ★ 302 E Union Hills Dr
- CityLimitFreeways
- CityLimitMainStreets
- 21 North
- 21 South
- 22 North
- 22 South
- 23 North
- 23 South

Boundaries Effective
October 20, 2014



Phoenix Police Department
Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU)
Created On: 9/24/2015 by A27777 Newload: 8/14/2017 by A4528
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CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

On Line Reporting for PNP

volunteer@phoenix.gov

Since PNP went live with volunteer.phoenix.gov in August 2016, we have hoped to reduce duplication of effort and paper logs/worksheets. These new improvements continue this effort with the following changes. We hope to have videos up soon for the recent changes to online reporting.

Mileage Reimbursement

PNP members who have a NBW Grant in their neighborhood that has funds for PNP patrol fuel reimbursement we are offering, as an option, beginning this month to record miles and reimbursement documents online. The log sheet has been updated for this. PNP members recording their time for fuel reimbursement this way must enter the beginning and ending odometer readings and license plate number of the vehicle used on their logs.

When you are ready to do a reimbursement simply email brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov the PNP members name and the time frame you are requesting to reimburse and he will email back a report. This report will be signed as becomes your "receipt" for the grant quarterly report. The report double checks the math and calculates the reimbursement total.

If this methods work well it will likely be the required method for the grants awarded in July 2018.

PSVA Participants logging hours

In the past PNP members who also participate in the Presidential Service Award (PSVA) program had to do separate entries for PNP and PSVA. This was a duplication of effort. We have an updated combination log for PNP and PSVA. Detailed instructions went out to the PNP members who are also in PSVA.

PNP BADGES: If you need to get a new badge, send a message to brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov.

PNP order forms for 2018

The 2018 order forms are on their way soon. If you have not noticed the 2017 order forms are still online. Once the vendors get me their 2018 price lists I will have the new forms uploaded and a notice sent out by email to all of you. I have contacted the vendors and they will honor the 2017 prices until they get me the 2018 lists.

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
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"Policing with a Purpose"

NEXT CITYWIDE PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING Tuesday, September 18th 6-8 pm

All PNP Members are invited to attend.
at Mountain View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland

BLACK MTN PRECINCT

ROADSHOW PNP / BW TRAINING

Hosted by PHOENIX NORTH PNP

on Tuesday, September 25th from 5 – 9 pm

17825 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ

Register at info@bmcainfo.com

ROADSHOW BW / PNP TRAINING

Hosted by NORTHTOWN BW / PNP

on Wednesday, September 26th from 9 am - 1 pm

2202 E. Waltann Lane, Phoenix, AZ

Register at brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol TRAINING

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](tel:6022626151)
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.
- Be an observer without being confrontational.

The Citywide Training Classes for Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol that are held throughout the year on various Saturday mornings from 7:30 am to noon at the **Mt. View Precinct Community Room 2075 E. Maryland Avenue** (between Glendale Ave. & Bethany Home Rd. just east of SR 51). Seating is limited, e-mail Det. Brian Kornegay at brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov to R.S.V.P.

NEXT TRAINING DATE:
SEPTEMBER 22nd

PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!

Next First Friday's Art Walk PNP Patrol
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th - 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Good Day All !

We will resume First Friday patrol on October 5, 2018. Have a safe summer! We meet at 7:30pm in the parking garage on the north east corner of Central and Roosevelt. You must enter from the alley on Portland between Central and 1st St. I will let you into the parking garage from there. Please let me know if you can make it, and if you cannot find us, my cell is 602-799-0143.

This is a walking patrol...

PLEASE CALL IF YOU CAN MAKE IT! Contact:
Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or
at 602-799-0143

If you have a PNP/BW Pro Comm radio please bring it as there will be few extras on hand to pass out.

These group patrols are a great way to get patrol training and practice with the portable radios or for the newer PNP members to get some patrol time with experienced members.



District 1 Community Breakfast

with Mayor Thelda Williams 602-262-7444

council.district1@phoenix.gov

*Next Breakfast will be on Friday, September 28th
at 7:30 am at the Double Tree Hotel Phoenix North
(formerly the Radisson) at Metrocenter.*

SIGN UP FOR BYSTANDER CPR CLASS!



Bystander CPR doubles cardiac arrest survival rates. If you do CPR within two minutes of a cardiac arrest, you can make the difference between life and death — before paramedics even get there. Just about every minute and a half, someone somewhere in the United States goes into cardiac arrest outside a hospital. If a person near you suddenly collapses, has no pulse and has stopped breathing, do you know what to do?

The first step is calling 9-1-1, but what you do next might double the person's odds of survival...

Join the Phoenix Fire Department at the Goelet A.C. Beuf Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10:00 a.m. to noon as we host a Bystander CPR Class.

Registration is required! This is not a certification class, but rather a class that can train people to perform lifesaving techniques on a person experiencing cardiac arrest before emergency medical professionals arrive.

Because class size is limited, please register with the District 1 Council office via email at council.district.1@phoenix.gov, or by calling 602-262-7444. Please provide full name and contact information (phone number and/or email address) when registering.

When: Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Where: Goelet A.C. Beuf Community Center Multi-purpose Room 3435 West Pinnacle Peak Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85027

Register: District 1 Council Office 602-262-7444
Council.district.1@phoenix.gov



Congrats to Vice Mayor Jim Waring!

Twitter: [Jim_Waring](https://twitter.com/Jim_Waring)

Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim



District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark

602-262-7441 council.district.3@phoenix.gov

Please e-mail or call for the next Community Chat date, time and location information.

GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:

City Council Meetings [agendas, results, minutes + videos] –

[CLICK HERE](#)

Watch City Council meetings live – [CLICK HERE](#)

Watch PHXTV (Live or On Demand) – [CLICK HERE](#)

Public Meeting Notices – [CLICK HERE](#)

PHX City Calendar – [CLICK HERE](#)

Information by Mapped Address in Phoenix (IMAP) – [CLICK HERE](#)

Find out what Phoenix police precinct you live in – [CLICK HERE](#)

Phoenix seamless service directory – [CLICK HERE](#)

PHX At Your Service [service requests + reports] – [CLICK HERE](#)

Volunteer Phoenix opportunities – [CLICK HERE](#)

Register a neighborhood or business organization with the city –

[CLICK HERE](#)

Start a Block Watch in your neighborhood – [CLICK HERE](#)

Recommend a venue for a future District 3 event – [LET US KNOW](#)

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

[LET US KNOW](#)

Invite #phxD3 to attend a meeting or event – [LET US KNOW](#)

Have an event or news item that you'd like included in our

newsletter? - [LET US KNOW](#)



#PHXStorm Resources

In the desert, storms and flooding can strike quickly and lead to rapidly changing conditions. To prepare for storms, this page includes tips for [Before the Storm](#) to protect your home, loved ones and personal property. This page also provides resources for [After the Storm](#). Jump to [Live Weather](#).

Hotlines

- Life-threatening emergencies: 911
- Non-emergency police assistance: 602-262-6151
- Report street issues: 602-262-6441
- Report traffic signal outages: 602-262-6021
- Storm debris information: 602-262-6251
- Report power outage:
- APS: 855-688-2437 or SRP: 602-236-8811
- American Red Cross: 800-842-7349

AUGUST 15, 2018

BLK MTN & CACTUS PK COMBINED PRECINCT COFFEE HIGHLIGHTS

at Cracker Barrel Restaurant with 104 in attendance!



CPCA Chair Robin Mofford (standing)



Goldie Cohen



Lt. Chuck Williams



Moses Sanchez and Linda Santana



BMCA Chair Candice Fremouw and
Council Dist. 3 Aide Kory Kisling



Asst. Chief Mary Roberts
and Blk Mtn Cmdr. Tom Van Dorn



Councilwoman Deb Stark
and Cactus Park Cmdr. Consolian



BMCA Secretary Jena Ingram passing out info



Service with a smile!



Cmdr. Consolian



Cmdr. Van Dorn and Huck



CAO Jen Zak and other Officers

AUGUST 23, 2018

BMCA AT THE DVCC ID KIT EVENT



Goldie Cohen, Tom Argiro & Jena Ingram



Goldie Cohen, Jena Ingram and Laura Robins



Cmdr. Tom Van Dorn, CAO Tim Tewers, BMCA Chair Candice Fremouw and CAO Tim Mitten



Sgt. Scott Cain and Art Welch with Palm Lakes Village BW

AUGUST 28, 2018

BLACK MTN PRECINCT HOSTS THE PBWAB MEETING AT THE DVCC



The Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board Directors



CAO Tom Owsley and Mrs. Jennings



CPCA Chair Robin Mofford



BMCA Vice Chair Goldie Cohen



James Emge and BMCA Secretary Jena Ingram at the CERT Display



Cmdr. Tom Van Dorn talked about the Black Mountain Precinct



PBWAB President Jennifer Rouse and BMCA Chair Candice Fremouw



CAO Tom Owsley presents PNP Flags to new PNP Member Frank Deckard with Phoenix North PNP



PBWAB Past President Sylvia Iodice is honored with a cake



Great Presentation by the Homeland Defense Bureau!



Captain Jason Rideout & Sgt. Blake Carlson

CRIME TIPS:

SEVEN SECURITY TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ON AN IPHONE

Posted: May 16, 2018 by [Thomas Reed](#)
Last updated: June 27, 2018

iPhones have a reputation for being notoriously secure. After all, they caused quite the kerfuffle between Apple and the FBI because they are, from the FBI's point of view, too secure! However, don't let that lull you into a false sense of security. Using an iPhone is not an automatic guarantee of invulnerability.

The good news is that there are easy things to do to avoid causing problems for yourself. The following seven tips will help you to make sure your iPhone is the digital fortress that it was meant to be.

1. Use a long passphrase

Most people set a four-digit PIN code, or perhaps the slightly more secure six-digit PIN, to secure their phones. And sure, this seems like perfectly acceptable protection, given that the phone will lock itself down for increasing amounts of time if a thief tries to unlock it with the wrong code too many times. Depending on your settings, it may erase itself after 10 incorrect tries. What can possibly go wrong? Out of a possible 10,000 combinations, the attacker has to guess correctly in the first 10 attempts. The chances of doing that are quite low—one in 1,000, to be precise. Using six digits increases your odds further.

However, not all attacks involve poking numbers into the screen repeatedly. There have been many devices over the years capable of retrying PIN numbers endlessly, with no penalties, by taking advantage of vulnerabilities in the hardware or software of the iPhone. The latest of these, the [GrayKey device](#), can crack a four-digit PIN in an hour or two, and a six-digit PIN in three days or less.



If there's one universal truth about these passcodes, it's that longer is better. The best thing you can do is start using a longer alphanumeric password instead of a PIN code. Each additional character of length increases the time needed exponentially, and that time gets even longer when adding letters and symbols to the mix.

To change to a longer password, open the Settings app, then tap Touch ID & Passcode. Enter your current PIN, then tap Change Passcode on the next screen. Enter your passcode again, but then instead of entering a new passcode, tap Passcode Options. This will give you the option to choose, among other things, a custom alphanumeric code.

I know what you're thinking. Who wants to enter a lengthy password every time they unlock their phone? Fortunately, modern iPhones have convenient biometric options for accessing the device without entering the password every time. Either Touch ID or Face ID gets you into your phone



fast, without needing to enter the password.

Of course, Touch ID and Face ID are convenience features, not security features. There are valid concerns about the safety of using a biometric pattern that cannot be changed as a replacement for a password. Still, if they allow you to use a longer password conveniently, that's worth way more than avoiding them but using a short PIN code. You can always temporarily lock the device so that Touch ID and Face ID won't work. For more information, see Apple's information on the security of [Touch ID](#) and [Face ID](#).

2. Lock down your Apple ID with 2FA

With what, now? That funny abbreviation (2FA) stands for two-factor authentication, a means of authentication that requires not just something you *know*, like a password, but also something you *have*, like a temporary, one-time-only code. Without both, an attacker cannot access your account. Your Apple ID provides the keys to the kingdom. It's tied to every device you own. It probably has a credit card associated with it. Your Apple ID is also your iCloud account, and as such it may hold all manner of tempting goodies, including passwords.

Fortunately, [Apple offers 2FA on your Apple ID](#), and it's strongly

recommended that you take advantage of this. Doing so means that you will always have to enter both your password and a six-digit code sent to a trusted device before logging on to your account from a new machine. This makes it very difficult for a hacker to access your Apple ID and the trove of data it can give access to.

3. Keep your iPhone up-to-date

Keeping your system and all your apps up-to-date is an important part of staying secure. iOS (the system that runs on iPhones) updates frequently to fix vulnerabilities that could be used in various scenarios to attack your device. Some of these are minor, others are major issues.

As an example, consider the GrayKey device discussed above. The method it uses to break into iPhones is still unknown, but one thing is for sure: It relies on one or more unknown security vulnerabilities in iOS. At some point, Apple will find and fix those vulnerabilities, making you safe from GrayKey or any other groups or individuals who may have discovered the vulnerabilities. If you don't install iOS updates promptly when they are available, though, you remain vulnerable.

Worse, once a vulnerability is patched and Apple publishes their release notes, that gives hackers a little extra information that may help them find the vulnerability, meaning older systems are potentially in greater danger after that point.

4. Use a VPN on free Wi-Fi

Public Wi-Fi can be extremely hazardous. Anyone else on the same network can see any unencrypted network transmissions you make, and an untrustworthy network can actually perform all manner of man-in-the-middle attacks for phishing or other malicious purposes. For example, if you try to log onto your bank site on public Wi-Fi, you might not actually be logging onto your bank site. It could be a malicious look-alike site that bad actors within the Wi-Fi network are sending you to instead.

You could always use cellular data when in public, turning off Wi-Fi in settings, but that's not always practical, especially with the data caps on most cell data plans. Fortunately, there's a good solution: a VPN, or virtual private network. Using a good VPN means that all your network traffic is tunneled through an encrypted connection to a server located somewhere else.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of insecure or untrustworthy VPNs out there. It doesn't help your security much if the VPN is careless with your data, or is otherwise not acting in your best interests. There are many free VPNs out there, but remember the first rule of free services on the Internet: If you're not paying for it, *you're* the product.

Finding a trustworthy, secure VPN can take a little work. Fortunately, an excellent [article by Brian Krebs provides details about VPNs](#) and how to select a good one. Make sure that the VPN you choose has good support for iOS; anything that requires you to download an app, but doesn't offer an iOS app, is off the table from the start.

5. Use additional encryption

The encryption on the iPhone is one of its finest features, but it's not perfect. As long as there's any chance of cracking your iPhone's passcode, or gaining access to unencrypted backups, your data isn't safe. For your particularly sensitive data, such as passwords, social security numbers, credit card numbers and the like, you need additional encryption.

Using a password manager with its own strong encryption, and a strong password different from any other password you use, can be extremely helpful. A utility like [1Password](#) can store a vault in iCloud that is encrypted independently, meaning an attacker looking for your passwords would need to first crack your phone or iCloud account to access the vault, then crack the vault itself.

Similarly, Apple's own Notes app now allows creation of encrypted notes, which can be secured with a password of your choice. Use of a strong, unique password means that the data such a note contains is also quite secure.

When it comes to your iPhone backups, consider backing up to your computer using iTunes, and [set iTunes to encrypt those backups](#). Such encryption will use a separate password that you set, so be sure to use a strong, unique password for that.

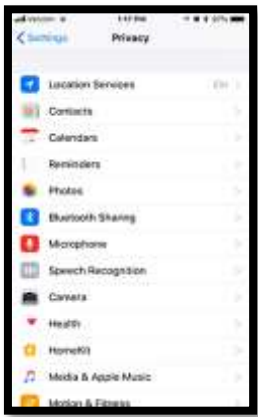
6. Audit privacy settings periodically

There are many permissions that can be granted to apps, such as access to the camera, the microphone, your contacts, and your location. It's a good idea to keep track of which permissions you've given to which apps, and to revoke any permissions that are not strictly needed. For example, if you posted a photo to Twitter once, but you aren't likely to do it again, it would be a good idea to remove the right to look at your photos from the Twitter app.

In Settings, tap on Privacy. Here resides the master list of all permissions and which apps you've granted them to. Go through all of them periodically, and revoke any permissions that you don't think a particular app needs.

7. Beware of scams

Use of an iPhone doesn't do a thing to protect you against scam phone calls or scam text messages. Always be wary of calls or messages from unknown senders. Treat any links received in text messages with extreme suspicion, even if it's from someone you know, since the sender could be spoofed or their phone could have been stolen.



If you tap a link in a message and the site wants you to log in or provide other personal information, verify with the sender that it's legitimate. If it appears to be a site you're familiar with, consider visiting the site via a bookmark instead of the link.

You can also consider using security software that can screen and block scam calls and texts, such as [Malwarebytes for iOS](#).

The most secure phone

It's okay to feel safe as an iPhone owner. Currently, iPhones are the safest smartphones on the planet. However, as demonstrated here, there are still plenty of ways that you can become a victim. So don't just assume you're safe automatically by virtue of

owning an iPhone.

Doing the right things to keep yourself safe can often be more important than having the most secure phone.

NO, MICROSOFT OR WINDOWS IS NOT CALLING YOU ABOUT A VIRUS

Scammers pretending to be from computer companies rely on successful tech support scams to steal your money, gain access to your computer, or both.

HOW IT WORKS:

- You get a call or see a pop-up message on your computer warning that you have a virus (the caller will claim to be from Microsoft, Apple or another well-known tech company).
- They convince you to provide remote access to your computer so they can show you the 'problem' – and then pull up benign data that looks threatening to convince you to pay them to fix it.
- While on your system, they could install software that puts your computer and the information you store on it at risk.
- In the end, they will ask you for your credit card number to charge you for the repair, and will try signing you up for a worthless maintenance plan.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- An urgent call from a supposed tech company warning you of a virus is a scammer.
- Rely on on-screen messages from your software security that will prompt you to do things like install updates to your security system.
- A follow-on scheme involves the tech company calling you back one day to claim it's going out of business or it's offering refunds for some other reason, and they will ask you for your bank or credit card information to process your refund.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Hang up on anyone claiming to be from tech support warning of a virus on your computer.
- If you get a pop-up alert that appears to freeze your computer, don't follow the instructions. Just shut down your computer and restart to get rid of the phony ad.
- If you are concerned about the security of your computer, go to someone you trust for help. Don't do an internet search for "tech support" as you may end up on a scammer's site.

FAKE VETERAN CHARITIES

All charity scams are deplorable, but those pretending to raise funds to support our nation's veterans are particularly shameful. Last week, the Federal Trade Commission, along with state charities regulators, announced a major takedown of fake veteran charities. AARP is hosting the FTC for two

hour long national Tele-Town Halls on the subject today at 10:10 am and 2:00 pm (both times Eastern). If you'd like to listen in, dial 877-229-8493 and enter 13907 as the PIN.

Let's hope these actions put a big dent in these scams, but chances are more will pop up. Here's what you should know.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Fake charities use the same techniques as trusted charities to reach you—in person, by mail, over the phone, online, by text, or by e-mail—so be mindful across all of these methods.
- The name of the fake veteran charity may closely resemble the name of a real charity.
- The fake charity might ask you to wire money, donate by gift card or give cash—see this as a red flag.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Real veteran charities need your support, and they, like us, lose out when a scammer steals our donation and diverts resources away from legitimate organizations.
- Scammers will put pressure on you to act quickly, before you have a chance to think through your decision or do any research.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- When you do donate to a charity, use a check or credit card and keep records.
- If you are approached in person, ask for identification and details about the charity, including its full name and address, and how they will use the funds. If the person cannot furnish this information, close your door or walk away.
- Easily check out a charity before you give money to one. See how at www.ftc.gov/charity.

NEW LAW MAKES CREDIT FREEZES FREE

The battle to protect your identity is getting a little easier – or at least cheaper. A new law goes into effect September 21 that will make it free to lock your credit file by freezing it with the three major credit rating companies. In the past, Equifax, Experian, and Transunion have charged fees to freeze your credit reports to help protect against fraud. In states that have not already outlawed the fees, the freezes had cost from \$2 to \$10, and you needed to pay it to each credit rating agency separately. You also had to pay to unfreeze and refreeze your credit reports.

HOW IT WORKS:

- A credit freeze locks your credit file, which makes it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. You will get a PIN to use so you can unfreeze your account to apply for new credit, and then freeze it again.
- Alternatively, you can place a "fraud alert" on your reports that will require any business that runs your credit to contact you before opening a new account. These alerts used to last 90 days, but the new law extends them to one year.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- A credit freeze is an important tool to deter scammers from opening future accounts in your name, but it doesn't stop thieves from getting into your current financial accounts and wreaking havoc.
- To keep close tabs on banking, credit and other financial accounts, set up online access (on the internet or through the institution's app if you have a smart phone) to monitor your accounts regularly.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Follow the steps [here](#) to freeze your credit and the credit of each adult in your household. If you have children under the age of 16, consider freezing their credit, too, until they are old enough to use credit.

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.



Modern burglars are bringing 'Ocean's Eleven' tactics to your neighborhood



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Thieves go high tech to rob smart homes

Long Island, New York, produce dealer Mike Longo knew there was a problem the moment his phone rang in the wee hours of a Sunday morning in July 2010.

"Nothing good happens at 3 in the morning," he told CNBC's ["American Greed."](#) "When you get a phone call, it's never good news."

He said his worst fears were realized when he arrived at his business, Arrow Produce, to find an estimated \$150,000 in cash and property missing.

"Everything was taken from me," he said. "Everything you work for your entire life."

Longo said he initially suspected an inside job because the burglary was so precise. The burglars had managed to enter the warehouse during a rare stretch of down time, disabling an alarm system hidden deep inside the old building.

But investigators eventually traced the break-in to a prolific, high-tech burglary crew that hit more than 50 Long Island businesses over five years, stealing an estimated \$10 million.

Nine people pleaded guilty to state and federal charges including burglary and interstate transportation of stolen property. They included ringleader Nikitas Margiellos, who is serving a 10-year prison sentence, and New York City Police Detective Rafael Astacio, who admitted supplying inside information to crew members and helping them evade police. Astacio is serving a six-year prison sentence.

"This was far from a smash-and-grab operation," said Rick Whelan, chief of the Organized Crime and Rackets Bureau in the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, in an interview with "American Greed." "This is, in my experience, likely the most sophisticated burglary crew that I've encountered."

Chris Caffarone, an assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York, said the crew was so advanced, it was like something out of the movies.

"It was like 'Ocean's Eleven,' just without Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Matt Damon," he said.

It is also the wave of the future, according to security expert Don Aviv, president of Interfor International, a New York-based consulting firm. He said modern burglars are combining old techniques like physical surveillance with 21st-century tools, including the vast amount of information now available online through social media as well as subscription databases.

"It's a game-changer for criminals," Aviv told "American Greed."

"They can determine a tremendous amount of information about you — the value of your home, whether you're in arrears, your mortgage situation, how many cars you have, how much work you've done on your home. All this can help paint the picture of whether you make a great target for them."

Modern-day security

To thwart this new breed of burglar, Aviv said home and business owners need to take a similar approach — combining low-tech and high-tech protection.

On the low-tech end, Aviv said the first step is to think like a burglar.

"If you harden your facility, that will make a burglar want to go elsewhere and that's the key to everything. You want your burglar to look at your home, test your home and say, 'You know what? Let me move on to an easier home.'"

He said that includes installing proper lighting — he recommends the motion-sensing variety — as well as trimming bushes and trees, and investing in strong doors, windows and locks.

"If you improve the locks, the windows, the doors, lighting — anything to harden your house — you'll do a tremendous amount to protect your home," he said.

And do away with the spare key under the mat or in the flower pot. It is one of the first things crooks will look for.

On the higher-tech side, always be careful of what you post on social media. It is not just your Facebook friends who are reading your posts. Burglars are watching, too, including some that may live right in your neighborhood.

"They will monitor social media to determine whether, 'Hey, I'm going away on vacation,' or 'I'm taking the kids to Florida.' They'll look for times of opportunity and that's when you're away," Aviv said.

If you have a smart home, make sure crooks can't outsmart it.

"Use the same security techniques and protocols that you would to protect your banking, your businesses and everything that you do when it comes to social media and your computing," he said.

"Smart homes are basically big computers these days so protect your passwords, make sure your Wi-Fi is secure, the neighbors can't use it, it's not open to the public."

Sounding the alarm

Newer alarm systems can be great deterrents, Aviv said, but only if you use them properly.

"The majority of Americans do not activate their home alarm systems," he said. "They buy the alarm system, they sign up for it, or it comes with their home, and then they'll use it for a couple of months. And then after that they'll say, 'You know what? Nothing is happening in this time period, so I'll just let it go.'"

And don't think that a yard sign or a window sticker signifying an alarm system is enough to deter today's burglar.

"Burglars spend time watching your property, determining your patterns, understanding when it is that you leave for work, when your kids go to school, when you come home, and they understand your patterns," he said. "Couple of days of watching your patterns and they'll understand when's the best time to attack your home and that's what they'll do."

Then, he said, it is easy enough for a would-be burglar to check a door or window to determine if you turned on the alarm before you left.

Aviv recommended coupling an alarm system with security cameras whenever possible.

"One does not work without the other," he said. "An alarm system's great, but if it's a false alarm, you'll never know whether someone's testing your door if you don't have a camera, and vice versa. If you have a camera, but no one's alerted of the fact that someone's breaking into your home until after the fact, the only thing that the camera will be good for is the footage for the police."

Inside job

Don't stop at the outside walls when it comes to protecting your valuables. If burglars make it past your outer layer of security, make sure they cannot easily find what they are looking for.

"The first place they go is typically the bedrooms, the master bedrooms," Aviv said. "They know that jewelry and cash and passports and valuables are often kept in the master bedroom, so they'll check that first."

Consider keeping your valuables someplace less obvious. If you use a safe, remember that the burglars can just carry it out of your house and open it later—but only if they can find it first.

Other common-sense tips include more communication with your neighbors.

"Your neighbors are your best friends. When it comes to protecting your home, neighborhood watches, neighborhood awareness, good neighbors make for good security and that's something that can't go underestimated," he said.

Business owner Mike Longo, who beefed up security considerably after he was hit, said even the most state-of-the-art system cannot substitute for basic awareness.

"I don't like to say this but, you know, you can't trust anyone as far as that goes," he said.

But Longo said he tries to think of it in a more positive way.

"You know, you're making it a better workplace for the people that work for you," he said. "So, look at it that way."



Millions of dollars in unclaimed property returned to rightful owners under ADOR program

A record \$64.3 million in unclaimed property was returned to rightful owners in 2017-2018 under the Arizona Department of Revenue's (ADOR) Unclaimed Property program.

Amounts given back to people ranged from one dollar to more than \$1.2 million.

Unclaimed property generally consists of money due to an individual from sources including old bank accounts, uncashed payroll checks, tax refunds, credit balances, rebates and returned deposits. Often property becomes unclaimed because the company that holds the funds has an outdated address for its customer or, in some cases, a person passes away with no family members aware of the assets. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity.

The \$64.3 million returned during the agency's fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) exceeds the \$57 million in fiscal year 2017. In the past three fiscal years, about \$180 million has been returned individuals and businesses unaware of the funds' existence.

The Department of Revenue's Unclaimed Property unit's mission is to efficiently and effectively collect, safeguard and distribute unclaimed property. In addition to information on the agency's website and working with other state agencies in Arizona and across the country, ADOR advertises in local media in the state to locate people entitled to unclaimed property that has been turned over to the department.

ADOR returns property to owners who provide documentation showing their right to claim the property. Claimants must include with their claim form a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license or other applicable identification, and documentation linking them to the owner's last known address. Claimants must also provide documentation demonstrating a legal right to claim any property listed in another name.

For more information on the Arizona Department of Revenue's Unclaimed Property program, people can go to www.azdor.gov and click on the Unclaimed Property tab.

Department of Revenue reminds Arizonans to be vigilant in protecting their identity

Identity theft remains a serious issue across the United States and the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) is reminding taxpayers to be on alert for identity theft scam artists.

Thieves steal identities a number of different ways including using card-skimming devices, access through unsecure Wi-Fi, stealing mail, a data breach or hacking email accounts to obtain log-in passwords and financial data. They also use phishing schemes or use false pretenses to obtain personal information.

To help prevent being the victim of identity theft, the agency recommends the following:

- Do not carry identification with your social security number (SSN) on it.
- If someone asks for a SSN, always ask why because it is not always required.
- Keep personal and confidential information in a secure place.
- Take extra precautions when discarding personal or confidential information.

- Protect personal computers, smartphones and other devices by using anti-virus software.
- Use strong passwords and never share your passwords.
- Check your free credit report annually at www.annualcreditreport.com.
- Monitor wage earnings by examining your statement from the Social Security Administration.
- Never give personal information through email, social media or text messaging and, unless you initiated the call, never give personal information over the phone.

ADOR reminds taxpayers the department will never:

- Use unsolicited email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue.
- Call demanding immediate payment or about taxes owed without first having mailed out an official notice.
- Demand you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the stated amount owed.
- Require you to use a specific payment method to pay your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If a person gets a phone call from ADOR requesting additional information, you can contact the Department's Customer Care Center, Local: (602) 255-3381, Toll-free: (800) 352-4090, to confirm the call was in fact from an ADOR official.

Arizonans can also contact the Department of Revenue's Identity Theft Call Center at 602-716-6300, toll free: 1-800-352-4090, or <https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/identity-theft>.

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Arizona motor vehicle crash deaths total 1,000 in 2017

Impairment, speeding and lack of seat belt use remain leading fatality factors

PHOENIX – Driver behavior continues to be the leading factor in traffic fatalities and 1,000 of our neighbors, coworkers, friends and family members died needlessly on Arizona's city, county, state and reservation roadways in 2017. That's the major takeaway from the [2017 Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report](#), which was released today.

Traffic deaths in Arizona rose for the third straight year, climbing to 1,000 in 2017, and, yet again, impairment, speeding and reckless driving, and failure to wear a seat belt are leading factors in traffic fatalities. Alcohol, prescription medication or illegal drugs played a role in 43 percent of traffic deaths in Arizona last year.

"These are people – 1,000 people who are no longer with us – that will be missed by mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers. Missed by family, friends and those who love them," said Arizona Department of Transportation director John Halikowski. "Every driver holds the key in their hand that can save a life if they make the right choices. Choose not to speed. Choose not to drive drunk or on drugs. Choose life for yourself and others sharing the road with you. Make a promise to yourself to be a safer driver. Save a life and make someone's day!"

ADOT produces the annual Crash Facts Report, which is a compilation of traffic crash reports provided to ADOT by law enforcement agencies around the state. The report reflects crash data for all Arizona roadways, including city streets, county roads and state highways.

Though traffic fatalities increased from 2016 to 2017, which follows a national trend, the total number of people injured in crashes (55,474) decreased from last year and the total number of crashes, statistically, stayed flat – in Arizona there were 127,064 crashes in 2017 and 127,039 in 2016. According to the data, speeding and reckless driving was the most common driver violation in all collisions and 285 people were killed in speed-related crashes. Pedestrians account for nearly a quarter of the 1,000 killed in vehicle crashes. Pedestrian-related fatalities have climbed from 155 in 2014 to 226 in 2017. Most pedestrian fatalities occur in urban areas on city streets and county roads. Pedestrians should cross streets only at marked crosswalks where drivers expect to see them.

The rising number of traffic fatalities can't be solved by state agencies alone – 69 percent of crashes occur on roads other than state highways. In fact, real change must begin in the driver's seat because driver behavior is a factor in more than 90 percent of crashes.

"As the data shows, traffic fatalities are largely a driver issue," said Alberto Gutier, director of the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety. "The rising number of fatalities is not a highway issue or a vehicle issue. It is a driver issue caused by impairment, speeding and reckless driving, and a number of factors, including inattention. Even with some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, drunk driving still happens in Arizona. Impaired driving must become socially unacceptable."

The number of people killed not wearing seat belts fell for the third year in a row – from 258 in 2015, 250 in 2016 and 230 in 2017 – but unbuckled occupants still account for nearly a quarter of all traffic fatalities.

Officially, there were 9,693 drivers involved in "distracted driving behavior" that were involved in collisions, including 33 fatal crashes. However, it is widely accepted that number of crashes caused by distracted drivers is much higher than reported because distracted drivers that cause crashes typically don't admit to the act or died in the crash.

"The rise in fatalities on Arizona roads is an ongoing trend that should concern everyone," said Col. Frank Milstead, director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety. "Decisions made by drivers to get behind the wheel impaired, drive distracted and failure to buckle up are plaguing Arizona roadways and took the lives of 1,000 people last year alone. Law enforcement continues to target

distracted and impaired drivers, but, frankly, we cannot be everywhere. Highway safety is everyone's responsibility and the message is clear: if drivers put their complete focus on driving the life they save could be their own."

The 2017 Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report is available at azdot.gov/CrashFacts.

I-17 ramp-meter lights have role in wrong-way vehicle system

**Solid red lights
mean "right way"
traffic should not
enter freeway**

Phoenix-area drivers are used to seeing freeway entrance-ramp meters with alternating green and red traffic lights during weekday rush hours. But some of the red lights in Interstate 17 ramp meters also play a role as part of the pilot wrong-way vehicle detection system being tested by the Arizona Department of Transportation.



When a wrong-way vehicle is detected by the thermal camera-based technology now in place along 15 miles of I-17 in Phoenix, the system also turns on the red lights in nearby entrance ramp meters to try to hold "right-way" traffic from entering the freeway.

"While most drivers aren't used to seeing a solid red light displayed by a ramp meter for more than a few seconds, we want I-17 drivers in Phoenix to know there is a reason for that to happen – a wrong-way vehicle may be ahead on the freeway," said Susan Anderson, ADOT's systems technology group manager.

Via the I-17 pilot project's decision support system, the red lights on entrance ramp meters are programmed to turn on within 3 miles of a detected wrong-way vehicle. If the vehicle continues along the freeway, additional ramp meter red lights will be activated. The red lights are programmed to return to their normal mode for that particular time of day or night, including turning off, after the system detects that the wrong-way vehicle is no longer in the area.

"As we test the overall wrong-way vehicle alert system and research its performance over the next several months, it's important to note that the ramp meter red lights are one of several countermeasures," Anderson said. "The ramp meter lights are traffic signals, so I-17 drivers on entrance ramps should be prepared to stop if the light is a solid red, no matter what time of day."

The first-in-the-nation I-17 system features 90 thermal detection cameras positioned above exit ramps as well as the mainline of the freeway between the I-10 "Stack" interchange near downtown and the Loop 101 interchange in north Phoenix. When a wrong-way vehicle is detected entering an off-ramp, the system is designed to trigger a background-illuminated "wrong-way" sign to try to get the driver's attention.

Alerts also are immediately sent to ADOT's Traffic Operations Center and the Arizona Department of Public Safety so traffic operators can quickly activate freeway message boards to warn other drivers while state troopers can respond faster than relying on 911 calls.

Since it went operational in January, the system has detected more than 30 wrong-way vehicles entering I-17 off-ramps and frontage roads. One vehicle was detected on I-17 in north Phoenix on July 5 and the driver was stopped by AZDPS. The majority of drivers in vehicles detected by the I-17 system have turned around on exit ramps without entering the freeway.



From the Desk of Bill Montgomery-

The summer is not over, but we are already kicking off our fall programs. With school back in session this month, it's time for our signature program Friday Night Football Patrol. Staff volunteers will visit 10 schools throughout the high school football season to help kids sign a pledge to stay drug and alcohol free. It's a fun time for us and the students, and to boost enthusiasm, students who sign the pledge are entered into a drawing for a gift card.

This month, we take a look at some newer initiatives here in the Office. Our Office has hosted its first of possibly many "Coffee with the Community" events to get to know our residents and keep an open dialogue about public safety in our neighborhoods. We also have a growing Wellness Initiative in the Office, encouraging staff to incorporate healthy eating and fitness into their daily routine.

As of press time, we have maintained our goal of ZERO deaths of children left in hot cars. Our public awareness campaign, Don't Leave Me Behind, continues through the end of August, so let's remain vigilant this month and beyond; and keep an eye on your kids at the pool.

Bill Montgomery

Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney



Remembering Sam

A mixture of sorrow and overwhelming pride filled the hearts of the MCAO family recently. Upon hearing of the peaceful passing of the Office's first victim support dog, Sam, many who worked alongside him could not help but remember the important work he did and the lives he positively impacted.



Sam officially retired from the Office in July of 2016 and enjoyed his retirement, which included trips to the beach, while in the loving care of his handler Rhonda Stewart.

"Sam will always be remembered as an important member of this Office, his service paved the way for our support dog program to help bring criminals to justice by helping victims through an often emotionally difficult process," said County Attorney Bill Montgomery. "As our first victim support dog, Sam was able to showcase the importance of the support dog role by providing

comfort and unconditional support to victims of all ages."

Sam was a true trailblazer, he was one of the first Courthouse Dogs in the nation—with only two others starting about the same time. Throughout his six-year career with MCAO, Sam carried a caseload of an average of 10 victims per month totaling more than 750 victims helped through the often stressful and confusing judicial process. Sam attended hundreds of criminal justice hearings, including pretrial hearings, sentencings and trials with victims. All types of victims were served and comforted by him: children, adults, the elderly, sex abuse victims, stalking and domestic violence victims and the family members of those murdered.

Sam, who lived to be 11 years old was a Golden Retriever-Irish Setter mix. He was originally found as a puppy wandering around the streets of the Sunnyslope area in Phoenix before being turned into the Humane Society. There, the Foundation for Service Dog Support found him and fell in love with him. They thought he had the perfect temperament needed for a service dog. Sam successfully completed training and, with financial support from PetSmart, he came to work for the County Attorney's Office on May 22, 2010.

While Sam achieved many accolades during his career of service, it will be the memories of his strong, but gentle spirit that will be forever missed from the halls of the County Attorney's Office and the courtrooms of Maricopa County Superior Court.

Ballot Harvesting is a Crime



Due to recent litigation in federal court on the issue of ballot harvesting—and with primary and general elections coming up—Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery issued the following statement on the state's law on ballot abuse, A.R.S. 16-1005, which was passed by the Legislature in 2016.

"It has come to my attention that there may be some confusion about the intention to enforce the election laws in Arizona. I want to assure anyone who may be planning to engage in ballot harvesting for this Primary Election and General Election that it is a class 6 felony to knowingly collect a mail-in ballot for the primary election in August, or for the general election in November, unless you are a family member, household member, or caregiver for the voter to whom the ballot was issued. Based on its concerns about the potential for fraud and misconduct affecting our elections, the Arizona State Legislature passed this law in order to protect the integrity of Arizona elections. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is committed to protecting our voting process by enforcing this law. If you are not authorized by the statute to take possession of another voter's ballot, instruct the voter personally to place their ballot in the mail, to deliver the ballot in person, or to vote in person.

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Virtual Block Watch is one of the Phoenix Police Department's contemporary crime prevention and investigation tools that showcases our partnership with the community. Virtual Block Watch utilizes your security cameras to help solve crime. This exciting new program is now live and like all new programs, there are always new questions. Officer Martin took the time to answer these questions.

Q: How will Virtual Block Watch assist the Phoenix Police Department?

A: VBW will assist the PPD by collaborating with the community efforts to retain the theory of "being the eyes and ears" for a safer neighborhood. The recorded video will be an additional document/digital evidence of the crime for prosecution.

Q: What type of security/computer system is required in order to participate?

A: A DVR with a 30 day retention capability is preferred. This is usually a 1TB of storage capacity. It is recommended that the camera's are at a resolution of 1080p for a clearer picture but a 720p system can still be registered with Virtual Block Watch.

Q: Do you recommend any specific security/computer or camera system?

A: This will be completely up to the homeowners discretion (cost, resolution and availability of system) with the functionality and comfort level of the purchase.

Q: Does the Police Department have remote access to my security/computer system?

A: NO. Virtual Block Watch **will not** have any type of streaming capabilities or live feed from your CCTV system. The PPD will have the address of the registered system along with the locations of the camera placement.

Q: If my security system captures a criminal or crime, will I be required to testify in court?

A: NO. Once the PPD captures/copies the portion of video needed for prosecution, Forensic Imaging Tech (a city of phoenix representative) will testify on the digital evidence.

Q: Where do I get additional information on Virtual Block Watch and How do I sign up?

A: www.phoenix.gov/police/virtualblockwatch or email your question to virtualblockwatch@phoenix.gov

The Black Mountain Precinct is incredibly excited about this new program. Please share this new Virtual Block Watch program information with your friends, neighbors and community groups. Help us solve crime by getting those security cameras registered with Virtual Block Watch.



New Window Signs are available at our monthly BMCA Meetings!

City of Phoenix
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT
General Information 602-534-4444



Neighborhood Specialists for the Black Mountain Precinct

Dist. 1: **ALMA LARA** 602-495-0118 alma.lara@phoenix.gov

Dist. 2: **MARI HERRA-DANIELS** 602-261-8587
e.marie.herra-daniels@phoenix.gov

Dist. 3: **KRISTA ROY** krista.roy@phoenix.gov

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 be 1/4 -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.

SEPTEMBER 2018

No listings at this time

Go to www.phoenix.gov click on departments, then neighborhood services, then neighborhood college



To all **Neighborhood Block Watches**, let us know if you would like **GEICO** sponsored **KKAD25** decals to place on the trash cans in your neighborhood. We have several thousand available. E-mail kkad25@kkad25.org or call 402-334-1391 for information. There are also YARD SIGNS available. Call Maggie at 1-800-769-7446 or go to this site: www.curzongraphics.com/KKA/CartOrig/index.php
Keep Kids Alive Drive 25® - A Non-Profit "For Action" Organization 501©(3) 402-334-1391, 12418 C Street Omaha, NE 68144

www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org

A REMINDER: PLEASE REMEMBER ON COLLECTION DAYS TO PUT YOUR GARBAGE AND RECYCLE CANS IN THE STREET WITH THE WHEELS AGAINST THE CURB AND NOT ON THE SIDEWALK WHERE OUR KIDS RIDE THEIR BIKES, ETC.

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...

ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH for info go to
www.OnlineAtAnthem.com or e-mail anwchair@gmail.com

ARROYO GRANDE-ANTHEM BLOCK WATCH
anwchair@gmail.com

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

CACTUS SWEETWATER BLOCK WATCH The Block Watch Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Cross of the Desert Church, 32nd Street & Sweetwater. For info contact 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 giddeup37@cox.net

MINI MOON II BLOCK WATCH (in Moon Valley along Interlachen)
Primary Contact: Myra Ridder myraridder@cox.net President/Chair: Ron Gundlach ron@azfab.com 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. We usually meet at Moon Mountain Elementary School at 7pm. mvg@cox.net
Candice 602-402-7914

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR
UPCOMING 2017 MEETINGS & EVENTS e-mail Joann Cellars, Coordinator at jacev3@cox.net

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. fp6891@cox.net

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

SEVEN PALMS BLOCK WATCH / PNP Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm in the Clubhouse. Call 480-307-4677 or 480-729-9592 or e-mail sevenpalmsblockwatchpnp@yahoo.com for info.

VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail Bill Merritt at wm.merritt@gmail.com

“JUST IN CASE”

*the unthinkable happens
and your loved one is missing or lost!*

**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

We are available to the general public for PERSONAL ID KITS on the 4th Thursday of each month (except June, July, November and December) from 6 – 8 pm at the Deer Valley Park Community Center, 2001 West Wahalla, Phoenix, AZ 85027.

Upcoming 2018 DATES:

September 27th & October 25th

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
- **ALL FILES ARE PERMANENTLY DELETED AND FORMS SHREDDED AFTER EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION SO THAT ONLY THE PARENTS, INDIVIDUALS, OR CAREGIVERS HAVE THE PERSONAL INFORMATION**



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.

AN INVITATION TO ALL BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE MEMBERS and ASSOCIATES TO TOUR THE CITY OF PHOENIX LABORATORY SERVICES BUREAU

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 am and 1 pm, we hold tours of our building at 621 W. Washington Street for those who are interested in Science, Biology, Crime Scene, Evidence Processing, etc., or what it is we actually do. It has become a very sought after event for many citizens of Phoenix and visitors to our state. I want to go a step further and extend an invitation to other stakeholders throughout the City of Phoenix, community groups and organizations, but most importantly your organizations – Black Mountain Community Alliance and the East Black Mountain Partnership.

I feel it is very important for not only our citizens to understand what it is we do behind our walls. This will give you all a great opportunity to understand what happens on the back side of the crime we hear about daily and helps you all understand the need for our services to the community.

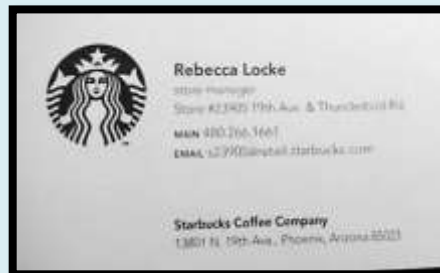
I am opening our doors to you and would love to have as many of your organization attend a short tour of our building at your convenience and pleasure.

Lt. Steven W. Roser #5331
Laboratory Services Bureau
Monday – Friday 0800-1600 hours
602-534-8749

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO STARBUCKS

AT 19TH AVENUE & THUNDERBIRD
FOR DONATING COFFEE AT OUR MONTHLY
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETINGS!



THANK YOU TO DEER VALLEY II SELF STORAGE FOR SUPPORTING THE BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE!



THANK YOU TO TOM ARGIRO, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR COORDINATING ALL OF THE FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE BMCA / BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT MEETINGS!



Become a Volunteer



Help your neighbors in need by building CARING CIRCLES

The Area Agency on Aging is offering exciting new opportunities to become a Volunteer and help support isolated, homebound older adults improve their well-being.

For more information:
602-264-4357
CaringCircles@aaaphx.org
www.aaaphx.org

The Area Agency on Aging is looking for positive, energetic individuals or groups who are willing to build circles of care around older adults in need.

Caring Opportunities:

- Friendly visits
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Phone calls to check in
- Companionship

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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)

ARIZONA 211

GET CONNECTED. GET ANSWERS.

Community Information and Referral Services

**HUMAN SERVICES – HEALTH NEEDS – EMERGENCY FOOD –
 CRISIS COUNSELING – RENTAL ASSISTANCE – MENTAL
 HEALTH – LEGAL ASSISTANCE – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE –
 DISABILITY RESOURCES – SUPPORT GROUPS –
 COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES –
 VOLUNTEERING & DONATING – UTILITY ASSISTANCE
 OR ANY OTHER SOLUTIONS YOU MAY NEED!**

JUST DIAL 211 or 877-211-8661

www.211arizona.org



**PHXCityCam: A
view of PHX!**

Ever wonder what the nation's fifth largest city looks like from the top of Phoenix City Hall? [PHXCityCam](#) is a live video stream with a bird's eye view in all directions; north, south, east and west. The cameras will be active 24/7, 365 days a year and will be used in many ways. Primarily, the city's Emergency Management Team can get a real-time view of lightning, heavy rain and dust as monsoon storms roll through our city.

"Our duty officers work 24/7 to anticipate storms to ensure the city is prepared to protect residents," said Lisa Jones, Director of the [Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#). "We also plan to use this as an opportunity to let residents know how to stay safe in the monsoon and how to prepare their homes before the storm."

The cameras offer video-only capabilities, and provide some of the most breathtaking views of our amazing city from high above the ground. Images from the cameras will be promoted on the city's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages as well as on the city's website. Not only will they give a view of storm activity, they also capture our beautiful Phoenix sunrises and sunsets, and can give a quick glance of what's happening downtown at any hour of the day.

Media is invited to view and use the video stream for broadcast or online purposes. Please courtesy the city by using the [PHXCityCam](#) logo and attribute the video feed as "Phoenix City Cam, located at the top of Phoenix City Hall".



**STAY ALERT!
STAY ALIVE!**

PEDESTRIAN FATALITIES ARE INCREASING

A QUICK SHORTCUT CAN BE DEADLY

REMOVE DISTRACTIONS

USE CROSSWALKS

WATCH YOUR SPEED




For more information visit www.phoenix.gov/streets/roadway-safety

SEX OFFENDER

NOTIFICATION INFORMATION
IN AND AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
Sex Offender information can be accessed all of the time at

www.azdps.gov/services/public/sex-offender

www.offenderwatch.com

www.missingkids.org www.nsopw.gov



REGISTER WITH BOLOCOP FOR CRIME ALERTS

www.bolocop.com is web-based delivery system built by law enforcement to be used by law enforcement to provide direct communication to businesses and community members. The service is free and there will never be a cost associated with using or receiving BOLO/ALERTS!

Simply go to www.bolocop.com and register for the alerts. You can choose alerts for the state, a city or just your zip code

You can help police solve crimes in your community if you're willing to "BOLO" (Be On the Look Out). An easy way to do this is to register at BOLOCop.com, a web-based communication program that will send you alerts from law enforcement agencies seeking the public's help on a range of public safety issues, including locating missing persons, identifying probation violation offenders, and recovering stolen property. The service also distributes information about crime trends that may be impacting your neighborhood.

Created in 2012 by Gilbert Police Crime Prevention Officer Vickie Owen and website developer Steven Mueller, BOLO Cop is used by hundreds of federal and state law enforcement officials to distribute critical police information in a variety of ways to individuals and businesses. The site will soon add a national registry known as the "Silver Directory" which allows members of the public to add information about a loved one suffering from dementia which can be used by police to find the individual's home should they be found or if they need to activate a Silver Alert.

BOLO Cop had its origins in a fax-based service started by Peggy and Paul Secaur in 1990. After Paul received a business fax that helped him and police apprehend a purse thief in the building he worked in, Paul and Peggy got the idea for Fax Net 1 and started sharing faxes with neighboring businesses about crimes in the area. Within weeks of launching the service, police were able to catch a bank robber, break up a counterfeit ring, locate an elderly man suffering from dementia and divert an attempted rapist.

For questions please call Officer Vickie Owen of the Gilbert Police Dept. Crime Prevention Unit at 480-635-7521 or Vickie.Owen@gilbertaz.gov

ACCESS NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME INFORMATION

Do you know what is happening in your neighborhood? If you are a Block Watch or PNP Group, it will be beneficial to know what is happening in and around your neighborhood! Did you know that you can sign up for alerts and access information, like dates and locations, on Burglaries, Thefts, and Assaults by going to www.phoenix.gov Select DEPARTMENTS, then POLICE, then CRIME STATISTICS & MAPS-

Welcome to the Phoenix Police Department's crime mapping website. Once you have read and accepted the disclaimers below, you will be directed to the RAIDS Online website. RAIDS online is a program operated by BAIR Analytics through a government contract with the City of Phoenix. The following does not constitute an endorsement of BAIR Analytics, its products or its services.

Using the RAIDS Online site, you can query and map selected crimes for your neighborhood within the City of Phoenix.



RAIDS Online is now LexisNexis Community Crime Map The same free mapping platform facilitating automated, transparent communication between law enforcement and the public, with a new name.

YOU MUST AGREE TO THE TERMS BELOW BEFORE ACCESSING THE CRIME MAPS

1) All aspects of the data provided herein are susceptible to a degree of error due to the complexities of the processes involved in compiling and presenting the data. No warranty, representation or guarantee is made or implied regarding the content, sequence, accuracy, timeliness or completeness of the data provided.

2) The City of Phoenix shall assume no liability for any errors, omissions or inaccuracies in the information provided, regardless of how caused or any decision made or action taken, or not by the reader in reliance upon any information or data furnished herein.

By clicking "I agree", I acknowledge that the City of Phoenix does not assume any liability for the use of this data, and that I have read and understand the disclaimers listed above.

["I AGREE"](#) (View Crime Maps and Stats)

["I AGREE"](#) (View Neighborhood Crime Counts)

["I DISAGREE"](#) (View Phoenix Police Department provided crime statistics and maps)

Or check out:

www.spotcrime.com



IdentityTheft.gov Website:

www.IdentityTheft.gov

Recovering from identity theft is easier with a plan. If someone has stolen your identity, or you've gotten a notice about a data breach, visit the FTC's new site at IdentityTheft.gov for help. IdentityTheft.gov is the federal government's one-stop resource to help you report and recover from identity theft. It's also available in Spanish at RobodelIdentidad.gov.

If you visit the website for the Federal Trade Commission www.ftc.gov and go to Publications (type publications in the search bar) you should be able to locate approximately 187 different FREE publications on all types of different topics. This may be a good resource for community information without the burden of paying for printing.

**You can also get on the
DO NOT CALL REGISTRY!**

The **Do Not Call Registry** accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines. To **register** by telephone, call 1-888-382-1222 (TTY: 1-866-290-4236). You must **call** from the phone number that you want to **register**. To **register** online (donotcall.gov), you will have to respond to a confirmation email.

FOLLOW POLICE DISPATCH CALLS ONLINE

If you see a police helicopter or other police activity in your area, go to www.radioreference.com and you may be able to follow police dispatch reports. Click on Live Audio, AZ, Maricopa, Phoenix Police and speaker.

MEETING and EVENT

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2018

Wednesday, SEPT. 5th BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm - at the Deer Valley Community Center, Board Room

Thursday, SEPT. 6th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Adams St. Training Room, 304 W. Adams St.

Friday, SEPT. 7th DEVONSHIRE SENIOR SAFETY FAIR

9 am – Noon at Devonshire Sr. Ctr., 2802 E. Devonshire

NO SEPT. FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break

Wednesday, SEPT. 12th BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING

6:30 pm at the Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla

PRESENTATION: National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) with Lt. Mark Heimal

Saturday, SEPT. 15th SHRED-A-THON & DRUG TAKE BACK

8 am – Noon at the Deer Valley Community Center

Tuesday, SEPT. 18th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm at the Mountain View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland

Saturday, SEPT. 22nd CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING

7:30 am – Noon at Mt. View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland Ave.

RSVP brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, SEPT. 25th PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

6:30-8:30 pm - Hosted by PBWAB, Marriott Phx Airport, 1101 N. 44th St.

Topic: Disaster Response & Preparedness

Tuesday, SEPT. 25th BLK MTN ROADSHOW BW / PNP TRAINING

5-9 pm - Hosted by PHX NORTH PNP, 17825 N. 7th Street

Register at info@bmcainfo.com

Wednesday, SEPT. 26th BLK MTN ROADSHOW BW / PNP TRAINING

5-9 pm - Hosted by NORTHTOWN BW/PNP, 2202 E. Waltann Ln.

Register at brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

Wednesday, SEPT. 26th CPCA BW / CP PNP MEETING

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at College of America, 9801 N. Metro Pkwy E.

Presentation: TBA

Thursday, SEPT. 27th BLK MTN COFFEE TALK WITH TOM

8:30 am at Cambria Hotel & Suites, 4425 E. Irma Lane

Thursday, SEPT. 27th PERSONAL ID KITS by BMCA

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Deer Valley Community Center

Friday, SEPT. 28th DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

with Vice Mayor Thelda Williams 7:30 am at the Double Tree

Saturday, SEPT. 29th Franklin Police & Fire HS Community Fair

8 am – Noon at 1645 W. McDowell Rd. **BMCA is doing ID KITS**

OCTOBER 2018

Wednesday, OCT. 3rd BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm - at the Deer Valley Community Center, Board Room

Thursday, OCT. 4th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Adams St. Training Room, 304 W. Adams St.

Friday, OCT. 5th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143

Good training for PNP Members!

Saturday, OCT. 6th G.A.I.N. KICK-OFF EVENT

10am to Noon at Christown Spectrum Mall, 1703 W. Bethany Home Road.

Wednesday, OCT. 10th BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT MEETING

6:30 pm at the Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla

PRESENTATION: Personal Safety

Tuesday, OCT. 16th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm at the Mountain View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland

Saturday, OCT. 20th BMCA/DVPNBWO/MVGBW G.A.I.N. EVENT

2 – 5 pm in Deer Valley Park

Saturday, OCT. 20th Citywide G.A.I.N. Day

All day, all over Phoenix

Tuesday, OCT. 23th PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

6:30-8:30 pm - Hosted by Advisory Board in Maryvale

Topic: Active Shooter Presentation

Wednesday, OCT. 24th CPCA BW / CP PNP MEETING

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at College of America, 9801 N. Metro Pkwy E.

Presentation: TBA

Thursday, OCT. 25th BLK MTN COFFEE TALK WITH TOM

8:30 am at The Mediterranean Market & Grill, 1930 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.

Thursday, OCT. 25th PERSONAL ID KITS by BMCA

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Deer Valley Community Center

Friday, OCT. 26th DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

with Vice Mayor Thelda Williams 7:30 am at the Double Tree

Saturday, OCT. 27th CPCA VIN-ETCHING EVENT

9 am – Noon at Cactus Wren Elem. School, 9650 N. 39th Avenue

NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday, NOV. 1st NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Adams St. Training Room, 304 W. Adams St.

Friday, NOV. 2nd PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143

Good training for PNP Members!

Saturday, NOV. 3rd CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING

7:30 am – Noon at Mt. View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland Ave.

RSVP brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

Wednesday, NOV. 7th BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm - at the Deer Valley Community Center, Board Room

Thursday, NOV. 14th BLK MTN COFFEE TALK WITH TOM

8:00 am at Rustic Café, 20811 N. Cave Creek Road

NO NOV. BMCA BW / BLK MTN PNP MTG. – Fall / Winter Break

Wednesday, NOV. 14th BMCA GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

6:30 pm - at the Thunderbird High School Thunderdome

RSVP info@bmcainfo.com or 480-467-7399

Tuesday, NOV. 20th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm at the Mountain View Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland

NO NOV. PERSONAL I.D. KITS by BMCA – Fall / Winter Break

Friday, NOV. 16th DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

with Councilwoman Thelda Williams 7:30 am at the Radisson

Tuesday, NOV. 27th PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

6:30-8:30 pm - Hosted by PBWAB Location: TBA, Topic: TBA

NO NOV. CPCA MEETING – Fall / Winter Break

DECEMBER 2018

Wednesday, DEC. 5th CPCA HOLIDAY PARTY POTLUCK

A-F bring a Main Dish, G-M bring a Side Dish, N-Z bring a Dessert

6:30 pm Helen Drake Sr. Ctr. 7600 N. 27th Ave.

NO DEC. NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting – Winter Break

Friday, DEC. 7th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at

602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!

Thursday, DEC. 6th at 4 pm BLOCK WATCH GRANTS ARE DUE!!!

Saturday/Sunday, DEC. 8th & 9th INDIAN MARKET PNP Patrol

8 am–4 pm each day to patrol e-mail Rick Sain

at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143

Wednesday, DEC. 12th BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT

HOLIDAY PARTY / POTLUCK

If your name begins with:

A – I please bring a Side Dish / Salad

J – R please bring a Dessert

S – Z please bring a Main Dish

...and don't forget a wrapped gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange!

And a new unwrapped toy for the Precinct Toy Drive!

6:00 pm at the Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla

NO DEC. BMCA BOARD MEETING – Winter Break

NO DEC. BLK MTN COFFEE TALK WITH TOM – Winter Break

NO DEC. PERSONAL I.D. KITS by BMCA – Winter Break

NO DEC. PBWAB MEETING – Winter Break

NO DEC. BREAKFAST WITH THELDA – Winter Break

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 Thelda Williams	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 / 480-948-6377
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
Underage Drinking Hotline	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 license 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

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERS!

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e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com

Mail to: BMCA, P. O. Box 41306, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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