



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.

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th at 6:30pm

We are waiting to hear if the Deer Valley Community Center will be open in September, but if not we will do another ZOOM Meeting. Look for info in the September issue.



BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya
and Commander Darren Viner

**COFFEES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



Maricopa County COVID-19 Hotline Hotline:

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

More information:

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

For the most updated news and information related to COVID-19 or Coronavirus, please frequently check

www.phoenix.gov/newsroom

CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS & RESIDENT RESOURCES

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

CITY OF PHOENIX IMPACTED SERVICES UPDATE

Please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1054> for information on City Services and facilities currently closed or impacted, and City Services available online. Read this information in Spanish. Lea esta información en español (PDF) https://www.phoenix.gov/newssite/Documents/COVID19_Newsroom_Main_S_P.pdf

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

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

Precinct: 602.495.5002

WELCOME NEW CAO SGT. LINDA MILLER!



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

WHAT EXACTLY IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

There are movies about it. You may have seen them; *Sleeping with the Enemy*, *Fried Green tomatoes*, or *The Color Purple*, to name a few. You may even know someone involved in a domestic violence situation. Is it really domestic violence, or are they having a simple disagreement? Not everyone knows what happens behind closed doors in a relationship, but surprisingly domestic violence is more common than you might think. Here, I will review a few indicators that may help if you suspect a friend or a family member may be involved in an unhealthy relationship, which could lead to domestic violence.

First a little background. I am Officer Jennifer Zak and I have been with the Phoenix Police Department for just over twelve years. Four of those years I spent as a Detective in the Domestic Violence Unit. Even before that, the majority of the calls for service I responded to as a patrol officer were domestic violence related.

Domestic Violence is not the crime itself, rather it is a further classification of crimes that occur between family members, intimate partners, or persons who currently reside or previously resided together. Assault, threatening and intimidating and criminal damage are all examples of crimes that, when coupled with the appropriate relationship, become classified as "domestic violence".

Every relationship has disputes. It happens. Yes, sometimes these disputes turn physical with pushing, shoving and even hitting. These acts are considered a crime, should be reported, and the perpetrators should be held accountable for their actions. In recent years, there has been a focus on identifying the domestic violence relationships that have the potential to turn deadly. By identifying these relationships advocates can intervene and prevent further harm.

If you are not sure if someone you know is in a potentially harmful relationship here are some indicators to look out for:

- The victim is slowly becoming withdrawn and no longer sees friends or family as often;
- The victim is often belittled, called names, or even put down, sometimes in front of friends and family;
- One person in the relationship may have more "control" over the other. They may take the victim to and from work, or the store, or require them to "check in" often. Sometimes if they do not do as the "controller" says, there are threats against them to reveal harmful or embarrassing information, threats to harm their children and pets, or damage property. In other words, they are forced to comply with demands, or face some type of consequence;
- Bruises or scratches with little to no explanation of how they were received;
- The victim may also defend or even make up excuses regarding the offender's behavior;
- The victim feels threatened or intimidated, and is fearful of what will happen if they break up with or leave the offender.

Please be mindful that each situation is different and may not include these indicators.

So how can you help? First, your safety is paramount. It is not recommended that you try to interfere with these situations as they have the potential to become volatile very fast. If you witness a crime occurring, contact the police department and be a good witness. Your testimony is important because the victim is oftentimes very afraid to tell police officers what really happened. If you have a family member who is a victim of a domestic violence crime, be supportive. They may be in denial about what is going on in their relationship; however, they will need someone to turn to. Lastly, when it safe to do so, recommend that they contact a domestic violence hotline, or even a shelter. These resources will provide the victim with crucial information and assistance, helping free themselves from an unhealthy relationship.

Domestic Violence Resources:

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
Phoenix Family Advocacy Center 602-594-2121



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

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

Events affected in Black Mountain Precinct Include:

BMCA General Block Watch / PNP Meetings
Coffee with a Cop - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Information will be sent out as these events get rescheduled.

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

We apologize for any inconvenience.

-Lt. Brian Rimsza

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

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)

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

OFFICIAL DEFUNDING POLICE ADVOCATE WAIVER

I, FUTURE CRIME VICTIM, FORFEIT ALL RIGHTS TO POLICE ASSISTANCE.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

I REQUEST THAT 911 BLOCK THE FOLLOWING PHONE NUMBERS:

HOME () CELL () WORK ()

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER, I NULLIFY ALL RIGHTS TO POLICE ASSISTANCE.

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

SIGNATURE OF FUTURE CRIME VICTIM _____

PLEASE CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

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.)

CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND OLDER PEOPLE ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING AND AFTER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CHILDREN
More time spent on the internet increases the risk of online abuse.

WOMEN
Measures, such as home quarantine, may increase risk of sexual coercion and violence.

OLDER PEOPLE
Those at higher risk of severe disease may stay home to reduce risk of infection. This may result in social isolation, abuse, and reduced opportunities to seek help.

To learn more, visit: bit.ly/StopViolenceAtHome

World Health Organization



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

PHOENIX POLICE OFFICERS!

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

WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!

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

Phoenix Police Department Officer-Involved Shootings Information

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

www.phoenix.gov

Black Mountain Precinct Blood Drive July 14, 2020 at Shiloh Church



A donor & CAO Jen Zak Officer Ofc. Jason Cooper & CAO Tim Tewers

PHOENIX POLICE NEED OUR SUPPORT!

Everyone is welcome to respond to this survey link. It asks for your zip code so it will differentiate the responses. Please take a few minutes and support our Phoenix Police Department. If or have any questions please read through Councilwoman Thelda's July 24 newsletter

<https://www.phoenix.gov/district1site/Documents/Weekly%2007.24.20.pdf>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T33YJSN>

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 Tony Cuciti #6907 at 602-495-5481 or
anthony.cuciti@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 Kelsey Commisso #9595 at 602-495-5227 or
kelsey.commisso@phoenix.gov



Abatement Officer Jason Cooper #7200
602-495-5228 or jason.cooper@phoenix.gov

WELCOME NEW



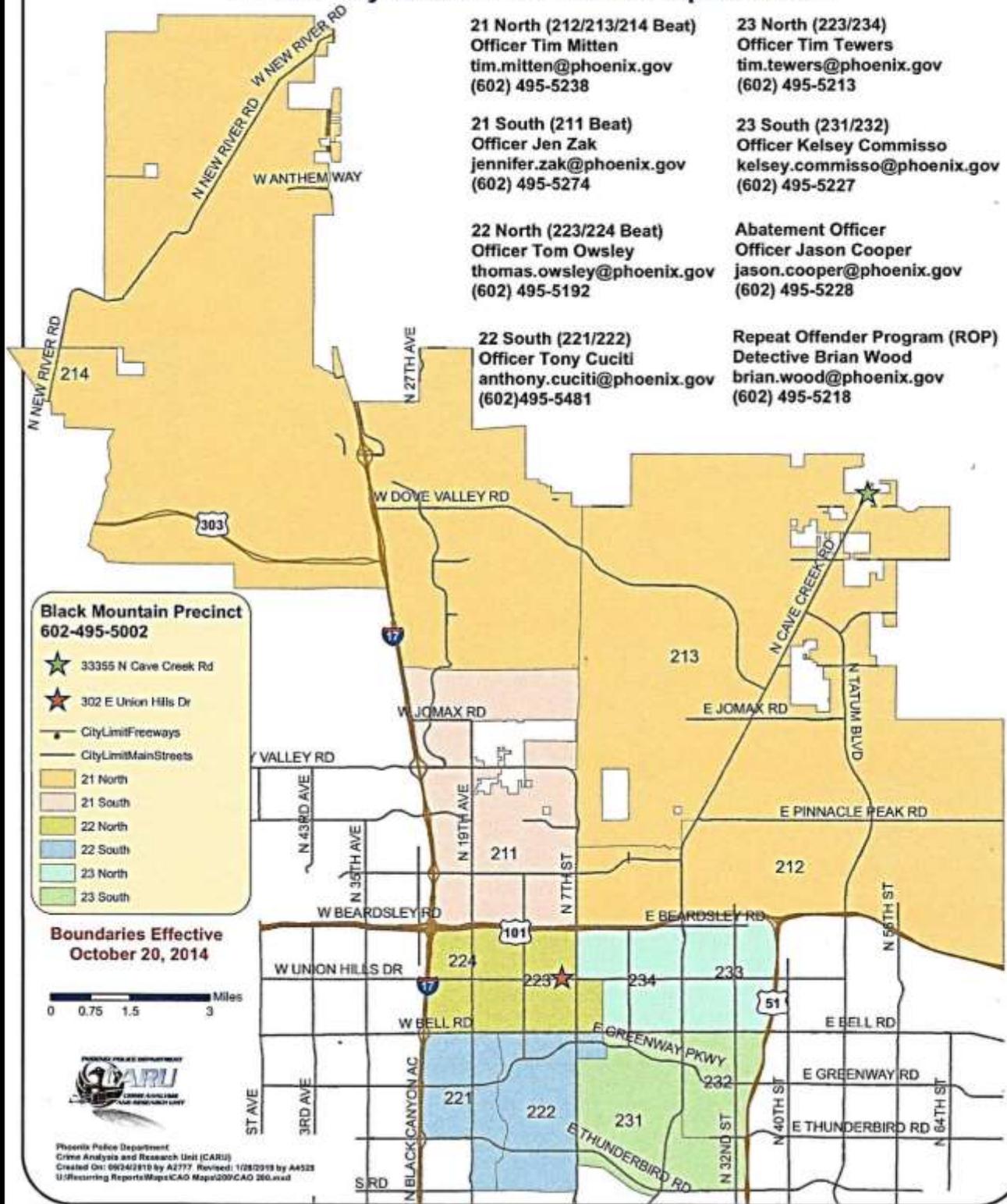
Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Linda Miller
602-769-5571 or linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov



**Black Mountain Precinct Community
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602-495-5032 or brian.rimsza@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
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21 South (211 Beat)
Officer Jen Zak
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22 North (223/224 Beat)
Officer Tom Owsley
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(602) 495-5192

22 South (221/222)
Officer Tony Cuciti
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23 North (223/234)
Officer Tim Tewers
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(602) 495-5213

23 South (231/232)
Officer Kelsey Commisso
kelsey.commisso@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5227

Abatement Officer
Officer Jason Cooper
jason.cooper@phoenix.gov
(602) 495-5228

Repeat Offender Program (ROP)
Detective Brian Wood
brian.wood@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: 08/24/2010 by A2777 Revised: 1/28/2013 by A4528
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CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

See Something Say Something

We have not talked about this in some time but remember if you "see something, say something."

Who do you report this to? Like we cover in the class, 911 or Crime Stop (602-262-6151) for a crime in progress or that recently happened and other possible criminal activity. There is always Silent Witness, 480-WITNESS for past unsolved felony crimes. But what about other things.

Visit www.azactic.gov/report, Arizona's Fusion Center at the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC). You can report suspicious activity or information here, using any of three methods: web, phone (877) 2-SAVEAZ (877-272-8329), or mobile app (link available on their site). Each option allows you to remain anonymous if you wish.

Virtual City Meetings

Many of you have expressed frustration recently with the restrictions COVID-19 has put on community interactions with city officials: no coffee with a cop, no coffee with your councilperson, no breakfast meetings, no meetings with your CAO's or precinct staff. Not only has PNP has started virtual meetings and classes, the Block Watch Grant Oversight Committee, the Block Watch Advisory Board and other advisory boards and neighborhood groups have also. Did you know the Phoenix City Council is also now holding their meetings virtually?

Visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings> to see how you can participate in the virtual city council meetings. You can register to speak or if you do not wish to speak, you can simply leave a written comment. You can participate by phone only if you wish. Follow the instructions on the site and remember you must register at least one hour before the meeting is scheduled to begin and only people registered to speak will be called upon to speak. The site above has the information on how you can tune in to watch the meetings as well.

Don't let the COVID-19 restrictions prevent you from taking an important active role in your community.

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol classes online

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

August Class

August 12, 2020, Wednesday, 5pm to 7pm, Session 1
August 13, 2020, Thursday, 5pm to 7pm, Session 2

September Class

September 16, 2020, Wednesday, 5pm to 7pm, Session 1
September 17, 2020, Thursday, 5pm to 7pm, Session 2

Please share this info with anyone you know who may be interested.

To register email PNP.coordinator@phoenix.gov other specifics about the classes will be email the those who register.

The above classes are being offered in English only at this time, we will have a Spanish language classes scheduled soon.

Message from the Chief's Office

Below is a link to a video recently released by the police department highlighting some of the changes we have made recently

Police Chief Outlines Changes made to Enhance Public Trust

Starring our very own CAO's...

<https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/police/1328>

PNP Equipment Order Forms

We finally have our prices for 2020 from all of our suppliers. The current order forms and they are already posted online at Phoenix.gov/police and PNPmembers.com. I know this year's grants are winding down soon and many of you will be placing orders, so I wanted to make sure these are available to you.

Be Safe!

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

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective, Phoenix Police Department
Community Relations Bureau, Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol,
Criminal Nuisance Abatement, & Crime Prevention Through
Environmental Design Coordinator.

602-256-4303 Desk / 602-534-2346 Fax

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"Policing with a Purpose"

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.

**NEXT TRAINING ON
AUGUST 12th & 13th
IS ONLINE !**

PNP PATROL OPPORTUNITY!

**First Friday's Art Walk
PNP Patrols
have been suspended until at least
October**

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



District 1 Councilwoman Thelda Williams
602-262-7444
council.district1@phoenix.gov

There will not be an August Community Breakfast Meeting. Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

In her newsletter this week, Councilwoman Williams included a survey that she is conducting to get feedback from our residents about policing in Phoenix. I wanted to make sure you saw it. Please take the survey and feel free to share.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T33YJSN>

**JULY 24 STATEMENT FROM
 COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS
 ON 2020 CENSUS**

Get Counted! As of July 23, 60.3 percent of households in Phoenix responded to the census, statewide 59.1 percent, and nationally 62.4 percent of households have responded. The north portion of the district is falling behind in the census count. This is a quickly growing area where additional resources such as police and fire stations are critical. Get counted! The U.S. Census Bureau is sending 2020 Census reminder postcards this week to an estimated 34.3 million households. This will be the final mailing before census takers begin visiting nonresponding households across the nation in mid-August. Responding now minimizes the need for census takers to visit homes to collect responses in person. Take a moment to help your community for the next 10 years— complete your 2020 Census and encourage your neighbors to do the same. There are three ways to respond: iCount2020.info; 1-844-330-2020 English, 1-844-468-2020 Spanish; or by mail. If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.

PHOENIX SUMMER HEAT SAFETY



Heat affects everyone differently. In order to better address heat risk and allow you to prepare for upcoming heat events, the NWS has developed the experimental

HeatRisk forecast. The NWS HeatRisk forecast provides a quick view of heat risk potential over the upcoming seven days. During excessive heat:

- Limit and reduce duration of outdoor activity.
- Plan outdoor activities for the coolest times of the day.
- When possible, utilize indoor facilities that accommodate physical activity.

- Take frequent breaks.
- Provide drinking water before, during, and after the activity.
- Drink more water than usual. Avoid drinks with sugar, alcohol and caffeine.
- Pace physical activity.
- Plan for cool-down recovery time in the shade, if possible, following an outdoor activity.
- Wear light colored clothing and wide-brimmed hats.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on www.phoenix.gov and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix).

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

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

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

<https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>

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

1. Go to phoenix.gov and click on City Council Meetings
2. Find the meeting you want to participate in and click on the Comment icon for that meeting
3. Arrive at phoenix.granicusideas.com and sign-in and review the agenda items
4. To speak at the meeting, click on Register to Speak on the agenda item(s) you want to speak on
5. On the day and time of the meeting, go to phoenix.gov and click on City Council Meetings
6. Open the agenda for the meeting and find the weblink at the top of the agenda (only persons that registered to speak will be called upon to speak during the meeting)

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

To view a demonstration video please visit

<https://youtu.be/sDzB5kZd2x8>

Per the most recent federal guidelines, no residents will be allowed in the Council Chambers.

Questions?

Want to participate by phone?

¿Necesita ayuda en español?

602-262-6001



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

Facebook: [facebook.com/waringjim](https://www.facebook.com/waringjim)



District 3 Councilwoman Debra Stark
 602-262-7441 council.district.3@phoenix.gov

THE 2020 CENSUS IS UNDERWAY

Have you completed your 2020 Census yet? It takes 10 minutes and can be completed three ways:

- Phone: 1-844-330-2020 (English) / 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish)
- Online: iCount2020.info (English) / iCount2020.info/es (Spanish)
- Mail: Complete and return the form that was mailed to your household

Responding to the 2020 Census is critical as it provides \$866 million for programs in Phoenix every year. These are critical resources that families depend on including food assistance, childcare, housing support, Head Start, libraries, transportation, schools, etc. Make sure you are counted!

COOL AIR ORDINANCE

Know your rights! As a renter in Phoenix, you are entitled to cool air in your apartment, condo, or home. Landlords are required to maintain a maximum of 82 degrees if the unit is cooled by air conditioning and 86 degrees if the unit is using evaporative cooling. The City can help if you have a situation with your landlord.

www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/landlord-tenant-counseling

PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE

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

GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:

- City Council Meetings [agendas, results, minutes + videos] – [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](#)



INFO OF THE MONTH

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



Staying Active During COVID-19



Social distancing and sheltering in place doesn't necessarily mean having to endure isolation or living in fearful separation. There are still great ways to getting and staying active. Being physically active is helpful for mind and body well-being. While there are ways to be active outdoors, such as walking, running or hiking; if you can't or don't want to go outside, here are some suggestions for being active indoors. Do your best to find time every day to move. However, remember the advice of medical professionals calling for us to wear face coverings as much as possible until this health crisis ends.

Here's how:

- Do your best to find time every day to move. Even a small amount of time each day is good for your health.
- Find the type of movement that works best for you. Physical activity, such as walking or biking, can be done by people of all ages and abilities. Find the type of exercise that works best for you.
- Even in small spaces, walking is good for you. Consider pacing while on a phone call.
- Try to stand up and move around every 30 minutes or so, especially when you are watching TV or using a computer.
- Take activity breaks. Little amounts of physical activity, like cleaning, gardening, dancing, and cooking add up.
- Join a free online exercise class on YouTube. Cardio, yoga, strength training—the options are endless!
- Maintaining physical distance does not mean social distance—work out virtually with your friends. Plan to tune into the same exercise video or create a workout plan together over video chat.
- Stretch. Gentle movement, like yoga, can help your body relax and rejuvenate. Sync movement with deep breathing.

Here's why:

- Exercise reduces levels of the body's stress hormones.
- Exercise stimulates the production of chemicals in the brain that are the body's natural painkillers and mood elevators.

- Exercise helps to boost your immune system.
- The stress reduction and mental health benefits of physical activity and exercise can last throughout the day.

Also:

- Give friends and family regular emotional support. Moral support is essential during these times.
- Share ideas with others on ways to stay healthy and positive, such as careful online shopping, preparing nutritious meals, and using other online resources for personal recreation.
- Stay current with ongoing activities, take part in conference calls, and share timely information and links with other retirees and friends.
- Remember to stay active!



JUNE 10, 2020

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 20 in attendance!

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw



The new VBW Signs have been ordered and should be delivered soon. Monte and Candice have been reimbursed for materials for the Blue Line Glass Art that was presented to Sgt. Rachel Warren and Asst. Chief Mary Roberts from BMCA. Deb asked if reallocations can still be done since they extended the 4th Quarter due date.

Council District 1, 2 & 3 News: Councilwoman Deb Stark will pop in if we have questions for her. Candice reported that the Budget has been passed and OAT has been funded from Covid 19 savings.

Black Mountain Precinct Update: E-mail to Candice from Cmdr. Darren Viner:

He said that all of their ranks are mobilized and are either very busy with frontline response or logistical support. Unfortunately, this week is not a good time for any of them to divert from any of these duties. He promised as soon as the protests are over they will connect and introduce our new CAO Sgt. He said they definitely miss seeing all of us and look forward to when we can all get together again.

Candice said the new CAO Sgt. is Linda Williams who has been the Admin. Sgt. at Black Mountain Precinct, so she knows the ropes. John Curfman called Candice about bringing food and drink support to the Police staging area just north of Burton Barr Library. Charley and family helped raise money. Lt. Scott Cain was there, too.

PNP Updates: Det. Brian will e-mail the WebEx link for the PNP Coordinator's Meeting on Tuesday, June 16th. Please report your PNP Patrol hours to Det. Brian. The BW/PNP Trainings are also online.

Laura asked if there was anyone out doing PNP Patrol. Several yeses.

There was concern about someone feeding pigeons rice at Deer Valley Park since there is an ordinance against it. It was determined that the rice will probably kill the pigeons.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: We all agreed to hold another BMCA ZOOM Meeting on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30 pm. Laura will include the link in the July BMCA e-Bulletin.

JULY 8, 2020

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 18 in attendance!



BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw

ZOOM Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw



COUNCIL DISTRICT NEWS:



Councilwoman Deb Stark

DISTRICT 3: Please encourage everyone to fill out the Census! District 3 is still working on the Census. Please fill out your Census forms! It helps fund our police. The Libraries are working on providing wifi boosters for their parking lots. The Census Maps are available from all Council Districts, just ask Deb and Sina. Candice wanted to know if there are Census Maps for the Police Precincts.



Mari and I have been looking for a COVID 19 Testing Site up in my area such as Paradise Valley Community College. Councilwoman Deb Stark said that it took a lot of work to get the Budget passed. We were able to fund raises for staff and also the police. Funding for help with mental health was added to the Police budget. Deb took a snapshot of the Zoom Meeting and will put it on her Facebook page.



Sina Matthes

DISTRICT 1: Sina has a map of District 1 Census, too. Metro Center has COVID 19 testing going on now

Black Mountain Precinct Updates

Please continue to support our Police Officers, defend not defund! We are still providing snacks and donations for the police who are still dealing with the protesting downtown. The info is in the BMCA e-Bulletin.



Tom Argiro

Tom A. asked about how the Chamber can donate food to the Police. Candice will give him the contact info. CAO Tom Owsley says he misses everyone. Candice will look into doing a small Coffee with Police. We are looking forward to meeting the new CAO Sgt. Linda Williams in the near future. Candice thanked Mari and Ronnie from NSD for all they do.

PNP UPDATES:

Another PNP / BW Training in two sessions on WEBex is coming up on July 15th & 16th. Candice has PNP Hand Sanitizers for anyone who wants one.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Laura displayed the new BMCA Masks.



Tom asked everyone to shop Phoenix, www.northphoenixchamber.com has a listing of all the businesses that are operating.

Mari said that there has been an increase of Homeless Camps and they need to be reported. Phx CARES will take care of the clean ups.

UPCOMING MEETINGS.

The PBWAB has a Virtual meeting coming up in August - Active Shooter / Shelter in Place presentation by Officer David Mena.

The next BMCA Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 2nd and the next BMCA General Meeting is Wednesday, September 9th.

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WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!

DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS GIVE TO SHELTERS

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

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>

www.givesmartaz.org





Allister Adel
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

Record Numbers for New Felony Diversion Program Provides Alternative to Prosecution

Phoenix, Arizona – In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, more than 1,300 individuals facing criminal prosecution in Maricopa County have been referred to the county’s new Felony Diversion Program, allowing people to receive treatment in place of prosecution.

Earlier this year, the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office announced the new Felony Diversion Program to provide an alternative for those facing criminal prosecution. The initial launch date of the program was April of 2020 but was pushed back to May 18 in response to COVID-19 stay at home orders.

This new program combines what was formerly known as the Drug Diversion Program and Felony Pre-Trial Intervention Program (FPIP); and offers a more robust treatment option that addresses the specific underlying behaviors and attitudes that affect criminal behavior.

Prior to the pandemic, County Attorney Allister Adel directed staff to eliminate diversion case fees that ranged from \$630 - \$1200, so there would no longer be a financial requirement to avoid felony prosecution. Additional improvements to the program include a partnership with a new behavioral health provider to deliver diversion program services. Diversion cases previously sent to TASC are now being administered by SAGE Counseling, Inc.

From May 18 to June 22, 1312 cases were processed into the new Felony Diversion Program. Prior to the creation of this program, average monthly case filings for the Drug Diversion and FPIP programs combined was just 314. Many of these new diversion participants were individuals whose cases had lingered in the system, thus providing closure for many with outstanding criminal issues.

“If we are to make our community safer, we must look at the offender and not just the offense. The new program allows us to respond more effectively to the needs of adult offenders, by using research-based programming to address specific individual needs,” states County Attorney Allister Adel. “SAGE Counseling was a partner every step of the way as we navigated the launch of this program in the midst of COVID-19 and I appreciate everything they did to ensure a smooth transition.”

“This new endeavor is a high-level, individualized, accountable, and assessment-driven program that is one of a kind in this community,” stated Steve Grams, SAGE Counseling Executive Director. “As recommended by leaders in the field of offender treatment, this program has focused, structured counseling groups and we understand the importance of skill development in the areas of cognitive self-change, conflict resolution, anger management, positive coping, positive self-talk, refusal skills, stress management, and lifestyle balance.”

Diversion programs reduce recidivism by reducing a person’s contact with the criminal justice system, increasing connections to appropriate community-based services, holding individuals accountable, and when applicable, provides timely financial restoration to the victim.

Felony Diversion Program participants are now assessed and placed in one of six treatment tracks offered by SAGE Counseling, Inc.:

- TRACK ONE: for LOW risk offenders with a moderate to high substance abuse criminogenic need
- TRACK TWO: for LOW risk offenders with a moderate to high substance abuse criminogenic need but designed for those who have had success in past substance abuse education/treatment, but have returned to substance use

- TRACK THREE: for MODERATE risk offenders with a moderate to high substance abuse criminogenic need
- TRACK FOUR: for HIGH to VERY HIGH risk offenders with a moderate to high substance abuse criminogenic need
- TRACK FIVE: for LOW risk offenders with low to high criminogenic needs in all other domains except substance abuse
- TRACK SIX: for MODERATE to VERY HIGH risk offenders with low to high criminogenic needs in all other domains except substance abuse

For offenders who successfully complete the Felony Diversion Program, the Deputy County Attorney will file a motion to dismiss the charges with prejudice. If unsuccessful, the office will reinstate prosecution.



Maricopa County Now Offering Virtual Inspections for Some Permits

Video walk-throughs help protect public, save time and money

Maricopa County is now offering a faster way to get certain home renovation projects inspected. The Planning and Development Department just rolled out virtual inspections for the following permits:



“We want responsible development to continue in spite of the pandemic, whether it’s a new housing community or a small home improvement project,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Clint Hickman, District 4. “With the introduction of virtual inspections and other online services, Planning and Development is giving residents safe, efficient options to get the job done.”

“People want flexibility right now, so virtual inspections make a lot of sense,” said Jen Pokorski, Planning and Development Director. “They help keep customers and staff safe, save time and money, and eliminate the guesswork in determining when an inspector will arrive.”

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Planning and Development has seen a year-over-year increase in demand for building permits. Many of those applications are happening online. Now, customers can go to [Planning and Development’s website](#) to request a virtual inspection as well.

“Video conferencing is a normal part of life for many of us now. Our virtual inspections will have a similar feel,” said Inspection Manager Justin Pascarella. “Customers will get a set meeting time, they’ll connect with the inspector using their smart phone or tablet, and then they’ll be walked through the inspections process right there.” Additional details and instructions for customers who want a virtual inspection can be found on [Planning and Development’s website](#). People can also call the Inspection Coordinator (602-506-7170) or Call Center (602-506-3301).

About Planning and Development

The Maricopa County Planning and Development Department provides a wide range of services for unincorporated Maricopa County including land use planning and entitlement, building permit review and inspection, and code compliance.

Planning and Development’s customer lobby closed to the public on March 26 due to COVID-19, and a virtual counter was established in its place that allowed business to continue with minimal disruption, consistent turn-around times on plan review, and prompt building inspections. Permits are accepted online or via drop box, and staff is still available by phone or the website to answer any questions.

County Program Could Help As Many As 6,000 Households With Rent

Maricopa County is beginning a new rental assistance program for residents outside of the cities of Phoenix and Mesa who have been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. The Human Services Department will administer the program, which will be funded with federal CARES Act dollars, and delivered through local community action programs.

"We have already seen an overwhelming demand for help as people struggle to pay the rent," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Clint Hickman, District 4. "While no single government action or program can fully address the issue, we designed this program to prevent evictions and help as many people as possible." The Board of Supervisors allocated \$30 million for the program, which would offer approximately 6,000 households in the region up to three months of rent, paid directly to landlords. In addition, some households may qualify for utility assistance, another area of concern for renters, especially during the summer months.

"We want to keep as many people in their homes as possible because we know that family stability, safety, and health begin with a roof over someone's head," said Bruce Liggett, Director of Maricopa County Human Services Department. "We understand the urgency and ask for people's patience as we try to assist as many households as we can."

The program was initiated on July 13. Assistance will be delivered through 11 local public and nonprofit Community Action Programs and Human Services Department in two areas. Funds have been allocated based on the percent of potentially eligible in each area. Residents of Phoenix and Mesa would not be eligible to apply because those cities also received significant funding through the CARES Act.

THE NEED

Maricopa County understands many residents are experiencing significant social, economic, and personal challenges because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the County is aware of the scheduled expiration of federal (July 25th) and state (July 22nd) eviction moratoriums as well as the end of federal Unemployment Insurance eligibility and supplemental payments at the end of July, unless extended.

As a result, Maricopa County expects a tremendous number of requests for assistance. Applicants will be served on a first come, first served basis. The County is committed to processing applications as quickly as possible and appreciates the patience of all applicants.

KEY FEATURES

To address the need for rental assistance in the community, Maricopa County has designed the program to reach individuals and families who might otherwise not get help. The program's key features include:

- Eligibility is set higher than typical rental assistance programs. Eligibility starts at the Area Median Income, 300% of the federal poverty level, or roughly \$65,000 for a family of 3.
- There is a set payment amount of \$1,500 per month.
- Households will be eligible for up to 3 months of assistance for past due or owed rent between March and December 2020, based on funds available.
- Payments will be made directly to landlords.
- There is limited documentation required in order to speed up assistance. Applicants will need to submit:
 - Evidence of financial hardship due to Covid-19
 - Applicant photo
 - Lease agreement
 - Total household income
- Bundling of services: When applying, households will also be considered for federal utility assistance and may be eligible for other local services and supports.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the local Community Action Program in your area for an appointment. An in-person interview is NOT required.

Households that applied for the Arizona Department of Housing's COVID-19 rental assistance program (known as the Rental and Eviction Prevention Assistance Program, or REPAP) and provided necessary documentation will automatically be considered for eligibility for the County's rental assistance program.

To learn more about the program, visit [Maricopa.gov/COVIDRentHelp](https://maricopa.gov/COVIDRentHelp).

To learn about utility assistance and other rental assistance programs, go to [Maricopa.gov/HelpwithBills](https://maricopa.gov/HelpwithBills).

Maricopa County Animal Care and Control Hires New Director

An experienced veterinary professional and animal welfare advocate has been chosen to lead Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC). Dr. Robyn Jaynes is the department's new director.

"I've dedicated my entire career to improving the welfare of animals in shelters, boarding facilities, pet grooming salons and day play facilities," said Dr. Jaynes. "Now, I'm excited to use my education and experience to improve processes and ensure high-quality care and successful adoptions at one of the country's most dynamic public animal shelters."

Most recently, Dr. Jaynes served as VP of Operations for The Pet Club/Exceptional Pets, where she oversaw daily operations for five retail and pet service centers in Maricopa County. Before that, she was VP of Veterinary Operations for the Arizona Humane Society. Prior to that, she held leadership roles with the retailer PetSmart.

Dr. Jaynes's commitment to quality pet care extends beyond her day job. For the last ten years, she has served on the investigative committee of the Arizona Veterinary Medical Examining Board, reviewing and following up on complaints against licensed veterinarians. She also served a four-year term on the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board after being appointed by the Governor. This Board is responsible for protecting the health, safety and welfare of the general public and their animals by enforcing the standards set forth for veterinarians.

Dr. Jaynes will bring this wealth of experience into a department that sees over 27,000 dogs and cats come through its shelter system each year.

In recent years, MCACC has made measurable progress in the mission to save lives. There's been a decline in the number of animals coming into county shelters. At the same time, MCACC has been able to adopt out or relocate a higher percentage of shelter pets with a save rate of 94% or higher since 2017. The department has also been focused on providing more support services to help pet owners keep their pets in their homes instead of surrendering them due to hardships.

"County leadership is confident that Dr. Jaynes can build on the successes our shelters have had in finding good outcomes for homeless pets while also adding consistent business, training, and communication practices that build trust among staff and our community," said County Manager Joy Rich.

Dr. Jaynes earned her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Texas A&M University. She is also certified in Low Stress Handling techniques and has a Graduate Certificate in Shelter Medicine from the University of Florida.

Dr. Jaynes's first day will be August 10, 2020.



I-17 THERMAL-CAMERA SYSTEM RELIABLE IN DETECTING WRONG-WAY VEHICLES

Evaluation finds ADOT's pilot system a model for reducing risks from wrong-way drivers

PHOENIX – The pilot Interstate 17 thermal camera system in Phoenix has proven to be a reliable way to detect wrong-way vehicles, alert law enforcement and warn other drivers to reduce the risk of crashes involving often-impaired wrong-way drivers. The Arizona Department of Transportation has already expanded use of the technology, with plans to do more as time and funding allow.

Those are among the key findings in an assessment of ADOT's first-in-the-nation wrong-way vehicle detection and warning system along I-17. The report includes recommendations for components to be added at urban and rural locations as funding becomes available.

Compared to waiting for 911 calls from other drivers, the immediate alerts provided by thermal camera detections result in faster response times by law enforcement, a finding borne out by ADOT's assessment of the I-17 system.

"The I-17 pilot system has delivered positive results and helped provide a road map for expanding use of technology to reduce the risk from wrong-way drivers," said Dallas Hammit, ADOT's state engineer and deputy director for transportation. "We're using the thermal camera technology elsewhere and have established plans for other areas, including rural locations. I want to stress that thermal cameras can't stop someone from being a wrong-way driver. But they are a big part of our efforts to reduce the risks associated with often-impaired wrong-way drivers."

Meanwhile, the thermal camera detection technology that is key to the I-17 system has now been installed at most interchanges along the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. Installations are underway along Loop 303 in the West Valley, and the technology will be added as part of Loop 101 expansion projects that are under construction east of I-17 and also south of US 60.

ADOT also has converted thermal cameras already used on traffic signals at more than a dozen interchanges in the Valley to send alerts to the Traffic Operations Center and the Arizona Department of Public Safety when wrong-way vehicles are detected. Those include four locations along the Loop 101 Agua Fria Freeway (59th, 67th and 75th and Northern avenues), I-17 at 19th Avenue and Jomax Road, I-10 at 27th and 91st avenues, and multiple intersections along State Route 347 between I-10 and Maricopa.

The \$4 million I-17 pilot system was funded by Proposition 400, the dedicated sales tax for transportation improvements approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004. Since the system began operating in January 2018 between the I-10 "Stack" interchange and Loop 101, it has detected more than 100 vehicles traveling the wrong way, mostly on exit ramps and frontage roads along the Black Canyon Freeway. Drivers of most of those vehicles either turned around on exit ramps or pulled into driveways or parking lots without entering I-17 in the wrong direction.

The alert system also features specialized internally illuminated wrong-way signs with flashing LED lights along I-17 off-ramps, designed to get the attention of a wrong-way driver.

The system's 90 thermal cameras are positioned to detect wrong-way vehicles entering off-ramps or traveling along the freeway in areas between the I-10 "Stack" interchange near downtown and the Loop 101 interchange in north Phoenix. Through a computerized decision-support system, the system also triggers the internally illuminated "Wrong Way" signs with flashing red lights aimed at getting the attention of wrong-way drivers. At the same time, the system immediately alerts AZDPS and ADOT, allowing law enforcement to respond immediately and ADOT to immediately

alert other freeway drivers with "Wrong Way Driver/Ahead/Exit Freeway" warnings on overhead message boards.

In addition to installations completed and planned, ADOT is prepared to work with regional planners on adding wrong-way vehicle alert technology elsewhere as funding becomes available. The priority will be locations with the greatest incidence of wrong-way incursions.

"We're working on determining locations in greater Arizona where thermal cameras could be added for example on overhead message signs or at strategically identified interchanges along rural highways," Hammit said. "Locations along I-17 between Phoenix and Flagstaff are planned if and when funding is identified."

One example of the technology's performance was in summer 2018, when thermal cameras on I-17 detected a vehicle traveling in the wrong direction south from Loop 101. State troopers stopped the driver, who exited the freeway and re-entered going the right way in the northbound lanes. In early 2019, a thermal camera detection at I-17 and Camelback Road led to state troopers stopping a wrong-way pickup in the travel lanes.

There have been successes beyond the I-17 pilot area as well. In August 2019, a thermal camera at I-10 and 27th Avenue alerted ADOT and the Arizona Department of Public Safety to a commercial truck entering the freeway in the wrong direction. Law enforcement stopped the driver on I-17 near Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. In 2017, a thermal camera being tested at the Loop 101 Agua Freeway Freeway interchange at 75th Avenue detected a wrong-way vehicle on an off-ramp, helping state troopers stop the vehicle near Grand Avenue.

Longer-term and subject to funding availability, ADOT's assessment of the I-17 pilot system also recommends installing the internally illuminated, flashing "Wrong Way" sign at urban locations with thermal camera detection. ADOT's overhead message boards could be used as locations for additional thermal cameras above the roadway in urban and rural areas.

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND DUST DETECTION AND WARNING SYSTEM SET FOR MONSOON ARRAY WILL WARN DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN FOR SAFETY

Visibility detectors. A weather radar system. Variable speed limit signs. Closed-circuit cameras. Overhead message boards. These technologies clustered along 10 miles of Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Tucson are now operating as an innovative dust detection and warning system that's ready to quickly tell drivers to slow down for safety when windblown dust reduces visibility. This first-of-its-kind dust system developed by the Arizona Department of Transportation is deployed between Eloy and Picacho Peak, an area prone to sudden blowing dust. After completing a 30-day test period, it is operational for the official June 15 start of monsoon season, the peak time for severe storms that create hazardous driving conditions.



While drivers should be familiar with dust storms and warnings to Pull Aside, Stay Alive, those passing through the detection and warning zone between mileposts 209 and 219 should be ready for the new possibility of reduced speed limits and other warnings. Drivers will first notice signs saying "Caution: Variable Speed Limit Corridor." Soon after, a series of programmable speed limit signs every 1,000 feet can change the legal speed limit from 75 mph to

as low as 35 mph. Additional variable speed limit signs are placed every 2 miles. Overhead electronic message boards in and near the corridor will alert drivers to blowing dust and warn them to slow down. Speed feedback signs will inform drivers of their actual speeds. Those highly visible elements of the dust detection system are supported by mostly invisible technologies that work automatically. Thirteen visibility sensors mounted on posts along the freeway use light beams to determine the density of dust particles in the air. Once visibility drops to certain levels, the system activates overhead message boards and the variable speed limit signs. The sensors are complemented by a weather radar on a 20-foot tower at I-10 and State Route 87. It can detect storms more than 40 miles away, providing additional warning of incoming storms to ADOT and forecasters at the National Weather Service. All this technology is monitored by ADOT's Traffic Operations Center in Phoenix, where staff can see real-time information on conditions such as the speed and flow of traffic. Closed-circuit cameras provide visual confirmation of conditions along the roadway and in the distance. The roughly \$6.5 million system was funded in part by a \$54 million federal FASTLANE grant ADOT received for I-10 projects that widened sections between Eloy and Picacho, and between Earley Road and Interstate 8, to three lanes in each direction. As a pilot project, the system will advance ADOT's knowledge of whether similar technologies would be effective along other Arizona highways. None of the technology can replace common sense when it comes to driving in dust storms. While drivers will get almost instant warnings about hazardous driving conditions within the 10-mile corridor, the safest decision drivers can make is to delay travel if a severe storm is on the move. If drivers are caught in a dust storm, drivers should take the next exit if possible. When no exits are nearby, drivers should pull off the roadway, turn off lights and take their foot off the brake. For additional information on dust storms and safety, please visit PullAsideStayAlive.org

- Monitor your bill cycles and examine unfamiliar debit and credit card charges.
- Never give personal information through email, social media, or text messaging.
- Unless you initiated the call, never give personal information over the phone.
- Take extra precautions when discarding personal or confidential information, including when disposing of, donating, or selling computers, smartphones, and other devices.

Taxpayers should be aware that the Department of Revenue will never:

- Call demanding immediate payment or about taxes owed without first having mailed out an official notice.
- Demand you pay taxes without providing 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 at (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: 800-352-4090, or <https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/identity-theft>.



ESCAPE SUMMERTIME BLUES BY PROTECTING IDENTITY FROM TAX SCAMMERS

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) reminds taxpayers that tax scam artists do not take a summer break when it comes to identity theft. Thieves use tactics including card-skimming devices, access through unsecured Wi-Fi, stealing mail, hacking email accounts, phishing schemes or using false pretenses.

ADOR has prepared a checklist to assist taxpayers:

- Be careful when using public Wi-Fi and entering confidential information.
- Collect mail every day. Place a hold on your mail if you go on vacation.
- Do not carry identification with your social security number (SSN) on it.
- If someone asks for your SSN, always ask why because it is not always required.
- Keep personal and confidential information in a secure place.
- Secure your devices using anti-virus software. You should also always keep security applications and device operating systems updated and always enable a computer's firewall.
- Use strong passwords and never share your passwords.

ADOR ADVISES TAXPAYERS TO BE AWARE OF THIRD-PARTY TAX COLLECTION LETTERS

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) wants taxpayers to know if they receive a letter from a third-party collections agency that uses the title "Distraint Warrant," the department does not sanction this notice and does not currently use third-party tax collectors.

The Distraint Warrant letter advises the recipient of unpaid taxes to the State of Arizona and that the "State of Arizona uses the warrant in collection actions, such as garnishment of wages, bank accounts, property seizures, federal tax refund offset, and creation of a property lien." The notice then provides a deadline to call a 1-800 number.

The Department of Revenue has been made aware of taxpayer concerns regarding the letter's aggressive tone.

Before considering more formal enforcement action, the department will work with a taxpayer to arrive at voluntary compliance including utilizing options such as an appropriate payment plan. If the Department of Revenue determines formal enforcement actions are required, written notices will clearly include department letterhead, taxpayer information, and outline next steps. An ADOR written notice will not use the term, "Distraint Warrant."

Taxpayers with questions about ADOR correspondence can contact the department at www.azdor.gov/contact-us.

For additional information on the Arizona Department of Revenue visit www.azdor.gov.

CRIME TIPS:

DISASTERS CAN BRING OUT THE BEST OF PEOPLE, AND THE WORST

Disasters can result in neighbors, friends and even strangers helping each other through difficult times. But, just as we have seen throughout the pandemic, disasters also unleash scammers, who follow the headlines in pursuit of their next scheme.

HOW IT WORKS:

Following a disaster, scammers impersonate government agencies, calling with offers to help you apply for disaster assistance or conduct an inspection for a fee.

Scam contractors show up at doors in affected communities, offering to do post-disaster repairs on the spot, but only if you prepay.

Scammers raise money for disaster relief, but what they raise they keep for themselves.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

No government agency will require a fee to help you.

Legitimate contractors will not require you to pay for a job on the spot.

Scam charities often take on a name very close to legitimate charities.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Hang up on callers claiming to be from the government; the government generally doesn't work that way. If you get such a call, verify the phone number and use it to "return" the call.

Get at least three written estimates for any contracting work, and check references before hiring. If the contractor's offer is for that moment only, walk away.

Research a charity before donating; www.charitynavigator.org and www.give.org are two good resources.

CON ARTISTS ARE TARGETING GRANDPARENTS' HEARTS AND WALLETS

Con artists will go to great lengths to get between you and your money. Sadly, this includes taking advantage of your love for your family. They are putting a new twist on an old scam to target grandparents' hearts and wallets.

HOW IT WORKS:

Scammers will contact you, claiming to be your grandchild or calling on behalf of your grandchild.

With a nod to the pandemic, they will explain your grandchild fell ill and was rushing to the hospital and wrecked his car — and possibly even hurt someone — and is now in jail.

They'll ask you to send money right away — often through a money transfer service or by purchasing gift cards and sharing the activation information on the back of the cards.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Contact is typically by phone, but could come through email, text and/or social media.

The calls often come late at night — scammers hope you may be less clear-headed if you are tired or have been sleeping.

The scammers will typically offer just enough detail to make the story seem convincing — they may even give the phone to another scammer who will claim to be a doctor, police officer or lawyer.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Ask the caller questions only your grandchild could answer, such as the name of your grandchild's first pet or where he went to elementary school.

Hang up and call your grandchild's phone number or call other family members to see if they can verify the story.

Check your privacy settings on social media to make sure only friends and family can see your posts and photos; otherwise, the information they can find about you can be used to deceive you in scams just like this.

You can report scams and fraud to the Federal Trade Commission at 877-382-4357 or to the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360.

In the BMCA e-BULLETIN July 2020 issue:

P.S. PEER-TO-PEER PAYMENTS: In our last alert, we wrote about the risks of using peer-to-peer payment platforms. We inadvertently grouped PayPal in the category of those that you should only use to transfer money among friends and family. Unlike the other apps mentioned, PayPal is intended for business transactions, and the app comes with additional consumer protections and support. Our apologies for the error.



When it comes to fraud, vigilance is our number one weapon. You have the power to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams. Please share this alert with friends and family and visit the [Fraud Watch Network](http://www.fraudwatchnetwork.org).

To report a scam or for help if you or a loved one has fallen victim, contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 877-908-3360

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

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

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

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

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www.OnlineAtAnthem.com

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CACTUS SWEETWATER BLOCK WATCH Coleen Hager
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CAREFREE MANOR BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail
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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
incw85023@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 Interlacken)
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.
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MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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



BLOCK WATCH IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN NEIGHBORHOODS

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

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

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

NORTH PHOENIX PARK RANGERS!



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

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

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



Neighborhood Specialists for the Black Mountain Precinct

Dist. 1: **RONNIE MC GUIRE** 602-262-1682
ronnie.mcquire@phoenix.gov

Dist. 2: **E. MARI HERRERA-DANIELS** 602-261-8587
e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov

Dist. 3: **KRISTA ROY** 602-495-0380
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.

ALL CLASSES SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!
STAY SAFE!

Good afternoon Neighborhood Leaders.

Over the last several weeks we've shared our Neighborhood Activities Flier with you. The flier was our small way of encouraging folks to stay positive and socially connected while remaining healthy and safe. True to form, our neighborhoods with creativity, compassion and resilience far exceeded any expectations we had. So this week we don't have a flier to share, we have a slideshow celebrating all of you and all you've accomplished through these trying times. We love our neighborhoods. You're what makes Phoenix great and we couldn't be more proud! Please use the following link to access the video, and don't forget to share this message with your family, neighbors and friends.

Neighborhood Activities Flier Slideshow: <https://youtu.be/0t0vrJqXHvc>

"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

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

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

KEY FEATURES of the PERSONAL ID KIT:

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

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

**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 THE NORTH PHOENIX
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



TOM ARGIRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEETING and EVENT CALENDAR

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EVENTS HAVE BEEN
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NOTICE! STAY SAFE!**

BMCA RESOURCE LIST

www.bmcainfo.com

ARIZONA ANGEL INITIATIVE

Help with substance abuse

www.substanceabuse.az.gov/angelinitiative

ARIZONA 211 Get connected/Get answers
JUST DIAL 211 or 877-211-8661

www.211arizona.org

BOLOCOP

Register for Crime Alerts

www.bolocop.com

BLIGHT BUSTERS

Join the Blight Buster Program!

www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/blight

CARING CIRCLES

Volunteer to help neighbors in need

www.aaaphx.org

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24/7 HOTLINES

FOR LOCAL SHELTER CALL: 602-263-8900

OLDER ADULTS: 602-264-HELP (4357)

FAMILY SERVICES CENTERS

Social services for low-income households

www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/emergency

FOLLOW POLICE CALLS ONLINE

See what's going on in your neighborhood

www.radioreference.com

HEADS UP!

TO KEEP PHOENIX ROADS SAFE!

www.phoenix.gov/HeadsUp

HOMELESS SHELTER DIRECTORY

<https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM.

Recovery and information

www.IdentityTheft.gov

KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25

Post signs and stickers to slow traffic

www.KeepKidsAliveDrive25.org

MY COMMUNITY MAP

Neighborhood map and information

<https://phoenix.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=13428321a9f84e95a634be1beab5fe96>

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME STATS

www.communitycrimemap.com

or check out: www.spotcrime.com

PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S.

Help the homeless!

[PHX At Your Service.](#)

PHOENIX CITY CAM

View the city in all directions

[PHXCityCam](#)

REVERSE 911

Community Emergency Notification System

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

SENIOR LOCK BOXES

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

www.lockbox.shopkidde.com

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood

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

www.offenderwatch.com

www.missingkids.org

www.nsopw.gov

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

[Police Virtual Block Watch](#)

www.phoenix.gov

WRIC WASHINGTON

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

www.wesdschools.org/wric

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor Kate Gallego	602-262-7111
D1 Councilwoman Thelda Williams	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilman Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Councilwoman Deb Stark	602-262-7441
Abandoned Shopping Cart	602-CRT-PKUP
Abandoned Vehicle off street	602-534-4444
Abandoned Vehicle on street	602-262-6151
Alcoholics Anonymous	602-264-1341
AZ Humane Society 8am-6pm	602-997-7585
Barking Dogs	602-262-6466
City Bus Service	602-253-5000
City Elections	602-262-6837
City of Phoenix General Info	602-262-6011
Complaints on Mosquitoes	602-506-6616
Construction Noise	602-262-6538
Construction Permits	602-262-7884
Dead Animal Pickup	602-262-6791
Dial-A-Ride	602-253-5300
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Garbage Collection	602-262-7251
General Investigations	602-262-6141
GRAFFITI Busters Hotline	602-534-4444
Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline	602 #4663
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Green Swimming Pools	602-506-6616
Illegal Dumping	602-262-7251
Impounded Property	602-262-8371
Liquor Complaints	602-438-6625
Loud Party Information	602-262-7821
Loud Party Reporting	602-262-6151
Narcotics Anonymous	480-897-4636
Narcotic Complaints	602-275-5886
Neighborhood Enforcement	602-534-4444
Parking Complaints	602-262-6151
Parks Dept. after hours	602-534-9440
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Prostitution (Vice) Hotline	602-426-1231
Rabies/Animal Control	602-506-7387
SILENT WITNESS	480-WITNESS / 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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERS!

BUSINESSES: If you are interested in partnering with the BMCA, please call Candice Fremouw at 480-467-7399.

e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com

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

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