



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.

UPDATE ON OFFICER TYLER MOLDOVAN #11118



On January 24, 2022, Officer Tyler Moldovan #11118 from the Desert Horizon Precinct was released from Saint Joseph's Hospital. Officer Moldovan was transported to an undisclosed medical facility where he will receive rehabilitation for injuries received in the line of duty on December 14, 2021.

The Moldovan family appreciates everyone's support. However, they are requesting privacy at this time.

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th at 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88519134658?pwd=YWUwdkRZZkdRMHJYZU1Yd05MMko1UT09>

Or, if you have a problem with the link, you can enter ZOOM in your browser, choose MEETINGS, then, JOIN A MEETING.

Meeting ID: 885 1913 4658 Passcode: BMCA200
Please call 480-467-7399 if you have trouble connecting.

UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES
by Commander Darren Viner



Meet with your AREA 21, 22, & 23
Community Action Officers

PNP NEWS AND UPDATES

**PRESENTATION: PHOENIX ROAD SAFETY
ACTION PLAN with Street Transportation
Director Kini Knudson**



Wear **BLUE** on the 6th day of each month to show support of **PHOENIX POLICE OFFICERS!**

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

WE'VE GOT YOUR SIX!



Wear the "6" pin to show support for our police!



IF THIS LINE OFFENDS YOU SO MUCH YOU MIGHT WANT TO STOP CROSSING IT

Now Hiring
PHX PD
EARN \$47,798 to \$85,514
 JoinPHXPD.com
 602-534-2677

A reminder from the **PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Property crimes are crimes of opportunity. Remove that opportunity with

Take it Lock it Conceal it


 Take it with you


 Lock your vehicle


 Conceal valuables

In case of emergency, Call 9-1-1. If you can't call, you can text! To report a crime, suspicious behavior or file a police report call CrimeStop (800) 762-0202. For more tips on safety visit www.phoenix.gov/safety. Follow us on social media: @phoenixpolice

<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

Policeman's Prayer

Lord, bless the ones who wear the badge
 The ones who walk the beat,
 Protect and keep them safe
 While they're on the street.

As they wait and as they watch
 Doing good for all,
 guide their minds and give them strength
 For each and every call.

Ready to put their lives on the line
 Give them courage each day,
 Let them know you're always there
 In each and every way.

So bless the ones who wear the badge,
 Protect them from harm,
 Always keep them safe
 And in your loving arms.

PHOENIX PD APP

The Phoenix Police Department now has a mobile app, bringing a variety of resources and information to one place. Users can use the app to access online reporting, crime statistics, precinct locations, phone numbers, career opportunities, virtual block watch, victims' rights information, and more. Users can also turn on notifications from the precinct they live in to receive news updates and information on events in their area. To watch the video released, please click here.

The App is now available both in the Apple Store for iOS and in the Google Play Store for Android.

Report graffiti on the Phoenix PD app! Graffiti can now be reported on the Police Department app released in January 2021. Studies show that if graffiti is removed within 24 hours, there is a 90% likelihood that the graffiti will not return to the same area. If you see graffiti in progress, call 911 immediately, or use the app to have it removed! Click here to watch the video on how to report graffiti through the app. #GraffitiFreePHX City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department.

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT
COFFEE WITH COPS



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya
 and Commander Darren Viner

Thursday, FEB. 24th at 8:30 am
Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME! [GET TO KNOW YOUR CAO!](#)

Phoenix Police Department
Black Mountain



Precinct
NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

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

**HELLO !
BLACK MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE!**

I am the newest member of the Black Mountain Precinct Community Action Squad. My name is Jeffrey Blair #7966, and I have been a member of the Phoenix Police Department since 2004. Currently I am assigned to the 21 area of the Black Mountain Precinct, which is everything north of the Loop 101 Freeway.

I was born and raised in Phoenix and am a second generation Phoenix Police Officer. I started my career in the Mountain View Precinct where I worked in patrol and on the Neighborhood Enforcement Team. As a member of the NET team I learned how to identify and address a multitude of issues that would plague neighborhoods. The short term and long term investigations which utilized every available city resource to include community groups are what created permanent solutions and impacted the criminal issues.

My most recent assignment was working with our youth as a School Resource Officer. I assisted the Paradise Valley Unified School District as their District Police Officer for over 5 ½ years. My focus as an officer has always been around Community Based Policing. Community engagement and community partnerships are the key components that allow for a trusting relationship between the police and communities we serve.

I look forward to my new Community Action Officer position and I am very excited to assist in further developing and continuing the community relationships with the Phoenix Police Department.



CA Officer Jeffrey Blair #7966
at 602-495-5481 or 480-506-6993 jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov

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



**VILLAGE MEADOWS BLOCK WATCH
Regarding QUIK TRIP
1707 W. Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023**

Commander Viner (from the Bell Road Business Alliance Meeting) and Lieutenant Rimsza stated: after months of verbal promises, QT is now stalling with working with police, etc. to rectify homeless/transient/drug problems at this location.

DO NOT SUPPORT THIS QT!

Call/write with complaints:

QT Division Office, 1116 E. Broadway Rd., Tempe, AZ 85282 / 480-446-6300.

QuikTrip Corporation Headquarters, 4949 N. 51st Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85031-1278

On behalf of Village Meadows, I have written a letter that has been forwarded to the lieutenant and Police Abatement Officer David Hurt addressing the issues.

Any other comments/suggestions, pictures, etc. regarding the QT at 17th Ave. can be emailed **ASAP** to: brian.rimsza@phoenix.gov or david.hurt@phoenix.gov.

- D. Delwiche

Please help resolve this dangerous situation in our neighborhood! QT needs to hear from all Black Mountain Precinct Block Watch Groups!



BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



WELCOME!

21 Area North (Beat 214)
(W 83rd Ave to E 7th Street & S Dynamite Blvd. to N Mingus Rd.)
21 Area South (Beat 211)
(W I-17 to E 7th St. & S SR101 to N Dynamite Blvd.)
CA Officer Jeffrey Blair #7966
at 602-495-5481 or 480-506-6993
jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov



WELCOME!

21 Area North/South (Beats 212 & 213)
(W 7th Street to E Scottsdale Rd. & S SR101 to N Carefree Hwy..)
CA Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021
at 602-495-5276 or 602-904-9983
jeremy.campbell@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)
(W I-17 to E 7th/16th Sts. & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)
CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698
at 602-495-5213 or 480-506-6454
tim.tewers@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 Jon McQuillan #8926
at 602-495-5238 or 602-904-9985
jon.mcquillan@phoenix.gov



WELCOME!

23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)
(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Cactus Rd. to N Bell Rd.)
CA Officer La'teana Heuer #9747
at 602-495-5192
lateana.heuer@phoenix.gov



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)
(W 7th/16th Sts. to E SR51 & S Bell Rd. to N SR101)
CA Officer Thomas McKee #9214
at 602-495-5227 or 602-507-0241
thomas.mckee@phoenix.gov



Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109
& Liquor Licenses
602-495-5228 or 602-772-1246
david.hurt@phoenix.gov



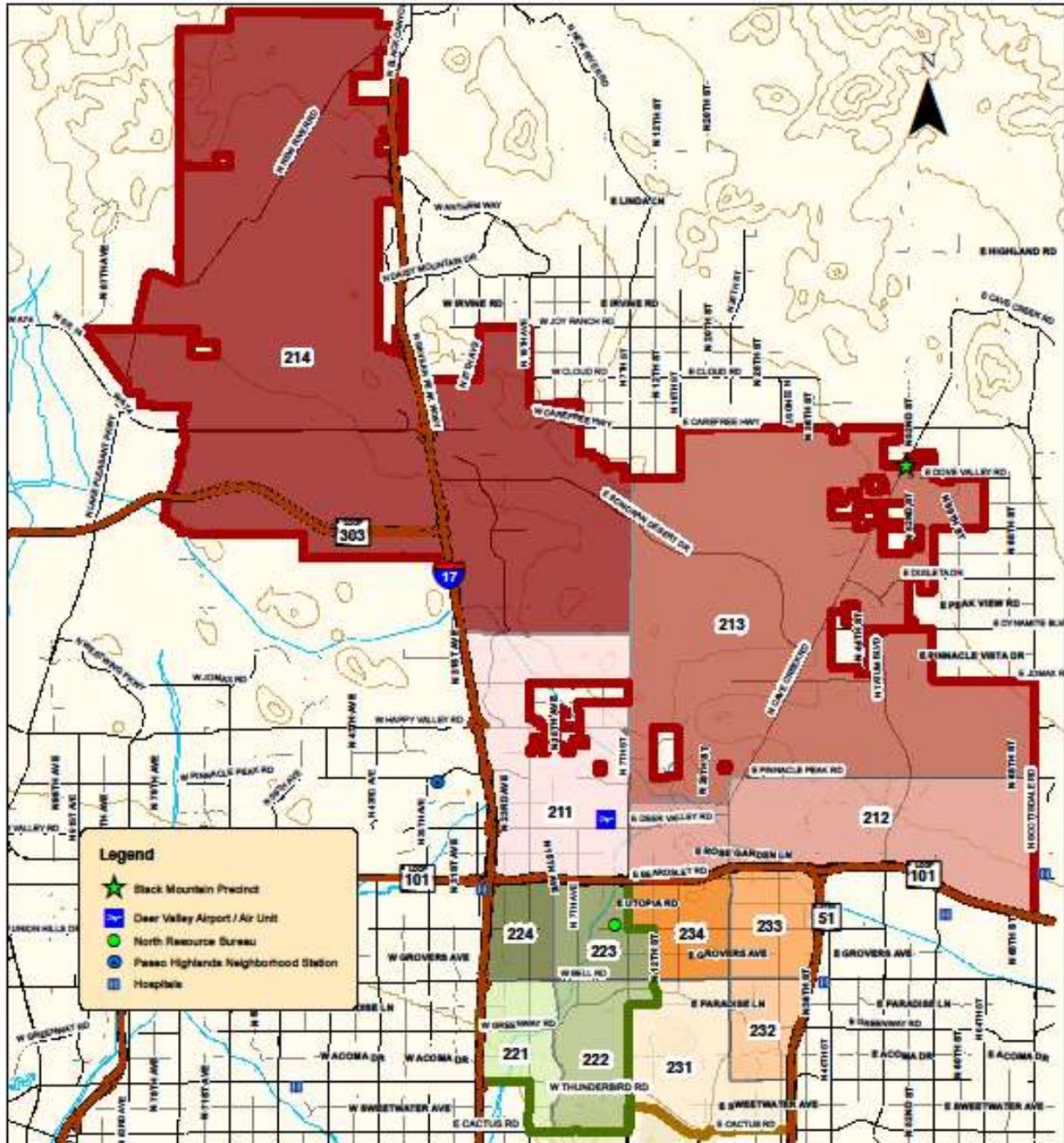
Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Linda Miller
602-495-5112 or 602-904-9195
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**Black Mountain Precinct Community
Programs Lt. Brian Rimsza**
602-495-5032 or 480-506-6464
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City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries



Boundaries Effective October 20, 2014

Phoenix Police Department
Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU)
Updated: 10/1/2014
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CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings

We will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm in 2022. The City still has restrictions on us hosting in-person meetings and classes, so we will continue to meet virtually but when those restrictions change, we will set up in-person meetings.

I will send an email later with the link to the online meeting.

PNP Basic classes

Below is the class schedule for 2022. Please share with anyone you know who might be interested. Anyone wishing to attend must register at pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov to receive the login information and other needed documents. So far, we have only scheduled online classes for 2022. The City still has restrictions on us hosting in-person meetings and classes, when that changes, we will get in-person classes set up and post those.

• 2022 Online PNP Class schedule

- Online classes so far are on Wednesday and Thursday nights 5pm to 7pm, both nights are required. We are unable to offer interpretation on this platform.
- **March 16 & 17**
- **May 18 & 19**
- **July 20 & 21**
- **September 21 & 22**
- **November 16 & 17**

PNP Hours for 2021

We are quickly approaching the end of 2021 (where did it go) please to a few minutes finish entering your December logs and make sure all of your hours are in for the year. I want everyone to get credit for the time they have worked.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate Change for 2022

The IRS has announced that the mileage reimbursement rate will change effective January 1, 2022 to 58.5 cents a mile. All PNP patrols prior to January 1, 2022 will still be reimbursed at the IRS rate at the time of the patrol, for all of 2021 it was 56 cents a mile. Remember the PNP mileage reimbursement is only available to groups that successfully applied for mileage reimbursement funds in a BW grant for their neighborhood and are subject to the NBWGP guidelines and requirements.

PNP merchandise order forms and cost updates:

As you are writing your grants, you might be budgeting for PNP equipment, like clothing, street signs and/or vehicle signs and are curious about expected prices for 2022. If any of you have bought groceries or filled up your gas tank you know there has been an increase in the cost of just about everything recently. I have reached out to our suppliers asking for their expected prices for 2022. So far, we have only received 2022 prices from the supplier of our magnetic vehicle signs. Our clothing supplier will not be able to give us a price list until later in November. Predicting the future is always difficult.

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

Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

"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 CLASS:
MARCH 16th & 17th**

PNP GROUP PATROL

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

Just a reminder that the next First Friday will be on February 4th. We have a new meeting place, the address is 1202 N. 3rd St, next to the Phoenix Center for the Arts. It is a big parking lot and it does fill up fast. I am Changing the meeting and start time. We will start to meet at 6:00pm, and start our patrol at 6:30pm, and we will get done between 9:45pm- 10pm.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN MAKE IT. This way, I can try and block off some parking spaces for us. And I can also contact you if anything should happen. I do not have some of your cell phone numbers, so if you plan on going, please send me your number. If you can't find us on Friday night, my cell number is 602-799-0143. Thanks. Rick





DISTRICT 1 NEWS
 Councilwoman Ann O'Brien
council.district.1@phoenix.gov
 602-262-7444

**District 1 Community Dinner
 with Councilwoman Ann O'Brien**

Next Dinner will be in February
 RSVP at council.district.1@phoenix.gov



We have some exciting changes happening within our office! My Chief of Staff, Yvette Roeder, has accepted a promotion in Phoenix's Streets Department. I want to thank Yvette for all her help in getting our office on its feet over the past 10 months. I wish her success in all her future endeavors and look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role and capacity! In the interim, Derrik Rochwalik will be stepping into the role and will continue to assist me in policy and affairs planning. If you need to contact our office, you can always dial our main line, 602-262-7444 or email us at council.district.1@phoenix.gov.

**Interested in serving
 on Phoenix's
 Boards and
 Commissions?**

**District 1 is seeking
 community leaders
 interested in serving
 as the District's
 representative for
 various boards and
 commissions, such
 as the Village Planning Committee.
 To start the application process, please
 visit the [Boards and Commissions
 webpage](#).**

INTERESTED IN
 SERVING AS A
 MEMBER OF
 PHOENIX'S
 BOARDS AND
 COMMISSIONS?

**PUBLIC MEETINGS
 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Online: Phoenix City Council Meetings

- More Information about City Council Meetings
- You can watch meetings on Phoenix Channel 11 and online at phoenix.gov/phxtv
- Please visit our Public Records Search page for an official copy of the minutes
- Subscribe to the City Council Meeting Materials List Serve
- 2021 Council Meeting Schedule: Calendar Format
- Map - City of Phoenix Council Members and District Boundaries

Public Meeting Notices Online:

Public Meeting Notices This webpage includes notices of meetings of the City of Phoenix City Council, Council subcommittees, all city boards, commissions, and committees.

All my best,



DISTRICT 2 NEWS
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 602-262-7445

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Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim

DISTRICT 3 NEWS
 A Message from Phoenix City Councilwoman Debra Stark

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

**FEBRUARY 1 – DISTRICT 3 ROAD SAFETY
 ACTION PLAN VIRTUAL MEETING**

Please join us virtually on February 1 at 6 p.m. to learn more about Phoenix's Road Safety Action Plan and to provide input. Register for the meeting: <https://bit.ly/3f0wze3> To improve safety for all users of Phoenix's roadways, the City of Phoenix is investing in a comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan that will further the city's current efforts and provide a framework and key strategies for safety enhancements citywide. To develop the plan, staff will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of data and current conditions. The plan will consider the 4 E's: Evaluation, Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. The Street Transportation Department is currently facilitating the public engagement phase of the process. Community members are encouraged to provide input that will help shape the plan by taking an online interactive survey that is available in English and Spanish: www.phoenix.gov/streets/roadsafety.

**FEBRUARY 15 – DISTRICT 3 VIRTUAL
 COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT**

Mark your calendars! Grab your coffee and join us for our District 3 Virtual Community Coffee Chat Tuesday, February 15 via Webex. Budget & Research Director Amber Williamson will join us to talk about the upcoming budget season, the process, and how you can participate. Tuesday, February 15 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Webex Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3AEBBXE> Join by Phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll Access code: 2459 810 5644 Let us know you're coming. RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov or 602-262- 7441.

JANUARY 12, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 42 in attendance!



ZOOM Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw



COUNCIL UPDATES:

District 3 Councilwoman Deb Stark asked that we all fill out the Road Safety Survey. The link is in her newsletter. She hopes to see everyone at the Bell Road Business Alliance meeting on Tuesday, January 18th. Please join us at our Virtual Coffee Chat on Thursday, January 20th at 6 pm on the DOJ. The meeting link is in her newsletter.



District 1 Councilwoman Ann O'Brien spoke about the 27th Corridor Plan. They are focusing on the north Black Mountain Precinct housing growth, supporting our Police by promoting its growth. Please make a video of gratitude to be shared with the

police. And, the future of Deer Valley Airport's focus and business expansion. The Deer Valley Airport restaurant has gone out for bid.

NSD UPDATES:



Mari Herrera-Daniels thanked Candice and Laura for partnering with Neighborhood College and hosting the Block Watch Grant Bootcamp and Workshop. The Bell Road Business Alliance meeting is on January 18th at 11 am. at Bell Ford. There will be a presentation by Det. Brian Kornegay on CEPTD. There is a new Blight

Buster Coordinator, Ashley Henderson. On January 26th there is a Virtual Neighborhood College on the 64th Street Wall Clean up.

Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Cmdr. Darren Viner:

Cmdr. Darren Viner said they are low on personnel with 119 Officers on the Street. They are implementing the Wagon to help with intakes. Calls for service are up 3.2% from last year.. White collar crime is down. They have been working full time on Bell Road and the businesses are cooperating except one. New CAO Blair and CAO Campbell introduced themselves. Welcome!

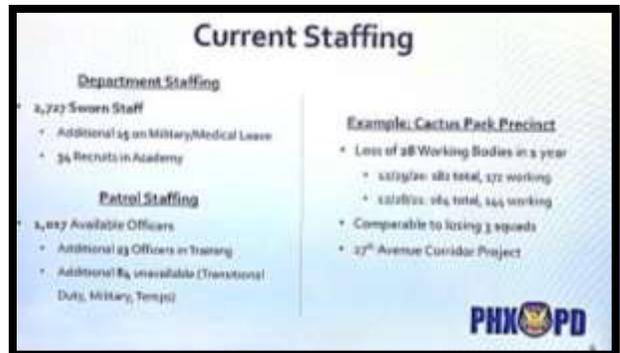


Commander Darren Viner introduced our new CAOs Jeffrey Campbell, Jeremy Blair and La'teana Heuer. Welcome!

PRESENTATION:

CIVILIANIZATION CONSIDERATIONS for PHX PD with Asst. Chief Mike Kurtenbach

Very interesting presentation about the numbers such as the Sworn Hiring & Separations in 2021, Known Sworn Separations in 2022, the Emergency Calls for Service Response Times, Department-wide & Patrol Sworn Staffing and Specialty to Patrol & Supplemental Overtime. There were 71 new hires in 2021 and 274 sworn separations. Response times are longer by 25 seconds. At this time there are only 34 recruits in the Academy. In July 2021 we implemented the Specialty positions to Patrol and the Supplemental Overtime Shifts. There will be some calls that the officers won't be able to respond to anymore. These can be reported online. Some cities have already implemented this officially, but not Phoenix. Council has authorized 15 Police Assistants/Investigators to help with report calls. This is not a budget issue, it is a lack of new recruits. There are plenty of funds to hire, so please help us recruit! Phoenix is determined to fill all of the positions. Council has approved a new Records Management System which will allow real-time data to be available online.



JANUARY 18, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING at Bell Ford 11 am



Lt. Brian Rimsza introduced Cmdr. Darren Viner



Cmdr. Darren Viner



Councilwoman Deb Stark



Dist. 1 Chief of Staff Yvette



NEW Area 23 CAO La'teana Heuer



Det. Brian Kornegay talked about CPTED



JANUARY 18, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING



JANUARY 27, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS

with 63 in attendance!



Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road



Lt. Brian Rimsza



Black Mountain Precinct Officers



WELCOME to NEW AREA 21 CAOS,
Jeffrey Blair and Jeremy Campbell !!!



Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Councilwoman Deb Stark and
Councilman Jim Waring



JANUARY 28, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the DISTRICT 1 BREAKFAST

Guest speakers were from the Phoenix Street Transportation Department to present the city's Road Safety Action Plan and Phoenix's Light Rail Administrator provided updates on the NW Extension project, along with our PHX Police commanders and staff from the Black Mountain and Cactus Park Precincts, and the Transit Bureau.



Councilwoman Ann O'Brien



Markus Coleman



Kini Knudson



Commander Wickers



Commander Darren Viner



Aaron-Michael Ordway and Terry O'Brien



JANUARY 28, 2022

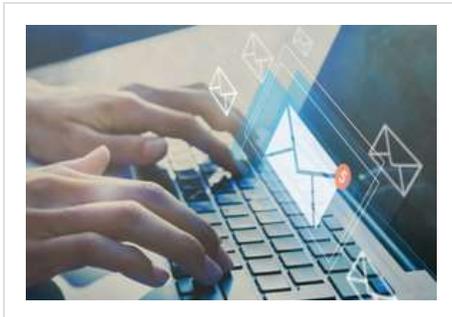
Black Mountain Community Alliance at the PALM LAKES ROADSHOW PNP/BW TRAINING





Allister Adel
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

Everyday Habits That Will Boost Your Safety in 2022



The start of the year provides you with an opportunity to start over and plan for what you want to accomplish in the months ahead. Whether you plan to start a new career, hobby, or make improvements to your health or home, you should leave some space in those resolutions to update your everyday habits. Your daily habits influence your safety more than you think and making minor changes to them can ensure your wellbeing in the long run. While it may be tempting to go big when trying new habits, it's best to start small and incorporate them into an already established habit. Consider including these small changes to your everyday routine for a safer 2022.

Safeguard Your Home

At home, designate a specific place for your car keys and get in the habit of hanging them right after you walk through your door, so you never leave your keys inside your car.

Put electronics and other high-ticket items away after you've used them, so your home isn't made a target by burglars if spotted through your windows.

Take 5 minutes each night to make sure your car, doors, garage, and gates are locked, your exterior lights are turned on, and your security system is working properly.

Disconnect from Your Phone

During work hours, you might have your phone on Do Not Disturb. Instead of turning that off right after you clock out, leave it on while you drive so you're not distracted while driving.

When in public, it might be tempting to scroll on your phone but not paying attention to your surroundings can put you in a vulnerable position. So, make it a habit to put your phone away anytime you're in public.

Be Alert Online

Passwords and two-factor authentication may seem like a nuisance, but they are the only thing that stands between your information and someone looking to take advantage. Get in the habit of updating your passwords and setting up two-factor authentication when promoted. Never use the same password, instead choose a longer password, such as a phrase, which will be easier to remember.

Few of us can keep up with the plethora of emails we receive each day but keeping a clean inbox is a great way to avoid phishing attempts. Take 5 minutes out of your day to go through your inbox and delete any emails you don't need or that look suspicious. This will prevent you from being caught off guard in the future.

Human Trafficking and the Hospitality Industry



Everyone can play a role in combating human trafficking. However, some of you may be more likely to spot signs of trafficking because of your place of work. According to the Polaris Project, 75% of survivors that contacted the National Human Trafficking Hotline reported using or being around hotels at some point during their trafficking situation. Contrary to widespread belief, trafficking doesn't only happen in cheap hotels. Traffickers are more likely to use hotel franchises that meet all their needs, such as location, comfort, lack of law enforcement monitoring, and infrastructure. In addition to hotels, 63% of survivors also utilized mass transit and public transportation, and 38% traveled by plane. Lodging and transportation aren't the only industries affected. Trafficking is also common during large-scale events and festivals.

Arizona's tourism industry is a robust one. There are more than 500 hotels and 40 expansive resorts in Phoenix alone. The Valley is also a year-round destination for sporting events, conferences, music festivals, and more, attracting tourists and, unfortunately, traffickers. People who work in these industries may have more opportunities to spot the signs of a trafficking situation if they know where to look.

These are just some of the many signs that can indicate this crime is taking place:

- Room rental is not normal. The room is rented hourly, for less than a day, or an extended stay. In certain circumstances, a room might be booked for one night but extended day by day
- One person reserves multiple rooms and does all the talking, controls the money, and identifications
- Hotel, flight, or transportation is paid with cash or pre-paid debit card
- Individual has little knowledge of past or current whereabouts, length of stay, and answers with a scripted story
- Individuals bring few personal possessions but have multiple computers, cell phones, credit card swipers, and other payment technology
- Unusual interactions with staff; request services such as extra towels and linens but denies staff entry to room; someone is frequently monitoring a hallway or door; there is increased foot traffic to room
- Individual shows signs of submissive behavior, malnourishment, poor hygiene, fatigue, are dressed inappropriately and are being monitored
- Car is regularly parked backward, so the license plate is not visible
Your safety in these situations is also essential, so exercise caution before interfering. If you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking, don't hesitate to call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or call law enforcement if the situation warrants it.

If you learned something new today, share this information with others. If you want to learn more about this complex subject, visit the following site for training opportunities and share what you've learned with others.

Crews complete all major work on Loop 101 widening project

New lanes, improvements finished along 13 miles of Pima Freeway



The final major components of the Loop 101 Improvement Project in the north Valley have been completed following the last scheduled full weekend closure for lane-marking work, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

ADOT's \$185 million project, which started in Jan. 2019, has added a fourth regular (general purpose) lane in each direction along 13 miles of Loop 101. Drivers have already been experiencing improved traffic flow along the wider freeway for several months while crews focused attention on other necessary work such as interchange enhancements, the addition of permanent, easier-to-see lane stripes and the sealing of concrete deck joints.

Other improvements added during the Loop 101 project include:

- On- and off-ramps at interchanges reconstructed to fit the profile of the wider freeway.
- Wider bridges above cross streets, the Central Arizona Project canal and area washes.
- A new Loop 101 overpass above the city of Scottsdale's planned Miller Road extension.
- New freeway lighting and signs.
- Noise barriers in areas where warranted.
- New landscaping in several areas.

As with other freeway construction projects, crews will oversee a required landscape establishment period and take care of any other minor punch-list work in the new year. Drivers are asked to continue to stay alert for workers or equipment in the area.

The Loop 101 Improvement Project has been funded as part of the Regional Transportation Plan for the Maricopa County region. Projects in the plan are funded in part by Proposition 400, a dedicated half-cent sales tax approved by Maricopa County voters in 2004.



Tax Season for Individual Income in Arizona Now Open

ADOR Recommends Filing Electronically for Quicker Processing

The State of Arizona's individual income tax filing season has launched and is now accepting electronically filed 2021 income tax returns. Before filing, ensure you have all documentation as some tax statements are not required to be sent until January 31, such as W-2s, 1099s, and annual tax summaries.

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) recommends taxpayers [file electronically](#) and have refunds direct deposited into their bank accounts to help reduce errors and the potential for tax fraud. During the last tax filing season, about 85 percent of taxpayers filed electronically and received their refund six times faster than paper filers.

ADOR is dedicated to providing taxpayers an easy and secure way to file, and to processing income tax refunds as quickly as possible.

- If you file electronically and choose direct deposit, you can look for your refund within a couple weeks of the return's acceptance.
- If you file a paper return, you can anticipate your refund at a minimum of 8 weeks from the date you filed.

Be advised: some tax returns need extra review for accuracy, and to protect taxpayers from fraud and identity theft, and therefore extra processing time may be necessary.

The deadline to file and pay this year is April 18, as April 15 is observed as District of Columbia Emancipation Day in Washington D.C., the holiday moves the last day to file and pay tax to the 18th of April.

Taxpayers can view a list of [software providers](#) certified to submit electronically filed returns with the department and access [Arizona tax forms and instructions](#) (including instruction booklets) on the Department of Revenue's website. Instruction booklets are also available at ADOR offices and [local libraries](#).

To avoid delays, here are some tips for taxpayers:

- E-file and designate any refund for direct deposit to your bank.
- If filing a paper return, use black ink and print on white paper.
- Verify you are using the correct tax year form by looking at the upper right corner.
- Ensure all the necessary lines and forms are filled out properly.
- Don't misspell names or use two different names.
- Make sure key information like your tax ID number, Social Security number, routing number, or account number are correct in all the appropriate boxes.
- Double-check to ensure you have all the information and supporting documentation.
- If filing by paper, mail to the correct P.O. Box listed on the form according to tax due or refund.
- Send payment with the correct return. ADOR payment with the state return to the correct ADOR P.O. Box and IRS payment with federal return sent to the IRS address.
- If sending a paper payment, include your [voucher](#), as the Department needs your Social Security number or employee identification number, along with the tax period and tax type.

Free Tax Preparation Services Available to Taxpayers

Taxpayers requiring additional assistance this tax filing season can take advantage of the following free tax filing services:

Free File Alliance – Offers a free file program to Arizona taxpayers who meet certain criteria. Visit <https://azdor.gov/e-services/free-electronic-filing-individuals> for more information.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – Provides free tax help to people who generally make \$58,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. For more information, please visit www.irs.gov/Individuals/Free-Tax-Return-Preparation-for-You-by-Volunteers.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide – Delivers free assistance to individuals 50 and older who cannot afford a tax preparation service to file federal and Arizona returns. For more information, go to www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide.

Note: Due to COVID-19, some tax preparation services may not offer in-person assistance but rather drop-off or virtual assistance. Contact tax preparer for availability. To receive income tax updates, make sure to subscribe to the "Individual Income Tax" list.

Suicide Warning Signs

These signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide. Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- ♦ Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself.
- ♦ Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or buying a gun.
- ♦ Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- ♦ Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- ♦ Talking about being a burden to others.
- ♦ Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- ♦ Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- ♦ Sleeping too little or too much.
- ♦ Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- ♦ Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- ♦ Displaying extreme mood swings.

Suicide Is Preventable.

Call the Lifeline at **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**.

With Help Comes Hope

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

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BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
ON FACEBOOK



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!

"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...

Call 480-467-7399 for more information

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**

City of Phoenix

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

General Information 602-534-4444



Neighborhood Specialist for the Black Mountain Precinct

E. MARI HERRERA-DANIELS 602-261-8587
e.mari.herrera-daniels@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.

CHECK THE www.phoenix.gov website for info...

NSD PROGRAMS

Code Compliance

[Private Property Code Compliance](#)

[Graffiti](#)

[Shopping Cart Removal](#)

[Abandoned and Neglected Private Properties](#)

Community Engagement

[Get Involved in Your Neighborhood](#)

[Neighborhood Cleanups and Tool Lending](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[Neighborhood College](#)

Neighborhood Revitalization

[Energy Efficiency Improvements](#)

[Housing Repairs](#)

[Lead Removal](#)

[Multi-Family Rental Property Repairs](#)

[Infill Housing Development](#)

[Neighborhood Business Assistance](#)

Learn how residents around the city of Phoenix are receiving emergency home repair services. Roseann, a Phoenix resident recently wrote to the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) to say, "Thank you so much for all the help! We just got the air conditioner in and some other work done! We are so grateful for the help".

NSD has several programs that Phoenix residents can use to complete emergency home rehabilitation. The following programs offer homeowners and tenants a range of emergency services to improve the health and safety of their household.

- **Lead Safe Phoenix Program** – This program removes lead-based paint and other health hazards from homes.
- **Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation** – This program replaces and repairs electrical, plumbing, and heating and cooling systems in homes.
- **Rental Rehabilitation Program** – This program repairs structural systems, completes exterior facades, landscaping, and safety enhancement projects, and improves the energy efficiency of single- and multi-family homes.
- **Weatherization Assistance Program** – This program reduces monthly and annual utility bill costs by making homes more energy efficient.
- **Utility Repair/Replace Deposit** – This program repairs or replaces non-functioning appliances, and units or systems that help provide heating and cooling, or water and sewer services to homes.

To learn more about these programs to help low- and moderate-income families, or find out if you qualify for these services, please call the Neighborhood Services Department at 602-544-4444, or visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/housing-repair-programs>.



Download Phoenix's new mobile app now!

In addition to launching this new mobile app, the city of Phoenix has recently upgraded the "At Your Service" web portal (now Phoenix.gov/myPHX311). Now you are in full control of getting help with a wide range of services including:

- Requesting water / trash services
- Viewing / paying city services bill
- Reporting issues in the community (streetlights, potholes, water main breaks, etc.)
- Accessing city calendars and public meetings.

Download it now!

The Fast, Free Phoenix App

myPHX311

Now Available

Take the city of Phoenix with you! myPHX311 is your new APP to access essential city services, calendar of events, and contact information for all city departments and its employees. Start here to get connected: Phoenix.gov/APP



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

The City of Phoenix is following CDC guidelines. A mask or face covering is required when inside a city facility, regardless of vaccination status.

The city's indoor and outdoor recreation facilities are open. That includes all community and recreation centers, parks, trails, sports complexes, golf courses and [Pueblo Grande Museum](#). Indoor facilities are operating at limited capacity.

In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and its partners are offering a variety of in-person and virtual programs, classes, activities and resources. Learn more and register:

- [PHXPlays - In-Person and Virtual Recreation Programs](#)
- [FREE In-Person PHXPlays Summer Youth Sports Clinics](#)
- [In-Person Adaptive Recreation Programs](#)
- [FREE FitPHX Virtual Fitness Activities](#)
- [FREE codePHX Self-Guiding Resources](#)
- [FREE Camp Colley Virtual Environmental Learning Program](#)
- [FREE Daring Adventures - Virtual Adventures](#)

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)

INFO OF THE MONTH

Share a tip, recipe, info or some humor, e-mail it to bmca200@gmail.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.



VILLAGE MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP!



We are having a neighborhood cleanup on **February 19th** and **WE NEED YOU!** Last week at our Block Watch Meeting Lt. Rimsza made something **VERY** clear. The homeless do **NOT** want to hang out in communities that are clean and well taken care of. It signals to them that people are watching and won't put up with garbage, litter, shopping carts, etc. Then they move on to areas that will allow them to do this.

Our Neighborhood Services Liaison, Mari Herrera-Daniels has reserved a tool trailer and 40 ton dumpster for Saturday, February 19th to be delivered to 1925 W. Village Drive in the morning (exact time to be determined). Roy Grace, of Budget Truck Rental on Bell is kindly donating the use of a 16' truck for the day as well.

We will be cleaning up the alley behind 19th Dr. south of Village and all along Bell Rd and within our Village Meadows Neighborhood picking up trash, shopping carts, tires, etc. Mari is providing (through the city) a trailer full of tools, shovels, garbage cans, garbage bags, gloves, etc. for our volunteers to use and has arranged for all shopping carts to be picked up on Sunday 2/20 and Roy has offered to hold them locked up at his facility until they're picked up.

There will be jobs for everyone from simple trash pick up to picking up the furniture from the alley behind 19th Drive.

Please e-mail Deb Delwiche at mrs427ford@aol.com if you can be there on February 19th .. Share with your neighbors.

ANGELS ON PATROL

Provides police officers a direct means of helping families in crisis with immediate assistance before they move on to their next urgent call. The most common situation officers request Angels on Patrol assistance are for families involved in domestic violence. SROs are also helped with Youth Enrichment. Angels on Patrol support all Police Departments, Troopers and Deputies in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area and hope to go statewide. Over 17,000 individuals have been served since 2009. The assistance can range from providing a new pair of shoes to sex trafficking victims and domestic violence survivors. This is the only non-profit offering support to on-duty officers going above and beyond the call.

DONATE: <https://angelsonpatrol.org/donate>
Contact: Melinda@angelsonpatrol.org



PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY



I hope you and your loved ones had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. As we greet a new year, many of the adjustments and practices Phoenix Public Library put in place as part of our ongoing pandemic response remain in

place. Along with providing reliable access to all our library system has to offer, our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our staff, customers and communities

While we remain cautious and vigilant with COVID, Phoenix Public Library is looking forward to 2022 with hope as we will continue to expand our library offerings throughout the upcoming year. On behalf of Phoenix Public Library, I offer heartfelt thanks for the continued support and patronage of our customers and communities. We look forward to continuing to provide thousands of resources available through phoenixpubliclibrary.org, free [Public WiFi](#) (7 days a week, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.), offer [laptops](#) and [WiFi hotspots](#) for checkout, programs and services for [kids](#) and [teens](#), and so much more. Please stay safe and well, best wishes for a meaningful 2022, and plan a visit to your favorite [Phoenix Public Library location!](#)

Phoenix City Librarian, Rita Hamilton

Juniper Branch Phoenix Public Library 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.

Mike Smith, Adult Services Librarian
Phoenix Public Library Juniper Branch
602-534-2348

(Masks required for adults and children age 2 and older)
First come tickets available 30 minutes before program

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 9:30 am

Toddlers ages 2-36 months and their favorite grownups will enjoy learning new words through stories, songs, and rhymes in this interactive program.

First come tickets available 30 minutes before program.

Baby Time

Wednesdays, 9:30 am

Babies up to two years old and their favorite grownups will enjoy stories, songs, and playtime in a warm and nurturing program.

First come tickets available 30 minutes before program.

Tools for School

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Children 3 to 5 years old and their favorite grownups will get a head start on kindergarten by sharing books and activities that build kindergarten skills and can be practiced at home.

First come tickets available 30 minutes before program.

Music & Movement

Thursdays, 9:30 and 10:30 am

Wiggle worms age birth to six will enjoy singing, dancing and MOVING in this fun active program that builds reading skills. First come tickets available 30 minutes before program.

The Reading Circle—Storytime for Young Readers

Thursday Feb. 3 at 4:00 and Saturday Feb. 5 at 1:00

Thursday Feb. 17 at 4:00 and Saturday Feb. 19 at 1:00

Join a deluxe storytime for kids K-3! Discover new books, enjoy reading stories aloud, and have fun with a book-related craft or activity!

Kids Create—Creative Time for Young Artists

Thursday Feb. 10 at 4:00 and Saturday Feb. 12 at 1:00

Thursday Feb. 24 at 4:00 and Saturday Feb. 26 at 1:00

Spend an hour away from screens and school and get hands-on creative through arts and crafts. Take home some fabulous works of art signed by you!

Medicare 101: How Do I Know What to Do?

Wednesday Feb. 9, 4:30 pm

Get your Medicare questions answered. Don't miss out on benefits you have coming to you! Presented by Lois Colcord, RPH of Medicare for Me.

Free registration required at our Homepage under "Calendar"

NEW FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED TO LEAD PHOENIX FIRE DEPARTMENT

City Manager Jeff Barton announced today the selection of Michael Duran as the new Chief of the Phoenix Fire Department. Duran will take over as Fire Chief upon the retirement of Chief Kara Kalkbrenner, on February 22.

Duran is a seasoned Phoenix firefighter and leader, having spent 27 years with the department. He is currently an Assistant Chief, supervising the Medical and Support Service Division. His division accounts for roughly 85 percent of all Fire Department dispatches.

Duran is also leading the implementation of the Community Assistance Program (CAP). The CAP, approved by Mayor Kate Gallego and the Phoenix City Council, sets aside \$15 million dollars for the first-of-its-kind program to improve the crisis response for behavioral and mental health calls in the community.

"Mike Duran has been a valued leader throughout his years of service, and especially recently as he has overseen the expansion of the Community Assistance Program in response to the mental health crisis," said Mayor Gallego. "I am confident Chief Duran will ensure our city's firefighters provide quality protection and life safety services and will be a valuable mentor and ethical leader to grow the next cohort of public safety teams integral to our community."

Prior to his current role as Assistant Chief, Duran was Deputy Chief of the Central Division and a Division Chief of Facilities Management and Homeland Defense Bureaus.

"Mike is a visionary strategist who I'm confident will help move our organization forward," said City Manager Jeff Barton. "His strong communication skills and meaningful experience developing and maintaining relationships within the city, community, and business partners will be invaluable as he takes on the role of Chief."

He spent the early years of his career in the field as a Firefighter, Engineer, and Captain, where he developed a deep understanding of the fire service, emergency response models, and how best to serve our diverse community. As a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) AZ Task Force-1, he has provided service in high profile events such as Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Florence and has provided public safety planning for the Super Bowl and College Football Playoffs.

"As the Fire Chief, I will prioritize innovative opportunities to improve the safety and services of our system," said Chief Duran. "I am committed to creating a positive and equitable environment while promoting the development and sustainability of our organization."

A married father of three, Chief Duran is a Phoenix native and second-generation firefighter.



CRIME TIPS:

URGENT TEXT? NOT SO FAST.

"Ding." You reach for your phone after it sounds its usual text message notification. And, if you're like most of us, you will open it (texts have a 98% open rate), and you will respond quickly (we answer texts within 90 seconds).¹ Read on for how "smishing" attacks take advantage of our texting habits.

HOW IT WORKS:

The text message throws you into an emotional state — fear that your bank account has been hacked, excitement to answer a survey to claim \$100, or perhaps worry that your utilities are about to get cut off.

The text will offer a solution — "click here" or call a certain number.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Text message scams (or "smishing", a play on Short Message Service) are on the rise, according to the call-blocking service Robokiller, outnumbering fraudulent phone calls.

Because we tend to respond so quickly to texts, we are a click or a phone call away from having our money or sensitive data stolen.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

When you hear that familiar ding, start getting into the habit of pausing before reacting.

If you think the text may be real, contact the sender in a way you know to be legitimate (for example, a phone number on a recent statement, or by logging in to an existing account you may have with the alleged sender).

Avoid responding with "STOP" if prompted to; it simply proves your number is active and it will be sold to other scammers.

Look into how to block unwanted texts on your device or through your service provider.

Forward spam and scam texts to 7726 (SPAM), the spam reporting service run by the mobile phone industry.

"HOME-BASED JOB"? OR "HOME-BASED SCAM"?

As COVID continues to impact our lives, more and more people are looking for ways to work remotely. However, not all work-from-home opportunities really are what they seem

HOW IT WORKS:

An ad online or in print offers a work-from-home opportunity doing something like processing paperwork, stuffing envelopes or data entry work.

The ad may promise high pay and require little or no special skills or experience.

You may be asked to pay upfront for training or other materials.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received 59,000 consumer complaints about sham job and business opportunities in 2020, more than double the 2019 number.

Scammers often place ads for work-from-home scams in trusted newspapers or on trusted websites.

Work-from-home scams often come complete with fake testimonials, bogus personal stories of people making thousands or more through this opportunity.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Ask lots of questions before accepting any work-from-home job offer. For example, ask about how (when) you will be paid, whether it's a salary or commission-based payment, and whether there is any upfront cost.

Research the company before signing any contracts. One good place to start is your state consumer protection agency, and with the Better Business Bureau in your community and the area where the company is located.

If you believe you have been targeted by a work-at-home job scam, you can file a complaint with the FTC online or by calling 877-382-4357. You can also report the scam to your state's attorney general.



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.

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.)

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TOM ARGIRO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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...
SOME IN PERSON MEETINGS HAVE RESUMED!**

ANTHEM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH for info call 509-670-5237 or
e-mail Chairman Christine Perry at AnthemNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com
or www.OnLineAtAnthem.com/ANW

ARROYO GRANDE-ANTHEM BLOCK WATCH for info call
Diane Lee at 623-251-6612

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

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

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

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

**DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH
ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) MEETINGS** with the BMCA at
6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month on ZOOM.. Check website for
meeting link. 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
info contact jms85023@yahoo.com

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
ZOOM meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of February, May, September and
November. The other months they are with the BMCA ZOOM Meetings.
mvgc@cox.net Candice 602-402-7914

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS e-mail nkcurtinaz@hotmail.com or call
Nora Curtin at 602-689-9696

PALM LAKES VILLAGE BLOCK WATCH Meetings held on the first
Fridays at 11:00 am at the Club House at 16415 N. 33rd Way. For info
contact soniaron@cox.net

RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP Rosalie Murch, 623-206-9522
rallegrino@cox.net

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

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! 602-262-6251

[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

MEETING and EVENT

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2022

Wednesday, FEB. 2nd BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Friday, FEB. 4th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143
Good training for PNP Members!.

Tuesday, FEB. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, FEB. 9th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm on ZOOM Presentation: Road Safety Action Plan

Wednesday, FEB. 9th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Thursday, FEB. 10th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Tuesday, FEB. 15th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm e-mail pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Tuesday, FEB. 22nd PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Wednesday, FEB. 23rd CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Thursday, FEB. 24th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS

8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road

MARCH 2022

Wednesday, MAR. 2nd BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, MAR. 3rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Friday, MAR. 4th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143
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Sunday, MAR. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, MAR. 9th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm **IN PERSON** at the Black Mountain Precinct Community Room, 33355 N. Cave Creek Rd. 85331

Tuesday, MAR. 15th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm e-mail pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Wednesday & Thursday, MAR. 16th & 17th

CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING

5:00 – 7:00 pm both sessions. All classes are currently only being offered virtually using the WebEx platform. Attendees must pre-register at pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, MAR. 22nd BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE

11:00 am at Bell Ford

Tuesday, MAR. 22nd PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Wednesday, MAR. 23rd CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Thursday, MAR. 24th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS

8:30 am at location TBD

APRIL 2022

Friday, APR. 3rd PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143
Good training for PNP Members!.

Wednesday, APR. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, APR. 6th BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, APR. 7th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Wednesday, APR. 13th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm

Tuesday, APR. 19th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm e-mail pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Tuesday, APR. 26th PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Wednesday, APR. 27th CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Thursday, APR. 28th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS

8:30 am at location TBD

MAY 2022

Wednesday, MAY 4th BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, MAY 5th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting

6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenix.gov for link info

Friday, MAY 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Friday, MAY 6th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

e-mail Rick Sain at ussyorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143
Good training for PNP Members!.

Wednesday, MAY 11th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm

Wednesday & Thursday, MAY 18th & 19th

CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING

5:00 – 7:00 pm both sessions. All classes are currently only being offered virtually using the WebEx platform. Attendees must pre-register at pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, MAY 20th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

6:00 pm e-mail pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Tuesday, MAY 24th PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Wednesday, MAY 25th CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Thursday, MAY 26th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS

8:30 am at location TBD

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 Councilmember Ann O'Brien	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilmember Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Councilmember 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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e-mail to: info@bmcainfo.com

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

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