

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, JANUARY 12th at 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81898099066?pwd=eWZYVnF1 NTNzeitISE42WDZ0L1hJQT09

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

Meeting ID: 818 9809 9066 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 Dept.

Greetings Block Watch Groups,



I am sending out this email as a bitter sweet thank you to all of you. Many of you know I have been in the process to get promoted, and my last day working as your CAO is officially 12/30/2021. I want to thank each and every one of you for helping our city become a better place with all of your help. I have truly been

blessed my last 5 1/2 years as your CAO. (Give or take for some of you who had Officer Tim Mitten before me).

I have included Officer Jeff Blair, as well as Officer Jeremy Campbell in this email, as they will be taking my place. They are both awesome officers and very experienced. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them if you need anything, or are requesting information or attendance at your block watch meetings.

That being said, I also wanted to reach out to each of you and let you know if your group has not been involved in our Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol training, we highly recommend it. To those that are already part of our PNP program, we would also like to ask if there is interest in any quick refresher courses. Please let the CAOs know.

Lastly, through our neighborhood grant program, we were able to purchase a few radar guns to measure speeding. If you are a member of the PNP group, and would like to check one of these out for your neighborhood group to use for a short time, you may, but you must be trained on them. If you are interested in this training, please let one of us know, and we will set this up with Officer Brian Kornegay. Please understand that these radar detectors are not official, and you cannot issue tickets, however they can be used to measure speed (so neighborhood groups can determine if the streets department can come in and monitor traffic for sign/signal adjustments), or as a deterrent. The training will go in to detail about what these can and cannot be used for.

Please also feel free to reach out to any of us if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you, and I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year!

CAO Jen Zak



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!









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 Androd.

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, JAN. 27th 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

HELPING HANDS

I know everyone is familiar with the old saying "it takes a village" when referring to raising children. The same quote can be applied to maintaining a safe and healthy community. The great City of Phoenix has many entities working together, as "helping hands", to help ensure your community remains an amazing place to live. The police department utilizes some of these entities regularly to help alleviate some of the non-crime issues we may be having in your community. The most commonly used resources include The Neighborhood Services Department (NSD), The Streets Department, The Parks department and the PHX C.A.R.E.S program. All these departments and programs can also be utilized by you to maintain your community long term.

The Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) is an amazing asset for the City of Phoenix. I jokingly refer to them as the city's HOA. NSD's main function is to address any blight type problems you may be experiencing in your area. This includes residential and commercial properties. There are eight common blight violations that NSD can help alleviate. They include: overgrown vegetation, junk litter and debris, outside storage, inoperable vehicles, vacant structures, fences in disrepair, on property parking issues, and finally graffiti. NSD has a team of individuals who inspect every blight related complaint they receive. When a complaint is called into NSD, these inspectors will work with the owner of the property to fix the problem. If the owner does not show an effort to fix the violation the inspectors can eventually issue a citation. Within the Black Mountain Precinct, we utilize their services for a large majority of the long-term community complaints we receive. We also have a monthly meeting to discuss properties we have in common and long-term solutions. The greatest thing about The Neighborhood Services Dept. is the complaints do not have to be police initiated. Anyone can contact NSD to make a complaint by calling 602-534-4444.

Another amazing tool for any community in the city of Phoenix is the Streets Department. The Streets Department handles a multitude of different issues pertaining to, you guessed it, the city streets. The Streets Department has inspectors who regularly vet complaints and do inspections of our city streets, ensuring safe travels for members of our communities. They handle problems which include speed limits, traffic control devices, abandonment of alleys, flooding, street sweeping, crosswalk maintenance and improvement, road grading and

improvement, and everyone's favorite...the speed hump program. Whether it be impatient drivers using your street as a cut through or an inconsiderate neighbor, every community has its challenges when it comes to traffic. The speed hump program was designed with the purpose of slowing traffic in residential areas. According to the program, listed on the City of Phoenix website, speed humps can reduce vehicle speed on a residential street by 7mph. As the City of Phoenix rapidly grows, we will continue to have our challenges with traffic related issues. It is vitally important to have the Streets Department to help maintain our busy streets. Being in contact with this department regarding street related issues is imperative to maintain a safe community. Questions regarding the speed hump program and other programs maintained by the Streets Department can be answered by calling 602-262-4659.

The Parks and Recreation Department may be one of the most underrated divisions within the City of Phoenix. They maintain a multitude of recreational areas such as city parks, community centers, mountain preserves, several golf courses, public pools, the Phoenix Center of the Arts, and many other recreational areas and programs. No matter where you live in this large city, I would venture to say you are within walking distance of an amazing park of some sort. In the Black Mountain Precinct alone we have multiple mountain preserves, a city run golf course and too many parks to count. All are being run and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. Every district has Park Rangers who work tirelessly to keep the parks and preserves clean and safe for members of our community to use every day. They open gates to hiking trails, open parking lots to parks, and deal with trespassers and other issues that may arise in these areas. They also enforce the Park Code of Conduct set forth by the city. Parks and Recreation also has numerous employees who work at community centers across the city. These community centers give programs like block-watch and other community groups a safe place to have meetings and events. The Park Rangers can be reached at 602-495-5458 and community centers can be reached at 602-262-6862.

This is just a small sample of the many different departments and programs throughout the city helping our communities flourish. The "helping hands" created by the City of Phoenix, makes this one of the best cities to live in this great country. I would strongly encourage you to research all the available programs and departments within the City of Phoenix to help you make your community great. All the information contained in this article can also be found with a quick search at Phoenix.gov.



CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698 at 602-495-5213 or 480-506-6454 tim.tewers@phoenix.gov

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

BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:

21 Area North (Beat 214)

(<u>W</u> 83rd Ave to <u>E</u> 7th Sttreet & <u>S</u> Dynamite Blvd. to <u>N</u> Mingus Rd.)
21 Area South (Beat 211)
(<u>W</u> I-17 to <u>E</u> 7th St. & <u>S</u> SR101 to <u>N</u> Dynamite Blvd.)

21 Area North/South (Beats 212 & 213)

(<u>W</u> 7th Street to <u>E</u> Scottsdale Rd. & <u>S</u> SR101 to <u>N</u> Carefree Hwy..)



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)

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

CAO Jon McQuillan #8926

at 602-495-5238 or 602-904-9985

jon.mcquillan@phoenix.gov



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)

(<u>W</u> 7th/16th Sts. to <u>E</u> SR51 & <u>S</u> Bell Rd. to <u>N</u> SR101) 23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)

/16th Sts. to <u>E</u> SR51 & <u>S</u> Cactus Rd. to <u>N</u> Bell Rd.)

CAO 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 linda.m.miller@phoenix.gov

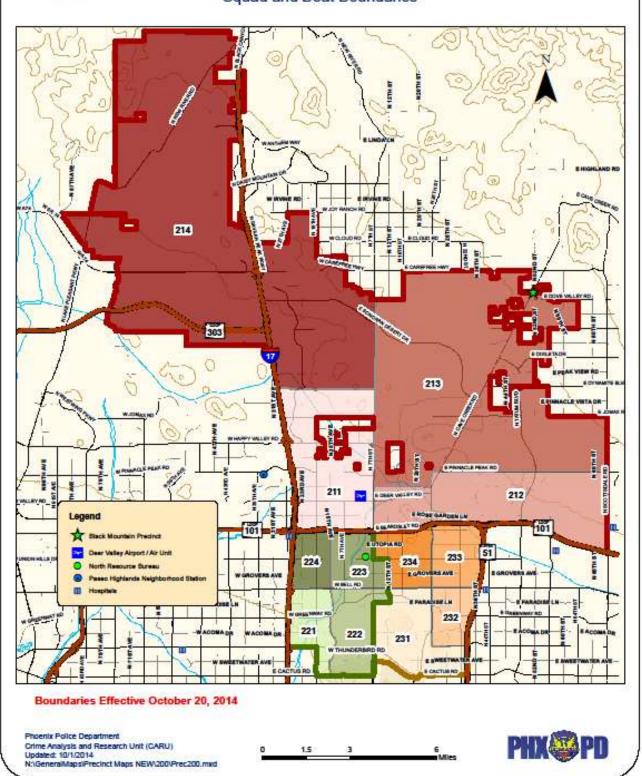


Black Mountain Precinct Community Programs Lt. Brian Rimsza 602-495-5032 or 480-506-6464 brian.rimsza@phoenix.gov



City of Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain Precinct (200) Squad and Beat Boundaries





CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL





Detective Brian Kornegay

Pueblo Grande Indian Market

If you worked the Indian Market this year, please email Rick Sain at, ussyorktown25@hotmail.com, and let him know, he misplaced the list of people who worked and wants to make sure everyone who worked gets an invite to the appreciation dinner Pueblo Grande puts on for all the volunteers who worked the event. Please also see the attachment from Rick.

Block Watch Grants

The city recently announced that the 2022 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program application process will temporarily re-open Monday, December 27, 2021. The application will close January 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Arizona time. No submissions will be accepted after 4:00 p.m.

They are offering additional workshops as well. If you have any questions, please contact NBWGP staff at 602-262-6131. Direct any questions about grants to the grant staff at the above phone number.

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 inperson 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.
- o January 12 & 13
- O March 16 & 17
- O May 18 & 19
- O 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,
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Environmental Design Coordinator.
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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
- ➤ 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: JANUARY 12th & 13th

PNP GROUP PATROL

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

Just a reminder that the next First Friday will be on January 7TH 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.





DISTRICT 1 NEWS

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien council.dlistrict.1@phoenix.gov

602-262-7444

District 1 Community Breakfast with Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Next Breakfast will be on Friday, January 28th at the <u>DoubleTree Hilton in MetroCenter (10220 N Metro Pkwy E. Phoenix, AZ 85051)</u> RSVP at council.district.1@phoenix.gov

PRAYERS!



Normally, you're used to our weekly newsletter including news from the City, updates from our school districts and information about how I've been working for all of you over the past week. However, for this week's newsletter, I wanted to spend the time talking about Officer Tyler Moldovan.

For those reading this who are unaware, Officer Moldovan was shot

multiple times by a truly evil individual in the early morning on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Officer Moldovan is only 22 years old and recently joined the Phoenix Police Department as a sworn officer. He recently got married and was excited to spend the rest of his career protecting our community and keeping our families safe. Tyler is currently on life support and in need of our prayers. Please pray for Officer Moldovan's recovery.

My heart aches for Officer Moldovan's family, his brothers and sisters in blue, and his fellow officers in the Desert Horizon Precinct. This senseless act of cowardly violence is reprehensible and the individual who committed this act should see the full force of our laws. I pray for justice and I pray for his recovery.

If you would like to help, please scroll down for information about two organizations currently accepting donations to assist his family. There is also a fundraising event and BBQ planned for Officer Moldovan tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 17. Details are also included below. In this season of giving, I hope you can show your support for Officer Moldovan, his family and Phoenix Police any way you can.

All my best,

Ann Councilwoman, District 1

Ways to support Officer Moldovan's family and the Phoenix Police

The following organizations address the unmet needs of Phoenix Police officers and their families, especially during crisis situations. These organizations also provide funding assistance to programs and initiatives supported by the Phoenix Police Department, such as Shop with a Cop, back-to-school drives and various at-risk youth programs.

Phoenix Law Enforcement Association Charities promotes the positive image of law
enforcement and enhances the quality of life in
our communities by helping police officers in
need as well as assisting organizations and
individuals within our communities. Click on
the button below and make sure to type in
Officer Tyler Moldovan's name on the online
form.



 Phoenix Police Foundation - a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that addresses unmet capital needs of the city of Phoenix Police Department, provides financial assistance in crisis situations and recognizes those who protect our communities. Click on the button below to support Officer Moldovan's family.

DONATE NOW

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

January 20 - District 3 Virtual Community Coffee Chat

Mark your calendars! Our District 3 Virtual Community Coffee Chat is January 20. Staff from the Police Department will join us to provide information about the Department of Justice conducting a Civil Pattern or Practice inquiry into the Phoenix Police Department and will discuss how the community can provide feedback. Thursday, January 20 6 p.m. Meeting link:

https://cityofphoenix.webex.com/cityofphoenix/j.php?MTID=ma41f52699a0a811ba 97a21a685a00973 Join by phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll Access code: 2455 711 2795 Let us know you're joining.

RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov or 602-262-7441.

DEC. 10, 2021

Black Mountain Community Alliance BMCA BOARD HOLIDAY PARTY

at the Cinnabar Club House

BMCA would like to thank the Cinnabar HOA Board for the use of the Club House for our Annual BMCA Holiday Party!





Thank you Erica at Starbucks with the Bell Road Business Alliance for the coffee donation!











Commander Darren Viner





Councilman Jim Waring and Sue



CAO Jon McQuillan, Asst. Chief Steve Martos and Candice



CAO Jon McQuillian, Deb and Asst. Chief Steve Martos



Bud, Broch and Deb



Laura and Candice



Deb and Cinnabar Property Mgr. Teri





Commander Darren and CAO Jon



Gnome Glass Art Gifts by Monte



Gnome and Asst. Chief Mike Kurtenbach



Monte, Tom, Goldie, Bud, Jena Laura, Candice, Broch and Deb

DEC. 6, 2021

Black Mountain Community Alliance at COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY DINNER

at State 48 in Norterra





Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Cmdr. Darren Viner



Phoenix Planning & Development Director. Alan Stephenson



Lt. Scott Cain and Lt. Brian Rimsza

DEC. 8, 2021Black Mountain Community Alliance at COUNCIL DISTRICT 3



Streets & Transportation Director Kini Knudson

DEC. 9, 2021BLACK MTN PRECINCT at SHOP WITH A COP



CAO Jen Zak

DEC. 14, 2021 Black Mountain Community Alliance at BLACK MTN PRECINCT BLOOD DRIVE



CAO Thomas McKee



Lt. Brian Rimsza

DEC. 11, 2021Black Mountain Community Alliance PNP at PUEBLO GRANDE INDIAN MARKET







AlliaTer Adel Alister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

Help Prevent Road Rage Incidents by Driving Safely



Over the last few weeks, cities in the Valley have been plagued by incidents of aggressive driving and road rage, incidents that in some cases have left drivers with injuries and, unfortunately, in others have cost them their lives. Road rage incidents have increased over the last two years in Arizona, and this year are expected to surpass 500 incidents. Unfortunately, this rise in road rage incidents isn't unique to Arizona. Nationwide, road rage incidents are increasing; a person is shot in a road rage incident every 18 hours on average in the U.S.

While you can't predict if you'll come across one of these drivers, there are signs you can pay attention to that will alert you of their presence on the road. Road rage is much more than excessive honking. It's any unsafe driving behavior performed deliberately and with ill intention or disregard for safety. This can include hazardous lane changes such as weaving in and out of traffic, following a vehicle too closely, failure to yield right of way, high-speed driving, preventing a car from passing or changing lanes, using headlights, or "brake checking" other drivers.

If you become the target of one of these drivers, prioritize your safety and that of your passengers by doing the following:

- Distance yourself from them; if you can, stay behind the problem and let them drive off.
- Don't engage or escalate the situation by gesturing or trying to talk.
 Erratic drivers are not thinking about their actions but rather acting on emotional impulses.
- Stay in your car; leaving your car to engage in a confrontation puts you, your passengers, and others in your vicinity at risk.
- If you are being followed, find a route to remove yourself from the situation. While it may be tempting to drive home, head to a public area or a police station, hospital, or fire station instead. If you can't leave your location, use your horn to attract attention, but remain in your locked vehicle.
- If you feel threatened or in danger, call 911.

We all benefit when we are mindful and act courteously on the road. This includes maintaining a proper distance from others, using turn signals, and allowing space for others to pass or merge. Most importantly, plan ahead so you're not rushed while driving and avoid distractions that may cause you to make impulsive maneuvers.

Year in Review: 2021 Crime Trends



We are weeks away from the start of the new year, and many of us will use this time to reflect on our accomplishments and milestones and identify areas that could use some work. Although this type of reflection typically brings to mind changes in your career, finances, and health, it can also apply to your safety.

One of the best ways to improve your safety is learning about crime trends. To help you develop better safety habits in the coming year, we want to provide a recap of what crime looked like in Arizona and Maricopa County. Unfortunately, we can't predict when a crime will occur. Still, if we incorporate enough safety habits into our daily routines, we can help lessen the probability of it happening to our family or home.

Violent Crime

While the pandemic might make it seems as if all crime increased over the last two years, the actual increase was seen in violent crime. Last year, the murder rate increased by 30%, and 77% of these murders involved gun violence. This trend continues as several major cities, including Tucson, have already broken homicide records set last year. In addition, aggravated assault, the most common of all violent crimes, also increased last year by 12%

Earlier this year, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office also shared that <u>domestic violence cases</u>, particularly aggravated domestic violence, continued to follow last year's increase. As of October of this year, there have been 73 domestic violence-related deaths in Arizona.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, get confidential support from trained advocates online at www.thehotline.org or over the phone at 1-800-799-7233. You can also find support from local programs and shelters in Maricopa County.

Property Crime

On the other hand, property crime continues to follow a downward trajectory. According to the FBI's Crime Statistics, property crimes declined for the 18th consecutive year, decreasing 7.8% in 2020. Even though they are in decline, property crimes continue to make up most of all crimes committed in the country. In 2020 nearly 6.5 million crime reports and \$17.5 billion were reported in losses.

While property crime is decreasing, vehicle theft is not, especially in the Western half of the U.S. Motor vehicle thefts were 13% higher in 2021 than in 2020, which saw the highest annual number of vehicles stolen since 2008. While Arizona's vehicle theft rates aren't the highest in the nation, it is located next to three states that are: California, New Mexico, and Nevada.

Vehicle theft also "looked" different this year. Due to supply chain issues in car manufacturing, the price of used vehicles increased by 30%, making them the new target for thieves. In Arizona, the 2004 Chevrolet pick-up was the model most targeted by thieves, followed by the 2006 Ford pick-up and the 2000 Honda Civic. On average, a stolen vehicle resulted in an average dollar loss of more than \$9,000. When they weren't targeting your vehicle, thieves were looking to steal your catalytic converter, which costs at least \$1,000 to replace.

In the last two years, tactics used by thieves have also changed. While constantly looking for new and sophisticated ways of stealing vehicles, thieves' tactics have recently been much more straightforward: looking for keys or fobs left inside the car. In addition, significant changes in driving habits have made drivers complacent about their vehicle safety. Use a layered approach to keep your vehicle in your driveway in 2022.

Scams and Fraud

Vehicles weren't the only thing stolen this 2021. Scammers were out in force this year, especially in Arizona. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Arizona was the third state with the most phone scam complaints in the country this year. Over half

of the calls received in the state were automated. While most calls were, as expected, calls about warranty and protection plans, scammer also called state residents about solar and utilities, vacation and timeshares, computer support, and medication and medical insurance.

Scammers were also busy stealing personal information. The most common scam report was identity theft, followed by imposter and online shopping scams. Fraud, identity theft, and other scams reached a three-year high in the first quarter of this year, with a total of 1.7 million reported incidents.

In Arizona, there were a total of 84,657 reports of fraud and identity theft, with the average person losing at least \$500. Compared to last year, younger people reported losing money to fraud more often than older people. However, when older people lost, it was at a much higher dollar amount.

Don't fall for scams next year. Instead, learn about the warning signs of common scams and keep your personal information safe by shredding any documents you no longer need.

Drug Use and Overdoses

In a recent news release by the Center for Disease Control, overdose deaths reached 100,306 for the first time in the U.S., marking a 28.5% increase from the year before. Over the last two years, overdose deaths have increased in Arizona, with 2020 reaching 1,982 deaths, a 45% increase from 2019. Maricopa County has the highest number of verified opioid overdoses in the state; from June 2017 to the present day, the county has had 13,521 overdoses. According to the CDC, over 50% of all drug overdoses have been caused by synthetic opioids, including fentanyl.

While every substance abuse case is different, having access to prescription medications at home increases the risk of developing or enhancing a substance abuse problem. So before your family comes to visit for the holidays, take time now to clean out your medicine cabinet. Once you do, bring your unused prescription medication to our <u>Prescription Drug Take Back</u>.

We hope the information presented here can help you prioritize your safety and help you make smarter decisions in the coming year.



Be prepared for winter weather if driving in the high country

Rain also forecast at times in lower elevations into New Year's Day

Drivers should be prepared to encounter snow and icy road conditions in much of the state's high country this week as winter storms pass through Arizona.



The Arizona Department of Transportation advises drivers to avoid traveling during any severe winter storm conditions. Motorists should stay up to date on forecasts from the National Weather Service and plan their travel accordingly.

Periods of snow and rain are forecast across the state into New Year's Day. Safer conditions will exist once ADOT snowplow crews have a chance to clear snow and ice from highways impacted by any winter storms.

Drivers in lower elevations should plan for possible rain and wet roadways at times over the next several days. Here are some winter and wet weather safety recommendations:

 Slow down and leave extra room: Adjust your speed to conditions. Slowing down and leaving space between your vehicle and vehicles ahead of you on icy or wet roads can prevent crashes or keep your vehicle from skidding on slick surfaces.

- Leave prepared: Dress for cold weather if traveling into the high country. Bring extra clothes and gloves as part of an emergency prep kit in case you need to stop along a highway. Be sure your cellphone is charged and pack extra drinking water, food and necessary medications (in case you encounter delays).
- Other items for an emergency kit: Blankets, flashlight, ice scraper, small shovel, container with sand or kitty litter for tire traction if your vehicle is stuck in icy conditions. ADOT has a complete list of items at azdot.gov/KnowSnow (look for "Must haves for every vehicle").
- Stay up to date: In addition to following National Weather Service forecasts, drivers can visit ADOT's Traveler Information site at az511.gov or call 511 for highway conditions. Pay attention to messages on ADOT's network of electronic signs. ADOT's Twitter feed (@ArizonaDOT) and Facebook page (facebook.com/AZDOT) also provide information and answers about highway conditions.

To assist travelers this winter, ADOT has partnered with the National Weather Service to create color-coded graphics of forecast storm severity. ADOT will use these graphics on its social media accounts to help drivers know the anticipated intensity of a snowstorm and make informed decisions about traveling.

O Christmas tree, don't fall off my SUV

Avoid losing your tree and putting others at risk

PHOENIX - O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree You just fell off my SUV O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree I lost you on Loop 303 O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree What will I tell my family?

Don't be the unlucky Christmas tree buyer whose tree falls off a vehicle only moments after strapping it to your vehicle's roof. Set aside the embarrassment or wasted expense, because Christmas trees that fall off vehicles are a serious safety hazard that drivers should plan to avoid before bringing their trees home this holiday season.

Every December, crews with the Arizona Department of Transportation remove trees that became hazards after they weren't properly secured to a vehicle and fell to the roadway. Those dislodged spruces or firs can become obstacles that trigger crashes as drivers swerve to miss the detached trees.

ADOT reminds drivers to make sure they'll get home with their tree — and without putting others at risk.

Whether you have a permit to cut down your own tree from a national forest or you're buying one that's already been cut, make sure to pack strong rope, tie-downs or nylon ratchet strips. Trees wrapped with netting are easier to secure to a vehicle's roof, so consider having it wrapped or bring your own materials.

When placing the tree on a vehicle, point the top to the back of the vehicle. Then strap the tree near its base, close to the top and in the tree's middle. Tug on the tree to test your work. Pull from different angles to ensure it's snug, and make adjustments if needed.

While Christmas trees are only a roadway hazard for a limited time of the year, they are part of a larger problem with roadway debris. Nationally, debris-related crashes cause more than 51,000 crashes a year. According to the Maricopa Association of Governments, more than 800 debris-related crashes were recorded in Arizona in 2017, including one fatality.

Drivers who see Christmas trees or other objects on a road should call 911 to report the hazards



Tax Changes to Know before you file Your 2021 Return.

Phoenix, AZ—Each year, key changes are made to Arizona's tax code. Here are some highlights you should know:

Due Date for Calendar Year Filers

Because April 15, 2022 falls on a federal holiday, taxpayers have until **Monday, April 18, 2022** to file their 2021 tax return. If filing an **extension**, the extended due date to file the income tax return is October 15, 2022. However, because October 15, 2022 falls on a Saturday, taxpayers have until Monday, October 17, 2022 to timely file the 2021 tax return.

2021 Arizona Standard Deduction Amounts Adjusted for Inflation:

- \$12,550 for a single taxpayer or a married taxpayer filing a separate return;
- \$25,100 for a married couple filing a joint return; and
- \$18,800 for individuals filing a head of household return.

The standard deduction can be increased by 25% of the charitable deductions the taxpayer would have claimed if they had itemized their deductions. This increased amount cannot be claimed on Form 140EZ or 140A.

2021 Tax Surcharge

Proposition 208, passed by voters in the last election, applies to tax year 2021 and requires individuals with taxable income of more than \$250,000 (single and married filing separate) and more than \$500,000 (married filing joint and head of household) to pay an additional tax surcharge. See more at: https://azdor.gov/news-events-notices/news/arizona-estimated-tax-payment-notice-new-surcharge-tax

Arizona Small Business Income (SBI) Tax

On July 9, 2021, Governor Doug Ducey signed into law Senate Bill 1783 creating a small business income tax by enacting Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 43-1701 effective for tax years beginning from and after December 31, 2020. The small business income tax rate for tax year 2021 is 3.5% on the amount of a taxpayer's computed Arizona small business taxable income. Beginning with tax year 2021, individuals *may* elect to report their small business income on Arizona Form 140-SBI, *Small Business Income (SBI)*, for the small business income included in their federal adjusted gross income. The SBI tax return *must* be filed timely with the regular income tax return to be accepted. For more information, visit: https://azdor.gov/individual-income-tax-information/small-

<u>business-income-and-surcharge-guidance</u> **Military Pension Subtraction**

For 2021 the subtraction for benefits, annuities and pensions as retired or retainer pay of the uniforms services has increased from a maximum of \$3,500 to 100% of the amount received during 2021. This means that benefits, annuities and pensions as retired or retainer pay of the uniformed services are no longer taxable in Arizona. For more tax changes, including increases in certain tax credits, see Income Highlights. ###

Tips for Renewal of TPT Licenses on AZTaxes.gov

The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) appreciates that businesses want to renew their Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) License on time and efficiently. In an effort to assist taxpayers through the process and reduce errors, ADOR has prepared several tips.

- Businesses with more than one location will not receive a paper form for renewal and must renew their licenses online at AZTaxes.gov.
- TPT licenses are valid for one calendar year, from January 1 through December 31. Licenses renewed within the current year must still be renewed.
- ADOR recommends cleaning up and updating business accounts before renewing.
- Update the corporate officer or owner through a Business Account Update form.
- ADOR provides a video tutorial on completing a license renewal on AZTaxes, here.
- If you do not see the renewal option within your account, you may have not linked your account to your TPT license or the primary user has not given you access to renew the license. See <u>AZTaxes User Access</u> for more information on primary and delegate users.
- Verify with the primary user who is responsible to renew the license. If renewal is already completed, no further action is required.
- Pay renewal fees online under "Pay," then "Pay Outstanding Liabilities." Renewal fees cannot be paid by credit card.
- If you received a paper renewal form, remit your payment with the entire Renewal Form, including "2022 Renewals" and your license number on the paper check.
- Licenses that are not renewed will not be canceled. To cancel your existing TPT license, use the Account Update option on <u>AZTaxes.gov</u> or submit a Business Account Update form with a cancel effective date.

Check out the Arizona Department of Revenue's FAQs page at https://azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/tpt-license/renewing-tpt-license for common questions and answers.

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 -> Increasing the use of alcohol kill oneself.
- Looking for a way to kill oneself,
 Acting anxious or agitated; such as searching online or buying a gun.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in Showing rage or talking about unbearable pain.
- Talking about being a burden.

- or drugs.
- behaving recklessly.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- socking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

Suicide la 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/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ www.givesmartaz.org

JOIN 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 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 be1/4 -3/4 in size with a permanent border holding it in. 1/4 minus size stone is not allowed for parking. There are limits to the amount of front yard area that can be used for parking. Only 35% of the front yard may be converted to driveway or dust free parking.

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

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



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

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

NSD Programs

Code Compliance

Private Property Code Compliance

<u>Graffiti</u>

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 singleand multi-family homes.
- Weatherization Assistance Program This program reduces monthly and annual utility bill costs by making homes more energy efficient.
- <u>Utility Repair/Replace Deposit</u> 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!





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 <u>Programs</u>
- 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)





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.

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

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 24-36 months and their favorite grownups will enjoy learning new words through stories, songs, and rhymes in this interactive 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.

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.

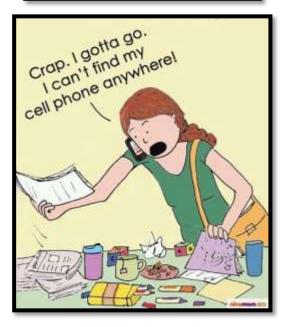
Music & Movement
Thursdays, 9:30 am
Wiggle worms age birth to six will enjoy
singing, dancing and MOVING in this fun
active program that builds reading skills.

INFO OF THE MONTH

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







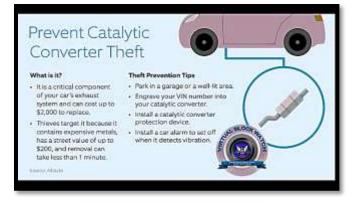
WHEN YOU CALL 911 - KNOW THE 10 W'S

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

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

These questions will 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.)





CRIME TIPS:

CRYPTO — SAME SCAMS, DIFFERENT CURRENCY

Cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Dogecoin are soaring in popularity these days. Indeed, these virtual currencies, which are not regulated, can lead to profit for some investors. And scammers are more than happy to adapt traditional scams to this new space to try to line their own pockets along the way.

HOW IT WORKS:

Websites promising huge returns if you invest in crypto with the company.

"Celebrities" offering investment opportunities in virtual currency.

Online love interests who either ask for financial help via cryptocurrency or seek to convince you to invest in crypto with them.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Pitches that claim virtual currency investments offer little or no risk are seeking to deceive you. The value of virtual currencies is driven entirely by supply and demand, which can create wild swings that can produce big gains, but also big losses.

Most celebrities do not manage their own social media accounts, and those who do typically won't engage directly with fans, especially with unsolicited investment opportunities.

"Romance" scams proliferate online, and not only on dating apps. Be wary of those you meet online who seek to grow a personal relationship with you.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Understand the risk — even if it's not a scam, cryptocurrency is a new and highly volatile way to invest.

Never invest in a virtual currency (or in anything for that matter) at the urging of someone who contacts you out of the blue or whom you have only met online.

Never share your "private keys", the long letter-and-number codes that allow you to access your virtual currency, with anyone. Keep them in a secure place.

2021: THE YEAR IN SCAMS

As 2021 draws to a close, we look back on a year in which COVID continued to be a major player in our daily lives. And the scammers, as always, were ready to pounce, deploying not only new scams, but adapting tried and true scams to the unsettled times.

COVID Scams

As the pandemic has evolved over the course of 2021, $\underline{\text{the}}$ $\underline{\text{scams}}$ associated with it have evolved as well.

Bogus "post-vaccine" surveys — An email or a text message containing a link to a "post-vaccine" survey promises free rewards if you click the link and provide payment information to cover a small fee. (Don't click links.)

COVID-19 funeral expense support scams — A particularly heinous scam emerged earlier this year after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) opened up a program offering funds to help with COVID-related funeral expenses. Scammers impersonating FEMA contacted individuals offering to help them register for the program — for a small fee, of course. (Government agencies don't operate this way.)

Unemployment compensation scams — A massive wave of identity fraud occurred in the form of criminals using stolen identities to file for <u>unemployment compensation</u>. The victim typically only found out when they received a letter confirming their benefits, or received a tax form indicating they had received unemployment. (For help recovering from identity fraud, go to www.identitytheft.gov.)

Gift Card Payment Scams

Gift cards are popular and convenient ... and not just for gifts. Over the course of 2021, we have seen explosive growth in gift cards being used as a form of payment in scams.

A target gets an <u>urgent call</u> from <fill in here> (Social Security, the IRS, your utility company, a tech support company, etc.) claiming a pressing issue needs immediate attention. Convinced of the story, the target agrees to the form of payment requested to address the problem. They go to a specific store, pick up a specific gift card or cards, and load a specific amount of money on them. Then the target, as directed, shares the numbers off the back to pay for the alleged obligation.

Once the criminal has the card information, they are able to drain the value of the card within minutes.

Anytime anyone seeks payment for anything with a gift card, it is a scam — full stop. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about gift card payment scams

Amazon Impostor Scams

Impostor scams are on the rise, and in 2021, impostors $\underline{\text{posing as}}$ $\underline{\text{Amazon}}$ have been among the most common.

The target receives a phone call alerting them of a suspicious charge on their Amazon account.

If the target engages, the ploy could be anything from getting payment information, login credentials to their Amazon account, or even to convince the target to allow them to have remote access to their computer to "solve" an alleged problem.

Know that Amazon will never ask you to disclose sensitive personal information or your login credentials. If you have an Amazon account, access it online or via your app to check for any problems; if you don't have an Amazon account, you have nothing to worry about.



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.

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS



THANK YOU TO DEER VALLEY II SELF STORAGE FOR SUPPORTING

THE BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE!

Deer Valley II Self Storage



Gus & Teresa Johnson Resident Managers (623) 582-0252

dv2@arizonastoragecenters.com

20550 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85027

THANK YOU TO THE NORTH PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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 chapercpa@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 budbamdeb@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 ims85023@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. myge@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

MEETING and EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2022

<u>Wednesday, JAN. 5TH BMCA BOARD MEETING</u> 6:30 pm at the Cinnabar Club House

<u>Thursday, JAN. 6TH NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting</u> 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> for link info

Wednesday, JAN. 12TH
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm

Wednesday & Thursday, JAN. 12th & 13th 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 pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov

Tuesday, JAN. 18th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov for link.

Thursday, JAN. 20th COUNCIL DIST. 3 VIRTUAL COFFEE 6:00 pm How the Community can provide feedback to the DOJ RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov or 602-262-7441

<u>Tuesday, JAN. 25th PBWAB MEETING</u> 6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Wednesday, JAN. 26th CPCA Meeting 6:30 pm (Location TBD)

<u>Thursday, JAN. 27th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS</u> 8:30 am at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road

Friday, JAN. 28th COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 BREAKFAST 7:30 am at the Metro Center Double Tree

FEBRUARY 2022

Wednesday, FEB. 2nd BMCA BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Wedneday, FEB. 2nd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting 6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov for link info

<u>Thursday, FEB. 3rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting</u> 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> for link info

Wednesday, FEB. 9th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm

<u>Tuesday, FEB. 15th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING</u> 6:00 pm e-mail <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u> 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 location TBD

MARCH 2022

<u>Wednesday, MAR. 2nd BMCA BOARD MEETING</u> 6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, MAR. 3rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting 6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov for link info

Wednesday, MAR. 9th
BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING
6:30 pm

Tuesday, MAR. 15th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail pnp.coordinator@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 pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov

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

Wednesday, APR. 6th BMCA BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

<u>Thursday, APR. 7rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting</u> 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> 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 pnp.coordinator@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

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/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

IDENTITY THEFT / FEDERAL TRADE COMM. Recovery and information www.ldentityTheft.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/lndex/?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

IMPURIANI 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-WITNES	S / 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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