

THE BMCA e-BULLETIN

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

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BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT NEWS

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

NEXT BMCA & PNP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th at 6:30pm

IN PERSON!!! at the Black Mountain Precinct Community Room

33355 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85331 UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL BMCA BOARD ELECTIONS

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES by Commander Darren Viner



Meet with your AREA 21, 22, & 23 Community Action Officers during the Break Out!

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

PRESENTATION: BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Tour the Precinct and Re-connect!

Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!

Refreshments

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MARCH 2022

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT



Asst. Chief Charley, Commander Ahleeya and Commander Darren Viner Thursday, MARCH 24th at 8:30 am at CHOMPIES, 3212 E. Cactus Road EVERYONE IS WELCOME! <u>GET TO KNOW YOUR CAO!</u>





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! Available at our Coffee with Cops and the IN PERSON BMCA General Meetings.





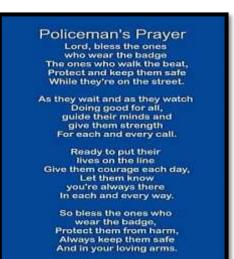


https://www.phoenix.gov/police/oisinfo

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



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 n 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.

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain

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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 Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021, and I have been a member of the Phoenix Police Department since 2007. 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 I am a first-generation Phoenix Police Officer. I started my career in the Cactus Park Precinct where I worked in patrol. From there I worked numerous squad areas until moving into the Desert Horizon Precinct working more numerous squad areas. Before taking position as a Community Action Officer in Black Mountain Precinct I worked Patrol since 2017. As I worked patrol for almost fourteen years, I learned to identify a multitude of issues and worked through them to promote a positive outcome. Continuing and maintaining 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 in the Black Mountain Precinct.



CA Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021 at 602-495-5276 or 602-904-9983 jeremy.campbell@phoenix.gov

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





SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE FOR THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE OUR CITY!

The 2022 Phoenix Police Foundation Honor Run/Walk/Row will honor the 41 Phoenix Police Officers lost in the line of duty. You can complete your SK Run/Walk, 1 Mile Walk, or 5000M Row at any location and any pace between Saturday. March 19th and Saturday, March 26th. The cost is \$40 (plus tax and nominal processing fee), and everyone who registers will be mailed an Honor Run shirt.

Proceeds of this year's Honor Run will allow the Phoenix Police Foundation to send Fallen Phoenix Police Officer Ginarro New's squad to Police Week in May 2022, when Gino's name will be added to the National Memorial Wall.

Three Easy Steps to sign up:



1) Register Today

2) Create or Join Group/Team (Optional) 3) Route your Run/Walk by Memorial Marker

Visit PhoenixHonorRun.Org for event details.

Sponsorship opportunities available.

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



21 Area North/South (Beats 212 & 213) (W 7th Street to <u>E</u> Scottsdale Rd. & <u>S</u> SR101 to <u>N</u> 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) (<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 <u>tim.tewers@phoenix.qov</u>



22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222) (₩ I-17 to Ĕ 7th/16th Sts. & <u>S</u> T-Bird/Cactus Rd. to <u>N</u> Bell Rd.) CA Officer Jon McQuillan #8926 at 602-495-5238 or 602-904-9985 jon.mcquillan@phoenix.gov



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



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



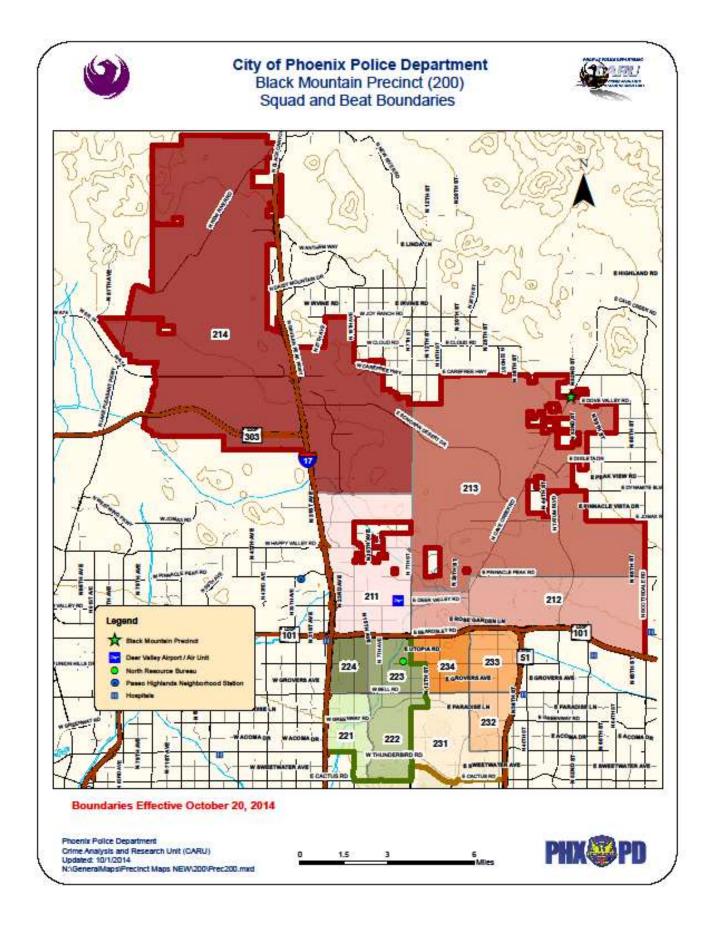
Abatement Officer David Hurt #7109 & Liquor Licenses 602-495-5228 or 602-772-1246 david.hurt@phoenix.gov



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



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 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 <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u> 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 March 16 & 17
- O May 18 & 19
- o July 20 & 21
- O September 21 & 22
- O 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. 602-526-4303 Desk / 602-534-2346 Fax Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

"Policing with a Purpose"

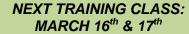
Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol T R A I N I N G

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4 hour Training > Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.

≻ Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop 602 262 6151

> Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.

> Be an observer without being confrontational.



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 March 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





The Second Annual Phoenix Police Foundation's (PPF) "Honor Run" is coming up, March 19 to 26, 2022. It is a fundraiser and monies raised will be used to send the squad members of fallen Phoenix Officer Ginarro "Gino" New to the National Police Memorial Service in May. (click for details <u>Phoenix Phoenix Foundation</u> <u>Honor Run 2022</u>)

The event is between Saturday March 19 and 26, 2022 at a location of your choosing. They suggest you plan your route to pass by one of the Memorial Markers for the fallen Phoenix police officers and ask that you take a picture of participants with the marker and share it to their website (2021's photos are still up for you to check out).

Join TEAM PNP:

I have set up "TEAM PNP" for this year's event. If you are interested in participating in the run/walk on TEAM PNP, just select that team when you register online.

TEAM PNP plans on doing either the 1-Mile or 5K WALK, at an easy pace. (No one ever accused me of being fast)

TEAM PNP will pick a central location for our route later (after we get the team set up) but feel free to participate in your neighborhood if you would like.

The registration fee is \$40 before taxes and other processing fees, making the total **\$47.28** a person and it includes an event t-shirt that will be mailed to you. Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol is willing to sponsor up to 10 PNP Members for this event (sponsor = PNP pays your registration fees).

Registration ends March 7, 2022 at 10:00pm MST but if you want your T-shirt for the event, they suggest you **register by March 4, 2022**.

Sponshorship:

If you like PNP to sponsor you in this event please send an email to <u>PNP.Coordinator@phoenix.gov</u> with your name and t-shirt size no later than **March 3rd, 2022**. This is open for the first 10 sponsorship requests.

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DISTRICT 1 NEWS Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

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District 1 Community Breakfast with Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Next Breakfast will be on Friday, March 25th at the <u>DoubleTree Hilton in MetroCenter (10220 N Metro Pkwy E,</u> <u>Phoenix, AZ 85051)</u> RSVP at council.district.1@phoenix.gov

Message from Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

After last night's 5-hour meeting and almost 2 hours of discussion related to the drones for our Police Department, the Council voted 6-3 to approve the purchase of drones for our police force. <u>You can</u> watch my final statement of the night here.

This vote last night does not mean police will be out flying drones today. They still need to go through the procurement process, which could take up to 6 months to identify the right drone technology needed for their purposes. Additionally, their policy needs to be drafted. Last night's vote ensures the policy can be drafted and reviewed at the same time the procurement process is occurring, so they are ready to hit the ground running and protect our communities.

During last night's meeting, I amended my motion to not just include the approval for the procurement process, but to also direct staff to bring back any draft policy language to the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee for discussion. District 7 Councilwoman, Yassamin Ansari, made a very good point: In this process, we should also work to include community engagement meetings, one for each district, so we get feedback from the community regarding their privacy concerns with drone usage. She offered a friendly amendment to my motion, and I gladly accepted. I too share in her belief that the community should be a part of this process. By opening up the next steps to community engagement, hopefully we can work to rebuild the trust between some community members and our police force.

This is why, at our upcoming February 28th Community Meeting, we will be conducting one of many listening sessions with department staff to help us ensure the policy is properly crafted. Additionally, we will also introduce Roger Smith, the new Director for the Office of Accountability and Transparency. He will provide insight on what his department will oversee and how he will work with us and our Police Department in bringing more transparency to the community. While we're on the subject of police, last week, I was blessed to attend the graduation ceremony for 16 of our new police officer recruits. In a room filled with friends, loved ones, and fellow officers, 16 new recruits took the oath of office, swore to uphold our Constitution, and promised to protect our community. Ceremonies and events like these are so important to highlight, and I'm beyond thankful that I get the opportunity to attend these momentous occasions! I appreciated being able to thank our new recruits for stepping up when not too many are. Finally, thank you to ALL who serve to protect us, and thank you to their families for sharing them with us.

I want to announce a new change in my office! Many of you have already gotten the pleasure of being introduced to Derrik Rochwalik in my office at various community events or coffee with a cop gatherings. I officially promoted Derrik to the role of Chief of Staff for my office, and he will be working closely with me as we work to make District 1 a better place to live, play and work!

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**.





DISTRICT 2 NEWS Councilmember Jim Waring

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



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

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

GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:

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

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

PHX City Calendar – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

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

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

Phoenix seamless service directory – CLICK HERE

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

Volunteer Phoenix opportunities – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Register a neighborhood or business organization with the city – $\underline{\text{CLICK HERE}}$

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

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

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

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

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.

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

with 38 in attendance!



ZOOM Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw



AZ STATE REP:



Rep. Judy Schwiebert talked about Affordable Housing and Education funding. She has cosponsored a Bill to erect a sound barrier along SR101 and 16th Street.

COUNCIL UPDATES:

Derrik Rochwalik



Adam Grant

District I Council Aide Derrik said they were focused on Affordable Housing.

District 3 Aide Adam Grant said there will be a District 3 Virtual Coffee Chat on Tuesday, Feb. 15th at 8:30 am on Budget and Research. We are addressing the complaints about the traffic on Thunderbird Road. February is Graffiti Free month.

PNP UPDATES:

Palm Lakes held a Roadshow Training. Next PNP WebEx Meeting is on February 15th and PNP/BW Training is on March 16th & 17th, 5-7pm both nights

Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Cmdr. Darren Viner:

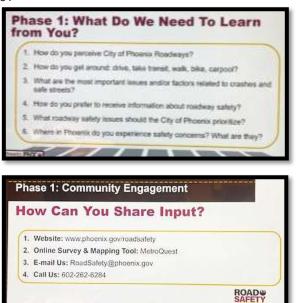


Cmdr. Darren Viner said there is new reallocation of staffing in the precincts. 130 officers will be put back into patrol. We will only have one CAO per Area instead of two. The changes will take place in May. Violent Crime and Robberies are up, Property Crimes and Auto Theft is down. The Bell Road outreach In January had seven arrests and four accepted help. The Village Meadows Clean-up is 2/19/22 and our Coffee with Cops is on February 24th at Biscuits Café. Our first IN PERSON BMCA Meeting will be on March 9th at the Black Mountain Precinct!

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



Very interesting presentation about Accelerated Pavement Maintenance, Cool Pavement Program and the Road Safety Action Plan and why it is needed. Phoenix ranks 3rd highest in overall traffic fatalities nationwide. The data shows Phoenix is up 30% in fatalities since 2019. We averaged 30,376 crashes per year from 2015 – 2019. That is 85 crashes everyday with 2 resulting in severe injuries and one fatal crash every other day. Of all traffic fatalities, 46% are pedestrians. New technology for lights and intersections is being looked into. Community Engagement is needed! Share your input at www.phoenix.gov/roadsafety Online Survey & Mapping Tool: MetroQuest roadsafety@phoenix.gov 602-262-6284



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FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the CACTUS PARK PRECINCT **DINNER WITH COPS**



Thanks to the generosity of Anzio's Restaurant over \$10,000 was raised for the Tyler Moldovan Family!



FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING





FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance at the VILLAGE MEADOWS BW Clean Up



Debbie Delwiche



PD and NSD Mari Herrera-Daniels











FEBRUARY 24, 2022 Black Mountain Community Alliance at the BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS

with 73 in attendance!



Cmdr. Darren Viner addresses the crowd



Councilmembers Ann O'Brien, Jim Waring & Deb Stark



Sgt. Linda Miller, CAO Jon McQuillan, CAO Jeremy Campbell and Lt. Brian Rimsza













BMCA Chairperson Candice Fremouw



Councilwoman Deb Stark and Sylvia & Richard Iodice



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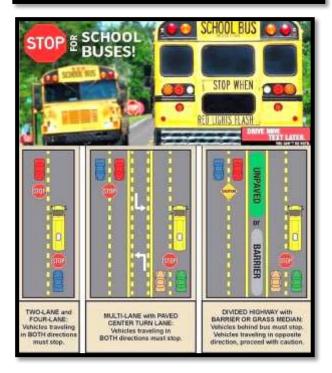
INFO OF THE MONTH

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



Ref: Facebook scamming

Please be aware of some of the posts you comment on. The posts that ask questions such as "what was your favorite teachers name, who was your 1st grade teacher. who was your childhood best friend, your first car," etc. These are the same questions asked when setting up accounts as security questions. When answering these questions and posting them, you are giving out answers to your security questions without realizing it. Hackers are setting these up as a "get to know each other better" game on Facebook. They then build a profile of you and use this information to hack accounts or open new lines of credit in your name. Not all of these on Facebook are scams, however it is best to remain vigilant and refrain from participating in such activities as there is no way to tell which ones may have been created by scammers.





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

MOVIES IN DEER VALLEY PARK!!! 6 – 9 pm

March 4th ENCANTO April 1st SING 2 May 6th MOANA

FREE!!! Bring friends, blanket and lawn chairs! Free popcorn, lawn games & crafts. Food trucks on site, too!

For more info call 602-495-3735

For more information, contact Deer Valley Community Center DIRECTOR Noreena M. Ortega Office: 602.495.3734 Email: noreena.ortega@phoenix.gov

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)



Alliater Adel Alister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney

How Valuable is Your Personal Information?

Millions of Americans are affected by identity theft every year. Contrary to popular belief, identity theft can affect anyone regardless of economic status and even age. The last thing you want, especially around tax season, is to have someone steal your identity and put your finances at risk. Therefore, your first and



most important line of defense is your behavior and how you protect your personal and financial information.

To successfully steal your identity, someone needs at least two pieces of information about you. Of course, some pieces of information are more valuable than others. For example, if someone gets your name, address, or email, they most likely won't be able to steal your identity. However, general information about you combined with other more valuable data can put your identity at risk. Additionally, information like your name, email, or even address is hard to keep secure as some are public records and can be found online. While there's is little you can do there, you can limit how much you share this type of information and omit it from where it's not needed, such as your checks.

In terms of your email, the real risk to your identity comes from phishing attempts. These are emails made to look legitimate and posed to make you share login credentials, account information, and much more. That's why it's essential to never log on to an online account from an email, no matter how legitimate it looks. Instead, it's better to exit out of your email and login in from a website directly.

Your social security is the golden ticket for an identity thief out of all types of personal information. That's because your social security number is a piece of personally identifiable information or PII. Unlike an email address or home address, this type of information is linked directly to you and only to you. Utilizing only your social security number and your name, an identity thief can get access to your bank, investment, mortgage accounts and ultimately obtain new credit under your name. The best way to protect it is by never carrying your social security card around with you, safely storing any documents that may contain it, and shredding any of those documents you no longer need. Other types of PII include credit card and bank account information, tax identification number, driver's license, and passport.

Identity theft is particularly harmful because it can affect your life in multiple ways. In addition to taking your money, an identity thief can ruin your credit by maxing out your credit cards and opening new accounts. In addition, they can get medical treatment in your name, steal your tax refund, and even use your identity when arrested. All of this can take years to figure out and make right, which is why it's so crucial that you pay attention now and prevent it from happening in the first place. Learn how to prevent your identity from being stolen by visiting our <u>Keeping Families Safe</u> page.

Do you have documents you need to shred? Join us at our next Shred-A-Thon and Prescription Drug Take-Back. Follow us on Facebook to get the full event details.

MCAO Receives Millions in Federal Funding for Cold Cases & Processing of Sexual Assault Rape Kits

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 (Phoenix, AZ) - The Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) is proud to announce it is the recipient of approximately \$3 million in grants from the Department of Justice to help find justice for victims of crime.

One of the grants will help further investigations where DNA serves as a catalyst to find perpetrators in cases that have gone cold. The other grant pertains to the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (commonly referred to as SAKI) which enables law enforcement to process rape kits in a timely fashion. This is in addition to providing funding for training to improve cold case and sexual assault prosecutions and investigations.

The DNA cold case grant will provide MCAO with more than \$500,000 to pay for additional DNA testing, create a countywide database of cold cases, hire a data analyst, and ultimately be a multiplier of resources for seasoned prosecutors who are experts in cold case homicide investigations.

"This is the first time our office has been awarded this grant. Our goal is to increase the number of successful prosecutions of cold cases throughout our county and provide closure to the victims of violent crimes," said County Attorney Allister Adel.

The SAKI grant, with an award amount of nearly \$2.5 million, will fund several initiatives. It will continue to support ongoing testing of sexual assault kits that need to be submitted for further DNA testing. It provides additional funding for training of law enforcement agencies in the valley. Within the County Attorney's Office, the grant will allow for the hiring of more detectives and crime analysts who assist law enforcement with the investigation of sexual assault crimes.

"These resources enable us to continue doing the work that we've been doing by assisting agencies that may not have the manpower or a specialized unit to investigate these crimes and will allow us to continue providing financial resources to ensure test are processed responsibly and in a timely manner," said Adel.

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About the Funding:

This project was awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the SMART Office.

Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA

This program provides funding to support agencies in the resolution of violent crime cold cases by providing resources for agencies to prosecute cases where a suspect's DNA has been identified, decreasing the number of unresolved violent crime cold cases. Provided that DNA attributed to a known or unknown suspect has been identified, funding support includes investigative activities and crime and forensic analyses that could lead to prosecuting violent crime cold cases awaiting or pending prosecution.

Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

The opportunity supports the Department of Justice's priorities of reducing violent crime and supporting law enforcement officers and prosecutors by providing jurisdictions (including rural and tribal) with resources to address sexual assault kits in their custody that have not been submitted to a forensic laboratory for testing by Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)-eligible DNA methodologies; improving investigation and prosecution in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process; and providing sites with resources to collect DNA samples from qualifying individuals who should have a sample in CODIS (based on the type and time of the offense in relation to applicable state law), but from whom a sample has never been collected or submitted to a laboratory for testing.

About the Maricopa County Attorney's Office:

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is the third largest public prosecutorial agency in the nation, serving nearly four million residents in the fourth largest county in the U.S. In addition to handling all felony prosecutions in Maricopa County and misdemeanor filings in the county's justice court system, the office also provides civil legal services to all county agencies. The agency is comprised of more than 1000 full-time employees, including attorneys, investigators, paralegals, victim advocates and support staff.



Successful interagency program helps former inmates find jobs as truckers

Program recently expanded to Perryville state prison

PHOENIX More than 400 formerly incarcerated individuals have completed а job-skills training program in trucking, а field that is currently in high-demand. The CDL



program is a collaboration between the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry (ADCRR), Department of Economic Security (DES), the Phoenix Truck Driving Institute, and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). Since the program began, nearly 100 of the participants have earned their commercial driver license (CDL) and are working in the trucking industry.

The program, part of the Second Chance Center, allows certain inmates to obtain their commercial learner's permit (CLP) before release. ADOT and ADCRR provide the curriculum prior to release from prison. Thanks to these partnerships, offenders are able to immediately enroll at the Phoenix Truck Driving Institute, or other CDL schools, to obtain their commercial driver license. ADOT's Motor Vehicle Division works to address any license or identification issues. The program also works with the traffic courts to address any fines or issues upon successful completion of the program. MVD personnel also assist with the medical exam process for inmates as all commercial drivers must have a medical certificate.

"This is a great example of collaboration between state agencies to reduce recidivism and the shortage of commercial drivers," said Eric Jorgensen, director of ADOT's Motor Vehicle Division. "A commercial driver license really enhances the chances of getting a job because of the need in the industry."

The program was launched at the Eagle Point Unit of Arizona State Prison Complex - Lewis as one of several career focused programs for inmates working towards their release at the Second Chance Center. This program was recently expanded to the Second Chance Center at the women's Perryville Prison last November. So far, 76 women have completed the program prior to release from prison and are now able to pursue their CDLs in the community.

"We are extremely grateful for the collaborative efforts by everyone involved in this program, including state and local agencies, as well as community partners," said David Shinn, director of ADCRR. "Programs such as this are crucial opportunities that help people change their lives as they return to the community."

Currently, this program is also provided through virtual avenues at other prisons and may be expanded to additional state prisons in the future.

The program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

More than 800 tons of trash in Maricopa County cleaned up by ADOT in 2021 Litter along freeways has increased 47% since 2017

PHOENIX - Last year, the Arizona Department of Transportation

along with its maintenance contractors picked up , 118,578 bags of along trash freeways in Maricopa County, which translates to approximately 811 tons. This continues an upward trend in the amount of litter accumulation along Valley



freeways since 2017.

During the past five years, litter has steadily increased along state freeways in Maricopa County. In 2017, ADOT picked up 80,442 bags of litter compared to the nearly 119,000 bags last year. That's a 47% increase.

ADOT maintenance crews are able to clean about 250 miles along the freeway system once a week thanks to funding from the Maricopa Association of Governments. Nevertheless, the amount of litter and trash increases along Valley freeways year after year.

"Drivers can help out by simply not littering," said Mary Currie, who manages ADOT's Adopt a Highway programs. "Don't toss that burger wrapper, paper cup or cigarette butt out of the window. All of those seemingly small and insignificant items build up over time creating safety issues."

Some of those safety issues include blockages of stormwater drainage grates, sometimes preventing water from flowing freely to retention basins, drainage channels or pump stations. That can cause standing water to build in low lying locations along freeways. Over time, litter also can negatively impact the operation of pumps that remove storm runoff along some Phoenix-area freeways.

It's also important to secure your load before traveling. ADOT's Incident Response Unit sponsored by State Farm, whose job is to patrol Valley freeways to provide vital services including removing litter and debris blocking the road, responds to an average of 26 calls per week for debris blocking the highway. In fact, one-third of all the calls the IRU receives are for litter blocking the road.

In addition to ADOT maintenance crews cleaning the freeways, ADOT also provides a way to report litter. <u>Litter.AZ.gov</u> allows witnesses to quickly share what they've seen through an automated chat feature. The site asks for just a few details, including license plate number, location, time and type of litter. The mission of ADOT's Litter Hotline, which also is available by calling the toll-free phone number 877.3LITTER (877.354.8837), is public awareness rather than law enforcement. More than 1,000 letters are issued through this program each year.

The Maricopa Association of Governments focuses on keeping roadways clean through its Don't Trash Arizona campaign. Those who litter along Arizona highways can face fines up to \$500.

"By not littering and securing your loads, we can all help Keep Arizona Grand," Currie said.



What to Know Before Hiring a Tax Preparer

Phoenix—The Arizona Department of Revenue is encouraging taxpayers to practice due diligence when selecting a tax preparer this tax season. Whether you prepare your own return or hire a tax preparer, you, the taxpayer, are ultimately responsible for what is filed.

According to the IRS, over 50 percent of tax filers used tax preparation services in 2021. While the majority are professional and qualified, there are cases of tax preparers who have submitted fraudulent returns or promised larger tax refunds by making unwarranted changes to the tax return.

What tips should I know before hiring?

- What kind of formal training does the preparer have and how current is the training?
- How long has the preparer been doing tax returns?
- Check their reviews and history to gather information on their performance and business practices. For CPAs, check with the State Board of Accountancy. For attorneys, check with the State Bar Association.
- Inquire about costs and service fees. Avoid preparers who base fees on a percentage of their client's refund and be cautious of preparers that boast about delivering bigger refunds.
- Select a tax preparer that is available year-round. If you have questions about the return, you can contact the tax preparer after tax season.
- Will the preparer explain how the return was prepared in the event of an examination by ADOR or the IRS?
- Direct any refund to your account, not the preparer's bank account.

Taxpayer responsibilities:

- Ensure the tax preparer provides you with a copy of the entire return, including copies of all schedules, especially itemized deductions or credits.
- Confirm you understand your return and ask to explain any deductions, credits and wages claimed.
- Ask the preparer to sign the return and list their preparer tax identification number (PTIN).
- Review the tax return before signing and submitting to ensure numbers are correct, and schedules add up to the tax preparer's source documents.
- Request that the preparer electronically file your return for a quicker, more accurate return. Paid preparers who do taxes for more than 10 clients must file electronically.

For more information on hiring a tax preparer,

visit: <u>https://azdor.gov/e-services/ selecting-tax-preparer.</u> If you suspect that a person or business is violating Arizona's tax laws, call our fraud tip hotline at: (602) 542-4023. Tips can also be submitted online by completing and emailing <u>Criminal</u> <u>Investigation Information Referral</u>. Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous.

Take Advantage of Free Tax Preparation and Assistance

Phoenix, AZ—The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) presents a variety of free filing services for taxpayers this tax filing season. Taxpayers are strongly encouraged to e-file and direct deposit their refund for a more accurate and secure return; which delivers refunds six times faster.

- AARP Foundation Tax-Aide If a taxpayer is 50 and older and cannot afford a tax preparation service to file federal and Arizona returns, they can obtain assistance at <u>www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide</u>.
- Free File Alliance Individuals with a federal adjusted gross income in 2021 of \$73,000 or less may qualify to receive free e-file preparation from a certified software vendor. Through the Free File Alliance, a taxpayer's 2021 federal and state income tax returns can be filed at no cost to them. Visit <u>ADOR's Free Electronic Filing</u> page for vendors.
 - To ensure no fee is charged, taxpayers must go to the Department's website to complete the return. This saves on preparation fees, prevents costly errors, and ensures that the taxpayer receives any refund directly in the most efficient way possible.
 - Nearly 88,000 Arizona taxpayers used the Free File software last year, saving themselves approximately \$9.6 million.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Taxpayers who made \$58,000 or less, have disabilities, or limited English-speaking ability, can acquire free preparation of their tax returns from VITA.
- 211 Information: For taxpayers who are elderly, disabled, or low income, visit <u>www.211arizona.org</u> for free, local federal and state tax preparation locations.

Note: Some tax preparation services may not offer in-person assistance but rather drop-off or virtual assistance. Contact the tax preparer for availability.

For individuals also needing assistance but do not qualify for free electronic filing services, ADOR suggests:

- Approved Vendor (fees): Visit <u>https://azdor.gov/e-services/approved-vendors</u> to view the list of software providers certified to submit electronically filed returns with ADOR.
- Online Forms If a taxpayer is confident enough to file their taxes independently, Arizona offers fillable tax forms to prepare their returns. Arizona forms and instructions are available to print at https://www.azdor.gov/Forms.

To ensure a successful e-filing experience, be sure to collect and bring:

- Proof of identification (photo ID)
- Social Security cards for both spouses and any dependents (or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)
- Birth dates for both spouses and any dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statements (Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, 1099-Misc) from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- Bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms

• Forms 1095-A, B and C, Health Coverage Statements To receive income tax updates, be sure to subscribe to the "Individual Income Tax" list. Check out ADOR's website at <u>https://azdor.gov/individual- income-tax-information</u> for additional tax filing requirements, instructions, and important tax filing tips.

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 onese/f. or drugs.
- Looking for a way to kill oneself,
 Acting anxious or agilated;
 A such as searching online or buying a gun. Sleeping too little or too much.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- * Withdrawing or feeling isolated.

behaving recklessly.

- Talking about feeling trapped or in .* Showing rage or talking about. unbearable pain.
 - seeking revenge.
- Talking about being a burden. to others.
- 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/cgibin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ www.givesmartaz.org

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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



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.

 <u>Rental Rehabilitation Program</u> – 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 <u>Phoenix.gov/myPHX311</u>). 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!





City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department

2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Survey and Public Hearing Notice

The city of Phoenix is commencing with the U.S. Department of Housina and Urban Development's (HUD) FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan. Every five years, the city of Phoenix partners with the community to develop a strategic Consolidated Plan. The plan defines strategies to address housing, community development needs. and current market conditions in order for the city of Phoenix to make informed decisions on an estimated \$135 million in HUD grant funding. Grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Each year, the city will implement those strategies identified through the 5-year Consolidated Plan through an Annual Action Plan.

A virtual public meeting to review the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan survey results as well as receive comments and input will be held on March 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Residents can participate virtually, or call and listen to the meeting by registering at the following meeting link: <u>https://cityofphoenix.webex.com/cityofphoe</u> <u>nix/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5a307609033c69ae7</u> <u>2aefa770ef1ccbf</u>

Comments may also be provided to Tennille Burton, Grants Compliance Supervisor, by email at <u>tennille.burton@phoenix.gov</u> or by phone at 602-534-1181. For further information, please call Tennille Burton at 602-534-1181.



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

PNP PATROL IN DEER VALLEY PARK



BMCA Editor Laura Robins



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.

First come tickets available 30 mintures 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 mintures before program.

The Reading Circle—Storytime for Young Readers

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!

(Days and times vary, please check our homepage phoenixpubliclibrary.org on the "Calendar" tab)

Kids Create—Creative Time for Young Artists

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! (Days and times vary, please check our

homepage phoenixpubliclibrary.org on the "Calendar" tab)

Medicare Review: How Do I know What to Do? Wednesday, April 13, 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"

CRIME TIPS:

THEY STEAL YOUR HEART ... TO GET TO YOUR MONEY

All crimes that seek to steal money or sensitive information through deception are loathsome. But perhaps the most pernicious involves crimes of the heart. Online romance fraud is rampant and growing according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and it isn't just dating sites where these criminals lurk.

HOW IT WORKS:

While playing an online game, perusing your social media feed, or looking at prospective partners on dating apps or sites, up pops an invitation to connect.

You decide to accept the invitation and find yourself communicating with this new friend a lot, and they suggest you move to another mode of communication.

A romantic relationship develops quickly, and there are plausible reasons you don't get to meet in person — they are working abroad or serving in the military in another country, or perhaps COVID keeps you from getting together.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

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Eventually, requests for money begin. Or, more recently, the love interest professes skill in investing in cryptocurrency and suggests you invest along with them.

The "relationship" ends when the fake love interest disappears, or you realize it was a scam.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Use caution when meeting new people online; it's too easy for shady people to pretend to be someone they aren't.

If you have a photo of this love interest, use your browser's image search feature to see if it is associated with anyone else.

If you are ever asked for money from somebody you've only met online, chances that it is fraud are extremely high.

Cut off contact immediately if you suspect a scam.

Notify the platform on which the initial contact took place.

Call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline to talk with a trained and empathetic specialist who will help you understand what happened and guide you on steps to take.

SOMETIMES THOSE WHO GIVE ... TAKE

There's nothing more important than knowing that your loved one is being properly cared for. Unfortunately, some of those tasked with providing this care take advantage of the opportunity to line their own pockets.

Here are some signs of caregiver financial exploitation and tips for protecting against it.

Be Present

Regularly check in with both the caregiver and the care recipient to ensure the quality of care. Make unannounced visits, and if you are not

local, see if a trusted friend or family member can do it.

Use technology to be present even when you physically can't be. If your loved one will allow it, install one or more video cameras in the home to monitor quality of care and for theft protection.

Secure Valuables and Monitor Transactions

Inventory valuables in the home. Keep smaller items like jewelry locked up at all times.

Limit the in-home caregiver's access to cash, checkbooks, and credit cards. If their job includes shopping or errands, use one card that you closely monitor, or give them a prepaid debit card that you can reload.

Contact your loved one's financial institution to arrange for "view only" access to their accounts or sign them up for view only monitoring services like EverSafe or Carefull.

Watch for Warning Signs

Large, frequent or unexplained bank withdrawals or fund transfers.

Changing from a basic bank account to one with more complicated services.

A new person conducting financial transactions on a loved one's behalf without proper documentation.

Checks that are written as "loans" or "gifts" or have suspicious-looking signatures.

Sudden overdrafts or unpaid bills.

Changes to wills, trusts, or powers of attorney.



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.)

BMCA AND BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

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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 <u>AnthemNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com</u> or <u>www.OnLineAtAnthem.com/ANW</u>

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 IN PERSON! Check Website for info www.dvpnbwo.com. 623-533-0847 / dvpnbwo@aol.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 <u>myraridder@cox.net</u> President/Chair: Ron Gundlach <u>ron@azfab.com</u> Contact us for meeting info.

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

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

MONTE CRISTO BLOCK WATCH LECADDSERVICES@Yahoo.com

NORTHTOWN COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH / PNP FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS e-mail <u>nkcurtinaz@hotmail.com</u> 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 <u>soniaron@cox.net</u>

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 <u>sevenpalmsblockwatchpp@yahoo.com</u> for info.

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

BMCA RESOURCE LIST

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

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

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

BOLOCOP Register for Crime Alerts www.bolocop.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PHOENIX C.A.R.E.S. Help the homeless! 602-262-6251 PHX At Your Service.

PHOENIX CITY CAM View the city in all directions PHXCityCam

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

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

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

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH Sign up now! Police Virtual Block Watch

www.phoenix.gov

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

MEETING and EVENT

CALENDAR

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 <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> for link info

Friday, MAR. 4th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL e-mail Rick Sain at <u>ussyorktown25@hotmail.com</u> or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

Friday, MAR. 4th MOVIE IN THE PARK - *Encanto* 6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

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. 15thPNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING6:00 pme-mailpnp.coordinator@phoenix.govfor 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 BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE 11:00 am at Bell Ford

<u>Tuesday, MAR. 22nd PBWAB MEETING</u> 6:30 pm hosted by Cactus Park Precinct / CPCA at Cortez High School <u>www.phxblockwatch.org</u>

Thursday, MAR. 24th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS 8:30 am at CHOMPIES, 3212 E. Cactus Road

Friday, MAR. 25th DISTRICT I BREAKFAST 7:30 am at the Double Tree

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Friday, APR. 3rd PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL e-mail Rick Sain at <u>ussyorktown25@hotmail.com</u> or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

Friday, APR. 3rd MOVIE IN THE PARK – Sing 2 6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

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. 7rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting 6:00 pm - e-mail Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov for link info

<u>Wednesday, APR. 13th</u> <u>BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING</u> 6:30 pm at the DVCC

Tuesday, APR. 19th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u> for link.

Tuesday, APR. 26th PBWAB MEETING 6:30 pm Wednesday, APR. 27th CPCA MEETING 6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Thursday, APR. 28th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS 8:30 am at location TBD

<u>MAY 2022</u>

<u>Wednesday, MAY 4th BMCA BOARD MEETING</u> 6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, MAY 5th NBWGP Oversight Committee Meeting 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> 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 <u>ussyorktown25@hotmail.com</u> or at 602-799-0143 Good training for PNP Members!.

Friday, MAY 6th MOVIE IN THE PARK - Moana 6 - 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

<u>Wednesday, MAY 11th</u> <u>BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING</u> 6:30 pm at the DVCC

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 <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u>

Tuesday, MAY 20th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u> for link.

Tuesday, MAY 24th PBWAB MEETING 6:30 pm

Wednesday, MAY 25th CPCA MEETING 6:30 pm (Location TBD)

Thursday, MAY 26th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS 8:30 am at location TBD

JUNE 2022

Wednesday, JUNE 1st BMCA BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, JUNE 2nd NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm - e-mail <u>Michael.noyd@phoenx.gov</u> for link info

Sunday, JUNE 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

<u>Wednesday, JUNE 8th</u> <u>BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING</u> 6:30 pm

Tuesday, JUNE 21st PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING 6:00 pm e-mail <u>pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov</u> for link.

Saturday, JUNE 25th AFTER DARK IN THE PARK EVENT 5:00 – 9:30 pm in Deer Valley Park

NO JUNE FIRST FRIDAY PNP PATROL – Summer Break

NO JUNE PHX BW ADVISORY BOARD MTG – Summer Break

NO JUNE CPCA MEETING – Summer Break

NO JUNE BLK MTN Coffee with Cops – Summer Break

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor 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	
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
0 0	-877-NOT-LEGL
Water Dept. after hours	602-261-8000
Zoning Violations If you suspect a vehicle is stolen, check the lice	602-534-4444
www.theftaz.azag.gov	ense plate number at

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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