



BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

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, OCTOBER 12th at 6:30pm

at the DEER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
2001 W. Wahalla Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027

UPDATES FROM CITY COUNCIL

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT UPDATES
by Commander Darren Viner



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

PNP NEWS AND UPDATES

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

PRESENTATION:

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS!

with New Interim Chief Michael Sullivan

Asst. Chief Sean Connolly and Asst. Chief Steve Martos

Crime Prevention Materials Distributed!

Refreshments

OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH!

G.A.I.N. KICK OFF EVENT

Is on **Saturday, October 1, 2022** from 10 am to 1 pm at Christown Spectrum Mall, 1703 W. Bethany Home Road.

Crime Prevention, Safety, Community Information, Block Watch Grant Information, Block Watch Signs & Much more! Black Mountain Precinct registered events will also receive a free tote from BMCA filled with valuable items to be used on G.A.I.N. day.



G.A.I.N. DAY is Saturday, Oct. 15th !

Some ideas for G.A.I.N. might include having a block party, cookout, parade, potluck, ice cream social, flashlight walk, safety fair, or a poster contest. Officers from Black Mountain Precinct will visit each of our respective registered G.A.I.N. Events held on October 15, 2022. We look forward to seeing you at your G.A.I.N. event!

The BMCA / DVPNBWO / DVCC / MVGBW

G.A.I.N. EVENT / FALL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL



is in Deer Valley Park from 5-8 pm on

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Crafts, Pumpkin Patch, Carnival Games, Food Trucks, Inflatables, Prizes & Give-aways, Phoenix Children's Hospital FREE Bike Helmets, Music, Haybale Maze, Haunted House and a Costume Contest!



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OFFICER LITMAN #10790 FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 7, 2022
 Desert Horizon Precinct
 16030 N 56th St
 10 AM - 7 PM

Officer Litman served for over 5 honorable years before his unexpected passing on August 31, 2022 leaving behind his wife and children.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided for a \$10 donation. Proceeds will benefit the Litman family. Additional donations will be accepted.



**Be Aware.
 Be Seen.
 Be Safe.**

NEED TO CALL Phoenix Police?
 CRIMESTOP NON-EMERGENCY LINE
602-262-6151 EMERGENCY → 9-1-1

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS WHEN CALLING...

- 1 MAIN COUNTY JAIL
- 2 RECORDS
- 3 ONLINE REPORTING
- 4 NON-EMERGENCY POLICE RESPONSE
- 5 POLICE PRECINCTS
- 6 FOLLOW-UP WITH A DETECTIVE



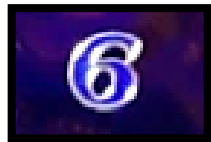
DONATE TODAY



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 BMCA General Meetings.

IF TH S LINE OFFENDS YOU SO MUCH YOU MIGHT WANT 'O STOP CROSS NG IT

IN THIS FAMILY WE BLEED BLUE

Policeman's Prayer
 Lord, bless the ones who wear the badge. The ones who march the beat, protect and keep them safe. With their hearts and souls, their lives and every call.
 As they wait and as they watch, going good for all, guide their minds and give them strength for each and every call.
 Ready to put their lives on the line in any day, let them know you're there for them in each and every way.
 Oh bless the ones who wear the badge, protect them from harm, always keep them safe and to your loving arms.

<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

PPD RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE DASHBOARD
<https://stories.opengov.com/phoenixaz/published/6EtdqY5qQ>

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.

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

Report graffiti on the Phoenix PD app! Graffiti can now be reported on the Phoenix 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! #GraffitiFreePHX
 City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department.

WHEN YOU CALL 911 - KNOW THE 10 W'S

- **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.)

TEXT 9-1-1 "Call if you can. Text if you can't." After months of collaboration between numerous public agencies and advocates for the disability community (or advocates for the disabled) if you are in imminent danger and are unable to talk to a 911 operator, you now have for the first time in Phoenix the ability to text to 9-1-1.

Phoenix Police Department Black Mountain



Precinct NEWS



Black Mountain Precinct

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

Precinct: 602.495.5002

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

October in Phoenix is much different than other cities as we do not get the changing of colors on the trees but is still one of my favorite months. This is an exciting time of year when the sting of the summer begins to pass and gives way to cooler weather and the start of the holiday season. With the changing weather, comes a day when every child gets to live out their fantasy of being their favorite Disney character for a day. When I think of Halloween, my mind focuses on wholesome fun, filled with sweets, amazing costumes, and the occasional scare at the local haunted house. As always, being vigilant and taking safety precautions can ensure your Halloween is a great day, filled with spooky smiles.

Guidelines for Parents and Trick or Treaters

- All children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Costumes should not be restrictive, should not hinder the vision of the child, and should be clearly visible at night (costumes with light reflecting materials are highly recommended).
- Your children should be cautioned to not consume treats before they can be carefully inspected by parents.
- Homemade type treats (baked goods, Rice Krispie Treats, ect.) and fruits/nuts should not be consumed unless parents know from where they came.
- Trick or Treating should be enjoyed in well lighted communities and only well-lit homes should be approached.
- Adults should carry flashlights and, if possible, children should also carry portable lighting of some type.
- All traffic rules for pedestrians should be followed. Motor vehicle traffic will increase in our communities during Halloween eve. Parents should be cautious as they move about with their children and we want to remind drivers to be on the lookout for those ghosts and goblins.

Guidelines for those who pass out treats

- Distributing homemade treats should be avoided. These type treats will often be thrown out unless the parents know the provider.
- Ensure that your home is well lit for the children if you intend to pass out treats.

- Be wary of those who approach your home seeking monetary donations of any kind (including the sale of products). Halloween is not the time for this. If you cannot verify that the solicitation is legitimate, do not participate.
- If you are concerned that a child is too young to be out alone and you can confirm that there is no adult supervision, call your local police for assistance.

A few extra points

- Older children (perhaps beyond 12 years of age) should travel in groups and remain in familiar neighborhoods.
- Everyone should adhere to the hours for trick or treating as established by your community.
- If you observe suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call police right away.
- It really is a great time of year for our community; some say this is when the fall and winter holidays begin! So let's start the season off by having a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Everyone has heard the phrase "be afraid, be very afraid" during the Halloween season. By following the guidelines provided above, we can ensure this statement is used only in trick or treat fun. All the information in this article can be found with a quick search on Phoenix.gov.

[Police Halloween Safety Tips \(phoenix.gov\)](http://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 PRECINCT COFFEE WITH COPS



Thursday, October 27th at 8:30 am
at CHOMPIE'S, 3212 E. Cactus Road

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

GET TO KNOW YOUR CAO!

BLACK MOUNTAIN POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER SQUAD:



21 Area North/South (Beats 212 & 213)

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

21 Area North (Beat 214)

(W 83rd Ave to E 7th Street & S Dynamite Blvd. to N Mingus Rd.)

21 Area South (Beat 211)

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

CA Officer Jeffrey Blair #7966

at 602-495-5481 or 480-506-6993 jeffrey.blair@phoenix.gov



22 Area North (Beats 223 & 224)

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

CA Officer Tim Tewers #8698

at 602-495-5213 or 480-506-6454 tim.tewers@phoenix.gov



22 Area South (Beats 221 & 222)

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

CA Officer Jon McQuillan #8926

at 602-495-5238 or 602-904-9985 jon.mcquillan@phoenix.gov



23 Area North (Beats 233 & 234)

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

23 Area South (Beats 231 & 232)

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

CA Officer Jeremy Campbell #9021

at 602-495-5276 or 602-904-9983 jeremy.campbell@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct CAO Sgt. Linda Miller

602-495-5112 or 602-904-9195

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Black Mountain Precinct Community Programs Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun #7094

602-495-5016

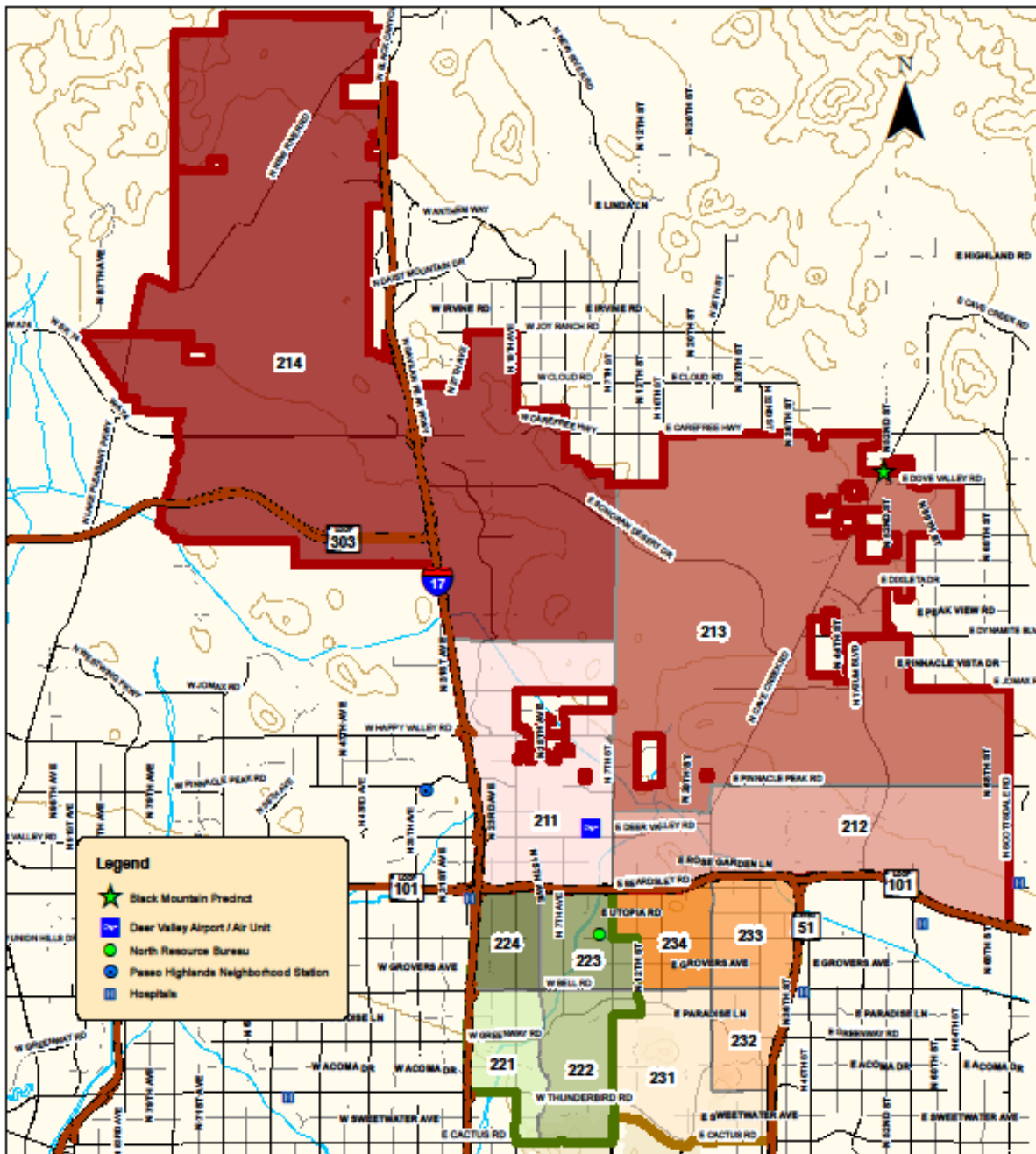
ben.sywarungsymun@phoenix.gov



Black Mountain Precinct Commander Darren Viner



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



CITYWIDE PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL



Detective Brian Kornegay

Monthly Citywide PNP Meetings

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

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

PNP Basic classes

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

• 2022 Online PNP Class schedule

- Online classes so far are on Wednesday and Thursday nights 5pm to 7pm, both nights are required. We are unable to offer interpretation on this platform.
- **November 16 & 17**

Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2022

The rate effective January 1, 2022 is 58.5 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 2023. 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. The updated order forms are now online at www.phoenix.gov

Brian Kornegay #5132, Detective,
Phoenix Police Department
Community Relations Bureau,
Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol,
Criminal Nuisance Abatement, & Crime Prevention Through
Environmental Design Coordinator.
602-256-4303 Desk / 602-534-2346 Fax
Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

"Policing with a Purpose"

2022 TRAINING CALENDAR
PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL CLASSES

Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions the classes are being held virtually using the Cisco Webex platform.

Virtual Class Info:
2-Day Class
Wednesday and Thursday evenings
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Attendees must attend both days

System requirements:
Attendees need to have a computer or smart device (cell phone or tablet) with internet access and a camera and microphone to participate in the class. Smart devices will need to download the Cisco Webex app.

You must register for the class to get the login information and password

To sign up for the class please contact:
pnp.coordinator@phoenix.gov or call 602-256-4303

Class is held through the use of the Cisco Webex platform and the class is held in Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Program.
Phoenix.gov/police or PNPmembers.com

Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol TRAINING

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4 hour Training

- Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.
- Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop [602 262 6151](tel:6022626151)
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.
- Be an observer without being confrontational.

NEXT TRAINING CLASS:
NOV. 16th & 17th

PNP GROUP PATROL WE'RE BACK OCTOBER 7th !

Contact Rick Sain at ussvorktown25@hotmail.com or at 602-799-0143

Just a reminder that the next First Friday will be on October 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. Thanks. Rick

PUEBLO GRANDE INDIAN MARKET

The 45th annual Indian Market will be December 10 and 11, 2022 at 4619 E Washington St (open to the public 9am to 4pm both days). PNP will again have a Group Patrol at the market.

Rick Sain, a PNP member, is organizing this again this year. Rick will have me send out a schedule of times he needs volunteers in the next week or so. Rick has asked that you do not send in your requests until he has published the schedule (early requests will be deleted). The assignments will be filled on a "first come" basis. If you request an assignment that has already been filled, you will be offered another available assignment.

This is a great event and a good way to get some practice patrolling and meet other PNP members, perfect to those new to the program.



District 1 Community Dinner with Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

Watch the District 1 Newsletter for the location of the
October Dinner on Monday, October 17th at 5:30 pm
602-262-7444 council.district.1@phoenix.gov

Message from Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

On October 8th, at 5:30pm located at ASU West Campus, we will be hosting a Double Ten-Day celebration event. Double Ten Day, normally celebrated on October 10th, is Taiwanese Independence Day and celebrated all over the world as the day common Chinese people rose up against their feudal empire and became independent from the reigning dynasty. Celebrations have been held annually in China Town, San Francisco; China Town, Montreal; Hong Kong; Taiwan; and all over the world.



As you know, with TSMC moving into the North Phoenix region, we have already been seeing an increase in new Taiwanese residents creating homes here in Phoenix – with more on the way! We wanted to find a way to welcome them, celebrate their culture, and take the opportunity to introduce them to some of our culture. Which is why we have partnered with ASU West to celebrate their Independence Day with a Night Market theme on ASU West's campus.

This celebration will encompass local vendors offering traditional Taiwanese cuisine, drinks and crafts, as well as local Arizona vendors offering attendees a taste of our culture. For the kids, there will be games and entertainment including traditional Lion Dances, Taiwanese Yo-Yo displays, and martial art demonstrations. As the sun sets and the sky darkens, everyone will be asked to step outside to enjoy a fireworks display celebrating the event sponsored by TSMC!

[You can register for the event by clicking this link.](#)



The second program approved during the Council Meeting was the Roadway Safety Action Plan. This plan is designed to help lower the occurrences of roadway accidents and make our streets safer for drivers, cyclists,

and pedestrians. While no amount of education or remediation will make someone cross the street at a crosswalk, as opposed to crossing midblock, we can hopefully light up our streets more and make it safer for all users. Contrary to some people's comments, we are not lowering the speed limits of all roads to 25 mph; we're not closing arterial roads; and we're not increasing wait times at the traffic lights. This plan will carefully identify areas of our roads which could use more lighting, speed reduction techniques on stretches of road where cars are driving too fast and losing control, and additional signaled crosswalks in heavy foot traffic. This plan passed unanimously, and I know my fellow Councilmembers and I are looking forward to seeing what ideas the Streets Department brings forward to us as a result of this plan.

All my best, **Ann** Councilwoman, District 1

Upcoming City Council Meetings

• **Next City Council Formal Meeting: October 12th**
Councilwoman O'Brien has been appointed chairperson of the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee, and is also a member of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee and the Economic Development and Equity Subcommittee. Visit the [Council Subcommittee webpage](#) for the schedule of public meetings.



Twitter: [JimWaring](#)

Facebook: facebook.com/waringjim

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

E-mail council.district.3@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7441 for info on our next Coffee Chat.

Gated Alley Program



The Gated Alley Program began as a pilot in two parts of the city (East Sunnyslope and Royal Palm) in 2017. Since then, the pilot had been expanded with additional funding with a limited number

community inte of alleys in each council district. Due to wide rest in the program, the City Council approved making the program permanent, allocating funding in the FY 2223 Budget. The program provides an opportunity to install a gate at the end of each residential alley to improve security, deter illegal dumping, decrease criminal activity, traffic, and other undesirable activities in your alley. The permanent Gated Alley Program is expected to open in September citywide. In preparation, interested residents may obtain a request form to begin obtaining necessary signatures to gate their alleys. Applicants must provide a completed petition signed by 50% +1 or more of all property owners (not renters) abutting the alley, amongst other requirements. Funding is limited and available on a firstcome first-serve basis. To receive the request form, please email our office at council.district.3@phoenix.gov. For assistance completing the form, please email gatedalley@phoenix.gov or call 602-534-0742.

GENERAL LINKS + INFORMATION:

- City Council Meetings [agendas, results, minutes + videos] – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Watch City Council meetings live – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Watch PHXTV (Live or On Demand) – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Public Meeting Notices – [CLICK HERE](#)
- PHX City Calendar – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Information by Mapped Address in Phoenix (IMAP) – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Find out what Phoenix police precinct you live in – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Phoenix seamless service directory – [CLICK HERE](#)
- PHX At Your Service [service requests + reports] – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Volunteer Phoenix opportunities – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Register a neighborhood or business organization with the city – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Start a Block Watch in your neighborhood – [CLICK HERE](#)
- Recommend a venue for a future District 3 event – [LET US KNOW](#)
- If you own a business that is opening or expanding in #phxD3 – [LET US KNOW](#)
- Invite #phxD3 to attend a meeting or event – [LET US KNOW](#)
- Have an event or news item that you'd like included in our newsletter? - [LET US KNOW!](#)

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance & BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS!

With 56 in attendance at the DVCC

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm



BMCA Chair Candice Fremouw



BMCA Vice-Chair Goldie



PNP UPDATES:

Next PNP WebEx Meeting is on Sept. 20th and PNP/BW Training is on September 21st & 22nd, 5-7pm both nights.

Black Mountain Precinct Updates by Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun:



Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun gave updates on the outreach programs with the homeless who have now scattered in several directions. They have been cleaning up the underpasses from Thunderbird to Bell Road. There have been several arrests for blocking the sidewalks. Laura asked if we

could honk in the underpasses to make them leave. The calls for service at the 17th & Bell QT have dropped from over 90 in April to 15 in August! Coffee with Cops is on Sept. 22nd at Biscuit's Café, Thrive Clean-up is on October 8th, GAIN KICK OFF is on October 1st and GAIN DAY is on October 15th. On August 31st Motors did a traffic enforcement on Greenway Parkway from I-17 to Cave Creek had 34 moving violations, 14 non-moving violations. Top speed was 74 mph. More panhandler signs have been posted at many intersections.

SIGN PRESENTATIONS:



Lt. Ben and Myra with Mini Moon Block Watch/PNP



Lt. Ben and Tony with Phoenix North Block Watch/PNP



Bobby Washington from Neighbors BW/PNP received two magnetic PNP car signs and Lt. Ben

BREAK OUT SESSION to meet with Area 21, 22 & 23 CAOs



Area 21 met with CAO Jeffrey Blair



Area 22 met with Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun



CAO Jeremy Campbell met with Area 23 residents

**PRESENTATION:
MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE
with Det. Sabrina Taylor and Frank O'Halloran**



Det. Sabrina Taylor Frank O'Halloran with Mercy Care



**THE CITY OF PHOENIX CRISIS INTERVENTION UNIT:
HELP FOR CRIES ANY ONE OF US COULD HAVE AT ANY TIME**
by Frosty Kroening

At the Black Mountain Community Alliance meeting September 14th Detective Sabrina Taylor, of the Phoenix Police Department Crisis Intervention Unit, introduced Frank O'Halloran, Mercy Care, to tell members about crises services in Maricopa County.

The City Council and Police Department long have known that many 911 calls are for various mental health and life crises reasons, resulting in slower crime response times. Fortunately, Maricopa County has built or fostered mental health evaluation and treatment facilities and programs, a model for other cities. The system handles approximately 18,000 calls per month!

By calling 988, or (602)222-9444, anyone can access assistance with multiple kinds of family stress, mental health issues, dementia, help with children in troubled situations, etc. Mr. O'Halloran stressed that often people do not realize they have years, months, and weeks of built-up troubles that can suddenly overflow into instability.

The first question asked by interviewers is: Where are you? Phones can be used to pinpoint a person's location, but it is important for the caller to know where they are, if possible. And it is best to have the person who is most troubled be able to speak and ask for help (not always possible). The second step taken by Phoenix Cares will be to stabilize the person by an interaction/evaluation process. Staff on these calls are experienced in trauma response. They will be professionals or peers, people who have had addictions, overcome them, and taken special course work. If more help is needed, a crisis mobile team will be deployed. The team usually arrives 60 minutes later. A more complex evaluation will be completed by the team or the person in trouble might be taken to a facility where a 24-hour evaluation might be completed. If real danger to self or others is involved, the police may be called. The Phoenix Fire Department staff now are training to assist where appropriate. There will be 9 vans to help when, for instance, a person might be passed out at a bus stop or other similar situations.

There are four main parts to local crisis interventions: 1) the Crisis Hotline, 2) the mobile teams, 3) county-owned crises facilities (named at the meeting), and 4) voluntary crisis facilities. For the last two parts of the programs, our language has changed from "madhouse" or "mental institution" to "crisis facilities" or "recovery centers" because we have come a long way toward helping people overcome addiction and other crises and move toward full health and quality lives.

Attempts are made to keep children out of hospitals because they receive no mental health care and there are strict regulations prior to release. Child situations are treated in more complex ways to help families in trouble. Many of the calls for adults and children are drug and/or alcohol-related and can require swift action or a 24-

hour evaluation in a facility. Mercy Care services are free to everyone although insurance companies may be billed for on-going services.

The Phoenix Crime Stop Non-Emergency line (602-262-6151) now has six choices: 1) Main County Jail, 2) Records, 3) On-line Reporting, 4) Non-Emergency Police Response, 5) Police Precincts, and 6) Follow-Up with a Detective. (I am not sure why Number 4 is not first.) The 988 number might be faster. Or (602)222-9444.

We are lucky that we have a robust crisis health response team of agencies and services in Maricopa County and that more resources will be provided to them. They help with the homeless population. However, they are not the complete answer. Review of these services are part of the Justice Department's review of the Phoenix Police Department and Sabrina Taylor is participating in the review and oversight process. She appears to be assisting the efforts of all the agencies and private organizations who come together to help when crisis occur. And a huge thanks to all the staff who help people in crisis. It is not easy work, but these caregivers represent the best of us with their service.

**CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY ITEM
DISTRIBUTION:**



Everyone received something!

50/50 DRAWING: Lonnie won \$36.00 and donated it back to BMCA! THANK YOU!!!



Candice and Lonnie with Eagle Summit Block Watch

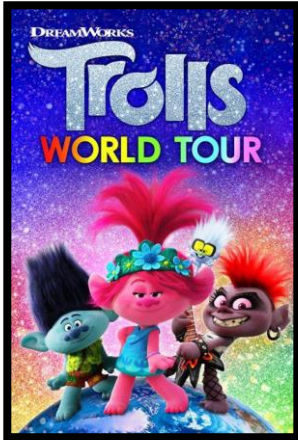
REFRESHMENTS: YUM!



CAO Jeffrey, CAO Jeremy, Lt. Ben, Wahdia & Jim Como

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the MOVIE IN THE PARK



Due to high winds and threatening rain, the movie was shown inside in the Multi-purpose Room...



Free drinks and popcorn!



SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the THRIVE PHOENIX / BRBA
BELL ROAD CLEAN-UP 7 - 9 am



Meet up at Schlotzsky's Deli at 15th Avenue & Bell Road



Nina had the crew clean up both sides of the street from I-17 to 15th Avenue



Great group of people!

Village Meadows crew





BRBA MISSION STATEMENT

“We are an alliance of Businesses and Stakeholders for Crime Prevention and Safety along the Bell Road Corridor.”

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING at 11 am at LaMar’s Donuts



Location change due to Bell Ford’s parking lot under construction!



BRBA Chair Jennifer Gibbons opened the meeting

The Bell Road Business Alliance was held Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at LaMar’s Donuts. Members received district updates from Councilwomen O’Brien and Stark.



Councilwoman Ann O’Brien and Councilwoman Deb Stark

Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun reported on the ongoing outreach at Bell Road and the I-17 underpass. The pilot program at QT has been successful in reducing calls for service. CAOs continue to work with Bell Road businesses in addressing trespass issues.



CAO Jeremy Campbell, CAO Jeffrey Blair and Lt. Ben Sywarungsymun



Leoh Sandoval with the Design Team for Ocotillo Inn

Representatives from Ocotillo Inn attended the meeting to provide an update on the project. More information can be found at www.ocotilloproject.com.

BRBA members, Thrive Phoenix and volunteers continue monthly Bell Road clean-ups. BRBA Preservation and Safety Committees monitor and report litter and graffiti at bus stops. Encampments are reported to PhxCARES.

Bell Road Business Alliance is an alliance of stakeholders with shared goals in making a positive impact on Bell Road for businesses and neighborhoods on Bell Road. Members outreach and educate businesses on programs and services to help support a safe and blight free environment. Individuals interested in organizing a business alliance can contact the area Neighborhood Specialist.

Find your Specialist at <https://www.phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/neighborhood-specialist>.

Next Bell Road Business Alliance meeting is on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 11 am.

For more information contact E.Mari.Herrera-Daniels@phoenix.gov

Next Thrive Bell Road Clean-up is on Saturday, 10/8 at 7 am, meet at Schlotzsky’s Deli at 15th Avenue and Bell Road. Nina Poole, Preservation Chair, reported on successful movement toward beautifying medians on Bell Road.

For questions, information or to be added to the BRBA E-MAIL LIST please e-mail or call:

e.mari.herrera-daniels@phoenix.gov

E. MARI HERRERA-DANIELS 602-261-8587



SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING
on WebEx at 6 pm**



SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the BLACK MTN PRECINCT
COFFEE WITH COPS
at Biscuits Café, 310 E. Bell Road
with 63 in attendance**



Cmdr. Darren Viner



Councilwoman Deb Stark & Councilwoman Ann O'Brien



SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

**Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the PBWAB Meeting
on the AIR UNIT at 6:30 pm**



SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the CPCA Meeting at 6:30 pm



Greg Gonzales



Cactus Park Precinct



SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance
at the DISTRICT 1 BREAKFAST 7:30 am



Councilwoman Ann O'Brien and her awesome staff!



SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Black Mountain Community Alliance



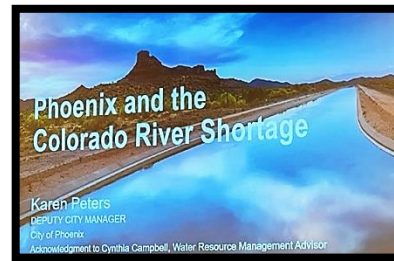
PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH GRANT BOOT CAMP



Candice Fremouw and Ray Yocopis



Laura Robins



Cmdr. Wickers and Cmdr. Viner

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



Neighborhood Specialist for the Black Mountain Precinct

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

BLIGHT AND ZONING LAWS

STRUCTURES: The maintenance of a home is the responsibility of the property owner. Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens and other exterior parts of any structure on the property must be maintained in weather tight, sound condition and in good repair. The property owner is responsible for making sure there are no doors or windows left open and not secure to the outside. *FOR HELP call the Preservation Division of the Neighborhood Services Dept. at 602-495-0700 to see if you qualify for a free Grant!*

OUTDOOR STORAGE: All outside storage that can be seen from the street should be inside sheds or cabinets. Items should not be set in car ports in view of the street. Please use enclosed areas or backyards.

JUNK, TRASH & DEBRIS: Junk, trash and debris cannot be left in the yard or car port and must be properly disposed of. This includes junk auto parts, appliances, furniture, building and/or landscaping material, trash such as discarded papers, cardboard, plastics, etc. including tree trimmings and fallen limbs or any other items that appear to have been discarded. The only exception is during the Bulk Trash Collection weeks four times a year.

PARKING: Parking is only permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles on residential streets, on driveways or in garages. A driveway or parking area must be constructed with an approved dust free parking surface. The stone must be 1/4 - 3/4 in size with a permanent border holding it in. 1/4 minus size stone is not allowed for parking. There are limits to the amount of front yard area that can be used for parking. Only 35% of the front yard may be converted to driveway or dust free parking.

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

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

TOOL LENDING PROGRAM

Did you know the Neighborhood Services Department has a tool lending program? Yes, the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) has a Tool Lending Program. Neighborhood groups and Community Cleanup organizations listed with NSD may borrow supplies and tools for neighborhood cleanups. Additionally, the Graffiti Busters Program offers paint for graffiti removal.

602-534-4444

NSD WEST FACILITY
 304 West Flower Street
 Phoenix, Arizona 85003

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
<https://www.phoenix.gov/neighborhoodservices/programs/cleanups-and-tool-lending>



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

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

NSD PROGRAMS

Code Compliance

- [Private Property Code Compliance](#)
- [Graffiti](#)
- [Shopping Cart Removal](#)
- [Abandoned and Neglected Private Properties](#)

Community Engagement

- [Get Involved in Your Neighborhood](#)
- [Neighborhood Cleanups and Tool Lending](#)
- [Volunteer](#)
- [Neighborhood College](#)

Neighborhood Revitalization

- [Energy Efficiency Improvements](#)
- [Housing Repairs](#)
- [Lead Removal](#)

[Multi-Family Rental Property Repairs](#)

- [Infill Housing Development](#)
- [Neighborhood Business Assistance](#)



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9th at 6:30pm



BMCA BLOCK WATCH GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP
 with Laura Robins and Candice Fremouw

WHETHER YOU ARE A FIRST TIME BLOCK WATCH GRANT WRITER, OR HAVE BEEN WRITING GRANTS FOR YEARS, SEE A NEW PERSPECTIVE AND NEW IDEAS FOR BLOCK WATCH GRANT CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY PROJECTS AND WHAT CAN HELP YOU ACCOMPLISH THEM!

Join us in person at Thunderbird High School!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! e-mail info@bmcainfo.com



BLOCK WATCH IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN NEIGHBORHOODS

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

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

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

HELP STOP CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY STARTING A BLOCK WATCH GROUP ON YOUR STREET TODAY!

Distribute this announcement to invite people to the Block Watch Meeting:

You're Invited to an Important Meeting!

If you are as interested as I am about maintaining and improving the quality of life on our street and in our neighborhood, please attend an important meeting to be held:

DAY _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

LOCATION _____

A representative of the Phoenix Police Department will be there to discuss a way we can impact and improve our community. It is called **BLOCK WATCH**, and we will be informed how to combine our efforts to make our homes and our neighborhood a safer place to live.

Please Plan to Attend and RSVP to:

NAME _____

PHONE _____

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRECINCT Block Watch / PNP LISTINGS

List your Block Watch / PNP, Meeting Dates and Events HERE Send your info to the Black Mountain Community Alliance at

info@bmcainfo.com

LIST YOUR BLOCK WATCH AND INFO HERE...

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

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

BELCANTO BLOCK WATCH gloriapink12@gmail.com

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

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

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

DEER VALLEY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZATION / PNP (DVPNBWO) MEETINGS with the BMCA at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of most months at the DVCC! Check Website for info www.dvpnbwo.com. 623-533-0847 / dvpnbwo@aol.com

DESERT WIND BLOCK WATCH for info e-mail Bill Christian whchristian@msn.com

HILLCREST EAST BLOCK WATCH spring11@cox.net

INVERNESS COMMUNITY WATCH PARTNERSHIP community.watch.85023@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 johnjacobsbw1@outlook.com or Fred at 505-514-1439

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 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 Meetings. mvqe@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 sonjaron@cox.net

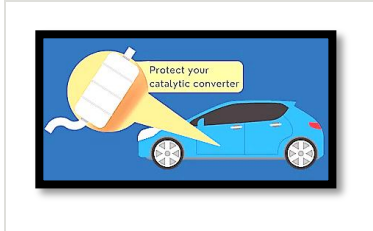
RIDGE RUNNERS II PNP GROUP Rosalie Murch, 623-206-9522 rallegriano@cox.net

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



Help Deter Catalytic Converter Thefts



While catalytic converter theft is not a new crime, we have seen this crime trend grow exponentially in the Valley over the last few years. In 2019, the City of Phoenix reported 70 catalytic converter thefts. Last year, that number jumped to over 4,700 reports, an increase of about 6,000%. This year, catalytic converter thefts are expected to surpass last year's record and reach a peak in September and October.

What is a catalytic converter and why is it so valuable?

A catalytic converter is a device in your vehicle that uses valuable precious metals to convert toxic and pollutant gases that comes out of your engine into less harmful ones. In recent years, the price of these precious metals has skyrocketed, making it a very profitable crime.

Like most crimes, catalytic converter theft is based around opportunity as it only takes a few minutes to cut a converter from beneath a vehicle. Discovering your catalytic converter has been stolen will be obvious, as your car will emit a loud noise from where the device was removed. Not all vehicles are targeted equally, certain vehicles such as the Toyota Prius, Ford F-150, and Honda Accord are more likely to be targeted. While thieves who sell these converters may only get about \$150 to \$300 for them, it can cost a victim anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000 to replace.

What can I do to keep my car safe?

The best way to mitigate your risk and avoid becoming a victim is to be diligent about where you park. Make sure that your vehicle is parked in a well-lit and populated area where it could be difficult for thieves to get underneath your vehicle. If your car is parked in an uncovered space at home, having a camera that faces your vehicle could be useful in the event you need to report a theft. You can also have plates and guards installed underneath a car to protect the converter.

For law enforcement and prosecuting agencies, catalytic converter thefts pose a unique challenge where once the converter is cut from the vehicle there is no easy way to prove it has been stolen and identify the victim. Etching your catalytic converter with the last five characters of your VIN and license plate as well spray painting it a bright color not only helps deter theft, but also aids in the prosecution of these cases by being able to link the stolen device to the victim.

Get Etched!

MCAO wants to be proactive about preventing catalytic converter thefts not only through education but also by partnering with local law enforcement agencies and Midas Auto Repair to provide Maricopa County residents free catalytic converter etching. Recently, we had a successful event with the Tempe Police Department where almost 300 vehicles had their catalytic converters etched and spray-painted bright orange.

We are currently planning more etching events throughout the county. You can stay informed about upcoming events by following us on **Twitter**, **Facebook** or **NextDoor**. Keep in mind that not all vehicles need to be etched as some models do not have a converter that is easily accessible and will likely not be stolen. We would like to thank the Tempe Police Department and Midas for their efforts in helping MCAO combat this crime!



County Attorney Announces Policy Changes to Address Gun Violence

(Phoenix, Arizona) – Violent crime in Maricopa is soaring. Between August 19 and August 29, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office received submittals for 16 homicides. In just ten days, 16 lives were lost to violent crime. Of those cases:

- 15 cases listed gun involvement
- 5 cases involved a Domestic Violence component

To address the increase in violent gun crime, County Attorney Rachel Mitchell is making important changes to office policies that relate to the disposition of cases that involve the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Prosecution Policy 7.3 will require a prison sentence in any plea offer

if a firearm is used in the commission of that crime. To ensure consistency in offers, deviations to these cases will require supervisor approval.

"Violent crime affects the quality of life of every person living and working in our community," stated County Attorney Rachel Mitchell. "Keeping families and businesses safe is a priority for my office and this begins by holding dangerous offenders accountable."

"The revision to our plea policies recognizes that these crimes will not be tolerated in Maricopa County. Those who choose to put the residents of this county at risk by using a firearm in the commission of felony will be held accountable," Mitchell continued. "I will not let the Valley of the Sun and surrounding communities become another San Francisco or Chicago where law and order has been overlooked by prosecutors, which has caused unnecessary chaos."

Prosecution Policy 7.3 has also been revised so that plea offers in a misconduct involving weapons case must include a stipulation to prison if the defendant has a historical prior felony conviction and is a prohibited possessor based upon the historical prior felony conviction. A Bureau Chief may approve a deviation from this policy.

These changes are effective September 2, 2022. The plea policies are available on the county website

at <https://www.maricopacountyattorney.org/437/Prosecution-Policies>

County Attorney Announces Effort to Combat Animal Cruelty

(Phoenix, Arizona) According to the US Department of Justice, animal cruelty crimes can serve as a precursor to more violent crimes and other types of offenses such as domestic violence, assault, and elder abuse. Some studies have referred to animal cruelty as a gateway crime.

Today, Maricopa County Attorney Rachel Mitchell committed to continuing and strengthening a focus on these crimes by hiring a prosecutor and specialized detective to work on the successful prosecution of these cases. Prosecutor Casey Mundell, who was recently appointed as a municipal judge and will be leaving the office soon, has focused on these cases for years and made Maricopa County a national model for prosecuting crimes against animals.

"Casey has been a wonderful advocate on behalf of animal victims. Even in his absence, these cases will remain a priority," said County Attorney Rachel Mitchell. "Whether it's cracking down on organized retail theft, catalytic converter thieves, or prosecuting animal cruelty, I'm not willing to look the other way, or ignore the law, and let the ripple of gateway offenses become a tidal wave of violent crime in our community."

Domestic and sexual violence are two examples of crimes that often co-occur with animal cruelty. Researchers and advocates have been describing the connections between animal abuse and interpersonal violence since the 14th century. 71% of pet-owning women reported that their abuser had injured, killed, or threatened family pets.

"Stated simply, people who hurt animals don't stop with animals. There is a strong link between cruelty to animals and cruelty to humans and violence against animals must be taken seriously under the law," stated Myriah Moon, CEO of New Life Center, the largest domestic violence shelter in the state.

"More than ever, it is our duty to stay vigilant towards animal cruelty. When animals in a home are abused or neglected, it is a warning sign that others in the household may not be safe. I want to thank the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, law enforcement, and other community partners that are fighting for women, men, families, children, and animals in Maricopa County and beyond."

FREE PRESENTATIONS FOR YOUR MEETINGS BY MCAO

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Schedule a FREE educational presentation for your business or organization!

Community Education

A free service to Maricopa County residents, the MCAO Community Education provides informative sessions presented by deputy county attorneys, paralegals, and staff members on a range of criminal justice issues. Presentation topics include:

- Fraud, Scams & Identity Theft
- Online Safety
- Neighborhood Safety & Residential Burglary Prevention
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Online Safety
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Healthy Habits and Safety for Kids
- Bullying Prevention

To request a speaker, simply fill out the

[Community Education Presentation Request Form](#)



Fire Prevention Public Information

Emergency preparedness



In a disaster, local officials and first responders cannot reach everyone immediately. Help may not arrive for hours or days. You and members of your community need to be prepared ahead of time.

Most disasters are natural disasters, the result of some force of nature, such as tornadoes, wildfires, hurricanes, and floods. Some natural disasters can be predicted, such as hurricanes and severe winter storms, while others, such as tornadoes and earthquakes, happen with little or no warning. Some disasters are the cause of human actions, intentional or unintentional. A disaster plan will help with safety, security, and comfort. Regardless of the type of disaster, there are things you can do to prepare.

- [Resources for specialists tasked with protecting people and property from fire, electrical and other related emergencies](#)

General preparedness

- Discuss what to do in an evacuation, and don't forget to include the [needs of those with disabilities](#).
- When told by officials, go immediately to a shelter as instructed or to the home of a friend or relative who lives out of the area. Find out about your local shelters beforehand.
- Know evacuation routes. Pre-establish several different routes in case certain roads are blocked or closed.
- Family members can become separated during an emergency. Be prepared by creating a plan for how to reach one another. Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.
- Quiz children every six months so they remember what to do, where to go, and whom to call in an emergency.
- Decide how to take care of pets. Pets are not allowed in places where food is served, so you will need to have a place to take your pets if you have to go to a shelter.
- Post emergency phone numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) by the phone.
- Download NFPA's free safety tip sheets on a variety of emergency preparedness topics: [hurricane safety](#), [flood safety](#), [portable generators](#), [lightning safety](#), [emergency supplies kit](#), [candle safety](#)

Safety tip sheets



Generators

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

[Download the safety tip sheet.](#)



Escape planning

If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

[Download the safety tip sheet.](#)

Get Ready!



Emergency supplies kit

By taking the time to create an emergency supplies kit, your family will be prepared in the event of a disaster.

[Download our kit checklist.](#)



Hurricanes

The intensity of hurricanes that will hit land is measured in terms of categories that relate wind speeds and potential damage. Even less intense storms can cause damage in areas that have not prepared in advance.

[Download the safety tip sheet.](#)

From the NFPA Today blog

- [Disasters don't plan ahead. You can. Help communities prepare for emergencies during National Preparedness Month](#)
- [3 ways to help protect your home from electrical surges during thunderstorms](#)
- [Hurricane Irma, wildfires highlight the importance of planning ahead for emergencies](#)

More information on this topic

- Fact sheet: [How to prepare your home for wildfires](#)
- [Sparky the Fire Dog®](#) teaches kids about what needs to be included in an emergency supplies kit.
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Ready.gov](#)

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- **Severe storms** NFPA helps you prepare before a disaster strikes, and offers tips on what to do during and after a storm.
- **Resources for specialists tasked with protecting people and property from emergencies**

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Did you know that three of every house fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms per NFPA? Don't let you or your family be part of this statistic.

Call us for all you fire alarm and fire safety needs! We are a Firefighter owned and operated company!

(623) 221-8434 <https://smokealarmmedic.com>

988

People experiencing a mental health crisis have a new way to reach out for help in the U.S. They can simply call or text the numbers 9-8-8.

Modeled after 911, the new three-digit [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) is designed to be a memorable and quick number that connects people who are suicidal or in any other mental health crisis to a trained mental health professional.

"If you are willing to turn to someone in your moment of crisis, 988 will be there," said Xavier Becerra, the secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, at a recent press briefing. "988 won't be a busy signal, and 988 won't put you on hold. You will get help."

The primary goal of the new number is to make it easier for people to call for help. Lawmakers and mental health advocates also see this launch as an opportunity to transform the mental health care system and make care easily accessible everywhere in the United States. The Biden administration has invested more than \$400 million in beefing up crisis centers and other mental health services to support the 988 system.

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)



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!

JOIN BLACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ON FACEBOOK!



WHERE WE SHARE INFORMATION!

Suicide Warning Signs

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

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

Suicide Is Preventable.
Call the Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).
 With Help Comes Hope

Crisis Response NETWORK *Inspiring Hope*

The **CRISIS LINE** is available 24/7/365 to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis.
 In an emergency, always call 911.

CENTRAL ARIZONA CRISIS LINE
602.222.9444
 TOLL FREE: 800.631.1314
 TTY/TDD: 800.327.9254

WARM LINE (Peer-to-Peer)
602.347.1100
CrisisNetwork.org

Do You Qualify for Free Internet?
 Your family can get financial help for fast, reliable internet

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a new federal benefit to help households pay for high-speed internet and devices.

You qualify if someone in your household participates in at least one of these programs:

- Free and reduced school lunch
- WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) or SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- Medicaid, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Lifeline and more

You also qualify if your household's annual income is below:

- \$36,000 for a family of two
- \$46,000 for a family of three
- \$55,000 for a family of four

You do not need to be a citizen or have a Social Security number to qualify.

ACP Program Benefits

- Free or \$30 per month off internet service (depending on the plan you choose)
- \$75 per month off internet service for households on tribal lands
- \$100 off to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet

Learn more and enroll at: getmyinternet.org

If you have questions, call the ACP Support Center hotline (877) 384-2575.



ADOT podcast celebrates organ donation

“On the Road with ADOT” spends time with Donor Network Arizona



Give the gift of life and consider being an organ donor. That’s the theme of the latest “On the Road with ADOT” podcast now available online.

ADOT Motor Vehicle Division spokesman Bill Lamoreaux hosts Julia Young, Donor Network of Arizona

spokesman for this episode.

For nearly two decades, ADOT MVD and Donor Network of Arizona have partnered to educate people about organ and tissue donation and make it easy to register. Today, more than 4.2 million Arizonans are registered donors and about 95% of donor registrations occur when a person applies for or renews their [Arizona driver license or state ID card](#).

This latest episode of “On the Road with ADOT” is the eighth podcast, with more on the way to highlight all aspects of ADOT’s operations.

Each podcast runs approximately 20 minutes and is available on multiple platforms including Amazon Music, Apple Podcasts, iHeart, Google Podcasts, Pandora, Spotify and Stitcher, among others. New podcasts will be released several times each month. To find and listen to the podcast, search for “On the road with ADOT” in a podcasting platform of choice.

For more information: <https://azdot.gov/podcast>

Traffic fatalities rise in 2021 as more people travel

Driver behavior, including speeding and impairment, are leading factors as 1,180 people were killed in vehicle crashes in Arizona



PHOENIX – As more people began getting back to traveling in 2021, the number of traffic fatalities rose for a second straight year to their highest levels in 15 years, according to the most

recent [Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report](#) published Wednesday, Sept. 7.

The number of those killed in traffic collisions rose from 1,054 in 2020 to 1,180 in 2021, an increase of 12%. The total number of traffic crashes also rose by 22% as people drove an estimated 8.1 billion more miles last year than in 2020.

The Arizona Department of Transportation produces the annual [Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report](#), which is a compilation of traffic crash reports provided by law enforcement agencies around the state. The document reflects reported crash data for all Arizona roadways, including city streets, county roads, reservation roads and state highways.

The 2021 report shows an increase in all categories in terms of number of crashes, injuries and fatalities over 2020 as more people began to travel once again to work, school and other places. A month-by-month breakdown in the crash report shows an overall increase in the number of crashes as the year went on, with October being the peak month for crashes.

Fatalities are driven mostly by driver behavior. Speed was a factor in 30% of all fatalities last year, and impairment was a factor in nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities in 2021. Not wearing seat belts was a factor in almost one quarter of all fatalities. This illustrates that real change must begin in the driver’s seat.

Reducing crashes, fatalities and injuries can’t be solved by state agencies alone because more than two-thirds of crashes occur on roads other than state highways.

Alcohol-related crashes rose sharply in 2021 with 5,620 crashes, a number not seen since 2009, which had 5,905 crashes. The number of alcohol-related fatalities also saw a slight rise with 243 deaths in 2021 compared to 228 in 2020 – a 6.5% increase reversing recent downward trends in alcohol-related fatalities between 2017 and 2020.

Bicycle-related fatalities also increased considerably with 45 fatalities in 2021, a 41% increase over the 32 deaths in 2020. Bicycle-related fatalities have risen each year since 2018.

The 2021 Arizona Motor Vehicle Crash Facts report is available at azdot.gov/CrashFacts.

Highway work zone safety reminder: Slow down, pay attention

ADOT’s safety message follows I-10 weekend crash near 40th Street



Arizona drivers: Please slow down and stay alert in highway work zones.

That’s the message from the Arizona Department of Transportation, following a weekend crash in which a Department of Public Safety trooper’s patrol vehicle was struck from behind along the shoulder of an Interstate 10 work zone in Phoenix.

Law enforcement reports show 61 people were killed in work zone-related crashes on local streets and highways across Arizona from 2017 to 2020. More than 850 people were killed nationwide in work zone incidents in 2020 (the most recent year for available national data).

The Arizona Department of Public Safety is investigating Saturday’s non-fatal crash reportedly involving a vehicle hitting the rear of the DPS vehicle after the trooper responded to another crash near I-10 and 40th Street. The crash location was within ADOT’s work zone for the ongoing I-10 Broadway Curve Improvement Project.

The incident serves as a reminder that drivers should obey lower speed limits and stay alert for changing traffic conditions – including slowing or stopped traffic – in all work zones. ADOT’s I-10 Broadway Curve Improvement Project team released this [Work Zone Safety public service announcement earlier this year](#).

National statistics over time have shown that 4 out of 5 victims of work zone crashes were drivers or their passengers. Arizona work zone crash statistics from law enforcement reports over the past five years include the following:

- 2017: 18 fatalities, 31 serious injuries
- 2018: 17 fatalities, 23 serious injuries
- 2019: 15 fatalities, 22 serious injuries
- 2020: 11 fatalities, 23 serious injuries

It’s important for drivers to slow down and pay attention when approaching and traveling through all work zones, but especially so in areas where workers aren’t able to work behind barrier walls.

Randy Everett, ADOT’s Central District Administrator, emphasized the need for drivers to stay alert and not speed in work zones during National Work Zone Awareness Week back in April.

“We have flashing lights, signs and other safety equipment, but often the biggest factor is whether a driver is impaired, speeding or distracted in some way,” said Everett. “If you’re entering a work zone, your first instinct should be to slow down.”

Tax savings coming soon to eligible Purple Heart Recipients

Vehicle license tax exemptions for qualified Arizona Veterans

Beginning later this month, qualified veterans will be eligible to receive a tax exemption for a vehicle or trailer.

A change to state law approved in the most recent Arizona legislative session will grant a full VLT exemption to a Purple Heart recipient that was honorably discharged from military service on one vehicle or trailer beginning September 24, 2022. Proof of honorable discharge and award of a Purple Heart Medal is required.

"The Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division is proud to support our veterans," MVD Director Eric Jorgensen said. "This new VLT exemption is another way to honor and show our gratitude to those veterans wounded in combat defending our freedom."

The Purple Heart VLT Exemption can be used on one vehicle and a customer may also apply another applicable VLT exemption, such as the 100% disabled veteran VLT exemption, to other vehicles the customer owns.

The qualified individual's name must be on the title. To see if you qualify for this exemption, visit azdot.gov.

Customers can schedule in-office appointments at azmvdnow.gov, the primary online portal for MVD customers. In addition to offering the ability to schedule in-office appointments, AZ MVD Now also allows customers to complete more than two-thirds of all MVD transactions and services, potentially taking away the need to visit an office for many customers.



Buying Or Selling a Used Vehicle?

Protect yourself with these MVD tips

Ready to buy a used car? Don't be deceived.

The Arizona Department of Transportation-Motor Vehicle Division encourages consumers to protect themselves when buying a used vehicle, either from a private party or a used vehicle dealer and advises to follow these steps:

1- Once you find a vehicle you would like to buy, find a mechanic you trust to inspect the vehicle, make sure the odometer has not been tampered with, seller is not attempting to cover up water or collision damage that wasn't properly repaired. Now that we have had so much rain in our state and country, make sure you 'literally' smell the car, if it has been in a flooded area the car may have a 'musty smell', you can also find mud in the car (under the mats, inside the seat belt system, etc.)... you don't want to have malfunctioning issues of the electrical system or engine in the near future.

2- Verify the vehicle's title doesn't have a lien. Unfortunately, there are unscrupulous sellers that go to an auto-title/loan business and receive a loan against their vehicle one day before they sell it. The auto-title/loan business applies a lien to that particular vehicle so it can't be sold until the loan is paid. When a vehicle title has a lien, it cannot be transferred to a new owner. Avoid this issue by buying in advance that vehicle's Motor Vehicle Record at an MVD or Third-Party office.

3- Before you pay for the new-to-you car, it could be safe to ask the seller to go together to transfer the title at an MVD or Third-Party office; it is a way to avoid fraud.



Don't lose your hard-earned money, walk away if you see any of these red flags.

If you sold a vehicle, follow these steps:

1- Make sure the title or Title

Application of the vehicle you are selling is signed and notarized and provide it to the buyer.

2- Take the license plate off the vehicle before the new owner drives it away.

3- Complete a 'Sold Notice' form either online or by printing a copy from the ADOT-MVD website and submit it to an MVD or Third-Party office; you will need the buyer's name and address to complete it. This process takes off any future responsibility once your car has a new owner.

Be wise and follow these safety tips to protect yourself.

ADOT statewide electric vehicle charger plan gets approval

Arizona among the first states to get the thumbs up to proceed

Arizona is one of the first states in the nation to have its Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan given the stamp of approval from the Federal Highway Administration.

The Arizona Department of Transportation submitted its draft proposal in August and with the federal approval this week, \$11.3 million will be made available immediately with another \$16.3 million coming in October of this year to begin implementing the plan. This is a portion of the overall \$76.5 million allocated for this program in Arizona over the next five years through the recently enacted federal [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#) (IIJA).



The next step for ADOT is to solicit and award the contracts to upgrade existing stations as well as develop new locations along designated alternative fuel corridors. Advertising for bids to upgrade existing stations will begin in Spring of 2023 followed by bid solicitations in autumn 2023 for new construction. The plan calls for stations to be no more than 50 miles apart wherever possible.

In many cases, stations will be located where there is already infrastructure in place, such as truck stops, roadside lodging, restaurants and shopping centers, among other possibilities.

Currently, the alternative fuel corridors are identified as all five of the federal Interstate Highways throughout the state. These are Interstates 8, 10, 15, 17, and 19, which account for more than 20 percent of all the vehicle miles traveled in Arizona. Other non-interstate corridors will be determined and included in the plan in future years. The plan will next be updated in August of 2023.

Among the specific goals of the plan are reducing electric vehicle drivers' "range anxiety" by closing gaps in the charging network along the designated corridors and ensuring the network is resilient, equitable, accessible and reliable. Also the plan aims to identify new charging locations as part of an ongoing public outreach process and will use data to evaluate the system and make improvements.

A copy of the plan, more information, and contact information to leave feedback are available here: azdot.gov/evplan

For information on exemptions, documentation, and guidance, refer to the [Motor Vehicle Sales](#) page.

A safety poster from the Phoenix Police Department. At the top, it says "A reminder from the PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT". Below that, it reads "Property crimes are crimes of opportunity. Remove that opportunity with". The poster features three main sections: "Take it" with a shopping bag icon and the text "Take it with you"; "Lock it" with a padlock icon and the text "Lock your vehicle"; and "Conceal it" with a hand putting something into a container icon and the text "Conceal valuables". At the bottom, it provides emergency contact information: "In case of emergency, Call 9-1-1. If you can't call, you can text! To report a crime, suspicious behavior or file a police report call CrimeStop (602) 262-6151. For more tips on safety visit www.phoenix.gov/police. Follow us on social media. @phoenixpolice".



MOVIES IN THE PARK
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INFO OF THE MONTH

Share a tip, recipe, info or some humor, e-mail it to

bmca200@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

Autumn holidays like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children of all ages, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, enjoy fall fruits and vegetables, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physically active, and focus on safety. Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Going trick-or-treating?

- ❖ Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- ❖ Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- ❖ Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- ❖ Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- ❖ Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.
- ❖ Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- ❖ Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- ❖ Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- ❖ Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- ❖ Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- ❖ Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- ❖ Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- ❖ Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Don't be Tricked by Your Teens this Halloween

For teens past the trick-or-treating age, Halloween can still be fun without the candy and costumes, yet it can also be filled with parties, pranks and mischief. For parents worried about their kids' safety, you can make sure Halloween is the right combination of tricks and treats. Here are some common TRICKS kids are known to play:

- **Sleep-Over Sneak Outs** – Understand that little "sleeping" goes on during sleep-overs. Group mentality and peer pressure can affect decision-making. Talk to your teens before allowing them to have or attend a sleep-over and discuss appropriate behavior and expectations.
- **The Other Mother Lie** – If your child is staying at someone else's house for the evening, talk to those parents directly. Make sure that they are really planning to be there. Both sets of parents may be thinking the same thing, that only their child is at your house, when really neither are true.
- **Incredible Vanishing Medicine Bottle** - Prescription drug abuse by teens is an epidemic here in Arizona. One out of five kids has tried a prescription drug to get high. Take action and safeguard your medicine cabinet.
- **When the Cat is Away** – Even the best-behaved teens can be taken advantage of if word of a parent-free house gets out. Understand that your absence can open the possibility to mischievous behavior. If you are leaving town without your teen, make sure to set rules and expectations and you are both clear on who is able to visit the house.

There comes a time in your teen's life when they may face tricky situations. Understanding what your teen is encountering and having the tricks to protect them will keep them safe this Halloween.

**ALSO, PLEASE PROTECT YOUR PETS
BY KEEPING THEM INDOORS !!!**

CRIME TIPS:

PULL THE PLUG ON UTILITY SCAMS

A record hot summer is finally over, but while the triple-digit temps may be done, many people are still working to pay off those high utility bills. Enter the criminal scammer who loves to impersonate utility companies in order to get into your wallet.

HOW IT WORKS:

You receive a communication (phone, email, text) saying your account is past due and you must pay immediately, or they will cut off your power.

Someone claiming to be from your utility company shows up at your home unannounced, offering to provide maintenance or an energy audit for a fee or claiming they will shut off your power if you don't pay immediately.

You get a call claiming that you overpaid your utility bill, and they ask for your banking account information to provide a refund.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

None of these tactics represent the way utility companies do business — they won't show up unannounced, they won't threaten to cut off your power without first mailing you notices if an account is past due, and they won't handle any overbilling this way.

It appears that utility scammers tend to target older adults and non-native English speakers.

Requests for payment by way of purchasing a gift card and sharing the information off the back is surefire proof that it is a scam.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Call the utility company, at the customer service number listed on your bill, to find out if you're behind on a payment or if they have tried to contact you. Do not use a callback number provided by an unknown caller.

Remember that utility companies do not request personal information over the phone, and they do not cut off service without considerable advance warning.

Notify the utility company if you've been approached by an impostor, and notify your neighbors because these scams often hit people in the same geographic area.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO CHARITIES ... NOT SCAMMERS

Americans contributed more than \$471 billion to charity in 2020, according to the Giving USA Foundation's annual report on U.S. philanthropy. That generosity supports many amazing organizations that put those billions to work for health care, education, environmental protection, the arts, and numerous other causes, but it also puts you at risk of giving to scammers.

HOW IT WORKS:

You get a phone call, an email, direct mail piece or even door-to-door solicitation collecting money for victims of war, natural disasters or other causes.

You may receive a "thank you" email or phone call making you think that you have contributed to a charity in the past.

The request for payment may be by cash, gift card, cryptocurrency or wire transfer.

You feel pressured to contribute right away.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Sham charities proliferate when big crises appear in the news – whether it's war, famine, climate disaster or other tragedy.

Many fake charities have legitimate-looking websites and names, making them hard to discern as fraudulent.

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While some charity scams are fake organizations, others are registered nonprofits but devote little of the money they raise to the programs they promote.

Legitimate charities are not likely to ask for gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency as a form of payment.

Legitimate charities welcome contributions and will give you time to think about it rather than pressure you to contribute right away.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

Research the charity on sites such as [CharityNavigator.org](https://www.charitynavigator.org) or [CharityWatch.org](https://www.charitywatch.org) to ensure it's legitimate and to find out how much of their donations are actually used to serve their stated mission versus overhead and fundraising.

Don't give personal and financial information like your Social Security number, date of birth or bank account number to anyone soliciting a donation.

Use a credit card when making your contribution – it's easier to keep track of it and if your card is misused, you have protections from loss.

Pay attention to the charity's name and web address. Scammers often mimic the names of familiar, trusted organizations to deceive donors.

Be wary of links in unsolicited email, text and social media fundraising messages; they can unleash malware on your device.



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.

ARE HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS AND DOORBELL CAMERAS WORTH IT?

By Suchi Rudra with Hartford Insurance

The knowledge that you and your family are safe in your own home — it's something you can't really put a price on. That's why a home security system, or even a doorbell camera, can be a smart investment. This is especially true if you've dealt with package theft or intruders in the past.

In fact, package theft has only increased since the e-commerce boom induced by the pandemic. In 2021 alone, 49 million Americans had at least one package stolen, with an average value of \$50 per package. A doorbell video camera can help dissuade these potential "porch pirates" and capture footage of your entryway or front porch. Through the doorbell camera app on your smartphone, you can see and also speak with anyone who comes to your front door even if you're away. However, the person will not know if you are home or not.

For more complete monitoring of your home, you might consider a home security system. These systems can be as simple or as complex as you like. These days, many companies offer plug-and-play solutions for both indoor and outdoor cameras and sensors. You can then monitor and control from your smartphone and also connect to your smart home assistant.

Which Home Security System is Right For You?

With so many options on the market, how do you know which security system is right for your home? Make the decision easier by first considering why you want to install the system in the first place. Are you only concerned about package theft, or is this a matter of securing your entire home? With your goal in mind, you will be able to more easily determine your specific requirements. These can include video resolution, AI facial recognition tech or a solar-powered battery. More product features will mean a higher price

tag.

For home security systems, do you have the budget to pay a monthly fee for professional live monitoring of your home? The more windows and doors you want to monitor with motion detectors and/or cameras, the higher the cost of your security system. Also, both doorbell cameras and home security systems tend to require a monthly subscription fee for video storage to the cloud. And last but not least, check into the details of the system's installation. Is it straightforward enough that you can do it yourself, or will you need to pay a technician to set it up for you?

Be sure to find out if the company offers a product warranty, lifetime customer support, free returns and free shipping. These factors could help you make the final decision between similar products from different companies.

To get you started in the search for the home security solution that best fits your needs, take a look at the list below:

Doorbell Cameras

Blink: Amazon makes an Alexa-compatible video doorbell camera at the budget-friendly price point of \$49.99. You get HD video, motion and chime alerts via the app, and two-way audio. You can also choose to connect up to three cameras to this system. However, you get what you pay for, and reviews for this product do mention some challenges with installation and quality of the hardware.

Ring: The beauty of the Ring video doorbell system is that you can buy the basic camera for \$99.99 and then only pay for the extra features you really need. The company's home security system works the same way. Do you want to accessorize with a chime, a solar charger, a no-drill mount or a quick-release battery pack? You can always start simple, see how it goes, and build up later.

Arlo: With this doorbell system, you will have a \$3 per month fee for cloud storage of all the video footage captured by the 180-degree camera. It's simple enough to install on your own, but it does require a doorbell that already has wiring. You can also connect this system to an Alexa screen device to enable voice control.

Home Security Alarms

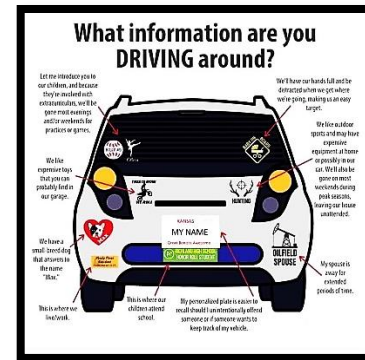
Reolink: The tech savvy will geek out about the features offered on this company's home security cameras: batteries that are solar-powered, rechargeable or 4G LTE-powered (intended for rural sites that don't have internet coverage like a rural vacation home, farmhouse, cabin in the woods, etc.); and 4K Ultra HD video resolution.

Wyze: This company offers a camera with facial recognition AI to distinguish your friends and family from intruders. Wyze cameras are also able to specifically detect and distinguish packages, vehicles and pets from people. You can also sign up for the 24/7 home monitoring plan at \$4.99/month or \$39.99/year. There's no long-term contract required.

Abode: Build your own security system with as many cameras and sensors as you need, including a vibration glass sensor and acoustic glass break sensor. You can also choose to add an indoor or outdoor siren (95 or 107 decibels) with a flashing strobe light. The products are compatible with Apple, Alexa and Google home assistants. They have a fairly easy set-up process, which takes just a few minutes and doesn't require any special tools. The company also advertises a price match if you find similar devices at a lower price. You can self-monitor or pay a monthly fee for professional, on-demand monitoring.

Eufy: This is another company that makes solar-powered cameras with AI tech. The camera captures video (and tracks the subject) only when a person is in view rather than an animal. However, these powerful cameras do come with a higher price tag. The basic security camera starts at \$199 and the night vision camera, with 360-degree panning, goes for \$899. On the other hand, both video doorbell products (\$149 and \$199) offered by Eufy include local storage for video footage and no monthly fee.

Before you try out a home security system, contact your insurance company to see what, if any, discounts they offer. You can also check out what The Harford offers for [home insurance discounts](#).



DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS GIVE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we have to end directly giving to people panhandling. Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. In order to truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead

support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care. – Central Arizona Shelter Services – Andre House – Salvation Army – St. Joseph The Worker – UMOM New Day Centers – The Phoenix Rescue Mission – St. Mary's Food Bank For more organizations and information that can provide housing, or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory at:

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

www.givesmartaz.org



Candice saw this panhandler's dog that he was using for sympathy!



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

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Please check our homepage phoenixpubliclibrary.org under "Calendar" for additional program details.

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Toddler Time
Tuesdays, 9:30 am *Toddlers ages 24-36 months*

Tools for School
Wednesdays, 10:30 am *Children ages 3 to 5 years*

Music & Movement
Thursdays, 9:30 and 10:30 am *Children birth to age 5*

Family Storytime
Saturdays, 10:30 am *Children birth to age 5*

Sit, Stay, Read!
Thursdays, 4:30 pm with Eugene
Saturday (Oct. 1 only) with Luna
Children read to a certified therapy dog

Imagination Lab After School Club
Thursdays, 4:00 pm *STEAM activities for age 6 and up*

Macraménia
Saturday, Oct. 1
Macramé crafting for adults and teens. Registration required.

Juniper Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1:30 pm *All adults welcome*

Medicare Review
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4:30 pm

Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, Oct. 18, 11:30 am to 4:30 pm
See "Calendar" for appointment info

Rock the Tabletop: D&D and Beyond
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, 3:45 pm
Table games for teens

Teen Manga Club
Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19 and 26

Teen Library Council
Saturday, Oct. 22, 3:00 pm



Starting October 3, many residents will have a new day of collection for their solid waste services including green organics, trash, and recycling. In an effort to enhance operational efficiency and customer service, the City of Phoenix has re-routed its trash/recycling collection routes. To find your day of collection, please visit our website: Find Your Trash and Recycling Collection Day - City of Phoenix

Standard collection time will continue to be between 6 a.m. until complete. For customers who do not have their garbage and recycle collected on same day, individual notifications will be sent with collection day information.

There are no service impacts to the city's quarterly bulk trash collection program.

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REVERSE 911

Community Emergency Notification System

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

SENIOR LOCK BOXES

In partnership with Phoenix Fire

www.lockbox.shopkidde.com

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

In and around your neighborhood

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

www.offenderwatch.com

www.missingkids.org www.nsopw.gov

VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH

Sign up now!

[Police Virtual Block Watch](#)

www.phoenix.gov

WRIC WASHINGTON

FAMILY RESOURCE INFORMATION CENTER

www.wesdschools.org/wric

MEETING and EVENT

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2022

Saturday, OCT. 1st G.A.I.N. KICK-OFF EVENT

10 am – 1 pm at Christown Mall

Wednesday, OCT. 5th BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, OCT. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Thursday, OCT. 6th NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

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

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

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

Friday, OCT. 7th OFFICER LITMAN FUNDRAISER

10 am – 7 pm at Desert Horizon Precinct

Saturday, OCT. 8th DOUBLE TEN-DAY

5:30 pm at ASU West Campus

[You can register for the event by clicking this link.](#)

Friday, OCT. 7th MOVIE IN THE PARK – Hotel Transylvania

6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

Wednesday, OCT. 12th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS at the DVCC

Saturday, OCT. 15th G.A.I.N. DAY

Events all over Phoenix all day...

Monday, OCT. 17th DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY DINNER

5:30 pm Location TBD

Tuesday, OCT. 18th BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

11:00 am at Bell Ford

Tuesday, OCT. 18th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

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

Saturday, OCT. 22nd BMCA / DVPNBWO / MVGBW Fall-o-ween

G.A.I.N. EVENT 5 – 8 pm in Deer Valley Park

Tuesday, OCT. 25th PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm Grant Writing with Fiscal Mgt.

Wednesday, OCT. 26th CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, OCT. 27th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS

8:30 am at CHOMPIE'S, 32nd St. & Cactus Road

NOVEMBER 2022

Tuesday, NOV. 1st BLOCK WATCH GRANT

APPLICATIONS OPEN

Wednesday, NOV. 2nd BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, NOV. 3rd NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

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

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

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

Friday, NOV 4th MOVIE IN THE PARK – Secret Life of Pets

6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

Sunday, NOV. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, NOV. 9th BMCA GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

In person only, for details e-mail info@bmcainfo.com

Tuesday, NOV. 15th BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

11:00 am at Bell Ford

Tuesday, NOV. 15th PNP COORDINATOR'S MEETING

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

Wednesday & Thursday, NOVEMBER 16th & 17th

CITYWIDE BW / PNP TRAINING

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

DECEMBER 2022

Thursday, DEC. 1st NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

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

Friday, DEC 2nd PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

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

Friday, DEC. 2nd MOVIE IN THE PARK – Frozen

6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

Monday, DEC. 5th BLOCK WATCH GRANTS CLOSE!

Must be in by 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday, DEC. 7th BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Wednesday, DEC. 14th BMCA HOLIDAY PARTY/POTLUCK

6 pm at the DVCC

JANUARY 2023

Wednesday, JAN. 4th BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, JAN. 5th NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

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

Friday, JAN. 6th PNP FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK PATROL

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

Friday, JAN. 6th MOVIE IN THE PARK – Cheaper by the Dozen

6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

Friday, JAN. 6th WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT OUR PD!

Wednesday, JAN. 11th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC

Tuesday, JAN. 17th BELL ROAD BUSINESS ALLIANCE MTG.

11:00 am at Bell Ford

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

Tuesday, JAN. 24th PBWAB MEETING

6:30 pm at location TBD

Wednesday, JAN. 25th CPCA MEETING

6:30 pm at Cortez High School

Thursday, JAN. 26th BLACK MTN. COFFEE with COPS

8:30 am at location TBD

FEBRUARY 2023

Wednesday, FEB. 1st BMCA BOARD MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC Conference Room

Thursday, FEB. 2nd NBWGP Oversight Committee Mtg.

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

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

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

Friday, FEB. 3rd MOVIE IN THE PARK – The Bad Guys

6 – 9 pm in Deer Valley Park, bring chair, food trucks

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

Wednesday, JAN. 8th

BMCA / BLK MTN PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING

6:30 pm at the DVCC

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY Police/Fire	911
Police CRIME STOP	602-262-6151
Police General Information	602-262-7626
Black Mountain Police Precinct	602-495-5002
Mayor Kate Gallego	602-262-7111
D1 Councilmember Ann O'Brien	602-262-7444
D 2 Councilmember Jim Waring	602-262-7445
D 3 Councilmember Deb Stark	602-262-7441
Abandoned Shopping Cart	602-CRT-PKUP
Abandoned Vehicle off street	602-534-4444
Abandoned Vehicle on street	602-262-6151
Alcoholics Anonymous	602-264-1341
AZ Humane Society 8am-6pm	602-997-7585
Barking Dogs	602-262-6466
City Bus Service	602-253-5000
City Elections	602-262-6837
City of Phoenix General Info	602-262-6011
Complaints on Mosquitoes	602-506-6616
Construction Noise	602-262-6538
Construction Permits	602-262-7884
Dead Animal Pickup	602-262-6791
Dial-A-Ride	602-253-5300
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Garbage Collection	602-262-7251
General Investigations	602-262-6141
GRAFFITI Busters Hotline	602-534-4444
Graffiti Cell Phone Hotline	602 #4663
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Green Swimming Pools	602-506-6616
Illegal Dumping	602-262-7251
Impounded Property	602-262-8371
Liquor Complaints	602-438-6625
Loud Party Information	602-262-7821
Loud Party Reporting	602-262-6151
Narcotics Anonymous	480-897-4636
Narcotic Complaints	602-275-5886
Neighborhood Enforcement	602-534-4444
Parking Complaints	602-262-6151
Parks Dept. after hours	602-534-9440
Poison Control	602-253-3334
Prostitution (Vice) Hotline	602-426-1231
Rabies/Animal Control	602-506-7387
SILENT WITNESS	480-WITNESS / 480-948-6377
Spay Neuter Hotline	602-265-7729
Speeding/Traffic Hotline	602-534-7733
Street Light Maintenance	602-495-5125
Street Repairs	602-262-6441
Traffic Signal malfunction	602-262-6021
Traffic Signs damage	602-262-4659
Transient Enforcement	602-534-4444
Underage Drinking Hotline	1-877-NOT-LEGL
Water Dept. after hours	602-261-8000
Zoning Violations	602-534-4444

If you suspect a vehicle is stolen, check the license plate number at www.theftaz.azag.gov

BLACK MOUNTAIN PNP PATROLERS:

REMINDER!

ONLINE REPORTING OF PNP HOURS

volunteer@phoenix.gov

PNP online Patrol Log entry

To get a username and password email

Brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

The following information:

Your name
 PNP Badge number
 Assigned precinct
 Preferred Email address



For questions call 602-256-4303

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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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