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Thank You

From Arizona Senator Amanda Aguirre, CEO/President, Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. to **Sgt. Ryland Crutch** for taking the time to participate as a guest speaker during their informational session to their summer youth student program "Nuestros Niños" Community Outreach and "Fight Clean" Neighborhood Clean Up Campaign. The program

participants were very pleased to learn more on the community resources available to them and their families. We look forward to continuing working with you in the future.

From Sgt. Russ Candler—I would like to thank **Captain Mark Martinez, Armida Escoto, Jack Lehr** and **Randy Beeler** for all their help during the past few

weeks. The Warehouse has been short handed lately and everyone came together to ensure daily operations were handled. Everything ran smoothly thanks to Armida, Jack, and Randy. They all went above and beyond their daily duties and I appreciate all their hard work. This is a great example of true dedication and team work at its finest.

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Customer Service Tips

Your job is to uncover needs, problems, and desires—and then let customers know that you have the answer!

Bits & Pieces

Welcome aboard to the following new Sheriff's Office employees:

Korina Batt, Detention Officer, 8/03

Richard Molina, Detention Officer, 8/03

James Schroeder, Deputy, 8/06

Ruben Covarrubias, Detention Officer, 8/10

Ismael Jimenez, Deputy, 8/10

Congratulations to...

Silver medal winner **Michael McGuire!** Something not everyone is

aware of...recently **Michael McGuire** represented the Sheriff's Office at the 2009 Nevada Police and Fire Games held in Las Vegas, Nevada



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Above and Beyond

By Captain Eben Bratcher

As those of us who have chosen law enforcement as a career can attest, it is often a career with little recognition unless it is of a negative form. No one wants to see an officer in their rear view mirror as they drive 10 mph over the limit on their way to work, but you had better be there instantly when they do need you.

How often do you see the television news crews attesting to the bravery or selflessness of an officer who just put his life on the line to protect the community he is charged with defending? How many times do you see an article in the newspaper defending the officer who had to make a split second decision to protect his life, or the life of another? Unfortunately, those stories aren't news. Those actions

are what the community expects. The reality is, the momentary indiscretion, or the failure to take action are the stories that make the news and this negative coverage results in strained relationships with the community as well as a lack of pride in what we have chosen to do.

Since the public recognition we can expect is so rarely positive, much of the gratification for our work must come from ourselves, and each other. How much does it mean to you for your Sergeant or squad mate to congratulate you after you went above and beyond on a call for service? How about when the Sheriff calls you into his office and thanks you personally for a job well done and hands you a challenge coin? I can think of multiple examples of Deputies, Detention Officers and civilian staff

who go above and beyond here on a daily basis. The satisfaction from knowing you did everything you could do to make things better for someone else is often times all the reward we can expect for doing what we are sworn to do. Keep in mind though, while it is sometimes easier or faster to take shortcuts or not go "above and beyond", you are not only shortchanging those you have a duty to protect, you are also shortchanging yourself by denying the personal satisfaction you gain when you know you did your best.

In summary, it pays to always do your best. Not only are you living up to our motto of "Dedicated to Service", you are also giving yourself the biggest reward through personal satisfaction.

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him."

David Brinkley

More Bits & Pieces

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From Lt. J.D. Lackie to **Sgt. Jennifer Jensen**, **Sgt. Patrick James**, and **Cpl. Lisa Bailey**—As shift rotation occurs and I leave the day shift and report to the afternoon shift, I would like to thank the day shift team of Sgt. Jensen, Sgt. James and Cpl. Bailey for their continued support and dedication to service this past year. It has been a pleasure to work with you. Your responsiveness to requests, your flexibility in changing

job demands, and your support of the day shift staff has exceeded my expectations. I wish you well in your new assignments and I thank you for your commitment and acceptance of more responsibility this past year.

From Lt. Lackie to **Sgt. Al Whitney**—On August 20, 2009 at approximately 1717 hours the Detention Bureau contacted the on-duty Patrol supervisor Sgt. Whitney with a request for service that involved a subject that was ordered

into custody by Superior Court. Sgt. Whitney received the pass down and information on the subject and was tasked with locating and apprehending him. By 1736 hours Sgt. Whitney had located, detained, and booked the subject into the Detention Facility. Sgt. Al Whitney made the issue his priority, committed resources to it

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Anniversaries

The following employees and volunteers will be celebrating an anniversary with YCSO during the month of September:

Gary Burch	9/04	25 yrs
Guy Avenetti	9/19	15 yrs
Ron Candler	9/02	12 yrs
Jay Aleshire	9/13	10 yrs
Michael Garcia	9/23	10 yrs
Tristan Gomez	9/30	7 yrs
Airel Lopez	9/25	7 yrs
Richard Mendez	9/03	7 yrs
Raul Perez	9/09	7 yrs
Frances Wright	9/23	7 yrs
Daniel Dresden	9/08	6 yrs
Jason Hemstreet	9/08	6 yrs
Brett McDowell	9/08	6 yrs
Alfredo Caro	9/15	5 yrs
Gerardo Juvera	9/14	5 yrs
Sandra Galindo	9/13	4 yrs
Gustavo Gomez	9/13	4 yrs
Atenas Nevarez	9/06	4 yrs
Julian Aguayo	9/18	3 yrs
Martha Bailey	9/22	3 yrs
Randy Beeler	9/11	3 yrs
Luis De Leon	9/22	3 yrs
Ted Parker, Jr.	9/07	3 yrs
Janeen Pendleton	9/10	3 yrs
Renee Prather	9/24	3 yrs
Martin Sanchez	9/22	3 yrs
Joshua Bermudez	9/24	2 yrs
Erick Cisneros	9/24	2 yrs
Francisco Duarte	9/24	2 yrs
Rory McDade	9/24	2 yrs
Christina Ramirez	9/04	2 yrs
Erik Eidenschinck	9/02	1 yr
Jared Hardy	9/29	1 yr
Nathan Hunter	9/22	1 yr
Cesar Pacheco	9/08	1 yr
Joshua Peterson	9/15	1 yr
Lisa Rice	9/03	1 yr



Happy September Birthday To...

<i>Al Whitney</i>	Sep 1	<i>David Pospisil</i>	Sep 23
<i>Miguel Covarrubias</i>	Sep 2	<i>Ro'Shell Salinger</i>	Sep 24
<i>Chuck Bailey</i>	Sep 3	<i>Adriana Sweeny</i>	Sep 26
<i>Rolando Molina</i>	Sep 5	<i>Gerardo Juvera</i>	Sep 27
<i>Erick Cisneros</i>	Sep 9	<i>Cesar Pacheco</i>	Sep 30
<i>Ismael Jimenez</i>	Sep 9		
<i>Gina Lackie</i>	Sep 9	<u>Volunteer Birthdays</u>	
<i>Kim Peoples</i>	Sep 9	<i>Thomas Giver</i>	Sep 2
<i>Ian Harrison</i>	Sep 10	<i>Roy Brock</i>	Sep 4
<i>Deborah Morgan</i>	Sep 10	<i>Chris Brown - Posse</i>	Sep 7
<i>Frank Pereda</i>	Sep 10	<i>Bob Hennings</i>	Sep 8
<i>Angelica Chi</i>	Sep 11	<i>David Dillman</i>	Sep 12
<i>Jessica Rodriguez</i>	Sep 16	<i>Bernadita Ziegler</i>	Sep 14
<i>Scott Bjornstad</i>	Sep 17	<i>Gary Gist - Posse</i>	Sep 19
<i>Sal Perez</i>	Sep 18	<i>Klem Moffatt - SAR</i>	Sep 19
<i>David Reyes</i>	Sep 18	<i>Steve Steenhard- Posse</i>	Sep 23
<i>Russell Russom</i>	Sep 18	<i>Bob Achee - Posse</i>	Sep 25
<i>Jacob Meyer</i>	Sep 19	<i>Cynthia Ramos</i>	Sep 27
<i>Claudia Garnica</i>	Sep 20	<i>Dave Dyer - SAR</i>	Sep 28
<i>Diana Juarez</i>	Sep 22	<i>Lloyd Fortune</i>	Sep 28
<i>Cindy McGuire</i>	Sep 23	<i>John Rex - Posse</i>	Sep 28

Volunteers

Jim Brownell - SAR	9/01	19 yrs
Dave Dyer - SAR	9/01	16 yrs
Bob Hennings	9/18	12 yrs
Neoma Hennings	9/18	12 yrs
Lyle Blaker	9/17	8 yrs
Rosanne Delgado	9/27	7 yrs
Patrick Cook	9/21	3 yrs
Bill McClellan - SAR	9/01	2 yrs
Steven Smith	9/18	1 yr

Congratulations and thank you for your continued hard work and dedication!

Jobs Well Done

On Sunday, August 16, 2009 at approximately 1633 hours, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a call of an adult male suffering from a diabetic seizure floating down stream in the Colorado River in the vicinity of Avenue 2E. **Corporal Phil Spongross** and **Deputy Mike Kofta** were on duty on the Sheriff's Office air boat patrolling the lower Colorado River and responded immediately to the scene. Cpl. Spongross and Deputy Kofta located the victim floating face down in the current in an area of the river which was totally inaccessible except by boat.

The Deputies were able to pull the victim from the water and transported him to an accessible location where they met Rural Metro. The victim was then taken to YRMC where he was admitted for treatment. It was reported later that day that he was expected to recover

completely. A great job by Cpl. Spongross and Deputy Kofta!



Sgt Al Whitney, Squad B-2 supervisor, commended **Deputy Todd Sutton** for his actions and professionalism on August 25, 2009. Deputy Sutton was on patrol in the area of 8th Street and Magnolia Avenue and saw a column of smoke in the area of 19th Avenue and 3rd Street. He went to the area and saw a residence on fire. There were no other emergency units on scene. The house was on a residential street and in close proximity to other houses. Deputy



Sutton went to the burning residence and found the occupants. He ensured that all the people that lived there were out and then went to the neighbors to evacuate them. None of the neighbors that were in danger knew of the fire at that point. Deputy Sutton went inside of one residence and found a disabled elderly man. Deputy Sutton assisted him in getting dressed and evacuated him. After the Yuma Fire Department was on scene, the victim of the fire came up to me and told me that Deputy Sutton had done an "awesome job" and she was very appreciative of him.

Deputy Sutton showed extreme presence of mind and professionalism in this case. Had it not been for his efforts, the results could have been very different and tragic. Deputy Sutton's actions were nothing short of heroic in keeping with the highest traditions of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

More Bits & Pieces

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on August 15th. This year McGuire participated in the Bench Press competition (181 pound-master division) and received a silver medal.

McGuire has represented the Sheriff's Office during the years of 1990-1993 at the Arizona and

Nevada Police Olympics and received a total of 8 medals in Power Lifting, Bench Press, and Wrestling.

Are you a YCSO officer or staff member interested in participating in future games? If so please contact Michael McGuire. He would love to set up a team to compete at the Olympics.

Congratulations to **Detention Officer Maria Sarmiento** and her husband on the birth of their son Israel, born August 11, 2009. Baby boy Israel weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches long.



For Your Information

Gathering of the Badges

Just a reminder that this year's Gathering of the Badges is set for **Saturday, October 10, 2009**. As in the past, it will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

This year, our decorations and theme will be an island paradise—so wear your "flowery Hawaiian shirts"! On the menu will be tri tip, beans, cold slaw, tortillas, sodas, etc. Adult beverages will be available for adults.

This is a family event and is now an ALL HANDS, ALL AGENCIES BBQ—come out and meet your counterparts doing your job in other agencies. This invitation is open to retirees and current clerical, support staff, dispatch—anyone who supports the criminal justice system. We will have a jumpy-thing for the kids.

Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance this year because we ran out of food last year!

For tickets and information, please contact Gretchen Robinson at 928-539-7825 or via e-mail at gretchen.robinson@co.yuma.az.us

Champion City Run 2009 Half Marathon

Runners on your mark, get set and go. Come run in the Champion City Run 2009 Half Marathon on **November 14, 2009!** Whether you're a power-walker, a walker, a runner or a four-man relay team, there is a place for you! Half of all the net proceeds from the Marathon will be donated to **Amberly's Place** of Yuma, supporting local victims of domestic violence. Run the distance and make a difference!

Date: Saturday, 11/14
Time: 7:00 am
Cost: \$65.00 due on or before 11/13/09

Register online at active.com or championchurch.org

For questions or more information, call 928-783-7574.

S.O.L.V.E. News

By Sgt. Ryland Crutch

Explorers: This past month we held a five day Academy for the Explorers. We were fortunate to utilize the new Annex and all involved had a great time. Areas of instruction included firearms, traffic control, crime scene investigations as well as classes on how to interview for success. The Academy focused on patrol and

detention operations, and lessons on life skills. Many young adults from the Explorer program have gone on to very successful careers at the Sheriff's Office—patrol and detention, U.S. Border Patrol, as well as other agencies in the county.

Special thanks to **Sheriff Ralph Ogden, Captain Mark Martinez**, and the following instructors: **Lieutenants David McBride and Darren Simmons, Sergeants Frank Flores, Raul Garcia, Frank Pereda, Ricky Meraz, Investigators Eric Frost, Andres Angulo, Sonny Hixon, Gabe Bier, Sal Perez, Detention Officer Wendall Walker**, Dispatch Communications Specialist **Alfonso Zavala**, Yuma Police Officer **Chuck Ordonez** and Wellton Police Officer **Cannon Ball**. Also, a big thanks to **Jorge Lara** and Canteen Food

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<p align="center">YCSO Round-Up Yuma County Sheriff's Office</p> <p>SheriffRalph E. Ogden Editor.....Anna Lopez</p> <p>If you have information or ideas for the monthly newsletter, contact Anna Lopez in the Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>Information may be submitted via e-mail or interoffice memo.</p> <p align="center">Contact Information</p> <p>Tel: (928) 783-4427, Ext. 3001. E-mail: Anna.Lopez@co.yuma.az.us</p>

More Thanks

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immediately and accomplished the mission. Due to his exemplary conduct, the issue was resolved and liability was reduced to the department. Sgt. Whitney deserves our commendation for actions taken in the field. Thank you.

From Kelly Bowen—I would like to thank the deputies (**Sgt. Al “Turbo” Whitney, Cpl. Richard Mendez, Deputy Nathan Dunmire, and Deputy Brett McDowell**) for

responding so quickly to my vehicle accident on July 24th. I don’t remember much from that night, but thank you. Also a special thanks to Deputy McDowell for visiting me in the hospital.

From Renae Bowen—a great big thank you goes to **Sgt. Al “Turbo” Whitney, Cpl. Richard Mendez, Deputy Nathan Dunmire,** and especially **Deputy Brett McDowell** for responding to my daughter’s accident on July 24th. Your presence was greatly appreciated, and it was

a comfort knowing that she was in good hands with all of you there. Thank you, again!

More Information

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Services in the Detention Facility.

Volunteers: This summer the volunteers have continued to stay busy with checking winter visitor’s residents, collecting taxes, and being eyes and ears for patrol. They really shine at Fisher’s Landing Boat Ramp over the holiday weekends. Their presence has resulted in a much smoother process when boats are being recovered. In the past the deputies would repeatedly have to respond to the boat ramp for arguments and physical fights. But with the presence of the Volunteers those problems have disappeared. Thanks guys!

Search and Rescue and **Posse** members have stayed busy by assisting with patrol and holiday weekends at the lake. Having those extra eyes and ears only make the deputy’s jobs easier and safer.

Reserves: Congratulations to **Dan Zarnik** and **Julian Aguayo** on their recent graduation from the AWC Law Enforcement Academy. Julian is currently a detention officer and Dan is an active duty United States Marine who spends all his free time on patrol. He is moving quite steadily through the FTO process.

During the early morning hours of August 15th, volunteers **Dave Dillman, Mike Vournazos** and

Thomas Cooke responded to the Martinez Lake area to assist with a large fire that broke out in the area. Their handling of traffic control freed up deputies to assist with evacuations and to be available for calls for service throughout the county. Search and Rescue members **Jim Bush** and **Jim Stewart** later responded to relieve the volunteers and secure the area.

More Training

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hosted by The Academy of Private Investigation & Loss Prevention and held in Yuma.

The following attended the Yuma Regional Communications System Radio Training Class: **Sergeants Jay Carlson, Ryland Crutch, Raul Garcia, David Pospisil, and Jack Stromberg; Corporals Michael Knox, Ken Sanders and Philip Spongross; and Deputies Christopher Ashby, Scott Bjornstad, Eric Frost, Guillermo Garcia, Jason Hemstreet,**

Sonny Hixon, Gerardo Juvera, Michael Kofta, Neil Luchene, Joe Lykins, Rolando Molina and James Waddell.

Training Notes

NEW FORMS: Please be advised there are Two (2) new forms to be used for Training.

1. **New Travel Form.** Please make sure that you use the new form for your for Travel/Trainings. The old form was deleted and

replaced on the P-Drive. If you are not sure which form you have, please call or email Cindy and she will make sure you have the correct version.

2. **New Training Roster.** It will be the Supervisor's and/or Instructor's duty to make sure this form is **complete** before submitting it to the Training Department.

Both of these forms will help reduce paperwork and research time for the Training Department and Administrators.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Para-Ordnance P14 Signature Series Blue, excellent condition, 45 acp. \$850

Para-Ordnance P14 Gun Rights Model S/S, Optic Rod front sight. Never fired, 45 acp. \$850

Para-Ordnance LTC Royal Blue, never fired, 45 acp. \$800

Para-Ordnance TAC 40LDA, 40 S&W. \$750

Smith and Wesson 500 S&W Magnum, 10.5 inch barrel, from the Performance Center, has a sling. Shot 5 times. \$1100

Smith and Wesson 1911 Doug

Koenig, 45 acp. Never fired. \$1100

Desert Eagle Mark VIII, 357 magnum, 44 magnum, and 50 AE barrels and mags. Excellent condition. Hogue grips. \$1500

If interested in any of the above listed items, please contact Jeff B. in Dispatch.

2005 Harley Davidson Sportster, custom Silver Pearl Metallic, 15,500 miles. Just had 15K service and a new rear tire. Has a transferable extended warranty till 2011. Has Screaming Eagle air filter and cover and Screaming Eagle pipes, with upgraded foot pegs, foot controls and windshield. \$6000

2006 Silver Dodge 4X4 Mega Cab, 5.7 liter Hemi, tinted windows, spray in bed liner, running boards, K&N air filter, 13,500 miles. Includes extended warranty from Dodge. \$26,000

If interested contact Jeff B. in dispatch



Bushmaster AR-15 .223 rifle, free float quad rails, Eotech red dot sight, tactical light (surefire), custom grip, forward grip handle, 16" barrel. Great rifle. Never failed to qualify with it. Great condition. \$1,700 with everything. Contact Cpl. M. Knox at 928-246-6831.

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On The Lighter Side...

RIBBONS: *Are your ribbons getting old and frayed? You're in luck because the Years in Service and annual award ribbons (Employee of the Year, Special Merit & Meritorious Service) are now available for sale.*

Ribbons 70¢

Ribbon mounts 70¢

See Michele Valdez in the Sheriff's Office for the ribbons.

YCSO MINI BADGE/TIE TACKS: \$3.17 each.
See Michele Valdez.

More Classifieds

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1995 Pontiac Trans Am, needs work. Great project vehicle \$500. If interested call Carrissa at 480-415-0778



WANTED

Looking for all kinds of used weights at a very reasonable price. Please contact Armida Escoto at 920-6180 or 373-1084.

NEED HELP

For lawn care/clean ups, light landscaping, trash/debris removal, contact Russell Candler at (928) 580-2659.

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 BR, 1 bath house. Unfurnished, wall to wall carpet, fenced yard. \$800/mth, \$500 deposit. Includes storage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, stove & refrigerator. Kitchen and bath recently remodeled. Central air/heat, Mastercool cooler. Mature landscaping. Located at 1402 S. 10th Avenue. No pets. If interested, contact Sharon Schroeder at 246-0982, between 8 AM and 8 PM.