



YCSO Round-Up

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Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Thank You

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From Penny Cramer, daughter of Retired Reserve Lt. and longtime volunteer Ron Vogt, to **Detention Officers Julian Aguayo, Erick Cisneros, Jesus Garcia, Nathan Hunter, Allen Nelson and Cynthia Santana** for donating their time to be an honor guard for her father's memorial service on November 21st.

From Sharon Palmer and the family of Retired

Lt. Jesse Warren to **Sheriff Ralph Ogden** and the **Yuma County Sheriff's Office**—There are no words to express the gratitude we feel for the beautiful, special send off you and your deputies and honor guard did for all who were at dad's service. Honestly I know that dad would not have expected such honor to be shown for his lifetime of service and kindness to people in general. Thanks for being

a good friend and blessing us with such memories.

From Anna Lopez—I want to thank everyone who participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program this year: **Miranda Ball, Chuck & Lisa Bailey, Captain Eben Bratcher, Lisa Cortis, Laurie D'Allessio, Dispatch, Marvin Melton, Patty Ogden, Gretchen**

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Customer Service Tips

Respecting diversity will help you build rapport. Remember that not everyone thinks like you - but that doesn't mean they can't think.

Bits & Pieces

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

Oscar Bendele, Detention Officer, 12/07

Zashary Gastelum, Detention Officer, 12/07

Joshua Farias, Deputy, 12/28

Duane Hebebrand, Deputy, 12/28

Scott Hill, Custodian, 12/28

Adrian Jaimez, Deputy, 12/28

In Memoriam... We would like to take a moment to remember Sheriff's Office employees and volunteers that we lost in 2009:

Robert Mitchell	09/24
Jesse Warren	10/21
Ron Vogt	11/12

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Happy 2010!

By the time you read this, the holiday season will be over and it will be time for new beginnings.

I hope that you had a memorable Christmas, sharing good times with friends or family. No matter what your faith or ideology, I think we all must agree that the true spirit of any holiday is reflected in how we treat our fellow man and how we care for others. I am proud to say that our Sheriff's Office family helped make some pleasant memories for many community members this season and to each of you I offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. I hope you realize your efforts are appreciated by me, by the community and by the folks who received the benefits.

2010 is here. I know that we had gains and losses this past year – both personally and professionally.

Professionally, as a Sheriff's Office, we gained some great new family members, but then we lost a few too. The accomplishments of the Sheriff's Office were many –

including improving the professional manner in which we provide services in all bureaus.

2010 is a time to look forward – in both our personal life as well as our professional life. Setting goals is one way that individuals and institutions look forward. We set goals that we hope to accomplish and aspire to meet within the next 365 days.

We will accomplish some of those goals, but some may allude us. Don't be disheartened, just keep trying. If we don't set and strive to achieve these lofty goals we can become stagnant and non-effective in both our personal life and our professional life.

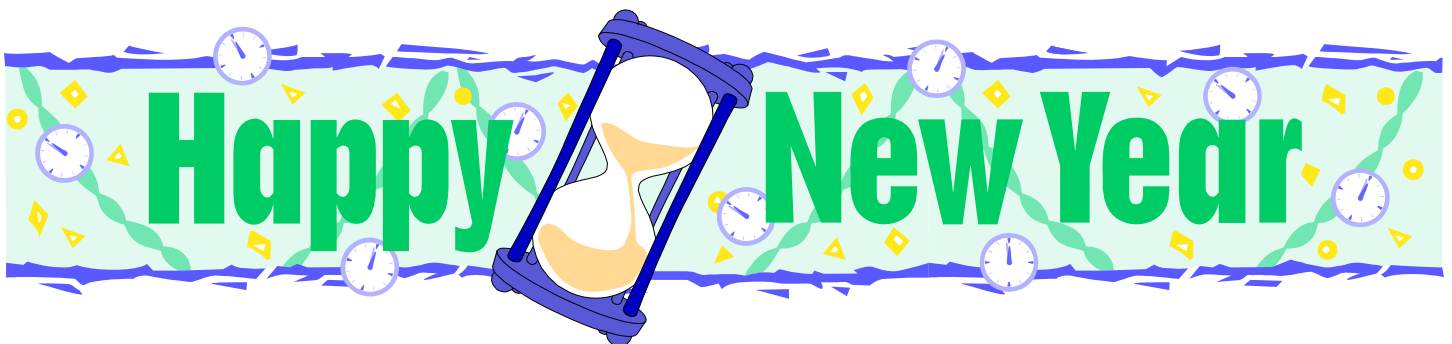
The Sheriff's Office has also set goals and some are already in the works. These past few weeks I have met with both Command Staff and Operations Staff to review the annual projects that will lead us to the next generation of efficiency and effectiveness.

Some goals deal with how we do our jobs – by doing our jobs better, with increased professionalism and with better customer service. This is an opportunity for continuing some improvements we started in the old year including more training and improved relations with other agencies. Just like personal goals, we will accomplish some and could miss the mark on others. Just like personal goals, we keep trying and striving to improve.

In closing, I want to tell each of you how proud I am to represent you as your Sheriff. You do your job well and it is a great feeling knowing that the Yuma County Sheriff's Office personnel are second to none. Each of you is to be commended for being "Dedicated to Service".

Patty and I send our thanks and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year for you and your loved ones.

Happy 2010!



Anniversaries

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

Eben Bratcher	1/17	17 yrs
Ron Voss	1/16	16 yrs
Gregory Cargos	1/29	15 yrs
Richard Meraz	1/28	14 yrs
Gretchen Thomas	1/13	13 yrs
Adrian Montoya	1/24	10 yrs
Donna Knolle	1/02	8 yrs
Tom Moats	1/07	8 yrs
Kristina Hayes	1/13	7 yrs
Ken Carver	1/06	6 yrs
Rolando Molina	1/12	6 yrs
Wendall Walker	1/12	6 yrs
Edward Soto	1/26	6 yrs
Juan Guerrero	1/04	5 yrs
Noe Felix-Silva	1/10	5 yrs
Gabe Bier	1/24	5 yrs
Margarita Garcia	1/08	3 yrs
Joe Lykins	1/08	3 yrs
Kathleen Dipietri	1/16	3 yrs
Kenny Thomas	1/22	3 yrs
George Myers	1/29	3 yrs
Maricela Meza	1/07	2 yrs
Connie Hollins	1/14	2 yrs
James Barnett	1/22	2 yrs
Rodolfo De Anda	1/22	2 yrs
Jacob Meyer	1/22	2 yrs
Stephanie Schwartz	1/05	1 yr
Michael Riedel	1/20	1 yr
Ricardo Albarran	1/26	1 yr

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO...

Ryland Croutch	Jan 2	Luis De Leon	Jan 26
Luis Valencia	Jan 3	Thomas Soucy	Jan 26
Craig Gibson	Jan 5	Gregory Cargos	Jan 28
William McPeck	Jan 6	Hermelinda Lopez	Jan 29
Luis Cardenas	Jan 11	Stephanie Schwartz	Jan 29
Gerardo Rodriguez	Jan 11	Joe Lykins	Jan 30
Andres Angulo	Jan 13	Macahan Corthell	Jan 31
Juan Guerrero	Jan 15	Jack Lehr	Jan 31
Julian Acosta	Jan 17		
Melissa Johnston	Jan 18	<u>Volunteers</u>	
Philip Spongross	Jan 18	Paul Lerma	Jan 2
Michael Knox	Jan 19	Michael Pokosa	Jan 16
Jeffrey Ordway	Jan 19	Pegg Bowen	Jan 21
Juan Peralta	Jan 20	Betty Mason	Jan 25
Jesse Butler	Jan 23		
Rory McDade	Jan 23		
Guy Avenetti	Jan 24		
Brett McDowell	Jan 24		

Volunteers

Willie DeAngelis	1/22	12 yrs
Frank Robertson	1/17	9 yrs
Dealton Clark	1/25	5 yrs
Thomas Cooke	1/30	3 yrs

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

Jobs Well Done

Sgt. Frank Pereda commended **Deputies Guillermo Garcia** and **August Parker** for a job well done. Deputies Garcia and Parker worked on a delayed theft of copper for the Union Pacific Railroad. Deputy Garcia gathered all the information on the subjects to include photos and Deputy Parker assisted Union Pacific Railroad Police with their

report of stolen copper. They got together with the information they had and assisted Union Pacific Railroad Police in making an arrest for the stolen copper.

More Bits & Pieces

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From Dusk till Dawn...Notes from Detention's Swing Shift

Congratulations to **Detention Officer Miguel Esmeralda** for being selected as the December 2009 "Swing Shift Officer of the Month" by the Swing Shift Supervisors.

Detention Officers Francisco Duarte, Miguel Esmeralda, Karisha Mercado, Gerardo Monjardin, Allen Nelson, and **George Myers** have all successfully completed their training in specialty areas within the Detention Center and are eager to take on the responsibilities these areas require. Also a big thank you to **Field Training Officers Adrian Montoya** and **Jonathan Murray** for

all their hard work and guidance getting these Officers trained.

Detention Officers Allen Nelson, Erick Cisneros, and **Jesus Garcia** all received a letter from Ron Vogt's family thanking them for volunteering to be part of the Honor Guard for Ron Vogt's Memorial Service. Good job to each of you, this was greatly appreciated.

RN Salle of the Medical Department commended **Detention Officer Gerardo Monjardin** on his composure and professionalism while working the admitting area.

Good job to **SCO Earl Herne** for his awareness and safety of his fellow Officers.

Congratulations to **Joshua Bermudez** and **Matthew Hipp** on

their well deserved re-assignment to line side. Good luck to each of you.

And finally, Swing Shift welcomes aboard new **Detention Officer Korina Batt**. DO Batt shows a lot of potential and will be a great addition to the shift.

By Cpl. Russ Candler



From Sgt. Frank Pereda...

A job well done on the all who participated in the Defensive Tactics class. Hope you enjoyed it.

To my squad A-2—**Deputies Guillermo Garcia, Rolando Molina** and **Gerardo Juvera**)—best of luck on your new shift. May you keep them as busy as you kept me.

For Your Information

YCSO Annual Awards Event

Mark your calendars!!! The YCSO annual awards event has been rescheduled to be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2010**. The event will be held from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the YCSO Foothills substation again this year.

A survey was sent out on 10/30/09 along with the October newsletter. The results of the survey were published in the November newsletter and in light of the information received, we will be serving tri-tip at this year's event. Unfortunately because it is being

held on County grounds, there will not be any adult beverages.

We will also have activities for kids and adults this year. Keep your eyes open for more information in the coming weeks.

With all of this in mind, the Annual Award Event Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to start the planning process.

If anyone is interested in volunteering to serve on the Annual Awards Event committee, please contact Anna Lopez at 783-4427, Ext. 3001 or via e-mail at: Anna.Lopez@yumacountyaz.gov

YCSO 2009 Annual Awards Nominations

An e-mail will be going out with the YCSO Annual Awards criteria for the 2009 outstanding employees in all bureaus (Administration, Detention and Patrol) and all volunteer staff, to include Explorers, Posse, and Search and Rescue. **All annual awards nominations are due to Anna Lopez by January 29, 2010.**

If you have questions regarding the Annual Awards Presentation, contact me at Ext. 3001 or Gretchen Robinson at Ext. 3007 or Theresa Bravo at Ext. 3020.

More Thanks

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Robinson, Philip Spongross, Pamela Steen-Kurtz, Jack Stromberg, Veronica Vasquez, Jim Waddell and Major Leon Wilmot. Your participation and willingness to give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for making Christmas special for a needy child!

From Sgt. Al Whitney, Squad B-2 supervisor—On behalf of the

supervisors, I would like to thank **Deputy Ken Carver** and **Sgt Frank Pereda** for organizing and conducting the recent Defensive Tactics Training for the supervisors. And a special thanks to **Lieutenants David McBride** and **Darren Simmons** for providing us with some funny moments!

From Sgt. Frank Pereda—thanks to **Deputy Ken Carver** for his Defensive Tactics class for patrol

supervisors. Also a special thanks to Somerton Police Officer **Frank Gradias** who assisted with the class.

YCSO Training News

Victims' Rights 101 & Advanced Training will be presented by the Attorney General's Office in Yuma on February 18th & 19th (note the date has changed). Victims' Rights 101 will be presented from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. with a 1 hour break for lunch. Advanced Victims' Rights session will be from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

These trainings are approved for AZ POST Continuing Credit, and COJET credit. This training may also qualify for training hours towards annual CLE requirement for the State Bar of Arizona.

If interested, you MUST get approval from your Supervisor and sign up through the Training Department, using the correct training request form.

REMINDERS

PLEASE NOTE: The ACJIS Testing will now be given on the First and Third Wednesday of the month in Training Room #2. There are two times to choose from: 0830-1030 and 1100–1300 hrs. There are four slots available for each session. You must contact the Training Department to sign up for one of the scheduled times. Testing must be completed at least 30 days PRIOR to certificate expiration.

Level A testing will still be completed in the Training Department on an appointment only basis.

SUPERVISORS When requesting a TOC#, the request must go to Brenda Platt of the YCSO ITS Dept. She must have the users first and last name, DOB and DOH. Once she receives the TOC# it will be emailed back to the requesting parties. The employee must have the TOC# in order to test.

CPR Re-certifications are due and upcoming. Please be advised that you can "CHALLENGE" instead of taking the entire test again. This saves time and can be easily accomplished with some study time. In addition, the American Red Cross requirements have changed in that certifications obtained after January 1, 2009 are good for 2 years. This change will provide a substantial cost savings to the department.

ATTENTION TO ALL PERSONNEL: Send all training requests to the "Training" GroupWise address (YCSO.Training@yumacountyaz.gov). This assures that someone from the Training Department receives the information requested in a timely manner.

Please do not e-mail Training staff individually as this can cause appointments, reservations, etc., to not be completed. This will also help reduce confusion if one of the Training staff is out of the office.

If you have questions, comments and/or concerns, please contact David Reyes at Ext. 3362.

Professional Development

The following have attended various trainings during the month of December:

Polygrapher **Mike McGuire**, attended The Backster School of Lie Detection 52nd Annual Work Conference in San Diego, CA.

Dispatchers **Jeff Blackwell** and **Melissa Johnston** attended the Protecting Law Enforcement Responders Specialized Workshop co-hosted by Chino Valley Police Department and PowerPhone in Chino Valley, AZ.

Security Control Officers **Vivian Lorona** and **Atenas Nevarez** attended the Customer Service in Review training, hosted by Yuma County Human Resources.

Detention Administrative Manager **Karen Hoffman** attended the Grant Writing & Resource Development Workshop hosted by Zocklein & Associates in Phoenix, AZ

Proficiency & Continuing Training

Deputies **Christopher Ashby**, **Heidi Donnelly** and **Michelle Pilakowski** attended the Basic Forensic Interviewing training, hosted by Arizona Children's Justice Training Team and Scottsdale Police Department in Scottsdale, AZ.

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More Training News

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Sgt. Jay Carlson and Deputy David Callahan attended the Unit Level 4 Bomb Squad Training held at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center in Tucson, AZ.

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 are available on the P-drive in the "Training Forms" folder. These forms will help reduce paperwork and research time for the Training Department and Administrators.



Thank you to all the instructors who are making sure that everyone is current in their CPR, BBP, Fire

Safety, and Sexual Harassment Trainings. There have been so many courses completed this month, by so many employees they are too numerous to mention each by name, but we would like to say congratulations to each and every one of you, and please remember to bring any certificates, letters, etc. to the Training Department so they may be entered in your training files.

YCSO Employment Testing

The Sheriff's Office will be conducting entry level testing for the positions of:

Deputy /Reserve Deputy Sheriff
Detention Officer

Date: Saturday, February 6th
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: YCSO Foothills Substation
13190 E. South Frontage Rd

Applications for employment can be picked up at the Yuma County Human Resources Department, 198 S. Main Street, Yuma, AZ. Applications are also available on the YCSO website at:

www.yumacountysheriff.org



PLEDGE \$10.00 a month in 2010.

Amberly's Place is a Victim/Crisis Response Team serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child physical/sexual abuse and elder abuse. Donation funds are used for program support and to provide for emergency needs of victims. Make a difference, ten dollars at a time. Visit our website or call (928) 373-0849 to pledge. Our success depends on you.

www.amberlysplace.com
1350 W. Colorado St. Yuma, AZ 85364

Donate \$10.00 a Month in 2010... YOU can make a difference.

See last page for more information and pledge form

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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.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

GE White Electric Washer & Dryer, like new - \$300. For more info, contact Noemi at 580-0644.

2004 Toyota Matrix XR, 5 door wagon, Metallic Blue, Automatic Transmission, A/C, power doors/locks/mirrors. 94K miles, City 28 mpg/Hwy 33 mpg. Brand new tires. Only \$8,700. If interested, contact Noemi at 580-0644.



LAND FOR SALE

Carver Park Area, 1 block west of Ave A, just off of 5th St. next to the Canal walkway. Zoned R-1. Great investment property for spec home or duplex. Asking \$40,000 or best offer. Please call Jessica Rodriguez at 210-3940

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If you have information or ideas for the monthly newsletter, contact Anna Lopez in the Sheriff's Office.

Information may be submitted via e-mail or interoffice memo.

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**AMBERLY'S PLACE: OUR SUCCESS IS A COMMUNITY EFFORT
PLEDGE \$10 FOR 2010**

November 30, 2009

Amberly's Place is a "victim friendly" advocacy center that annually serves over 2,000 victims of child molestation, child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse. The center provides on-call, on-scene crisis intervention, crisis counseling, legal advocacy support, forensic interviews, and forensic medical exams.

When a family wounded by domestic violence or child abuse comes to our center, it is our mission to provide the necessary tools to the victims so they may become survivors and stop the cycle. Often, women and children come to our center with only the clothing on their backs. Many are forced to leave behind relative financial security in order to flee a dangerous situation. Too often, children are brought to our center without shoes, diapers and food/baby formula.

Amberly's Place is funded solely by grants and community support. Unfortunately, grants prohibit using funds to provide victims with emergency needs such as food, clothing, diapers, emergency shelter, items of comfort, bus tickets or fuel to relocate victims for safety reasons. Daily center operating expenses, such as most utilities, along with fuel costs for our on-scene crisis response advocates, are also not grant-funded. **For these expenses we rely solely on the community through fundraising and donations.** Each can of formula, each pack of diapers given to a victim comes from the generosity of our community members. **Each act of kindness a victim receives empowers him/her to become a survivor.** Not only are we providing basic human necessities, we are sending the message to a victim that he/she is cared for. This is vital in the path to healing.

Most of us are struggling financially more today than in years past, and all of us are tightening our budgets and trying to stretch a dollar as far as possible. As a 501C3 non-profit organization, getting the most out of each donation dollar is our constant objective; however, we can't spend what we don't have. **Our center has been hit hard by the economic downturn and, since July, we have seen our monetary donations decrease by 95%.** This is 95% fewer packages of diapers purchased, 95% fewer cans of baby formula. But helping those in need does not have to be a financial burden. Just a donation of \$10 a month will make an impact. Amberly's Place is gearing up for another year of service to victims of violence in 2010. We cannot do it without your continued community support. Pledge \$10 a month for 2010. Make a difference, ten dollars at a time.

"Amberly's Place will treat victims with dignity and respect while minimizing trauma and maximizing successful criminal prosecution."

*Please use the self addressed envelopes and donation coupons (attached) to mail your donations.
Thank you for your support!*

- I'd like to Pledge \$10 a month for 2010
- I'd like to Pledge a different amount \$ _____

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