



# YCSO Round-Up

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## Yuma County Sheriff's Office

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## Thank You

From Captain Vickie Harvey, Corps Officer, The Salvation Army, to the **Yuma County Sheriff's Office** for participating in the Angel Tree Program. The gift donations made for a special Christmas holiday for many needy children. The generosity from everyone who participated in the program was greatly appreciated!

From Max Hollis, Yuma County citizen, to **Lt.**

**Darren Simmons** and the **Yuma County Sheriff's Office** for the assistance received in stopping the delivery of the 33/10 paper. The delivery of the paper has stopped thanks to Lt. Simmons, who has followed up with two calls. Lt. Simmons was very courteous throughout this matter.

From Ronna Sue Stubbs, President CEO, Yuma Community Food Bank, to the **Yuma County**

**Sheriff's Office** for the donation of miscellaneous food items. The donation is deeply appreciated!

From Mrs. Laura Avenetti—a big thanks to **Captain Mark Martinez** for his assistance in the planning and scheduling of the tours for the Yuma County Youth Leadership Group and the Yuma County Leadership Group. Without his assistance

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## Customer Service Tips

*Be willing to adapt your approach or style to meet the diverse needs of your customers. Renounce the belief that your way is the only way.*

## Bits & Pieces

Congratulations to **Detention Officer Allen Nelson** and his wife **Ashley** on the birth of their son **Talen James**, born January 3, 2009. Baby boy **Talen** weighed in at 10 lbs, 4.5 oz & measured 22-¼ inches long.



Congratulations to **Detention Officer Adam Hildestad** and his wife **Denise** on the birth of their daughter **Addison Riley**, born February 4, 2009. Baby girl **Addison** weighed in at 8 lbs, 7 oz & measured 21 inches long.



**In Memory of Mark Westgate**—Friends are invited to come celebrate the memory of Mark on the 1 year anniversary of his passing on Saturday, March 7th from 12:00-7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy good food and friendship. The party will be held at the Westgate home at 16517 S. Avenue 3-½ E.

## Ethics

By Lt. Henry Hernandez

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines Ethics as *“the discipline dealing with what is good and bad; with moral duty and obligation.”*

Working in law enforcement we have to govern our life based on ethical decisions that we make every day both on and off duty. Our decision to act the way we do is based on our ethical teaching that we have learned throughout the years from our parents, teachers, religious leaders, friends, mentors and the training we have received through out our careers. These teachings have developed our personal ethics and beliefs of what

is right and what is wrong.

We get into trouble when we believe it is alright to stray from our ethics because no one is watching us or no one will find out. I recently viewed a video on the internet of a person assaulting someone who was lying on the ground. The person in question can be seen on video, looking around the area as to see if anyone was watching him. Not knowing he was being video taped, he begins to strike the person who was on the ground. This makes you wonder...if the person knew he was being filmed, would he have acted in this manner?

We should not base our daily

decisions on the fact that someone might be watching us. We should always conduct ourselves in a professional and ethical manner—no matter if someone or no one is watching our actions. The public expects us to uphold our moral duty and obligation toward Ethics.

Bottom line...do the right thing even if no one is watching.

*“You cannot have a little integrity or a lot of integrity. There is no sliding scale for integrity. You either have it, or you don’t.”*

*Rosemarie B. Greco*

## More Thanks

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these two organizations would not have received the important information they received during a fun filled day of learning about local and federal law enforcement agencies operating in the Yuma area. Captain Martinez’s *“Dedication to Service”* is a credit to him and to the Sheriff’s Office.

From the Training Department—thank you to all the **instructors** who have been making sure that everyone is current in their CPR,

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

From Michele Valdez and Bryan Greene, United Blood Services to the following donors: **Ruben Amaya,**

**Miranda Ball, Kristina Hayes, Henry Hernandez, Pamela Kurtz, Anna Lopez, Cindy McGuire, David Pospisil, Lisa Rice, Russell Russom, Ken Sanders, Darren Simmons, Heather Sudlow, Robert Vigil, and Jerry Yeary—WOW!!!!** The Sheriff’s Office Blood Drive held on Wednesday, February 18th was a HUGE SUCCESS! I can’t express how appreciative I am of your support.

The Sheriff’s Office goal was 13 donors and we finished the day with 25 (2 of the donors were Power Red). Those 25 products will benefit

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# Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following employees and volunteers who will be celebrating an anniversary with YCSO during the month of March:

Russell Russom	Mar 15	15 yrs
James Holland	Mar 31	14 yrs
Noemi Robles	Mar 3	12 yrs
Chuck Bailey	Mar 23	11 yrs
Debra Sanchez	Mar 23	11 yrs
Jessie Murrieta	Mar 14	10 yrs
George Pesce	Mar 14	9 yrs
Sandi Garcia	Mar 26	8 yrs
Andrew Orozco	Mar 25	7 yrs
Charles Sanders	Mar 24	6 yrs
Rebecca Howe	Mar 1	5 yrs
Miguel Espinoza	Mar 28	4 yrs
Kenneth Sanders	Mar 9	4 yrs
Jesus Albarran	Mar 18	1 yr
Andrea Burrola	Mar 9	1 yr
Heidi Donnelly	Mar 7	1 yr

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

# Welcome

Welcome aboard to the following new YCSO employees:

Theresa Bravo	H/R Asst	2/02
Christina Charles	DO	2/02
Juan Jaramillo	DO	2/09
Jonathan Rodriguez	DO	2/09
Kimberly Peeples	Office Specialist II	2/23



## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO...

<i>Miranda Ball</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>
<i>Esteban Caudillo</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>
<i>David Robles</i>	<i>Mar 2</i>
<i>Rebecca Howe</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>
<i>Peggi McLaughlin</i>	<i>Mar 3</i>
<i>Margarita Deanda-Cortez</i>	<i>Mar 4</i>
<i>Jack Stromberg</i>	<i>Mar 5</i>
<i>Charles Schickle - volunteer</i>	<i>Mar 6</i>
<i>Renate Jones</i>	<i>Mar 7</i>
<i>Dean Morgan - Posse</i>	<i>Mar 8</i>
<i>Kenneth Shaw</i>	<i>Mar 9</i>
<i>Felipe Tremillo</i>	<i>Mar 9</i>
<i>Jesus Albarran</i>	<i>Mar 11</i>
<i>Karren Akin - volunteer</i>	<i>Mar 13</i>
<i>Joe Brito</i>	<i>Mar 13</i>
<i>Alfonso Zavala</i>	<i>Mar 14</i>
<i>Dealton Clark - volunteer</i>	<i>Mar 16</i>
<i>Mark Martinez</i>	<i>Mar 20</i>
<i>Marvin Melton</i>	<i>Mar 20</i>
<i>Juan Perez</i>	<i>Mar 20</i>
<i>Richard Meraz</i>	<i>Mar 21</i>
<i>Sherry Gonzales</i>	<i>Mar 23</i>
<i>Gary Thayer - SAR</i>	<i>Mar 24</i>
<i>Francisco Duarte</i>	<i>Mar 25</i>
<i>James Barnett</i>	<i>Mar 26</i>
<i>Kenneth Sanders</i>	<i>Mar 28</i>
<i>Jonathan Rodriguez</i>	<i>Mar 30</i>

## Jobs Well Done

Mr. Todd Mattern, Yuma County citizen, commended **Deputies James Holland** and **Alan Herrera** for their professionalism and people skills. Deputy Holland responded to a Criminal Damage call on February 2nd in which Mr. Mattern was one of the victims. He stated that Deputy Holland was very professional and had excellent people skills. During the course of the investigation, Deputy Herrera also arrived on scene. Mr. Mattern stated that both officers showed genuine concern during the course of the investigation and we should have more officers like these two. They were extremely polite and

professional. Kudos to Deputies Holland and Herrera!

On February 15, 2009 members of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT) took part in a National Rifle Association (NRA) High Power Rifle Match hosted by the Yuma Pistol & Rifle Club at the Big Bore Range Adair Park Yuma, Arizona.



The match consisted of timed events at 200 yards, 300 yards and 600 yards. SRT members used M-16-A1 to commercial variants of the M-16 firing the 223 Remington cartridge. Match officials were **Deputy James Waddell** and **Mr. Doug Shurtleff**. Club members that assisted in the match were Volunteer **Paul Lerma**, **Mr. Gerald Brooks** and **Mr. Ron Roster**. SRT Shooters were **Cpl. Michael Knox**, **Deputies Ken Carver**, **Michael Kofta**, **Tony Garcia**, **Gabe Bier** and **Samuel Pavlak**. The SRT high shooter was **Deputy Ken Carver** and our new shooter was **Deputy Samuel Pavlak**. Good job everyone!

## More Thanks

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up to 75 patients. A fantastic job of exceeding the goal by 184%!

Of the four drives the Yuma County Sheriff's Office has sponsored since 2007, this was the highest performing. Even more impressive, YTD, it exceeded goal by the highest percentage of any sponsor in Yuma.

The donations are being tested, processed and separated into various components for use by hospitals in our service area and

within three days will be available for transfusions. Your support in donating greatly helps the community effort to maintain a safe and adequate supply of blood.

I can't emphasize enough the important role all donors play in helping to provide blood products to area patients. Current state usage is more than 700 donations each day! Your participation in the blood drive is essential for successful drives, and I appreciate that you took time out of your day to support the Sheriff's Office Blood Drive.

Your support made this drive a success. Thank you for helping in save lives!

# For Your Information

## Yuma County Sheriff's Office Annual Awards Presentation

The Annual Awards Presentation has been scheduled for **Saturday, February 28, 2008** at 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Foothills Substation. **NOTE: Please note the date has been changed.**

We will be having an outdoor BBQ followed by the awards presentation. In order to assure that there is enough food to go around, we are asking that employees and volunteers planning to attend the event RSVP and get their FREE tickets.

### BBQ - On the Menu

- Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with all the fixings
- Various side dishes
- Drinks (sodas, water, & tea.)
- Potluck desserts—feel free to bring your favorite dessert to share with your friends & co-workers

### Highlights

- Jumper for the kids
- Door prizes

**Bring a chair**—due to the expected number of attendees and the limited number of tables and chairs available for eating, we are recommending that you bring a chair for your comfort and convenience.



See Anna Lopez or Gretchen Thomas in Admin or Detention Officers Rhiannon Benson or Dulce Robles in Detention to RSVP and for your **FREE** tickets.

If you have questions regarding the Awards Presentation & BBQ, you can contact Anna Lopez, Ext. 3001 or Gretchen Thomas, Ext. 3007.

This will be a fun event for all so bring your family and come out to support your friends and co-workers!

## Midnight at the Oasis Volunteers Wanted!

**Dance Floor:** We are looking for 10-15 volunteers to help assemble and disassemble the dance floor at Ray Kroc stadium for Midnight at the Oasis. No experience is necessary to help out!

**Assembly:** Thursday, March 5th at 1500 hours.

**Disassembly:** Saturday, March 7th at 0630 hours.

If you have an electric drill that you can bring, please let me know. Lt. Henry Hernandez has extra drill bits. This task should only take approx. 1-2 hours to complete—depending on the number of volunteers.



**VIP Area:** This year we will also be setting up and taking down the VIP Area for Midnight at the Oasis. We are looking for 6 volunteers to help

set up tables, chairs, hang up signs, setting up plants, etc.

**Set up:** Friday, March 6th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Take down:** Sunday, March 8th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**For your efforts....**Each volunteer will receive one entry pass to Midnight at the Oasis. The pass is good for one entry at any time during the event.

Additionally, the Carpenter Fund will receive a donation as payment for these jobs. The Carpenter Fund is the Sheriff's Office benevolent fund which is available to ALL YCSO employees in their time of need.

If you would like to help out, please e-mail me, Lt. Henry Hernandez or Lt. Chuck Bailey no later than Monday, March 2nd.

*Anna Lopez*

## ATTENTION YCSO - VERIZON CUSTOMERS!

Did you know that as a government employee, you may be eligible for Verizon's Employee Discount Program? If you are a Verizon customer, you may be eligible to receive a monthly access fee discount on qualifying calling plans \$34.99 per month or higher.

Simply go to the following website and complete the form with the

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# YCSO Training News

## TESTING

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

Deputy Sheriff  
Reserve Deputy Sheriff  
Detention Officer

Date: Saturday, March 7th  
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 in the Administration Building, 198 S. Main Street, Yuma, AZ. Applications are also available on the Yuma County Sheriff's Office website at: [www.yumacountysheriff.org](http://www.yumacountysheriff.org)

## Professional Development

The following employees attended and/or completed training as listed during the month of February 2009:

**Captain Mark Martinez** and **Lt. Henry Hernandez** attended the 4 day conference "Leadership & Technology", presented by the ADA, in Prescott, AZ.

All of the **YCSO CPR instructors** attended a workshop presented by the American Red Cross to continue improvements to our program. Note that effective January 1, 2009 all American Red Cross certifications

after that date will be good for two years.

**Sgt. Jay Carlson** attended the 8 hour program "The Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Day" in accordance with The Standards set by 29 CFR 1910-1200

**Deputies August Parker** and **Michelle Pilakowski** attended the 16 hour course "Street Survival for Women" presented by The Praetorian Group (Calibre Press), in Las Vegas NV.

**Evidence Clerk Adriana Sweeny** attended the 2 day course "Property & Evidence Management" presented by International Association for Property and Evidence, in Burbank, CA.

Congratulations go to **Detention Officers Blaine Blanton** and **Kathleen Dipietri** on successfully passing ACA exams on correspondence courses.

## Proficiency & Continuing Training

**Cpl. Ken Sanders, Deputy Bobby Garcia, Deputy Eric Frost, and Agent John Miranda** attended a 24 hour class on "Patrol Interdiction" presented by AZ HIDTA.

**Deputy Michael Kofta** attended the 16 hour course "MP5" presented by H&K Training and Tech Services in Ashburn, VA.

**CIB Sgt. Raul Garcia, and Investigators Sal Perez and Gabe Bier** attended the "Risk Assessment & Response to Domestic Violence Homicide Conference" presented by AWC/NAU in Yuma, AZ.

**Investigators Guy Avenetti and Terra Radliff** attended the 40 hour workshop "Responding to Missing & Abducted Children" presented by The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Fox Valley Technical Institute, & the Arizona Crime Prevention Association, Inc., in Tempe, AZ.

## REMINDERS

**Basic Pistol & Shotgun Qualification** is scheduled for March 14-20, 2009. Should you have any questions, please contact the Training Department by phone (during regular business hours) or via email.

**ATTENTION TO ALL PERSONNEL:** Send all training requests to the "Training" GroupWise address ([YCSO.Training@co.yuma.az.us](mailto:YCSO.Training@co.yuma.az.us)). 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.

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## More Training News

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If you have any questions, comments and/or concerns, please contact Lt. David Reyes (Training Coordinator) at Ext. 3362.

**Training Personnel Change:** Some of you might have noticed that there has been a change in staff in the Training Department. **Cindy McGuire** was been recently assigned as the new Training Clerk. For those of you looking for **Cristina Clark**, you can now find her in the Records Department.

**All Personnel:** Please provide the Training Department with a copy of

any certificates received so that your training records can be credited accordingly. If Training does not receive documentation reflecting attendance (training roster, certificate, etc.) you will not receive credit.

*Lt. David Reyes*  
*Training & Educational Services*

### Kaplan University Visit

Mr. Tim Reynolds from Kaplan University will be at the YCSO to discuss educational opportunities and “on line” courses related to Administration of Justice as well as

other curriculum.

The presentations will be held in the Detention Briefing Room on the following dates and times:

Wed., March 4th	2215 hrs
Thurs., March 5th	0730 hrs
Thurs., March 5th	1500 hrs

Following the presentation there be a short “Q and A” session.

Attendance is not mandatory but you are invited.

## More Information

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account holder’s information. If you are on a Family Share plan, submit only the primary line.

<http://www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/store/controller?item=b2eltem&action=faxBack&faxBackPath=true>

If you qualify for a discount, it will be applied on your bill within 1 to 2 billing cycles.

### T-Shirts For Sale

The Meth Nucleus Group is selling t-shirts. There are two (2) different designs available for \$10 each.



Design 1



Design 2

Contact Gretchen Thomas at (928) 539-7824 or via e-mail at [Gretchen.Thomas@co.yuma.az.us](mailto:Gretchen.Thomas@co.yuma.az.us) for more information or to purchase a shirt.

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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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## 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

**2006 Cadillac Escalade,** AWD, leather interior, 3rd row seat. Excellent condition, 37,500 miles. \$29,950



**2004 Polaris Predator,** included: off road & paddle tires, matching boots & Helmet. \$3,600

**Dining table w/6 chairs,** like new, dark wood finish. \$250

Anyone interested in the above items, contact Noemi Robles at 580-0644.

**1963 Chevy Step Side Pick Up** with a 1984 crate engine. Runs but needs some work. \$4000 OBO. Call Salinger at 919-2770 or Miranda at 783-3591.

**Consolidating Households. Need house stuff??** I am consolidating households and need to get rid of some of my stuff. I have a three bedroom condo, fully furnished. Tell me what you need and when you need it and perhaps I can help. Contact Gretchen Thomas at Ext. 3007, cell 210-3990 or direct line 539-7824.

### FOR RENT

**2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment,** 950 sq. ft. All tile flooring, laundry room on site, small private courtyard in

back of each unit, off-street private parking, water & trash included. Address: 536 S. 2nd Ave, located on 2nd Ave. between 5th & 6th Street. Rents for \$600/mth (some pets are ok with landlord approval for additional \$25/month). Please call Jessica Rodriguez in H/R at 928-210-3940 to view or if you have questions.

