



YCSO Round-Up

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Thank You

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A Note from Jane Vogt...

Forgive me for being late in conveying my thank you's at this late date. So many things needed immediate attention, then came the holidays to add to the confusion. My heartfelt thanks to each and everyone in the Sheriff's Office for all the thoughtfulness and kindness shown to the family and myself. Ron loved working in law enforcement, it was his

life. The friends he worked with and the people he met, were his reason for the daily trips to the YCSO. You honored him with a very special funeral, one that many still talk about. I know he was pleased. May the Lord watch over everyone as you go about your appointed tasks in this new year.

From Susan Evans,
Yuma County Library Director, Carla Peterson,

Assistant Director and Lucy Shaw, Library Assistant, Dateland and Roll—we would like to thank **Lt. Darren Simmons, Deputy Alan Herrera** and the staff of the **Yuma County Sheriff's Office** for their efforts on behalf of the Yuma County Library District and the children of our community. Lt. Simmons once again volunteered to

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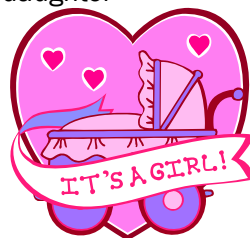
Customer Service Tips

When was the last time you heard someone say "please" and "thank you" when asking for information? This very simple and elementary gesture is an easy way to build rapport.

Bits & Pieces

Congratulations to...

Maricela Meza on the birth of her daughter Joalez, born January 8, 2010 weighing in at 7½ pounds and measuring 19¼ inches long.



Detention Officer Ricardo Albarran on the birth of his daughter, born on January 21, 2010 weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 20½ inches long.

Detention Officer Gabriel Lorona and his wife **Jessica** on the birth of their son Jacob Jaden, born on January 15, 2010 weighing in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 19½ inches long.



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Philanthropy.....

Huh? I can barely pronounce it myself and usually have to give this word one or two tries before I get it right. Try this:

Fill – AN –throw – pea

What it means is charitable giving, giving for the good of others or for a specific cause. Your giving can be of yourself, your time, your money, your services, your good thoughts. There are lots of ways to give – and lots of causes.

Two weeks ago we watched another island nation destroyed by an earthquake where hundreds of thousands of people died. Five years ago we watched as Banda Ache was swallowed up by a giant tsunami. We watched the Katrina hurricane destroy the Gulf Coast, the fires in California destroy the hillsides and the homes in the northwest side of the cliffs. This past week, Arizona experienced heavy storms and

several Arizona communities were hard hit. The point of this is that there are lots of people in need, lots of good causes and not nearly enough volunteers and resources.

Some people adopt children from around the world, others donate their time to Habitat for Humanity, some college kids work in the mission field, and some little kids collect coins at school for a local cause. Our department has always been very generous and over the years we participate in several community functions to help those less fortunate. We recently participated in the Salvation Army Christmas Angel program where 25 kids (and their families) benefited from the gifts we gave. Some of us served food at the Crossroads Mission, some of us volunteered for the Community Food Bank and some of us worked with special projects of our own.

It doesn't matter what we do, but I think we all need to do something. Take the focus off yourself, think of someone else. Even if you yourself are down and out, you can still spare a smile or a kind word to someone on the street, to a co-worker or to a child. You don't have to give money like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, or the Kellogg Foundation or any of those other high-dollar outfits, you can give something of yourself that will help.

And everyone wins - giving is something that makes us feel good, benefits others less fortunate and helps restore the world to be a better place.

Want to be a Philanthropist? There are lots of opportunities.

More Thanks

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be Santa Claus for the children at the Dateland and Roll Branch Libraries, and Deputy Herrera was Santa at Wellton. These events bring so much joy to the East County children, and we are very grateful for the participation of these dedicated officers.

From R.C. Martin, Acting Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 to **Deputy Doug Clabaugh** and **Investigator Sonny Hixon**—On December 22, 2009, Deputy Doug Clabaugh and Investigator Sonny Hixon visited the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 Supply Department to deliver the pre-

holiday safety brief for the Marines present. The brief was requested in an attempt to educate and to prevent incidences that sometimes occur off base involving Marines. Although the Supply Department gives these briefs on a daily and weekly basis, it was helpful for the Marines to get another perspective

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Anniversaries

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

David Castañon	Feb 22	9 yrs
Andres Angulo	Feb 6	4 yrs
Michele Valdez	Feb 12	4 yrs
Sherry Gonzales	Feb 28	4 yrs
Rhiannon Benson	Feb 5	3 yrs
Ro'Shell Salinger	Feb 6	3 yrs
Paul Escalante	Feb 15	3 yrs
Maritza Villarruel	Feb 4	2 yrs
Theresa Bravo	Feb 2	1 yr
Juan Jaramillo	Feb 9	1 yr
Kimberly Peeples	Feb 23	1 yr
Jonathan Rodriguez	Feb 9	1 yr

Volunteers

John Dance	Feb 5	1 yr
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Congratulations and thank you for your continued hard work and dedication!

Welcome...

To the following new Sheriff's Office employees:

Ashley Garcia, Clerk II, 1/12

Edmundo Amezcua, Detention Officer, 1/25

Joshua Gauthier-Dorame, Detention Officer, 1/25

Nicholas Stewart, Detention Officer, 1/25



Scott Hill	2/01
Robert Oberosler	2/05
Renae Bowen	2/08
James Waddell	2/08
Jeffrey Blackwell	2/09
David Callahan	2/09
Jeff Davis	2/09
Thomas Humphrey	2/14
Michael Riedel	2/15
Kenny Thomas	2/16
Christopher Burke	2/17
Karisha Mercado	2/17
David Rodriguez	2/19
Miguel Espinoza	2/20
Wendell Walker	2/21
Israel Amadisto	2/22
Jason Amon	2/22
Ricardo Fabian	2/23
Lisa Senkle	2/23
Earl Hearne	2/24
Zashary Gastelum	2/29

Volunteers

Frank Roberson	2/08
James Osterholt	2/14
Russ Bedinger - Posse	2/17
Martin McBee - SAR	2/18
Charlotte McMurdie - SAR	2/20
William Smith	2/20
Lewis Rounds	2/25

Jobs Well Done

Sgt. Al Whitney commended **Investigator Sonny Hixon** for a great job on January 13, 2010 during the attempts to recover the remains of a drowning victim. Investigator Hixon took it upon himself to climb a treacherous, rocky embankment to position himself on the railroad bridge over the river in an effort to find the victim. This initiative was directly responsible for the quick discovery of the remains. The family was present on the scene watching the search efforts and Investigator Hixon's actions

certainly cut down on the agonizing time they spent on scene with no information as to the fate of their loved one.

Sgt. Whitney also commended the



other members of the Criminal Investigations Bureau—**Investigators Sal Perez, Eric Frost, Christopher Ashby, and Guy Avenetti**—who were on scene and were very effective in keeping the family away from the immediate area and then, after the victim was found, taking the family to the hospital and arranging for Amberly's Place to assist them. Sgt. Whitney was very proud of the Investigators.

More Bits & Pieces

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A big congratulations to the following Sheriff's Office Employees of the Quarter for the months of October-December 2009:

Michael Riedel, Administration Bureau

Deputy Joshua Peterson, Patrol Bureau

Deborah Byrd, Detention Bureau Support

Detention Officer Javier Hernandez, Detention Bureau Custody

Also, congratulations to the following employees on their nominations for the employee of the quarter awards:

Administration Bureau—**Miranda Ball, Laurie D'Alessio, Nora Mejia-Rico** and **Michael McGuire**.

Detention Bureau, Custody—**Joshua Bermudez, Ron Candler, Francisco Duarte, Miguel Esmeralda, Richardo Fabian, Matthew Felix, Jesus Garcia, Matthew Hipp, Nathan Hunter, Patrick James, David McCormick, Jesus Monjardin, Andrian Montoya, William Rice, Michael Sills, Gary Urquhart, Sonia Valdez** and **Wendall Walker**.

Detention Bureau, Support—**Gina Lackie, Ana Osuna, Melissa Vasquez, Janet Walters** and **Anna York**.

Patrol Bureau—**Doug Clabaugh, Michael Kofta, Andrew Orozco, Samuel Pavlak** and **George Pesce**.



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

Congratulations to **Detention Officer Adelina Meza** for being selected as the February 2010

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For Your Information

YCSO Annual Awards Presentation

Mark your calendars!!! The YCSO annual awards event has been rescheduled to be held on **Wednesday, February 24, 2010**. The event will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Community Center located at the corner of 3rd Street and 13th Avenue.

There will be door prizes throughout the event and hors d'oeuvres, cake and refreshments immediately following the event.

For more information, please contact Gretchen Robinson at Ext. 3007 or Anna Lopez at Ext. 3001.

YCSO 2009 Annual Nominations

The following employees have been nominated for YCSO Annual Awards:

ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

Esprit de Corps

Renaë Bowen Theresa Bravo
 Lisa Rice Jessica Rodriguez
 Frances Wright

Special Merit

Theresa Bravo Andrea Burrola
 Angelica Chi Maggie Garcia
 Debbie Morgan David Reyes
 Frances Wright

Administration Bureau (Contd.)

Innovator of the Year

Claudia Garnica Lisa Rice
 Pamela Steen-Kurtz



DETENTION BUREAU

Esprit de Corps

Rhiannon Benson Luis Camacho
 David Castañon Frank Duarte
 Ricardo Fabian Javier Hernandez
 Nathan Hunter Jesus Monjardin
 William Rice Cynthia Santana

Special Merit

David Castañon Javier Hernandez
 Adrian Montoya Cynthia Santana
 Michael Sills Sonia Valdez
 Wendall Walker

Innovator of the Year

Frank Flores Joseph Lackie
 Corey Russom

Professional of the Year - Veteran

Miguel Esmeralda Edgar Guerrero
 Salvador Gutierrez Adam Hildestad
 Nathan Hunter Thomas Kramer
 Jesus Monjardin Sonia Valdez
 Maria Vazquez Wendall Walker

Professional of the Year - Rookie

Julian Acosta Javier Hernandez
 David McCormick

PATROL BUREAU

Esprit de Corps

Guy Avenetti David Callahan
 Eric Frost Guillermo Garcia
 Raul Garcia Sonny Hixon
 Rory McDade Samuel Pavlak

Special Merit

Eric Frost Martin Grosvenor
 Jason Hemstreet Sonny Hixon
 James Womack

Innovator of the Year

Christopher Ashby Richard Mendez

Outstanding Achievement

Ryland Croutch Eric Frost
 Sonny Hixon Gerardo Juvera
 Michael Kofta Todd Sutton

Meritorious Service

Gabriel Bier Ken Carver
 Michael Kofta Rolando Molina
 Sal Perez Philip Spongross
 James Waddell

Rookie of the Year

Kristina Hayes Jacob Meyer
 Luis Valencia

More Thanks

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on the consequences of their actions. The intent was to give them that perspective, and the goal was certainly met with the assistance of Deputy Clabaugh and Investigator Hlxon. Their professionalism, along with their obvious personal passion in the subject matter, was evident, not to mention critical, in the delivery of the message. Commander Martin was grateful to them and to the Sheriff's Office for the investment made in the Marines.

From Karen Hoffman—I wish to thank everyone at the Sheriff's Office who has assisted me in my position as Administrative Manager this past eleven months. Beginning February 8, 2010, I will be the Deputy Chief at Yuma County Adult Probation. I respect the staff who report everyday to perform their jobs in a professional and competent manner. I do not want their performance and accomplishments to be overshadowed by staff who conduct themselves in any other manner. There are many fine men

and women who deserve to hold their heads high when they say they work for the Yuma County Sheriff's Office. I count myself blessed to have been one of those. If I can be of any assistance to anyone in my new role, please feel free to contact me.

More Bits & Pieces

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"Swing Shift Officer of the Month" by the Swing Shift Supervisors.

Good job to **Detention Officers Jerome Gonzales, Korina Batt, Adelina Meza** and **Rodolfo Deanda** for their awareness and close attention to detail.

Detention Officer Salvador Gutierrez has started his training as a Processor in the Admitting area.

Thank you to **Detention Officers Karisha Mercado, Salvador Gutierrez, Debra Sanchez** and **Sonia Valdez**. Your assistance with special assignments and tasks was greatly

appreciated. It's a plus knowing that we, your Supervisors, can count on you to get things done with positive outcomes.

Also a big thank you to **FTO Adrian Montoya** for continuing to give his guidance while training Officers in new areas.

To all the **Swing Shift Staff**—everyone did a terrific job last year and we are grateful for your dedication and your teamwork. I am still amazed how you have all come together and the way that you look out for each other. By now, each of you has had time to get used to me and my expectations. There will be

more changes and more assignments handed out during 2010. My expectations of you will be higher now that I know what each of you is capable of achieving. I would like to thank all of you AGAIN for your professionalism, dedication, and team work.

By Cpl. Russ Candler

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 January:

Michele Valdez attended the Grant Training Course in Phoenix, AZ., hosted by Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Andrew Topper attended the Street Survival Seminar held in Yuma, hosted by Yuma Sector and Caliber Press.

Proficiency & Continuing Training

Deputy Rory McDade has started his Open Water Certification Dive Training. The course is offered by The Scuba Shack in Yuma.

Deputies Heidi Donnelly, Edgar Guerra, Douglas Clabaugh, and **James Holland** attended the Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program at Pima College in Tucson, AZ.

Deputies Ken Carver and **Alan Herrera** attended the Colorado River Area Law Enforcement Workshop in Laughlin, NV.

The following employees attended the "De-Escalation Tactics When Responding to Individuals with Mental Illness" Webinar and "Critical Incident Awareness" trainings here

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More Training News

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at the Sheriff's Office in December 2009: **Cpl. Tristan Gomez**, and **Detention Officers David Castanon, Margarita DeAnda, Rene Garcia, Gary Goodwill, Javier Hernandez, Nathan Hunter, Jesus Monjardin, Edgar Murillo, Fernando Pichardo, Cynthia Santana** and **Michael Sills**.

Training Notes

Deputy Cadets **Rudolfo Ulloa, Joshua Farias, Adrian Jaimez** and **Duane Hebebrand** began training at the Western Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy in Lake Havasu City, AZ, on January 10th. They are scheduled to

graduate on May 14th, 2010. We wish you all good luck.

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

Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- ❖ In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.
- ❖ The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.
- ❖ Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- ❖ The oldest surviving love poem to date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C
- ❖ In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a prospective suitor. If the gift is kept, then it means she has accepted his proposal of marriage

Happy Valentine's Day!!!

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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

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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