

YCSO Round-Up

Thank you

From Sgt. Al Whitney to **Deputies Arturo Oviedo** and **August Parker** for their hard work and cooperation. During these trying times when we are shorthanded, these two deputies give me 100% of their efforts towards the accomplishment of the mission. I would also like to thank the other

squads who assist us weekly to cover our shift. They are appreciated very much!

Dispatcher Alfonso Zavala received a thank you for his communication with an elderly woman. At 93 years old the woman needs an occasional helping hand and Zavala received a thank

you from her son for sending an officer out to do a welfare check. "He went the extra mile", said the son and "this kind of effort helps her maintain her independence." Good job Alfonso - you are dedicated to service!

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Bits & Pieces

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Wayne Zimmerman** and his wife **Sherry**. They are both greatly missed at the Sheriff's Office. Please see page 2 for a way you can help the Zimmerman's during this difficult time.

Congratulations to **SCO Jesse Butler** and his wife **Clare** on the birth of their daughter, **Annyah**. Baby Annyah weighed in at 7 pounds 8 ounces and measured 19" long.



Congratulations to the following employees on their nominations for the YCSO Quarter Awards for the months of April-June: Administration Bureau—**Airel Lopez, Margarita Rangel Garcia** and **Christina Ramirez**; Detention Bureau-Custody—**David Castanon, Erik Cisneros, Gustavo Gomez, Juan Guerrero, Jose Martinez, Karisha Mercado, Jessie Murrieta, Edgar Murrillo, Juan Perez, Fred Rodriguez, Thomas Ruelle, Corey Russom, Michael Sills, Maria Vasquez, Richard Villareal** and **Wendall**

Walker; Detention Bureau-Support—**Randy Beeler, Gina Lackie, Virginia Quiroz** and **Veronica Vasquez**; Patrol Bureau—**Guillermo Garcia, Rolando Molina, Samuel Pavlak, Terra Pietrangelo** and **James Waddell**.

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

- Robert Vigil**, Medical Examiner Investigator, 7/18
- Jeffrey Blackwell**, Dispatch, 7/28
- Jessica Rodriguez**, Clerk II, 7/28

Customer Service Tip of the Month

"Even if the customer is wrong, your strategy should be to proceed with humility. This will put the customer at ease and can easily change the direction of communication to be more positive and solution-oriented."

Wayne Zimmerman Benefit Raffle

The Sheriff's Office League of Volunteer Employees (S.O.L.V.E.) is holding a raffle to benefit Wayne Zimmerman—DPS #1272 /YCSO V-4.

Wayne Zimmerman is a retired Sergeant from the State of Arizona Department of Public Safety. After serving 28 years he retired from DPS and came to work at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office for the last 10 years, putting his traffic expertise to work. Sherry and Wayne have been married for 36 years and have a long commitment to each other and the Yuma community.

Wayne is currently a patient at the Mayo Clinic, awaiting a heart transplant. As she has always been, Sherry is at his side.

These two people have worked all their lives but major medical bills and the expense of trips back and forth to Phoenix are mounting. We want to do

something to benefit Wayne and Sherry who have always served our community.

Raffle tickets are available at YCSO: \$10 each or 4 tickets for \$35.

- 1st Prize: \$600 gift certificate from Sprague's Sports
- 2nd Prize: Gift bag - \$300 value
- 3rd Prize: Gift bag - \$200 value

The gift bags include various gifts and certificates donated by local vendors.

- **Visa** gift card-\$25.00
- **Gold Canyon** candle basket-\$30 value
- **iPodShuffle**-\$49 value
- **Gas Card**-\$60.00
- **Desert Hills**-2 Gift Certificates for 2 rounds of 18 holes w/golf cart-\$96 value each
- **Lotus Day Spa**-\$70 Gift Card

- **Pep Boys**-Gift Certificate for Lube/oil change and 15 point inspection-\$33 value
- **Hunter Steakhouse**-\$25 Gift Certificate
- **A Bloomin' Florist**-\$35 Gift Certificate

If you would like to sell some tickets to help, we would appreciate your efforts. If you want to purchase some tickets for yourself, just contact:

Gretchen Thomas, at 539-7824 or gretchen.thomas@co.yuma.az.us

Anna Lopez, at 782-2141 or anna.lopez@co.yuma.az.us

Michele Valdez, at 539-7864 or michele.valdez@co.yuma.az.us

If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to **SOLVE**.

From the Office of Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections

July 18, 2008

It was discussed at the Governor's Cabinet Meeting last week, that the Governor's Family Economic Relief project provides a way to get information out to Arizonans who are facing hardship given the current economic environment. With record home foreclosures, restrictions in the credit market, and increasing gasoline and food costs, what many people need is a simple way to access information and resources.

The Family Economic Relief project is posted through a feature link on www.az211.gov. The site includes a PDF file of both this brochure and a helpful hints and tips document with ways for Arizonans to make their dollar stretch further. The feature will remain on 211 for awhile and will be continuously updated as new information to help Arizonans weather the current economic situation becomes available. Please link to 211 or this feature if you do not already have the link prominently on your agency websites.

A special thank you to the Arizona Department of Economic Security and their partners for helping to spread this information about existing resources to Arizonans. I hope this information will provide a vital link for helping people to weather through the current economic situation. I also hope this information promotes further partnership among individuals, communities and state agencies for a stronger Arizona.

Sincerely,
Michael Branham
Director

Jobs Well Done

Ruben Conde, Chief Ranger, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado River District commended **Deputy Russ Russom** for the outstanding efforts put forth to help their law enforcement program. Sgt. Russom has done an outstanding job at mentoring and providing guidance to BLM law enforcement Rangers in the use of Arizona State Peace Officer authority to effect arrests and conduct investigations. On many occasions Sgt. Russom has answered questions and provided subject matter expertise even while off duty. Because of his efforts, BLM law enforcement Rangers are able to more effectively protect our public

lands and the people of Yuma County. Sgt. Russom's professionalism, knowledge and willingness to freely provide guidance reflect highly on the law enforcement profession and especially the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

From Deputy County Attorney Theresa Fox—I wanted to commend



your **Lt. Henry Hernandez** for an informative, efficient, and safe jail tour this morning. The training and regulations that your staff adhered to during our visit allowed Lt. Hernandez to provide an orderly visit through the jail as he shared his wealth of knowledge of the facility and demonstrated his respect for the system, the prisoners' and the staff's welfare. The cleanliness of the jail was also impressive. I certainly appreciate Lt. Hernandez's time and thoroughness of the tour this morning and greatly appreciate you allowing such visits to occur.

Second Quarter Award Recipients

Congratulations to the employees of the quarter for the months of April-June

Misael Martinez—Employee of the Quarter, Administrative Bureau.



Peggi McLaughlin—Staff Member of the Quarter, Detention Bureau, Support Section.



Detention Officer Jonathan Murray—Staff Member of the Quarter, Detention Bureau, Custody Section.



Deputy Ted Parker—Officer of the Quarter, Patrol Bureau.

For Your Information

West Side Story

By Lt. David McBride

This month we would like to congratulate **Deputies Heidi Donnelly** and **Peter Madriles** who completed the Phoenix ALEA Academy and are now beginning the FTO process. Outstanding job to both.

Last month we bid fair winds and following seas to **Deputy J.R. Skaggs** who joined the ranks of our sister agency, the Yuma Police Department. We all wish him a fulfilling career.

In June, **Deputy James Waddell** was keeping a diligent eye out for scrap metal thieves when he spotted a pick up with a stainless steel tank in the truck bed with Western Farm Services markings on it. Knowing a tank had been stolen earlier he conducted a traffic stop. The driver confessed to buying the tank and that he was taking it to San Luis, Mexico to sell as scrap. Western Farms confirmed the tank was theirs and had been stolen. The driver was arrested and turned over to the Criminal Investigative Bureau. A short interrogation later led to the location where the tank was bought. CIB drafted a search warrant which resulted in more stolen property and the arrest of an individual dealing in stolen property.

Deputies Eric Frost and **Jay Aleshire** responded to a report of an injury collision on the North Levee Road. Upon arrival they could see the vehicle had traveled off the canal and two people were trapped in the vehicle by a swarm of bees. Deputy Frost attempted a rescue with a blanket and his SWAT gloves. He quickly retreated when the bees began to sting through his gloves. Both deputies suited up in their hazmat equipment and gas masks and made another attempt with blankets in hand. Once they reached

the vehicle they quickly threw the blankets inside and had the occupants cover all exposed parts of their body while they waited for Rural Metro's assistance. Once on scene Rural Metro attempted to knock the bees down with fire retardant while the deputies assisted the crash victims out of the car and up to safety on top of the levee. That safety did not last long, the swarm expanded and covered the area where they were and everyone had to retreat leaving their discarded hazmat suits behind. Deputy Frost sustained numerous bee stings to both hands from the Africanized bees. Deputy Aleshire, who was already suffering from a head cold, became a victim of heat exhaustion. Both deputies had to be transported to YRMC for treatment. These Deputies risked serious injury, not only from the bees, but also from the heat since they were in their hazmat suits for almost an hour in over 100 degree heat in order to assist two subjects trapped in a vehicle with active, aggressive Africanized bees attacking them. A bee keeper responded to assist, but due to the highly aggressive nature of the bees he was unable to remove the bees until nightfall.

Deputies Waddell, Frost, and Aleshire were all presented with a Sheriff's Office Challenge Coin by the Sheriff for their dedication to their duties and heroic efforts.

Did you know?

To provide more education and training for young drivers, the Teenage Driver Safety Act laws go into effect in Arizona on July 1, 2008.

For anyone under the age of 18 getting their drivers license for the first time, he or she will have to:

- ☞ Have had their learner's permit for 6 months
- ☞ Complete 30 hours of supervised training, with 10 hours during nighttime conditions (or an approved driving course)
- ☞ Pass a vision test
- ☞ Successfully pass a road/skills test

When a young driver receives a Graduated Drivers License (GDL), he or she is limited during the first six months to:

- ☞ No driving between midnight and 5 am (unless with a parent/legal guardian, or to/from school-sponsored activity, work, a religious activity, or family emergency)
- ☞ No more than 1 passenger under 18 years of age in the car (unless a family member, or with a parent/legal guardian)

"Champions aren't made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them: A desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have last-minute stamina, they have to be a little faster, they have to have the skill and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill."

Muhammad Ali

Footnotes from the Foothills

By Cpl. Richard Meraz

Summer is in full swing. Boy is it hot out there. A reminder to everyone once again to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. With the manpower issues we've been having, the last thing we need is to lose another deputy.

Speaking of manpower issues, I would like to thank all of the deputies who have volunteered to work overtime to

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YCSO Training News

AZ POST Training

REMINDER: All Arizona Peace Officers must complete 8 hours of Continuing Training per year.

The following classes will be available through Arizona POST in the coming months:

AZ POST Course	Date	Hours	Registration Deadline	Prerequisites
Sex Crimes Investigation	10/ 7-10/10/08	28 hrs	Confirmed – Inv. Pietrangelo	AZPOST Certified
Criminal Abatement Training	10/02/08	8 hrs	8/27/08	AZPOST Certified
Basic Crime Scene Investigation	10/08-10/09/08	16 hrs	Confirmed – Inv. Hixon	AZPOST Certified
Introduction to Crime Intelligence & Analysis	10/20-10/24/08	40 hrs	Confirmed – Inv. Bier	*Knowledge of Basic Algebra
Introduction to White Collar Crime	10/23/08	8 hrs	Oct. 23, 2008	AZPOST Certified
Physical Fitness Instructor	11/03-11/07/08	40 hrs	Confirmed – Deputy Milner	Must be an AZPOST Gen. Inst.
Basic Search Warrant Writing	11/05/08	8 hrs	Oct. 3, 2008	AZPOST Certified
Cell Phone Seizure	11/06/08	8 hrs	Nov. 6, 2008	AZPOST Certified
Excited Delirium / Police Suicide Awareness	11/13/08	8 hrs	Oct. 7, 2008	AZPOST Certified
Crime Prevention Techniques	12/03-12/04/08	16 hrs	Oct. 16, 2008	AZPOST Certified
Drug Investigations for Patrol Officers	12/16-12/17/08	16 hrs	Confirmed – Deputy Frost	AZPOST Certified

Course descriptions and prerequisites are in the Arizona POST Training Calendar which is posted at the substations and in the break room area downstairs at the main office. To be considered for one of these classes, Deputies must submit a Training Request to the Training Department via their supervisor. (REMINDER: Only one student per class)

Note from Training: Training is asking all Deputies who have been confirmed for a course, but have not returned required travel requests, to please do so at least two weeks prior to travel date to ensure proper processing of paperwork.



Professional Development

The following employees attended and/or completed training as listed during the month of June 2008:

Case Expeditor Peggí McLaughlin attended a 4 hr AJACS meeting as presented by the Yuma County Superior Court.

Behavioral Analyst William Cady, Detention Officers Gary Goodwill, Raul Perez, Margarita De Anda, and Josephine Ayon-Martinez attended a

16 hr Correctional Mental Health National Conference as presented by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care which took place in Las Vegas, NV.

Administrative Investigator Jerry Yeary attended a 24 hr seminar titled “Prevention of Police Misconduct / Early Intervention” as sponsored by the Public Agency Training Council which took place in Las Vegas, NV.

Sgt. Frank Flores attended a 24 hr. “Law Enforcement Supervision, Management, and Leadership Skills for

Challenging Times” training as presented by the Public Agency Training Council which took place in Tempe, AZ.

Proficiency/Continuing Training

Lt. David McBride attended a 24 hr. Governors Office of Highway Safety Conference which took place in Flagstaff, AZ.

Investigator Guy Avenetti attended a 24 hr. Computer Facilitated Child Sex

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More Training News

Exploitation Investigations course as sponsored by AZPOST which took place in Prescott Valley, AZ.

TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Detention Officer Basic Training Academy #63 graduation will take place on Friday, August 15, 2008 at the Gila Vista Jr. High cafeteria. The ceremony will commence at 1800 hours. YCSO staff is encouraged to attend.

*Lt. Joe Lackie
Cristina Clark
Training & Educational Services*

TESTING

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

Deputy Sheriff
Reserve Deputy Sheriff
Detention Officer

Date: Saturday, August 1st
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Location: 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.

More Information

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fill in the shifts needed to have our mandatory staffing filled. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to **Deputy Ted Parker** (the bad one) who was named Officer of the Quarter for the period of April through June. Deputy Parker is the most pro-active deputy out in the Foothills. He has a great work ethic and has proven himself to be an asset to the department. Keep up the excellent work!

A big thank you to Volunteer **Sheila Click**. Sheila filled in at the Foothills Substation while our awesome clerk **Renae Bowen** was on vacation for two weeks.

A big thank you to **Renae Bowen**. All of your hard work does not go unnoticed. Renae is the glue that holds the Foothills Substation together. Thanks for being a good listener. I know I speak for everyone at the Foothills Substation when I say, "You're the greatest."

An atta boy once again to the **Motor Officers**. They continue to get nothing but positive praise from the general public. With this summer heat, I don't miss being on the motor one bit. Winter time is a different story.

Congratulations to **Deputies Heidi Donnelly and Peter Madriles** on their recent graduation from the law enforcement academy. Best of luck as you progress through the field training program. We look forward to working

with both of you when you field train in the Foothills.

Sgt. Ryland Crouch has been busy this past month with a wide assortment of things. He has put on several presentations on burglaries and scams to various local businesses. He continues to stay active with Amberly's Place and the Elder Abuse Task Force. He also assisted **Cpl. Richard Mendez** by teaching at the Law Enforcement Explorer Academy which was held at MCAS Yuma.

"It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself."

Eleanor Roosevelt

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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

210 Gallon Fish Tank with stand for \$500. Contact Royale Luchene at 785-9600.

SPRING CLEANING SALE!!!

1975 -14 Foot Fishing Boat w/Calkins trailer, Mercury 90 hp w/skis - \$400

Ibanez Hollow Body Electric Guitar w/gig bag. One broken tuning key - \$75

Rudolf Wurlitzer Piano Spinett - Needs tuning - \$200

60" Philips Magnavox Projection TV. Great picture - \$500

Large Splash Pool - \$1,500

Bowflex XTL - Hardly used - \$800

1979 - 27 foot Class 3 Motorhome - gas/propane - \$2,000

If interested in any of the above listed items, please contact LaRae at Ext. 1216 or direct line is 539-7832.

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