

# YESO Round-Up

## Thank you

From Sgt. Russ Candler—a big thank you to **Wild Bill Ogram** (M30) for all his help concerning some lock issues. Bill was very helpful and due to his hard work, this task was completed quickly. Good job Bill!

From Fleet Services—thank you to the **Posse** as a whole and in particular to **Eric Driedger** and **Steve Didway** for their assistance in preparing vehicles for auction. It's never easy to step up to the counter and learn a new skill set; even more so when the weather turns hot. You guys define

teamwork. Thanks for coming through for us.

The Critical Accident Reconstruction Team (CART) members would like to thank **Lt. Jay Carlson** for his assistance over the past several months. In October 2007, when a new piece of equipment (RECON) became available for recording crime scenes using the AIMS (Automated Instrument Mapping System), Lt. Carlson helped out by purchasing the equipment. The RECON cut the on-scene time and time

required to complete a diagram of a crime scene by approximately half.

The Total Station recently needed to be replaced and



Total Station is blue, RECON is yellow.

Lt. Carlson, once again, came to the aid of CART (and the SO). Lt. Carlson enabled the Sheriff's Office to purchase a new—and the most up to date—Total Station (two man) available. The old Total Station was estimated to be

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### Customer Service Tip of the Month

"If the customer has more than one request, handle them one at a time, and let the customer know you are handling them one at a time."

## Bits & Pieces

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

- Chris Roach**, DO, 6/02
- Roberto Arriola**, DO, 6/16
- Sara Salinas**, DO, 6/16
- Elisa Soto**, Education Program Specialist, 6/16
- Diana Bermudez**, SCO, 6/25

**Deputy Ken Carver** and **Michele Valdez** of the Sheriff's Office participated in the 2008 Camp Pendleton Hard Corps Race Series along with **Kari Kuck**, **Deborah Wendt**, and **Collin Wendt**. The World Famous Mud Run took place on June 8, 2008. After signing in and taking a few

photos they were off. This challenging course takes you through the rivers and hills of Camp Pendleton, over five foot walls, tires and tunnels, through spraying water hoses, and of course lots of mud. This 6.2 mile run goes around Lake O'Neil and sometimes

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# Noble Cause Corruption

By Captain Eben Bratcher

As public servants, we all take an oath to defend and uphold the constitution of the United States and to enforce the laws of the State of Arizona. Are we all aware of the significance of that oath, or has it faded in our memory as the monotony of dealing with the same offenders over and over again takes hold?

Just what exactly does your oath to uphold and defend the constitution of the United States mean? Simply put, it means that in no case do the ends ever justify the means. We follow, respect, and abide by the rules of law even if it means that a case will not be won. If you allow your desire to get the bad guy off the street to overcome your duty to abide by your oath, you are at risk for what is coming to be known as "noble cause corruption."

Noble cause corruption has been defined as:

"corruption committed in the name of good ends, corruption that happens when police officers care too much about their work. It is corruption committed in order to get the bad guys off the streets...the corruption of police power, when officers do bad things because they believe that the outcomes will be good."

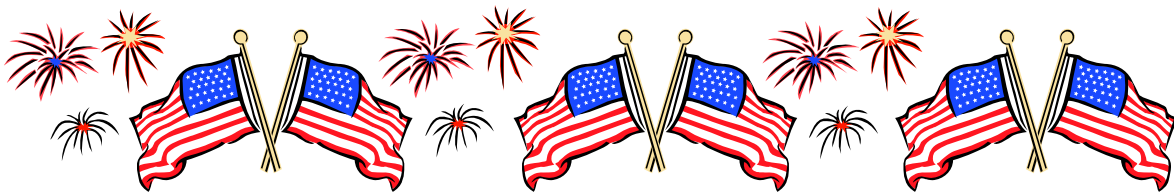
Thomas J. Martinelli, J.D.,  
Adjunct Professor, Wayne  
State University, Detroit,  
Michigan

For many, the word corruption represents the obvious association with egregious offenses such as taking bribes, misuse of public funds, and

abuse of power. While on the surface it may not appear so, noble cause corruption is just as scandalous as any of the more readily noticed forms of corruption.

The consequences of corruption in any form are far reaching. Beyond the obvious end of a law enforcement officer's career, even those who have had no part in the corruption often suffer the consequences. The trust we enjoy with the public, our professional reputations as members of an agency, as well as the integrity of our testimony can all be compromised.

In order to combat the threat of noble cause corruption, it is paramount that you discuss this with your peers. Be aware, and make conscious decisions to avoid falling into this trap. Often, the first line of defense is your partner who can recognize and intervene "before" a bad decision costs you a case, or a career.



**Have a Safe & Happy**  
**4th of July**

# Jobs Well Done

On June 10th, a call was received from a Foothills resident named Shirley. She wanted to thank the Sheriff's Office for providing Traffic Officers in her area which is 34th Place near the Don Quijote Restaurant. She said the officers have stopped several vehicles and some drivers were even arrested. Again she just wanted the Sheriff's Office to know of the good job our officers are doing out there.

Lt. David Reyes commended **Peggi McLaughlin** on a job well done while running interference and making several people's job just a little easier. Several juveniles were incarcerated following a highly publicized incident. These prisoners were various levels of

custody and to meet their visitation needs with families, attorneys and other professional agencies "routine" visitation schedules could not be easily managed. Peggi was assigned the task of taking over those duties and readily took over that task along with her normal duties. Thank you for a job well done!



**Detention Officer William Rice** completed 6 vigorous weeks of the Border Patrol's K-9 Academy located at the K-9 Center of El Paso Texas. **Detention Officer Rice** along with **K-9 Officer Paris** passed all the phases of Drug Detection and Handling. Officers Rice and Paris also gained a certification form the National Narcotics Detector Dog Association (NNDDA). Congratulations on a job well done!



# More Bits & Pieces

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through Lake O'Neil. When our runners made it to the last obstacle they still had enough energy for a photo op before entering the final 30-foot long mud pit. Even though they

took seventh place in their category they are still muddy winners in our hearts.

If you would like to participate in next year's race, we will be sending out information in November for the

January registration. It takes 5 people for a team, check it out @ [www.camppendletonraces.com](http://www.camppendletonraces.com).

*Submitted by Michele Valdez*



# For Your Information

## 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 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=faBack&faxBackPath=true>

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

## Footnotes from the Foothills

By Cpl. Richard Meraz

The dog days of summer are here. The temperatures (and in some cases

temperatures) are rising. It seems like it gets hotter and hotter every year. A reminder to all of the Deputies to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Deputies tend to dehydrate a little faster due to all of the protective equipment we wear. Even if you don't feel thirsty, make sure you drink plenty of water. The elements will sneak up on you before you know it.

A big attaboy to the Motor Officers: **Deputies Jim Holland, Kelly Milner, and Doug Clabaugh**. They have been really busy these last few months. We have received many positive comments from citizens out in the Foothills about the increased traffic enforcement patrols. Keep up the good work guys!

A big thank you to all the **Foothills Deputies** for assisting with shift coverage. Schedules in the Foothills are not set. They are constantly changing to keep up with vacations, sick days, training days, and the loss of personnel. Getting the shifts covered can be a challenge at times but you guys (and gal) help make it easier on the supervisors. Your dedication and

extra efforts do not go unnoticed. Thanks again.

The Sheriff's Office recently purchased an air boat. Lt. Darren Simmons is in the process of developing a training manual and policy for its operation. The air boat has been used several times along the Colorado River in support of Operation Stone Garden. Sounds like fun.

The 4th of July holiday weekend is approaching. This is one of the busier weekends out at Martinez Lake. Probably more so this year being as the 4th of July falls on a Friday, making it a long weekend. I hope everyone has a safe holiday weekend.

I will finish off by giving a big "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to the good ole USA!!!

*"When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us."*

Alexander Graham Bell

# More Thanks

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between 10-15 years old, with an original price of \$14,000. The new Total Station, which had major improvements over the old one, was purchased for approximately \$6,300.00, including tax.

The CART members not only investigate serious and fatal collisions for the Sheriff's Office, but we also assist other local law enforcement

agencies with their crime scene investigations. Recently the CART assisted the Yuma Police Department with two crime scenes and the San Luis Police Department with one crime scene and were attempting a second when the Total Station became non-functioning.

Thank you, again from the CART members, for the assistance Lt. Carlson, it is greatly appreciated.



**Which side do you look through? What, you've got to look through this thing!**

# 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
Computer Facilitated Child Sex Exploitation Investigations	July 22-24, 2008	24	Confirmed: G. Avenetti	NA

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. (NOTE: Only one student per class)

**Note from Training:** Training is asking all Deputies who have confirmed for a course, but whom 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:

**Sgt. Heather Sudlow** attended a 30 hr. OSHA Safety Training Compliance Course as presented by the National Seminars Groupe which took place in Phoenix, AZ

**Sgt. Miguel Caudillo** and **Anna York** attended a 24 hr National Association of Extradition Officials 44th Annual Training Conference presented by the National Association of Extradition Officials which took place in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Human Resources Assistant Misael Martinez** attended an 8 hr EEOC seminar as sponsored by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission which took place in Phoenix, AZ

**Lt. Joe Lackie** and **Sgt. Heather Sudlow** attended a 3 hr. OSHA in the Office training as presented by ADOSH which took place at the Yuma Civic & Convention Center.

### Proficiency/Continuing Training

**Detectives Guy Avenetti** and **Terra Pietrangelo** attended a 3-day Crimes Against Children Seminar which took place at the Cocopah Hotel Conference Room.

### TESTING

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

Deputy Sheriff / Reserve Deputy Sheriff  
Detention Officer

Date: Saturday, July 12th

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.

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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 Royalle Luchene at 785-9600.

**SPRING CLEANING SALE!!!**

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

**Fender Squire Student Guitar** w/case - \$50

**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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