

YESO Round-Up

Thank you

From George and Susan Carr—we would like to thank all of the **Detention staff** and **supervisors** who sent my family their support recently during the loss of my father-in-law. The flowers and help covering my areas of responsibilities were very much appreciated by my husband and myself as well as the rest of the Carr family. Thank you all again.

From Sgt. Scott Legros, Yuma Police Department—Sgt. Legros called to thank **Sheriff's Office deputies** for responding to the scene

of the fire at Arizona Avenue and the railroad tracks on October 22nd. He said they were stretched thin as YPD had also received another priority call at the same time. The help we gave with traffic and crowd control was very much appreciated.



The following letter was received from a former inmate:

"To the **Detention Officers of Orange 1, Blue unit** and **Medical**

Staff—I'm sure this is something you don't usually get but I feel like I needed to send this. Thank you so much for your kind and humane treatment I received from you all during my stay. I pray you are all blessed and I thank you. It meant so much! I won't be visiting you again."

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Customer Service Tip of the Month

"The customer's tone of voice and choice of words tell you a lot about his or her state of mind. If the customer is upset, acknowledge his feelings and try to redirect his focus toward working with you to find a solution."

Bits & Pieces

Congratulations to...

Dispatcher **Jeff Davis** on his recent promotion to Senior Dispatcher. Jeff will be overseeing the afternoon shift in Communications.

Lt. David McBride on his invitation to attend the next session of the FBI National Academy.

To **Deputy Gerardo Juvera** and his wife on the birth of their daughter born on October 21st, weighing in at 6 lbs, 7 oz. and measuring 19" long.



To the following Sheriff's Office Employees of the

Quarter for the months of July-September 2007:

Jeff Davis—Employee of the Quarter, Administration Bureau.

Deputy Guillermo Garcia—Officer of the Quarter, Patrol Bureau.

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Halloween Safety Tips...

Submitted by Lt. Chuck Bailey

BEFORE HALLOWEEN:

- ✦ Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- ✦ Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.
- ✦ Secure emergency identification (name, address, phone number) discreetly within Halloween attire or on a bracelet.
- ✦ Because a mask can limit or block eyesight, consider [non-toxic and hypoallergenic makeup](#) or a decorative hat as a safe alternative.
- ✦ When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.
- ✦ Think twice before using simulated knives, guns or swords. If such props must be used, be certain they do not appear authentic and are soft and flexible to prevent injury.
- ✦ Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- ✦ Plan ahead to use only battery powered lanterns or chemical light sticks in place of candles in decorations and costumes.
- ✦ This is also a great time to buy [fresh batteries for your home Smoke Alarms](#).
- ✦ Teach children their home phone number and to how call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-

1-1 can be dialed free from any phone.

- ✦ Review with your children the principle of "Stop-Drop-Roll", should their clothes catch on fire.
- ✦ Openly discuss appropriate and inappropriate behavior at Halloween time.
- ✦ Consider purchasing individually packaged healthy food alternatives (or safe non-food treats) for those who visit your home.
- ✦ Take extra effort to eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkway. Check around your property for flower pots, low tree limbs, support wires or garden hoses that may prove hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.

WHEN TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- ✦ A Parent or responsible Adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- ✦ Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
 - By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others.
 - Stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
 - Only trick-or-treat in well known neighborhoods at homes that have a porch light on.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the farthest edge of the roadway facing traffic.
 - Never cut across yards or use alleys.

- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk. Never run across a street.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom).
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will.
- Never consume unwrapped food items or open beverages that may be offered.
- No treats are to be eaten until they are **thoroughly checked by an Adult at home**.
- Law Enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

AFTER TRICK-OR-TREATING:

- ✦ Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible Adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- ✦ Try to apportion treats for the days following Halloween.
- ✦ Although sharing is encouraged, make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.



Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following employees and volunteers who will be celebrating an anniversary with the YCSO in November:

Michael McGuire	21 yrs
Jack Stromberg	14 yrs
Francisco Pereda	12 yrs
Ruben Amaya	10 yrs
Jose Aldaco	9 yrs
Renaé Bowen	8 yrs
Veronica Vasquez	8 yrs
Esteban Caudillo	7 yrs
Lisa Cortis	7 yrs
Joe Brito	6 yrs
Adam Hildestad	6 yrs
Gerardo Rodriguez	6 yrs
Alfonso Zavala	5 yrs
Willie Hodges	5 yrs
Viviana Lorona	4 yrs
Adelina Meza	3 yrs
Ruben Covarrubias Beltran	2 yrs
Jesus Monjardin	2 yrs
Gerardo Monjardin-Valenzuela	2 yrs
Corey Russom	2 yrs
Summer Carr	1 yr
Doug Clabaugh	1 yr
Juan Peralta	1 yr
William Rice	1 yr

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Charlotte McMurdie - SAR	12 yrs
James Osterholt	11 yrs
Mike Kennedy - SAR	7 yrs
Gary Thayer - SAR	7 yrs
Jesus Cervantes	4 yrs
Douglas Stacey	2 yrs

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

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO...

David Castanon	Nov 3
Noe Felix-Silva	Nov 4
Carlos Mora	Nov 4
John Rhoades - SAR	Nov 4
Salvador Salazar	Nov 5
Edward Soto	Nov 6
Heidi Donnelly	Nov 7
Joshua Peterson	Nov 7
Lorenzo Roque	Nov 7
Viviana Lorona	Nov 8
Marty Grosvenor	Nov 9
Deborah Byrd	Nov 10
Anna York	Nov 11
Shaun Rex - Posse	Nov 12
James Alexander	Nov 15
Edgar Guerrero	Nov 15
Henry Hernandez	Nov 18
Melissa Schwaderer	Nov 19
Kathleen Dipietri	Nov 20
Connie Hollins	Nov 20
Maribel Saenz	Nov 20
Jessie Murrieta	Nov 22
Sandra Pruitt	Nov 22
Maria Sarmiento	Nov 22
Santiago Palomino	Nov 23
Ron Voss	Nov 23
Matthew Hipp	Nov 24
Gary Urquhart	Nov 25
Todd Spanton	Nov 27



Jobs Well Done

Tim Black, Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, commended the **Yuma County Sheriff's Office** and **Deputies Guy Avenetti, Sonny Hixon** and **Tara Radliff**, for the help and support they received on September 30th while participating in an enforcement detail on several licensed establishments within the Yuma County Area. The deputies assisted with the enforcement of Title IV state statutes at liquor licensed establishments within Yuma. The joint cooperation between their investigators and the deputies led to a successful covert operation.

William Hanacik, Acting Regional Manager, DPS Western Regional

Crime Laboratory, commended **Deputy James Waddell** for his efforts in a recent investigation. The DPS Latent Print Unit recently positively identified an individual to latent prints which were developed and submitted to their lab for evaluation and comparison. This identification was

possible as a direct result of the successful latent print processing techniques used in this case. Deputy Waddell should be commended for his initiative and dedication in achieving these results.

Jerry Ball, Yuma County citizen, commended **Jessica Rodriguez** for the excellent treatment and customer service he received during his visit to the Sheriff's Office on October 10, 2008. Mr. Ball stated that Jessica was very professional, polite and courteous. She went out of her way to fulfill his needs.



More Bits & Pieces

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SCO Virginia Quiroz—Staff Member of the Quarter, Detention Bureau, Support Section.

Detention Officer Jessie Murrieta—Staff Member of the Quarter, Detention Bureau, Custody Section.

Paul Lerma—Volunteer of the Quarter for the Sheriff's Office.

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

Administration Bureau

Beatriz Sweeny
Frances Wright
Jerry Yeary

Detention Bureau-Support

Randy Beeler Kim Brooks
Sandra Galindo Jack Lehr
Viviana Lorona Anna York

Detention Bureau-Custody

Josephine Ayon-Martinez
Joshua Bermudez Blaine Blanton
David Castanon Ruben Covarrubias
Gustavo Gomez Edgar Guerrero
Eldee Harper Thomas Kramer
Marvin Melton Maria Sarmiento
Ricardo Villareal

Patrol Bureau

Scott Bjornstad Alan Herrera
August Parker Michelle Pilakowski
Al Whitney

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

Salvador Gutierrez, Detention Officer, 10/06

Juan Saenz, Jr., Detention Officer, 10/27

For Your Information

Halloween Candy Screening:



The Sheriff's Office will once again be conducting free Halloween candy screenings. The screenings will be available during the evening of Friday, October 31st from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the locations listed below:

Time: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Locations:

- Wal-Mart, Avenue B
- Wal-Mart, Pacific Avenue
- Wal-Mart, 32nd Street (Hwy 80)
- Fry's Food Store, Fortuna Road

Sheriff's Office volunteers will replace any candy and/or treats that are thrown out with a small bag of candy.



ADOT Highway Clean-Up

In October 2001, the Sheriff's Office applied to participate in the ADOT Adopt-A-Highway program. The portion of Highway 95 that we adopted is Milepost 53 through Milepost 55—the site of a fatal accident taking the life of a YCSO Deputy. Since this was before many of you came to join the Sheriff's Office family, I would like to give you a brief background as to why we continue to participate in this program.

On August 13, 2001 at approximately 2:25 p.m., the Yuma County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call stating there had been an accident involving a Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle at milepost 54 on U.S. Highway 95, north of Yuma. Emergency units responded to the scene where they discovered

that a single vehicle had traveled off the roadway and rolled over. At that time, the preliminary investigation indicated the vehicle left the roadway and turned over one and one-quarter times. The driver and sole occupant, **Senior Deputy Michael Meyer** was still seat-belted in his patrol vehicle when found by motorists who immediately called for assistance. Senior Deputy Meyer was pronounced dead at the accident scene.

Senior Deputy Meyer—the father of Detention Officer Jacob Meyer—had been employed by the Sheriff's Office for 4 years and was in charge of the Water Safety Division. Northern Yuma County was a regular patrol assignment for Deputy Meyer who was ever aware of the changing desert conditions. A heavy storm was blowing through the area and it was Senior Deputy Meyer's habit to check the washes and the roads for flooding and damage on such occasions.

That being said...to continue to honor the memory of Sr. Deputy Meyer, we clean up our portion of the adopted highway twice a year.



The Fall highway clean up is set for **Saturday, November 8, 2008**. We are looking for 15-20 volunteers to participate in the clean up. The Sheriff's Office will be providing lunch and drinks for everyone participating in the clean-up. We will also be providing transportation to and from the site for anyone who needs it.

If you would like to drive your POV to the site, the rally point is the

Border Patrol check point on Highway 95. Please be there no later than 9:30 a.m.

Following is the schedule for the event:

Saturday, November 8th

- 8:45 a.m. Depart YCSO to clean up site (for volunteers needing transportation)
- 12:00 p.m. Pizza lunch at the Foothills Substation

NOTE: If you are scheduled to work that day, you may participate if you obtain your supervisor's approval. If you are on days off, your participation will be strictly on a voluntary basis. **No comp time or overtime will be given.**

All first time volunteers participating must view a Safety video. Please get with Anna Lopez to make arrangements.

If you would like to participate in the clean up, please contact Anna Lopez via e-mail or at Ext. 1001.



100 Club Annual Drive

The 100 Club of Arizona is a benevolent, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation committed to "Standing Behind the Men and Women Who Stand Behind the Badge."



The mission of the 100 Club of Arizona is to provide financial assistance to officers or the families of

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public safety officers, correction officers, firefighters who are seriously injured or killed in the line-of-duty or who die while off duty, but while employed by a qualified agency and to provide resources to enhance their safety and welfare. The 100 Club also provides financial assistance to families of military personnel called to active duty while employed by a qualified public safety agency as an officer or firefighter.

The 100 Club of Arizona has expanded to offer additional support through the following programs:

- **Programs or Affiliates of the 100 Club:** Safety Enhancement Stipends (SES) Quarterly awards to qualified agencies to purchase equipment to enhance the safety of their officers/firefighters.
- **Professional Advisory Team (PAT):** Assistance to officers/firefighters and their families who suffer a life-altering event.
- **Helping Emergency Response Officer and Survivors (H.E.R.O.S):** Bringing community businesses and organization's resources together to address the needs of public safety family.
- **Wills for Heroes (WFH):** A partnership between the 100 Club of Arizona and WFH Foundation to provide free wills for first responders.

In December 2001, the Yuma County Sheriff's Office became a corporate member of the 100 Club. This also came about as a result of the loss of Sr. Deputy Michael Meyer. Being a corporate member qualifies Sheriff's

Office deputies and detention officers or their families to receive these benefits. Since becoming corporate members, the 100 Club provided financial assistance to the Meyer family and former Deputy Scott Martin (line of duty injury).

That being said...it's time once again for the annual fund drive. **Our goal is to collect \$500 by November 28th.** We are asking for your support by donating a minimum of \$1.00.

The coordinators will be conducting brief presentations regarding the 100 Club. The shift supervisors will be collecting the donations.

For further information or questions please contact any of the following coordinators:

Detention Bureau
Lt. Henry Hernandez at Ext. 1319

Patrol Bureau
Sgt. David Pospisil at Ext. 1204

Administration Bureau
Maritza Villarruel at Ext. 1011 or
Anna Lopez at Ext. 1001.

Thank you for your support!

3rd Annual Yuma Meth Summit

Date: November 14, 2008

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Place: Historic Yuma Theatre
254 S. Main St.
Yuma, AZ

Lunch & Beverages will be Available!
There will be Raffles and Door Prizes

For more information, please contact:
Event Coordinator Gretchen Thomas
at (928) 539-7824 or via e-mail at
Gretchen.Thomas@co.yuma.az.us

YCSO Training News

Local Training

The following classes will be available in the coming months:

Course Title	Sponsoring Agency	Hours	Date & Location	Confirmed to Attend
Response to Mental Illness & Developmental Disability	YPD	8 hrs	November 17, 2008 YPD Community Room	Burch, Sanders, Pilakowski
Collision Investigation Course	YCSO	24 hrs	November 17-19, 2008 Foothills Substation	Pesce, Milner, Clabaugh, Holland, Juvera, SMTN(3 slots)
Gang Training Conference	DHS	8 hrs	November 18, 2008 Cocopah Casino	Angulo, Frost, R.Garcia, & Bier
Mechanical Breaching	YPD	8 hrs	December 1, 2008 YPD Community Room B	Angulo, B.Garcia, Milner, Frost, & Pavlak
Response to Mental Illness & Developmental Disability	YPD	8 hrs	December 4, 2008 YPD Community Room	Spongross, R.Garcia, Lykins

Please remember, on several occasions slots are limited, therefore, as a common courtesy we must notify the hosting agency of any cancellations. In addition, please provide training with a copy of any certificates received so that your training records can be credited accordingly.



Professional Development

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

Deputy Joe Lykins attended a 16 hr. Basic Public Information Officer Course as presented by Arizona Government University/Prescott Police Department which took place in Prescott Valley, AZ.

Proficiency/Continuing Training

Sgt. Ron Voss, Cpl. Terry Owens, Cpl. Michael Knox, Sgt. Patrick James attended a 22.5 hr. First Line Supervision, Leadership and Management Skills class as presented by The Public Agency Council which took place in Las Vegas, NV.

Investigator Terra Radliff attended a 32 hr. Sex Crimes Investigation course as presented by AZPOST and took place in Flagstaff, AZ.

Investigator Sonny Hixon attended a 16 hr. Basic Crime Scene Investigation course as presented by AZPOST and took place in Phoenix, AZ.

Investigator Gabe Bier attended a 40 hr. Introduction to Crime Intelligence and Analysis course as presented by AZPOST and took place in Phoenix, AZ.

Major Leon Wilmot and Captain Mark Martinez attended a 16 hr. Management & Leadership Institute (1st out of 4 installments) course as presented by The Bob Ramsey Executive Education Program which took place in Phoenix, AZ.

Training Notes

PATROL & DETENTION STAFF: November will be CPR month. For those of you who require recertification, classes will take place November 12 & 19, 2008. Please contact training to sign up for a slot.

DETENTION PERSONNEL: American Correctional Association Correspondence Courses are available in the training office. Please contact the training office for further information.

PATROL SUPERVISORS: Please contact the training office should you need assistance in reviewing your squad's continuing/proficiency credit hours for 2008. Remember, certified peace officers are required to complete 8 hrs of continuing training each

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More Training News

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calendar year, and 8 hrs of proficiency training for every three year increment; failing to do so will result in revocation of certification as per AZPOST rules and regulations.

FYI: The Training office currently has an AZPOST DVD available for viewing which will credit 2 continuing training hours. The DVD is titled "Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide-Code 3 Officer Needs Assistance". Please contact training staff for more information.

NOTE: If you (supervisors/squads) have enough continuing credit hours for 2008, save viewing the DVD for January-September 2009. All AZPOST

videos are valid for one entire year after the original date of issuance.

Lt. David Reyes
Cristina Clark

Training & Educational Services

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 Sheriff's Office website at: www.yumacountysheriff.org

TESTING

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

Deputy Sheriff / Reserve Deputy Sheriff
Detention Officer

Date: Saturday, November 1st
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: YCSO Foothills Substation
13190 E. South Frontage Rd

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Bushmaster Varminter AR-15 rifle w/Leupold Mark IV long range tactical scope w/bullet drop compensator, bipod & 1- 5 round & 2 - 20 round magazines. \$1800

Collection of M-1 Garand Rifles, both WWII and Korean era, manufactured by Springfield Armory, Harrington and Richardson, and Winchester. Two of the rifles are collector grade and are all original. Interested collectors can contact Eben Bratcher at Ext. 1214 for pricing and detailed information on the many rifles available.

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

Weightlifting Station, like new, 200+ lbs. \$400

Station for pull-ups, push-ups and dips. \$80

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

Brand new Weslo Elliptical exercise machine w/digital display and cup holder. Very nice. \$75 firm. Contact Audrey Giles, Scanning Dept. Ext 1213

New soft leather laptop briefcase. Large and roomy w/ shoulder strap. Very nice. Great gift for student or professional. Paid \$120, will sell for \$60 firm. Must see. Contact Audrey Giles, Scanning Dept. Ext 1213

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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.

More Classifieds

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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 Avenue, located on 2nd Avenue between 5th and 6th Street. Rents for \$600/month (some pets are ok with landlord approval for additional \$25/month). Please call Jessica Rodriguez (Clerk II, Civil Department, Sheriff's Office) at 928-210-3940 to view or if you have questions.

HOME FOR SALE

1944 S. 47th Avenue, great family home or investment property, 1,316 sq. ft., split floor plan, 4 bedroom (large master), 2 full baths, 2 car garage, carpeted floors, dishwasher, garbage disposal, stove, washer/dryer hookup, fenced yard, underground sprinklers, front porch, landscaped, large back patio with ceiling fans, storage shed for \$164,900. Contact Noemi Robles at 580-0644.

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Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff..... Ralph E. Ogden
EditorAnna Lopez

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Anna.Lopez@co.yuma.az.us

Memos can be dropped off to Anna. For further information, call 783-4427, Ext. 1001.