



YESO Round-Up

Thank you

A Special Thank You:
Sherry Zimmerman found the following words that describe how she feels about the help we have given her:

Some people seem to specialize in doing thoughtful deeds. Before you ask, they understand your problems and your needs.

They help because they want to, They find joy in being kind and making others happy. Is the first thing on their minds.

They make this world a better place by practicing the art of reaching out to others and by giving from the heart.

Author Amanda Bradley

To all: Thank you so much more than words can ever say. All our love, The Z People - Sherry and Wayne Zimmerman

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From Mr. John Lamb (RUOK participant) to **Deputy Alan Herrera** for going to his house when he

was transported to the hospital on September 2nd. Mr. Lamb said that Deputy Herrera was the "greatest guy there is!"

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Customer Service Tip of the Month

"If a customer has been particularly difficult for you, ask yourself this: Do I need to take a break in order to be ready to serve customers for the rest of the day? If so, then make it so."

Bits & Pieces

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

- Erik Eidenschinck**, Security Control Officer, 9/02
- Lisa Rice**, Clerk II, 9/03
- Cesar Pacheco**, Security Control Officer, 9/08
- Joshua Peterson**, Deputy, 9/15

- Nathan Hunter**, Detention Officer, 9/22
- Jared Hardy**, Deputy, 9/29
- Pamela Steen-Kurtz**, Paralegal, 9/29

Congratulations to **Deputy Kelly Milner** on his graduation from the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) Class 48. The

graduation ceremony was held on September 7, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ.

Sherry and Wayne Update: Wayne is out of the hospital and he and Sherry are now at their new place. Wayne has follow up clinics all day for 4 days each

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No Body Expects the Worse, But...

by Lt. Darren Simmons

Working here at the Sheriff's Office we always hope for the best and rarely do we plan for the worst. Whether you work Patrol or Detention, things can happen at a moment's notice – leaving you injured and off the job for a time or even worse, end your law enforcement career. We like to think that we will never get hurt and we will always be able to take care of our families. Sometimes, this is not the case.

The department has a fund which is called the Carpenter Fund. The fund was established in 1986 after one of our own, Detention Officer David Carpenter, became ill and passed away. This fund is available to all YCSO personnel who may require assistance in times of need or family emergencies. The money from this fund comes from donations, fund raisers and charitable donations from employees within the Sheriff's Office.

This fund has helped Sheriff's Office people over the years to include:

- A staff member's family who received severe electrical burns and needed a lot of medical attention for their injuries.
- Funeral expenses for a staff member who lost family members with no insurance to help cover interment costs.
- Helped cover the cost of a staff member to fly back home for a parent who had suffered a fatal stroke.
- Helped a staff member whose home was destroyed by fire until insurance money could be obtained to help cover initial expenses.

This fund was recently used to help Wayne and Sherry Zimmerman with expenses involved in Wayne's heart and kidney transplant. The Zimmermans have incurred hundreds

of thousands of dollars in medical bills and expenses related to his transplant and with help from the department, we were able to pay some of these bills, help them move to a new place in Phoenix as well as buy the first 90 days of anti-rejection medication for Wayne. This was from help with the Carpenter Fund as well as other donations and fund raisers from within the department and from other organizations.

The fund is also used to cover expenses during the annual Christmas Luncheon to buy goodie bags for our children as well as commemorative watches for those officers who retire from the department.

So remember if you are approached by an employee selling a ticket for a fund raiser or you see a jar sitting around the office which says Carpenter Fund, you'll be helping someone in need and that someone may be you - so pitch in and let's make sure we are able to help our own.

More Bits & Pieces

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week—his Friday is usually free. I am not sure how we could have made all these appointments from Yuma, so this only reinforces the decision to relocate.

So far, so good. When the Sheriff and I saw them on the 19th of September, Wayne had just gotten home to see his new place. He is very appreciative of all the support we have given him and his wife—us standing by and supporting Sherry through this ordeal really means

a lot to him. He was overwhelmed when he saw their new place—Sherry and her sisters had unpacked most of the stuff from Yuma which has fit perfectly in the new place.

The family is reunited—Hoover has a little backyard so he can run around and Wayne said he plans on sitting on the back patio with his dog and getting better. Even Sherry seemed more relaxed.

Wayne and Sherry have a five year commitment to the transplant group

and they are already attending the meetings to support those already transplanted and to help the newcomers who are about to embark on this life-changing journey.

Wayne and Sherry have asked that I pass on their new address in Phoenix:

4549 E. Rosemonte Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85050

I can't thank you enough for helping these people.

Gretchen Thomas

Jobs Well Done

Mr. Harrison Atkins, Computer Tech II, Yuma County Information Technology Services, commended dispatcher **Debbie Harden** for her efficiency and commitment as displayed on September 9, 2008 and wrote the following to Debbie:

"I wanted to take a moment to write you in response to yesterday's incident that I called in about.

I can honestly tell you, that your absolute efficiency in handling my call was probably the sole reason why this situation was remedied as quickly and successfully as it was!

As a responsible pet-owner yourself, you understood the serious nature of my call concerning the "pack" of 2 pit bulls that were parading around our neighborhood, full of kids and residents who enjoy the ability to

be out-and-about on a late summer evening. Although these dogs did not overtly appear aggressive, it's an unfortunate reality that their pack-mentality and unknown nature could've posed an immediate danger to people and pets alike.

You took my call very seriously and professionally, and once disconnected from me, made the necessary contacts to the Humane Society of Yuma. Apparently, I was not the only caller to this situation, as the HSOY officer explained to



me. However, they had lost complete contact with these dogs and had been searching for them for quite some time.

Your efficiency in contacting the HSOY enabled them to reach me within minutes—literally! It was not much later than hanging up with you was HSOY contacting my cell phone and on-site with me (with the dogs) within minutes! It was truly an awesome display of professionalism and team work.

Moreover, it set the community (and myself—an avid walker!!) at ease with the successful capture of these dogs.

Again, please accept my sincerest appreciations for your unfettered commitment to this call (and your duties!) and your immediate response to my need for assistance!"

For Your Information

Sheriff's Posse Benefit Golf Tournament

The Yuma Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring a golf tournament to raise funds for the YCSO Benevolent Fund, AKA David Carpenter Fund.

The Carpenter fund was established in 1986 after Detention Officer David Carpenter became ill and passed away.



Officer Carpenter's family knew how much the Sheriff's Office meant to him and so they made a donation to build a memorial fountain which was located in front of the Sheriff's Office. The fountain was recently replaced by a memorial wall located inside the lobby of the Sheriff's Office main office. The remainder of the Carpenter family's donation was used to open a savings account thereby creating the David Carpenter Trust Fund.

The Carpenter Fund has provided assistance to many Sheriff's Office

employees and their families during their time of need such as a death in the family, help with medical expenses for grave illness, and loss of home due to fire. Wayne and Sherry Zimmerman were the most recent beneficiaries in their time of need.

All the proceeds from this golf tournament will go to the Carpenter Fund. We would invite all golfers to come out and participate in this worthwhile event.

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More Information

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Tournament Information

Date: Saturday, October 25th

Location: Mesa Del Sol Golf Course

Check In: 7:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 8:00 a.m.

Format: Four Person Scramble

Entry Fee: \$75 per person (includes lunch, soda, greens fees & cart)
Optional: Mulligans & Skins - \$40 per team (may be prepaid with entry fee or paid at time of tournament)

Four Person Team: Each team will consist of 4 players. If you do not enter a team, you will be placed with others to create a team.

Minimum team handicap is 50. No more than 1 player per team with 10 or less handicap.

Entry Deadline is October 10, 2008. Entries limited to the first 36 paid teams.

Please make checks payable to: **Yuma County Sheriff's Posse**

All Entry Fees are non-refundable. All monetary donations and entry fees are tax deductible.

Contact Anna Lopez at 928-782-2141 or Eric Driedger at 928-210-4230 for more information or pick up of Entry Form and Fees.

NOTE: The entry form is also available on the YCSO website under the Special Events page in PDF Fill-in format.

2nd Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair

Date: October 30, 2008

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 8:00 a.m. for registration)

Place: Yuma Civic Center

You are invited to join the Emergency Management offices of the City of Yuma and Yuma County along with the Yuma Area Safety Council, who will be hosting **FREE** classes on a variety of emergency preparedness topics.

- **Prepare to Serve!**

An employee whose family is prepared will be more likely to respond to the workplace and less distracted in their duties.

- **How to Handle Medical Emergencies**

Heart attack, stroke, sick customer...being prepared is the key to properly managing these urgent situations.

- **Safety and Security in the Workplace**

Nearly two million individuals become victims of workplace violence each year. Are you prepared?

- **Earthquake Preparedness**

Do you know what to do when the "Big One" hits?

- **Post Disaster Health Problems**

Learn of potential health problems post disaster and ways to prepare and survive.

- **How Your Schools Are Preparing for Emergencies**

Yuma schools are being proactive in their fight against school violence.

- **Fire Safety and Prevention Strategies**

Fire safety begins with you. Learn some simple techniques from certified Fire Inspectors.

- **And Many More!**

Visit display booths and talk to exhibitors from throughout Arizona.

NOTE: Volunteer **Patrick Cook** will be demonstrating the 72 hour kit

For questions, please contact Ellen Baxter, City of Yuma, at 373-4861 or Vanessa Valenzuela, Yuma County, at 782-1317.

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

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. Terra Radliff	AZPOST Certified
Basic Crime Scene Investigation	10/08-10/09/08	16 hrs	Confirmed – Inv. Sonny Hixon	AZPOST Certified
Introduction to Crime Intelligence & Analysis	10/20-10/24/08	40 hrs	Confirmed – Inv. Gabe Bier	*Knowledge of Basic Algebra
Physical Fitness Instructor	11/03-11/07/08	40 hrs	Confirmed – Deputy Kelly Milner	Must be an AZPOST Gen. Inst.
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 Eric 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 September 2008:

Administrative Manager Noemi Robles, Chief Civil Clerk Nidia Alavez, Legal Secretary II Claudia Garnica, & Clerk II Frances Wright attended a 10 hr. Private Process Server Continuing Education Seminar as presented by The Academy which took place at YCSO.

Clerk II Guadalupe Espinoza attended an 8 hr. Managing Multiple Priorities, Projects and Deadlines seminar as presented by Fred Pryor Seminars.

Technical Support Specialist Jerry Quintana & Computer Technician Daniel Dresden attended a 6 hr. ITS Summit which took place at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Sgt. Jennifer Jensen & Dispatch Communications Specialist Alfonso Zavala attended a 16 hr. ACJIS Train the Trainer meeting which was sponsored by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Chief Administrative Officer Matthew Catron & Computer Operations Supervisor Brenda Platt attended a 24 hr. National Association for Justice Information Systems seminar which took place in Las Vegas, NV.

Proficiency/Continuing Training

Major Leon Wilmot attended a 32 hr. Ethics and Management Simulation class as presented by Arizona State University which took place in Phoenix, AZ.

Lt. Jay Carlson attended a 40 hr. FBI Hazardous Devices Recertification school as presented by the FBI which took place in Huntsville, AL.

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More Training News

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Training Notes

We'd like to congratulate the following Sheriff's Office employees on completing the CPR Professional Rescuer Instructor course which took place over a 4 day training period provided by the American Red Cross:

- Deputy Adam Hass
- Detention Officer Rhiannon Benson
- Detention Officer Erik Cisneros
- Detention Officer Johannes Knies
- Detention Officer Jacob Meyer
- Detention Officer James Rochester

DETENTION PERSONNEL:

American Correctional Association Correspondence Courses are available

in the training office. Please contact the training office for further information.

*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, October 4th
Time: 7:00 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

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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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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

FOR RENT

2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, 950 sq. ft. All tile flooring, laundry room on site, small private courtyard in back, off-street private parking, water & trash included. On 3rd

Avenue between 5th & 6th Street. \$600/mth. Call Jessica Rodriguez in Civil Dept. at 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 \$185,000. Contact Noemi Robles at 580-0644.

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Yuma County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff..... Ralph E. Ogden
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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 at:

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