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Thank You

From Christina Ramirez—a big thank you to **Frances Marlow, Katie Knies, Janeen Pendleton, Margarita Garcia, Sandi Garcia** and **Angelica Chi** for all your hard work in catching up with accident report data entry and hard copy DC 1 data entry. These ladies entered 797 DC1s/accidents in the month of August plus all their other required duties. We are now doing these on a daily basis!

Now that is what we call team work!!

From Laurie D'Alessio, Miranda Ball and Veronica Vasquez (Warrants Dept)—to **Betty Mason**—Betty has helped tremendously in Warrants. She was out sick for a while and as soon as she came back she got right into the swing of things. She began filing, modifying and checking warrants. She managed to check a

whole stack of warrants and filed them, in addition to doing all the validations for the month—and there was a hefty stack! Betty is such a great help and we really appreciate all she does for us. We're so happy she's feeling better and back with us. She brings joy to the room.

From Sandra Pruitt—a big thank you to **Maricela Meza** and **SCO Jesse**

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Customer Service Tips

Etiquette basics like "Please" and "Thank You" are the grease that keeps your communication wheels turning. You have a chance to make a better impression and strengthen your relationship.

Bits & Pieces

Our Condolences To...

Sgt. Ron Voss and the **Mitchell** family on the loss of retired Captain and still long-time YCSO employee Robert "Bobby" Mitchell who passed away on Thursday, September 24th following a valiant fight against cancer. Bobby came to work at

the Sheriff's Office in July of 1979, starting in the jail as a dispatcher/jailer as was the practice some thirty years ago. Bobby promoted to the rank of Deputy and continued his law enforcement career, serving as a Boat Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Administration

and Detention Bureau Captain, and YCSO Pilot. Upon his retirement from the Public Safety Retirement System, he returned to work as a Senior Detention Officer, working at the Sheriff's Office warehouse. He is survived by his wife Lori,

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Honoring Those Who Have Come Before

By Lt. Darren Simmons

While working at the Sheriff's Office, I've seen a lot of people come and go over the years in every department. They have either moved on to other occupations or other departments. Some have spent their entire career with the Sheriff's Office and went on into retirement and some unfortunately we have lost way too soon in their lives.

With so many young officers in the department, many have not had the chance to meet or get to know the more seasoned veterans that are still with us. Look around you at the Patrol and Detention Officers that you work with. Don't just look at the old timers as ones that are getting close to retirement but as ones with years of knowledge and experience. Don't be afraid to walk

up and ask questions or get their input on something. Believe me they will gladly help you because they too have been in the same position as you just beginning your career.

Many of you knew Bobby Mitchell and that he worked at the warehouse but were you aware of his prior commitment to the department to include the Patrol Bureau or did you just learn about it when Major Wilmot put it out over the e-mail? Don't be afraid to attend a memorial service or go to a funeral just because you may not have known that officer. Remember, you go to honor his memory and his commitment to both the public and the department.

On October 10th the department will be hosting the Annual Gathering of the Badges at the Fair Grounds. If

you have never attended one of these gatherings, you are missing an opportunity of a life time if you are in Law Enforcement. This is a gathering of both current and retired officers from all departments, not just the Sheriff's Office. You hear stories both old and new and stories that you thought may have been fiction but end up hearing it again from the officers that were directly involved in the incident!

Attending these types of events is how traditions begin and therefore get carried on. If you do not attend or get involved, then traditions just fade away. If that happens we all lose--and that means all of us--officers working today and those who are still to follow.

“Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.”

George Edward Woodberry

More Thanks

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Butler for helping me with a major project that I have been working on. Without your help and great attitude, I would have been committed. Thanks again for being such a big help and with the new procedures, hopefully things will be much smoother.

From Noemi Robles to **Deputy Guillermo Garcia**—a big thank you for a job well done on Friday,

September 25th when he assisted the YCSO Civil Division with the service of a court order which turned out to be a prolonged incident. The subject was with his doctor and finally came out after having his arm put in a cast. Deputy Garcia stood by while the court order was explained and a second party was called to pick up a juvenile.

A big thank you to **Sgt. Jennifer Jensen** and **Maricela Meza** for all of their hard work in applying for the

SCAAP grant. Thanks to their efforts, the YCSO has been notified of an award to help defray the costs of housing criminal aliens. Great job ladies!

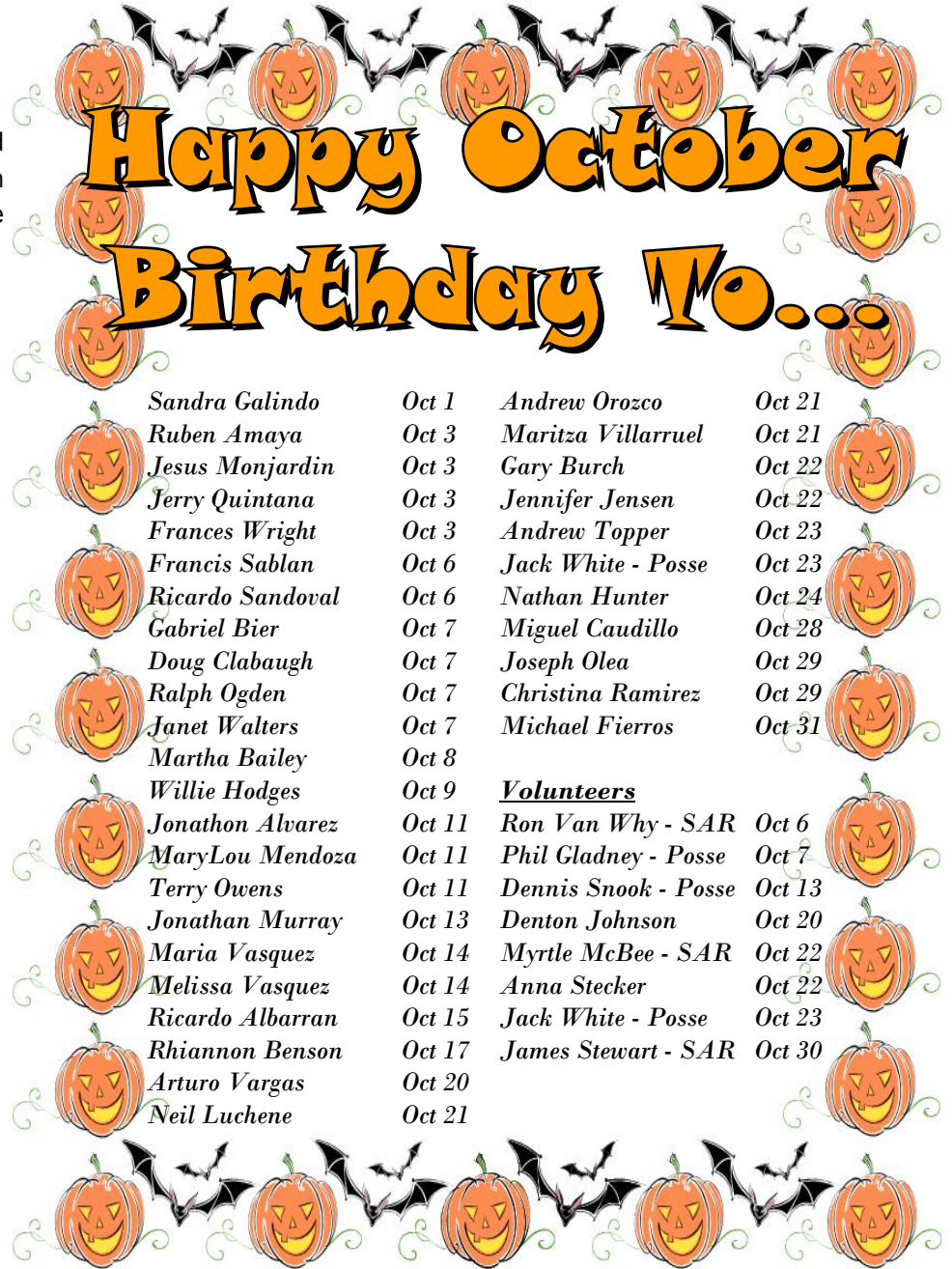
Anniversaries

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

Terry Owens	10/18	17 yrs
Renate Jones	10/13	12 yrs
Michael Knox	10/14	11 yrs
Enrique Martinez	10/13	11 yrs
Salvador Perez	10/18	11 yrs
Sandra Pruitt	10/05	11 yrs
MaryLou Mendoza	10/15	9 yrs
Gary Urquhart	10/06	9 yrs
Maria Vasquez	10/10	9 yrs
James Womack	10/02	9 yrs
Jason Amon	10/21	7 yrs
Sonny Hixon	10/21	7 yrs
Kelly Milner	10/28	7 yrs
Samuel Pavlak	10/15	7 yrs
Ricardo Fabian	10/19	5 yrs
Felipe Tremillo	10/18	4 yrs
Jonathon Alvarez	10/16	3 yrs
Blaine Blanton	10/11	3 yrs
Nydia Macias	10/23	3 yrs
Allen Nelson	10/16	3 yrs
Kelly Ruiz	10/24	3 yrs
Enrique Montoya	10/09	2 yrs
Edgar Murrillo	10/01	2 yrs
Arturo Ovideo	10/01	2 yrs
Salvador Gutierrez	10/06	1 yr
Melissa Johnston	10/07	1 yr
Juan Saenz, Jr.	10/27	1 yr

Volunteers

Gene Johnson - SAR	10/26	4 yrs
Charles Schickle	10/31	4 yrs
Joanne Schickle	10/31	4 yrs
Denton Johnson	10/31	3 yrs
Tom Safranek - SAR	10/07	3 yrs



<i>Sandra Galindo</i>	<i>Oct 1</i>	<i>Andrew Orozco</i>	<i>Oct 21</i>
<i>Ruben Amaya</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Maritza Villarruel</i>	<i>Oct 21</i>
<i>Jesus Monjardin</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Gary Burch</i>	<i>Oct 22</i>
<i>Jerry Quintana</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Jennifer Jensen</i>	<i>Oct 22</i>
<i>Frances Wright</i>	<i>Oct 3</i>	<i>Andrew Topper</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>
<i>Francis Sablan</i>	<i>Oct 6</i>	<i>Jack White - Posse</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>
<i>Ricardo Sandoval</i>	<i>Oct 6</i>	<i>Nathan Hunter</i>	<i>Oct 24</i>
<i>Gabriel Bier</i>	<i>Oct 7</i>	<i>Miguel Caudillo</i>	<i>Oct 28</i>
<i>Doug Clabaugh</i>	<i>Oct 7</i>	<i>Joseph Olea</i>	<i>Oct 29</i>
<i>Ralph Ogden</i>	<i>Oct 7</i>	<i>Christina Ramirez</i>	<i>Oct 29</i>
<i>Janet Walters</i>	<i>Oct 7</i>	<i>Michael Fierros</i>	<i>Oct 31</i>
<i>Martha Bailey</i>	<i>Oct 8</i>		
<i>Willie Hodges</i>	<i>Oct 9</i>	<u>Volunteers</u>	
<i>Jonathon Alvarez</i>	<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>Ron Van Why - SAR</i>	<i>Oct 6</i>
<i>MaryLou Mendoza</i>	<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>Phil Gladney - Posse</i>	<i>Oct 7</i>
<i>Terry Owens</i>	<i>Oct 11</i>	<i>Dennis Snook - Posse</i>	<i>Oct 13</i>
<i>Jonathan Murray</i>	<i>Oct 13</i>	<i>Denton Johnson</i>	<i>Oct 20</i>
<i>Maria Vasquez</i>	<i>Oct 14</i>	<i>Myrtle McBee - SAR</i>	<i>Oct 22</i>
<i>Melissa Vasquez</i>	<i>Oct 14</i>	<i>Anna Stecker</i>	<i>Oct 22</i>
<i>Ricardo Albarran</i>	<i>Oct 15</i>	<i>Jack White - Posse</i>	<i>Oct 23</i>
<i>Rhiannon Benson</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>James Stewart - SAR</i>	<i>Oct 30</i>
<i>Arturo Vargas</i>	<i>Oct 20</i>		
<i>Neil Luchene</i>	<i>Oct 21</i>		

Volunteers (contd.)

Richard Donato	10/22	1 yr
Deborah Wilks	10/22	1 yr

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

Jobs Well Done

A job well done to the following officers who participated in the YCSO honor guard and color guard for Robert “Bobby” Mitchell’s service.

Honor Guard: Sgt Frank Flores, FTO Alfredo Caro, FTO Felipe Tremillo, Detention Officers Noe Felix, Freddie Juarez, Juan Perez, William Rice and Richard Sweeny

Color Guard: FTO Wendell Walker, Detention Officers Joshua Bermudez, Blain Blanton, Matt Felix and Matthew Hipp

Casket Honor Guards

Detention Bureau: Detention Officers Jonathan Alvarez, Daniel

Andrade, Rhiannon Benson, Nicholas Danner, Luis De Leon, Michael Garcia, Willie Hodges, Donna Knolle, Gabriel Lorona, David McCormick, Enrique Martinez, and Enrique Montoya

Patrol: Deputies Ken Carver, Heidi Donnelly, Edgar Guerra, Michael Kofta, Jacob Meyer, Rolando Molina, Joseph Olea, Andrew Orozco and Andrew Topper

Additionally, below is the list of YPD personnel that participated in the funeral either as Honor Guard or Motor.

Motors: Sgt Torrin Fannin, Sgt Dan Wilkey, Master Patrol Officers Jerry Hamby and Russell Hartley, Officers Jeff Auricchio, Chris Huntley, and James Welch

Honor Guard: Sgt Clint Norred, Master Patrol Officer Eric Egan, and Officers Nate Dusek, Kevin Bynum, and Morgan Patterson

Everyone looked sharp and did an outstanding job representing their respective departments.



More Bits & Pieces

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daughter Renee and son Bobby Jr., a Tucson Police Officer, stepson Sgt. Ron Voss and stepdaughter Robyn Voss.



Congratulations to...

Jessica and Frankie Rodriguez on the birth of their son Tiago Francisco, born September 29, 2009. Baby Tiago weighed in at 8 lbs, 1 oz. and measured 21-½ inches long.



Corporal Philip Spongross, Deputy Michael Kofta and Deputy Todd Sutton were presented with Outstanding Achievement Life Saving Awards on September 2nd for their heroic actions on August

16th (Spongross & Kofta) and August 25th (Sutton). Their actions saved lives and property and were in the highest traditions of the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office.



Left to right: Cpl. Philip Spongross, Deputy Michael Kofta and Deputy Todd Sutton.

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

Joshua Bay, Detention Officer, 9/21

Macahan Corthell, Deputy, 9/21

Michael Fierros, Detention Officer, 9/21

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For Your Information

Gathering of the Badges

Just a reminder that this year's Gathering of the Badges is set for **Saturday, October 10, 2009**. As in the past, it will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

This year, our decorations and theme will be an island paradise—so wear your “flowery Hawaiian shirts”! On the menu will be tri tip, beans, cold slaw, tortillas, sodas, etc. Adult beverages will be available for adults.

This is a family event and is now an ALL HANDS, ALL AGENCIES BBQ—come out and meet your counterparts doing your job in other agencies. This invitation is open to retirees and current clerical, support staff, dispatch—anyone who supports the criminal justice system. We will have a jumpy-thing for the kids.

Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance this year because we ran out of food last year!

For tickets and information, please contact Gretchen Robinson at 928-539-7825 or via e-mail at gretchen.robinson@co.yuma.az.us

Champion City Run 2009 Half Marathon

Runners—on your mark, get set and go. Come run in the Champion City Run 2009 Half Marathon on **November 14, 2009!** Whether you're a power-walker, a walker, a runner or a four-man relay team, there is a place for you! Half of all the net proceeds from the Marathon will be donated to **Amberly's Place** of Yuma, supporting local victims of domestic violence. Run the distance and make a difference!

Date: Saturday, November 14th
 Time: 7:00 am
 Cost: \$65.00 due on or before 11/13/09

Register online at active.com or championchurch.org

For questions or more information, call 928-783-7574.

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 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 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

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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 or interoffice memo.

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More Information

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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.

That being said...we will be kicking off our annual fund drive on Monday, October 5th.

Our goal is to collect **\$500 by November 13th**. We are asking for your support by donating a minimum of \$1.00.

Also, you will receive a raffle ticket for every dollar you donate for a chance to win a \$50 gift card for Famous Dave’s.

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: Sgt. Heather Sudlow (Afternoon Shift)

Patrol Bureau: Sgt. David Pospisil at Ext. 3391

Administration Bureau: Claudia Garnica at Ext. 3008 or Anna Lopez at Ext. 3001.

Thank you for your support!

More Bits & Pieces

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Welcome Aboard (contd.)

David Rodriguez, Detention Officer, 9/21

Julian Acosta, Detention Officer, 9/28

Staff who I worked with and to all of my brothers and sisters. I will miss you all deeply and can not tell you how lucky I feel because I have been able to know so many of you. Good luck to you all and keep in touch. My heart will always be with you all.

graduating the end of October.

New Deputy Cadet **Ismael Jimenez** started the CARLOTA Academy September 13, 2009. We wish him success.



Academy News

Farewell from Susan L. Carr—After 20 years I will be retiring from the Sheriff’s Office. I just wanted to say thank you to all of the Programs

YCSO Deputy Cadets **Alvaro Curiel** and **Lisa Senkle** are attending the CARLOTA Academy and continue to be in good standing. They will be

More Training

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Lt. Henry Hernandez and **Medical Examiner Robert Vigil** attended the H1N1 Community Task Force Meeting on September 15th, hosted by the Yuma County Public Health Services District, in Yuma.

Proficiency & Continuing Training

Dispatchers **Summer Carr** and **Stephanie Schwartz** have completed the "Advanced Dispatcher Update" 3-day course from September 28th thru October 1st. The course was hosted by the Imperial County Sheriff's Office in El Centro, CA.

Christina Ramirez, **Detention Officer Blaine Blanton** and **Misty Evenson** started the Yuma County Supervisors Academy on September 23rd. The academy will run through June 23, 2010.

Deputy James Waddell completed the Remington Law Enforcement Field Armorer's School for Model 870 and Model 700 on September 11th. The school hosted by the San Bernardino Police Department in San Bernardino, CA.

Training Notes

NEW FORMS: Please be advised there are Two (2) new forms to be used for Training.

1. **New Travel Form.** Please make sure that you use the new form for your for Travel/Trainings. The old form was deleted and replaced on the P-Drive. If you are not sure which form you have, please call or email Cindy and she will make sure you have the correct version.
2. **New Training Roster.** It will be the Supervisor's and/or Instructor's duty to make sure this form is **complete** before submitting it to the Training Department.

Both of these forms are available on the P-drive in the "Training Forms" folder. These forms will help reduce paperwork and research time for the Training Department and Administrators.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Bushmaster AR-15 .223 rifle, free float quad rails, Eotech red dot sight, tactical light (surefire), custom grip, forward grip handle, 16" barrel. Great rifle. Never failed to qualify with it. Great condition. \$1,700 with everything. Contact Cpl. M. Knox at 928-246-6831.

3 Slate Olhausen pool table, all wood. Like new. Bought for \$3500+, asking \$1000 (includes cubes, balls, table cover and video). For questions contact DO Esteban Caudillo at 928-257-7079.

2004 Keystone Cougar, Model 245EFS, 26', one slide, roof A/C, ducted furnace, bath with tub/shower, laundry chute, lots of storage space. Asking \$15,000. For



more information, contact dispatcher Stephanie Schwartz.



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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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RENTALS

3 BR, 1 bath house. Unfurnished, wall to wall carpet, fenced yard. \$800/mth, \$500 deposit. Includes storage, washer/dryer, dishwasher, stove & refrigerator. Kitchen and bath recently remodeled. Central air/heat, Mastercool cooler. Mature landscaping. Located at 1402 S. 10th Avenue. No pets. If interested, contact Sharon Schroeder at 246-0982, between 8 AM and 8 PM.

Condo for rent/lease. 3 BR, 2 bath in the Four Palms at Avenue B and 3rd Street. Let's talk—price is negotiable. Contact Gretchen Robinson at 210-3990 or e-mail at : gthomas3990@roadrunner.com

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
