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2026 Dove Hunting Season

Location of Incident: Yuma County, AZ

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office would like to remind Yuma County residents that the 2026 Dove Hunting Season will open on Tuesday, September 1st at half hour before sunrise and runs through Tuesday, September 15th at sunset.

Below are some laws to remember when out hunting:

- **Prohibited areas:** Individuals are prohibited from hunting within all municipal and county parks and preserves, including the Yuma East Wetlands, West Wetlands Park, golf courses and airport properties.
- **Discharge firearm within 0.25 miles** - It is unlawful to discharge a firearm while taking wildlife within 1/4 mile of an occupied structure without permission of the owner or resident.
- **Shoot across roads** - No person may knowingly discharge any firearm or shoot any device upon, from, across, or into a maintained road or railway.
- **Trespassing** - A person may not trespass on private property for taking wildlife if that property is posted "No Hunting", "No Trespassing", or if a person is asked to leave by the owner.
- **Destroy crops or private property** – Individuals may not destroy growing crops, personal property, notices or signboards, or other improvements while hunting.
- **Littering** – Pack it in, trash left behind is unacceptable. This can include shotgun hulls and remnants of dead wildlife.

Violations of these laws can result in revocation of hunting privileges or criminal charges. Other restrictions apply to incorporated areas; hunters should always check with local jurisdictions.

For more information on State law and requirements, please visit the Arizona Game and Fish Department website at www.yumadovehunting.com.

If you have any questions or need additional information about dove hunting, please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Regional Office in Yuma at 9140 E. 28th Street, call (928) 342-0091.

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