

# Desert Horizon Precinct The Horizon's Edge

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## Commander's Corner "Make a difference"



Commander Harry Markley

A man is walking down a beach at midnight. He looks up ahead of him and far in the distance he sees a subject scurrying around. As he gets closer he notices the subject is a young boy who is hurriedly throwing starfish back into the ocean. The man, puzzled, stops and asks the boy, "What are you doing?" The boy responds, "All these starfish washed up onto the beach during the high tide and if I don't throw them back into the water, the sun will come up and they will all die. The man looks around and notices the beach is covered with starfish.

He tells the boy, "The beach is covered with thousands of starfish; you will never be able to throw them all back in the water before the sun comes back up. What difference do you think you can possibly make?" The boy pauses for a moment and ponders the question. He then looks at the starfish he is holding in his hand and he throws it back into the ocean stating, "It made a difference to that one."

It is an old story, but one that makes an important point. It is the responsibility of each of us to do our part to make a difference. This story also embodies my philosophy on police work. As police officers we come into contact with thousands of people everyday, but as a citizen, you may only come into contact with us 1 or 2 times in your lifetime. It is my hope that when you are contacted by a police officer they treat you with care and respect and they do their very best to make a difference. It is essential in any successful organization, be it a police department, or a neighborhood association, to articulate a common goal. Let's make the goal of 2012 to be to "Make a difference."

Thank you and as always, "Expect Results"

Harry S. Markley  
Commander, Desert Horizon Precinct

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# H o n o r P r i d e I n t e g r i t y

# Making a Difference in the Community by Officer Ken Angwin

This city wide inaugural program included students from all over the City of Phoenix with officers from all precincts being involved in the program. Even Santa Clause arrived in a helicopter dressed in his special blue Santa suit. Officers from your Desert Horizon Precinct reached out to members of our community in December by facilitating Shop with a Cop where four students from Arrowhead Elementary, Indian Bend Elementary and Vista Verde Middle School got to go on a shopping spree at Target .

Through donations from Target, Ranch Market, and PLEA twenty-four students were given a \$200 gift card, breakfast and an opportunity to purchase gifts for themselves and family members.

School Resource Officers Carla Anderson and Cathy Stark selected four students based on grades, attendance, and overall citizenship. This program is in the planning stages for next year with high hopes the number of students may possibly double based on fund raising.

Anyone interested in contributing to this very special program please contact PLEA charities at (602) 246-7869.

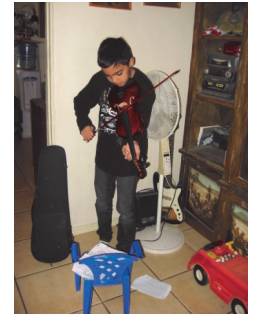


## Harter Aerospace and Phoenix Police make Christmas for local family by Officer Ken Angwin

Harter Aerospace has built a reputation of quality and commitment in the aerospace industry. This past December they decided to expand that commitment to raise the quality of life for a family that has met challenge after challenge with that same determination to build the best life possible. The Ramirez-Sandoval family had contact with our Child Help Detectives who in turn notified the precinct that their family was struggling and their Christmas was looking very bleak . Officer Debra Wehr contacted Harter Aerospace knowing they would not let this family go without Christmas.

The employees at Harter Aerospace including CEO Bill Hinski, Dawn Hayes and Dallin Pear went to work to provide the family with clothing, toys, and musical instruments as well as food. Officers from the Phoenix Police Department also provided a Christmas tree, space heaters, and other gifts for the family.

On the Friday before Christmas not a creature was stirring as Community Action Officers and employees from Harter Aerospace arrived to deliver a measure of Christmas joy. To a widowed mother of 5 children, seeing the kindness and generosity of total strangers' words were not needed to express her gratitude or appreciation.



During the visit, the well wishers were treated to a Christmas recital violin solo by one of the children who played very well for only being in band for one year.

Another one of the children when asked why she wasn't opening her gifts, responded, "I want to save them for Christmas." As a police officer or the president of a large aerospace company, seeing the face of a child light up at the thought of some presents under a tree is priceless.



# Operation P.R.I.M.R.O.S.E.

By Officer Ted Olsen

## What is PRIMROSE? Patrol Regularly Incarcerated Mendicants, Removal Of Street Encampments.

*I am the Street Criminal Enforcement Officer for the Desert Horizon Precinct. It is my responsibility to track and document any and all street criminal activities. This includes the handling of citizen-driven complaints and radio calls as well as forming partnerships with state, local and private entities; creating a strong base from which to tackle these issues and enforce the law.*

*The PRIMROSE program, started in 2008, was designed with the purpose of improving the quality of life for residents and business owners/employees of Phoenix. Additionally, it assists people who are living on the streets and are willing to utilize available resources to get back on their feet. Each individual we contact receives a handout filled with valuable and useful information. These handouts include phone numbers and addresses to types of assistance such as homeless shelters (transportation can be provided), daily meal locations, substance abuse centers, as well as educational and job assistance. Most of the people we contact who are living on the street choose not to use this helpful information we provide. Those individuals who choose to live on the streets of Phoenix and make the choice to commit crimes are the main target of the street criminal program. When contacted, they are informed about the PRIMROSE program concepts such as enhanced prosecution (entails up to 180 days in jail), probation periods lasting from 1-3 years, and travel restrictions, which make it crime to be within certain portions of the city.*

Before



After



*Street criminals are not just committing crimes, but also contribute to some of the blight or unsightly conditions we face within the City of Phoenix. These issues include the leaving behind of camp remnants and debris, garbage left in parks, human waste deposited in wash areas used for recreation, shopping carts left on sidewalks and strewn about, and the starting of camp fires in dry brush and heat sensitive areas to keep warm. All of these are hazards to the community and just plain eye sores.*

*As of today there have been over five hundred individuals living on the street who have been identified in the Desert Horizon area. Hundreds have been arrested and prosecuted, and a few dozen (repeat offenders) have been placed on travel restrictions and probation. Currently there are 7 street criminals on probation. In addition to my other duties, I also act as a probation officer for these individuals.*


# Upcoming Events

**Phoenix Neighborhood Patrols**  
 Training for PNP will be on the following Saturday dates:  
 January 28, 2012\* March 10, 2012\* May 12, 2012  
 July 14, 2012\* September 15, 2012\* November 3, 2012






## Citizens' Academy

Citizen Academy hosted by the Phoenix Police Department provides an opportunity for citizens to gain insight into the tools and techniques used by officers. Classes are held at the Academy where firearms, investigative techniques, tactics and radio procedures are covered just to name a few. For further information please contact Detective Luis Samudio at [luis.samudio@phoenix.gov](mailto:luis.samudio@phoenix.gov) or call Connie Tyler at 602-534-3006 in the Public Affairs Bureau.



## Central / North Phoenix Shred Event

Wednesday March 14, 2012  
 From 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Marketplace at Central Plaza  
 115 East Dunlap Avenue  
 Shred up to 5 boxes free plus electronics and RX drug take back


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 And on the Web at:  
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**February 15, 2012  
 March 21, 2012  
 April 18, 2012  
 8:00 am—9:00 am  
 The Eye Opener  
 524 West Hatcher Road**

# Community Action Officers

Sergeant Mike Dwyer (602) 534-1896

61 Area

62 Area

63 Area

Officer Titus

Officer Piazza

Officer Vaughn

(602) 534-1747

(602) 495-5634

(602) 534-7096

Officer Wehr

Officer Robles

Officer Young

(602) 534-0339

(602) 534-1745

(602) 534-0337

Crime Free Multi-Housing

Abatement/Liquor

Officer Jim Neverman (602) 534-1859

Det. Eric Breindl (602) 534-5141

## Important Number

Emergency

911

Non Emergency

Crime Stop

(602) 262-6151

Drug Complaint

Lines

63 Area (602) 534-1895

62 Area (602) 534-1893

61 Area (602) 534-7119

Graffiti Hot Line

(602) 263-7327

Barking Dog

(602) 262-6466

Speeding Vehicle

(602) 534-7733

Neighborhood

Services

(602) 262-7344

Graffiti Busters

(602) 495-7014

Illegal Dumping

(602) 262-7251

Public Records

(602) 534-1127

Poison Control

(602) 253-3334

Traffic Signals

(602) 262-6021

