

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN PRECINCT THE WESTERN SHIELD

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SHOP WITH A COP

The Estrella Mountain Precinct will be participating in three separate Shop With A Cop events, giving a total of 14 children from the precinct a chance to be involved with the program. Shop With A Cop is an event that several law enforcement agencies and organizations sponsor annually during the holiday season.

Shop With A Cop is an opportunity for children from families suffering economic hardship to get one-on-one Christmas experiences with police officers. The selected children will be picked up from their homes or their nearest police precinct and transported by a police officer to the store at which they will be shopping.

They will be served breakfast, and be eligible to participate in several free raffles for prizes. Then they will get a cart and their police officer will take them shopping. Each child will be given between \$100-\$200 dollars to spend on their Christmas shopping. After the event, the officers will return the child to their families.

The first Shop With A Cop event our precinct will participate in is hosted by the Police Officers of Scottsdale Association (POSA). This is the second year they have invited children from the Estrella Mountain Precinct to participate.

This year, the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) is sponsoring their inaugural Shop With A Cop event. Each precinct will be sending children to have breakfast and to go shop their designated officer.

Additionally Angels On Patrol, a non-profit organization founded by Phoenix Police Lieutenant Jacque MacConnell, is hosting A Shop With A Cop event and has asked children from the Estrella Mountain Precinct to participate.

All of these events will serve as a great opportunity for underprivileged children within the community to not only get to have a wonderful Christmas with their families, but also to get to have a positive personal interactions with a police officers.

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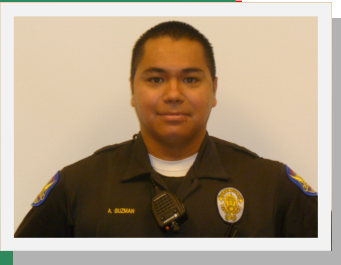
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Six officers in the Estrella Mountain Precinct Awarded the Lifesaving Award

Officer Alonzo Guzman #8351



On June 6th, 2011, Of-
ficer Guzman was dis-
patched to a radio call of
a man choking. When
Ofc. Guzman arrived on
scene he observed a man
seated in a chair, and his
face was blue. The man's
wife advised Ofc. Guz-
man her husband was
choking on some food.
Without hesitation, Ofc.
Guzman performed the
Heimlich maneuver on

the victim to expel
enough food to open his
airway, and allowing him
to breathe. Minutes lat-
er, the Fire Department
arrived. As they were
giving the victim oxygen
they asked him if he still
had anything else lodged
in his throat, he nodded
in affirmation. Immedi-
ately, a firefighter
grabbed one arm and
Ofc. Guzman the other,

lifting the man to a stand-
ing position. A second
firefighter got behind the
man and performed the
Heimlich maneuver a se-
cond time. This time the
blockage was fully dis-
lodged. Later, the fire
captain on scene stated
that Ofc. Guzman's ac-
tions most definitely con-
tributed to the saving of
the victim's life.

Dave Nicholson #7307, Patrick Justice #8901, & Peter Boyle #9229

On August 12th, 2001 Officer Justice, Boyle and Nicholson responded to a suicide call. The victim's daughter had called 911 suspecting her mother was attempting suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning in her garage. Officers were able to gain access to the house and immediately went into the garage to rescue the victim. The officers removed the victim from the car and the Fire Department arrived to treat her and the officers for carbon monoxide exposure. The Fire Captain said that only a few minutes more of carbon monoxide exposure and the victim would not have survived. He further stated that the officer placed themselves in danger by rescuing the victim from the garage filled with carbon monoxide. These officers willingly risked their own lives to help save the life of one of the citizens they serve.



Ofc. Nicholson



Ofc. Justice



Ofc. Boyle



Six Officers Awarded Lifesaving Medal

Officers Nicholas Gombar #9173 and Jeremiah Koshinski # 9182

On June 19th, 2011, Officers Gombar and Koshinski both assisted in an emergency radio call of a shooting that resulted in the shooting victim to crash his vehicle into two parked cars. The victim was still trapped in the vehicle, and both front doors were jammed shut as a result of the accident. The victim was also experiencing difficulty breathing. Ofc. Koshinski and other officers present were able to successfully extricate the victim from the vehicle. Ofc. Gombar arrived on scene, opened the victim's airway, while Ofc. Koshinski began chest compression until the Fire Department arrived. The victim survived his injuries thanks to all of the officers involved.



Ofc. Gombar



Ofc. Koshinski

Upcoming Events

Good Neighbor Program/Laveen

Southwest

Tuesday December 20th

6:15-8:30pm

Trailside Pointe Elementary

7275 W. Vineyard

Next Steps, Graduation, and Councilman Nowakow-



Coffee With A Cop

Thursday Jan 5th, 2012 5:30-7pm
YMCA, 3825 N. 67th Ave



BW & PNP

New Member Training

Sat Jan 28, 2012

7:30 am- 12 noon

Mountain View Precinct

2075 E Maryland Ave

Please RSVP to deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov

LaFamilia's Community

Parade and Festival

Sat Feb 25th, 2012

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Carl Hayden High School

3333 W. Roosevelt St

Important Numbers:

- ◊ **Police/Fire**
911
- ◊ **Crimestop:**
602-262-6151
- ◊ **Poison Control**
602-253-3334
- ◊ **Traffic Signal Malfunctioning**
602-262-6021
- ◊ **Public Records**
602-534-1127
- ◊ **Silent Witness**
480-948-6377
- ◊ **Graffiti Busters**
602-495-7014
- ◊ **Barking Dogs**
602-262-6466
- ◊ **Neighborhood Services Dept.**
602-262-7344
- ◊ **Illegal Dumping**
602-262-7251

City Council:

- ◊ **Mayor Phil Gordon**
602-262-7111
- ◊ **Tom Simplot-District 4**
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- ◊ **Claude Mattox-District 5**
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Websites:

- ◊ **Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board**
www.phxblockwatch.org
- ◊ **PNP Members**
www.pnpmembers.com
- ◊ **Estrella Mountain Precinct**
www.phoenix.gov/police/precincts/estrellamountain/index.html
- ◊ **Precinct Twitter**
www.twitter.com/300Precinct

Notable NET (Neighborhood Enforcement Team)



During the month of November, the officers of the 31X squad made 25 felony and 6 misdemeanor arrests. Six of the 31 total arrests were of members of a burglary crew that had been victimizing residents in the area. The 31X squad authored 5 search warrants throughout the month. They seized 25 pounds of marijuana, with a street value of \$100,000.00, and one pound of methamphetamine, with a street value of \$15,000.00. They also impounded 5 handguns, three of which were stolen.

On November 10th, the 32X Squad worked a silent witness tip of a serial armed robbery suspect, responsible for over 15 armed robberies throughout the City of Phoenix. Officers of the 32X squad followed up on the lead at a hotel in the area. The described suspect was located and surveillance was maintained. Upon seeing the suspect leaving the hotel, a traffic stop was done to confirm the suspect's identity and photos were obtained to conduct photo lineups. Robbery detectives were given the information and photos needed for the lineups. This instrumental information and identification led to the suspects being apprehended.

The 33X squad received follow-up information regarding second suspect in the theft from St. Vincent De Paul Thanksgiving turkey Drive at Food City. They apprehended the suspect in the theft and recovered some of the money stolen from the event. Officers from the 31 and 33X participated in a joint enforcement project with Avondale "CAT" squad to address ongoing criminal activity affecting both cities. While conducting surveillance, an officer from 33X squad observed suspicious activity at a mailbox store. Further investigation revealed a suspicious package. A Search warrant was authored and the package was found to contain 30 pounds of marijuana. The squad continued to search for the suspect and later they identified

****New Format for Block Watch/ PNP Training****

The class format has been modified, and the training will now be held from

8:00 am– 12 noon

At the Mountain View Precinct

2075 E. Maryland (between Glendale and Bethany Home)

Registration begins at 7:30 am

The Block Watch Advisory Board will still be providing coffee and light breakfast items

The following are the scheduled dates for 2012:

Sat Jan 28th

Sat July 14th

Sat Mar 10th

Sat Sept 15

Sat May 12th

Sat Nov 3rd

*Success is the sum of
small efforts, repeated
day in and day out.*

-Robert Collier

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What are some things I can do around the holidays to keep my home safe?

The Holiday Season is also prime burglary season as well; the burglars and thieves know that this is the time of year when our homes will be filled with gifts and new purchases.

Here are a few things you can do that may help keep your house off the burglar's radar:

- Don't advertise what you have in your house
- Don't place empty boxes outside your house that let thieves know what you have purchased
- When possible, unload your expensive purchases out of sight, inside your garage
- Refrain from leaving your blinds open to display your Christmas tree and gifts
- Don't allow door to door solicitors into you home
- Don't accept free home inspections, termite inspection, water testing, etc.
- Don't leave your garage door open unnecessarily and/or unattended
- Enhance the security of our home wherever possible; here are some suggestions:
 - ◇ Burglar Alarm System (with a loud siren)
 - ◇ Locks on all gates
 - ◇ Security doors
 - ◇ Additional locks on sliding doors
 - ◇ Dead bolt locks with reinforcement plates, and long screws in the strikers
 - ◇ Replace standard short hinge screws with long screws that go into the door framing
 - ◇ Install motion detector lighting
 - ◇ Install locks on garage doors
 - ◇ Remove the pull cord from garage door openers (Burglars can access this and get into your house)

~Stay safe and Happy Holidays!~