Cactus Park Precinct
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Fire hydrants are another thing most of us take for granted: however Phoenix Water Services and your Fire Department know that there are not many things that are more important for your safety than those 50,000 hydrants in Phoenix. We constantly test and repair hydrants to ensure they work properly.

In fact, our fire hydrant repair policy is just as aggressive as our leak repair program. We even flush the hydrants occasionally to test their volume and keep your tap water fresh. If the water sits a little too long in the water mains, it gets stale. So we flush that water to keep you safe.

Also, whenever we flush our water distribution lines, we do our best to make sure the water does not become a hazard in your neighborhood or on city streets. When possible, we direct the water into a storm drain or a sewer manhole, which helps keeps the storm and sewer systems flowing properly too.

Phoenix has two sewer systems. The sanitary sewer transports everything you use in your house down the drain and to wastewater treatment plants. The storm drain system starts at that cutout at the end of the street in the gutter and collects everything that runs across your roof, lawns and streets. The problem is it transports pollutants like trash, pesticides, fertilizer, oil and grease and delivers that untreated water to rivers, washes, catch basins and some areas that serve as local parks. Even leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain.

Storm water runoff is our most common cause of water pollution and it's caused by the daily activities of each of us. Phoenix maintains storm drains, outfalls and manholes, as well as works with businesses and homeowners. The city urges you to help prevent spreading storm water pollutants by recycling or properly disposing of household products that contain chemicals such as pesticides, paint, Insecticides, fertilizers, solvents and motor oil. Also, absorb liquid spills with an absorbent material such as kitty litter, sweep up spilled chemicals rather than washing them into the street, pick up after your pet and drain your pool properly.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/water
Avoid Clogged Sewer Lines

Regular old household grease and cooking oil are the biggest sources of clogged sewers. Clearing them in your sewer lines costs you money; and the cost of cleaning city sewer lines comes from your pocket too.

Remember - never pour grease down your drain. Sure, it's liquid when it goes down the drain, but once it cools, the grease hardens and sticks to the inside of your private sewer line or the city's sewer lines, and that's what causes a blockage.

The best thing to do with your grease is to let it cool, then scrape it into your trash bag. We're not just saying this to homeowners, we work with local businesses to make sure they are disposing of grease properly, too.

THE MONTHLY SLICK CLICK:
For all the information you would want to know about your city’s water and waste system...

Go to web site: http://phoenix.gov/waterservices/

When you need to backwash your pool filter or drain the pool, try to use the water to irrigate landscaping. Do not drain water into the street, alleyway or other City of Phoenix right-of-ways.

If you have or see a water emergency, such as a broken water main, fire hydrant, or water service line (between a water meter and the street), or you see water gushing from the middle of a street, please call 602-261-8000, 24-hours a day.
In an ongoing effort to bring the Phoenix Police Departments training material to the public in an ever evolving world of social media, PPD TV studio teamed up with The Communications Training bureau and filmed the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol training presentation. Janice Laird and the training staff, Cynthia Heydenreich and James Straker, presented the 911/crime stop and radio procedures as they apply to the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol. Rolyne McEvoy supervised the “taping” of the presentation in the Police Department’s studio and it will be edited and produced by Officer Brandon Epperson with Cactus Park Precinct.

Several presentations will be available in various formats including social media and DVD’s and other computer viewed formats. The Department is stepping up the public awareness of neighborhood programs in an effort to stimulate interest and participation. The Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol is just one of a number of programs where the public volunteers their time and efforts focusing on crime suppression and increased safety in their neighborhoods and schools.
June’s monthly district one breakfast was hosted by Martin Auto Museum, 17641 N. Black Canyon Highway. City Manager David Cavazos attended and the new Phoenix Police Chief, Daniel Garcia spoke of his plans for the Phoenix Police Department. Councilwoman Thelda Williams presented Mel Martin owner of the museum with his own honorary street sign. The museum will be closed for two months for some remodeling and will open in September. Councilwoman Thelda Williams recognized Commander Piña for his efforts in the past four years working to create a great Precinct. She introduced the new Commander, Chuck Miller.

The North Mountain Business Alliance held a community meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Over sixty people attended with representatives from many of the local businesses, Block Watch groups, Neighborhood Services, Councilman Gates’ office, Metro Center, and the Police Department.

Ken Kays from PING talked about their master plan and the improvements that have already been made. Metro Center’s new General Manager, Brent Meszaros, discussed upcoming changes for the mall and welcomed any suggestions for future events. An update on the City of Phoenix General Plan was given by Derek Horn and Joshua Bednarek.

Joseph Schneider from Morgan Chaney discussed crime prevention and the importance of “No Trespassing” signs. Officer Karen Freund followed up with information on Authority to Arrest forms, crime stats, and burglary prevention. The next Community Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 1951 W. North Lane at 11:30 a.m.

Who We Are:
Early in 2011 a number of area business and property owners started to work together in response to concerns with a City Planning issue. Many voiced concerns about the direction that our area appeared to be headed. These long standing residents appreciated the strategic location of the North Mountain Business Corridor in the Valley and each had a vested business interest in fighting signs of decline. The first community meeting brought over 60 people together with City officials and non profit resources.

With a newly energized group, this North Mountain Business Corridor (NMBC) Alliance is going to make a difference in this community.

Excerpt from NMBCA website-link listed above

Cactus Park Precinct Website: http://phoenix.gov/police/precincts/cactuspark/index.html
Detective Oscar Cortez appeared on Channel Eleven “On The Issues” program hosted by Councilwoman Thelda Williams on posting Illegal signs on the right-of-way. As a rule of thumb, the right-of-way includes streets, curbs, medians, traffic light, utility poles, and unimproved shoulders of streets up to private property and generally 2 1/2 feet beyond sidewalks. Placing signs in these areas is always illegal. A-frame signs are also illegal in the right-of-way which includes sidewalks and private property throughout Phoenix.

The sign ordinance allows police officers to cite businesses or individuals that might benefit from the illegally posted signs, even though they may not have actually placed the signs themselves. As always, individuals caught placing the signs in the right-of-way will be cited.

Business owners do have the right to attract customers and advertise by posting signs on his/her property as long as the owner has received the necessary sign permit from the Development Services Department. Permit applications are available by calling 602-495-0301.

**HOW CAN PRIVATE CITIZENS ADVERTISE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS?**

Perhaps the safest and best way to spread the word about your garage sale, lost dog or other personal message is to advertise in one of the many newspapers and publications available around the Valley. You can also seek to advertise on neighborhood grocery store bulletin boards or on the Internet. The show will run for a period of two weeks and will be available to watch on demand at phoenix.gov/11.

The show will also be available for sharing on the city's Facebook page (facebook.com/cityofphoenix) and YouTube Channel (youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz).
In March 2012, the merchant's located in the Northern Village Shopping Center at 2308-2350 W. Northern Avenue came together along with the Phoenix Police Department to establish the Northern Merchant's Association. Safe Business Detective Potts, Crime Free Multi Housing Officer Hal McCall, and Community Action Officers, Karen Freund, Dave Chambers and Karen Anderson attended the first Official meeting to offer their support and share their expertise in the different areas of Law Enforcement.

The merchants in this area have seen a recent uptake in crime along with the drop in the economy. Instead of standing by and watching criminal activity escalate, they are determined to take an active roll in fighting crime by establishing a Business Alliance. This has empowered the businesses and enabled them to work together along with the Phoenix Police in order to combat crime in the area. Their goal is to establish a strong coalition and a safe environment to encourage patrons to shop their businesses.

Dave Valdivia owner of Los Compadres Restaurant, invites local merchants to attend Dinner with a Cop this month.

**Farewell Commander Piña, Good luck in your new position!**

Cactus Park Precinct Resource Lieutenant presents a plaque from the officers and staff to Commander Piña.

Commander Benny Piña, Assistant Chief Jim Piña and Assistant Chief Blake McClelland address the guests at Commander’s farewell ceremony at Cactus Park Precinct.

Commander Benny Piña is awarded one of “his” t-shirts commemorating the 13 hour shift pilot program.
10-70-20 Program

10%
Non-Tolerant Residents that are involved
• Actively report crime occurring in their neighborhood
• Currently active or willing to be involved in a Crime Watch, Neighborhood Association, Volunteers In Patrol, or a crime reduction initiative

70%
Tolerant Residents that are not involved
• Tolerate crime in neighborhood due to the belief that the police are not going to do anything to reduce crime

20%
Criminal Element who are committing crimes

Put out the word,

Cactus Park Neighborhood Patrol

can change this!

Cactus Park Precinct Website: http://phoenix.gov/police/precincts/cactuspark/index.html
2012 Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol Training Calendar

- Saturday, January 28, 2012
- Saturday, March 10, 2012
- Saturday, May 12, 2012
- Saturday, July 14, 2012
- Saturday, September 15, 2012
- Saturday, November 3, 2012

2012 training will be held at the Mountain View Precinct community room located at 2075 E. Maryland Ave (between Glendale Ave & Bethany Home Rd).

Registration begins at 7:30 and class will last until approximately noon.

**RSVP** to Officer Deb Iodice at deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov or Officer Brian Kornegay at brian.kornegay@phoenix.gov

Seating is limited to 45 people.

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**Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board**

*In Partnership with the Phoenix Police Department*

P.O. Box 83826  Phoenix, AZ 85071

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### 2012 Calendar

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**Web site:** [www.phxblockwatch.org](http://www.phxblockwatch.org)  **Email:** contact@phxblockwatch.org

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**Cactus Park Community Alliance**

**July 25th**

American Royal Palace

1915 W. Thunderbird Rd.

6:45 P.M.

Speaker To Be Announced

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United Blood Services staff member Jenni, attends to Officer Joe Trujillo as he donates “BIG RED” (or blood that removes the red blood cells and returns the plasma).

Eighty percent of the blood donations given to the Red Cross are collected at mobile blood drives set up at community organizations, companies, high schools, colleges, places of worship or military installations. The remaining 20 percent are collected at fixed Red Cross donor centers.

United Blood Services donor bus at Cactus Park Precinct during the 2012 annual blood drive. The staff qualified and received blood donors from the officers and employees at Cactus Park Precinct. The supervisor Adam Jackson was pleased at the amount of “big red” donations. This is a highly useful blood donation and regarded as one of the targeted types of donation. Thank you to all the “heros” that took the time to donate. See you all back here next year.

Photo taken by back-up photographer Jennifer Rakes
UPCOMING PRECINCT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Coffee with a Cop:
Daddy O’s
4163 W. Thunderbird Rd.
602-298-9955
July 11th

Next Month’s CwaC is at Ronnie’s

2012 ADVANCED TRAINING
When: To Be Announced

BLOCK WATCH BASICS AND
PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD
PATROL
Citywide Trainings:
July 14th
2075 E. Maryland Ave.
7:30am. – Noon.

PNP Members Contact:
PNP Coordinator Brandon Epperson
brandon.epperson@phoenix.gov
602-534-0430

Community Groups Contact:
Your Community Action Officer
602-495-5009

Sign up to receive the Cactus Park
Precinct Newsletter
and other Event Announcements:

Email:
CPPCitizenInquiries.PPD@phoenix.gov

4163 W. Thunderbird Rd.
602.298.9955
Coffee with a Cop
July 11th.
08:00 am.

For Map
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Coffee with a Cop
@ Ronnie’s Cafe
4323 W Cactus Rd
Glendale, AZ 85304
(602) 548-5857
AUGUST 1st.
8:00am

Sign Sweep:
7 Volunteers
removed 212
illegally posted
signs.

Ronnie's Has
Expanded!
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**Community Action Officers**

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**West of I-17: Butler to Peoria**  
East of I-17 Butler to Dunlap  
92 North CAO Wade Niver  
602-534-6988  
Wade.Niver@phoenix.gov

**Missouri to Glendale,**  
South of Bethany: 1-17 to 43rd Ave.  
North of Bethany: 19th Ave. to 43rd Ave.  
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Mathew.Martinez@phoenix.gov

**92 South CAO Karen Anderson**  
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Karen.Anderson@phoenix.gov

**93 South CAO Karen Freund**  
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If there is something you would like to see, or to submit an article, contact the community programs coordinator, Brandon Epperson at brandon.epperson@phoenix.gov or 602-534-0430.

**Websites Keeping You Informed!**

Phoenix Police Department  
http://phoenix.gov/police/

Follow us on Twitter:  
www.twitter.com/900precinct  
www.twitter.com/PPDESPANOL

If you are not a user, sign up to “follow” us. You can click the little phone icon to make sure the “tweet” gets to your phone!

**WEBSITES KEEPING YOU INFORMED!**

Cactus Park Precinct Website:  
### Important Contact Numbers

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### TO REPORT GRAFFITI IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- **Graffiti Busters Removal Hotline**: 602-495-7014
  - [Graffiti.Busters.nsd@phoenix.gov](mailto:Graffiti.Busters.nsd@phoenix.gov)
- **Graffiti Vandal Reward Program**: 602-262-7327
- **Free Paint-tools-Paint Sprayers**: 602-495-0323
- **Illegal Dumping**: 602-262-7251
- **Vector Control (Green Pools)**: 602-506-6616
- **Neighborhood Services**: 602-534-8444
- **Poison Control**: 602-253-3334
- **Property Maintenance Violations**: 602-262-7844
- **Streetlights, Power Outages (APS)**: 602-371-7171
- **Trash Containers**: 602-262-7251
- **Liquor Complaints**: [liquor.task.force@phoenix.gov](mailto:liquor.task.force@phoenix.gov)
- **Blight Complaints**: [blight@phoenix.gov](mailto:blight@phoenix.gov)
- **Block Watch**: 602-495-0597
- **Crime Free Multi-Housing**: 602-495-6897
- **Fingerprinting (Public)**: 602-534-1127
- **Gang Hotline**: 602-534-4264
- **Violent Crimes Bureau**: 602-262-6141
- **Impound Property**: 602-261-8371
- **Police Chiefs Office**: 602-262-6747
- **Prisoner Booking Information**: 602-256-0322
- **Silent Witness**: 602-948-6377
- **Vehicle Impounds**: 602-262-7905
- **Records Information**: 602-534-1127