Partnerships: Councilman Nowakowski and Valenzuela Comments on $1.8 Million Cops Grant

"As chairman of the City Council Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee, one of my primary focuses is the continued fortification of our police department. While budgets remain tight, this $1.8 million COPS grant allows Chief Garcia to hire 15 new officers to continue growing his mission of community-based policing. This will ensure Phoenix remains a safe place to live and to raise our families. I would like to thank our dedicated staff for the hard work which led to our success with this grant – we have a long history of receiving vital support from the COPS office in D.C. and I am pleased this relationship remains strong today. I would like to thank Joshua Ederheimer, acting director of the COPS office, and his team, for believing, once again, in Phoenix, and for supporting the “Policing with a Purpose” mission of Police Chief Garcia. In fact, it was the Chief’s creative solution to combat business-related crime that led to additional funding. Through this process, the solid, positive reputation of our chief as a leader with a vision for the future of policing has been confirmed all the way to D.C. – I could not be more proud of our chief and city of Phoenix staff."

"This is a great day for the residents of Phoenix as we are now able to hire 15 additional police officers to serve and protect our neighborhoods and our schools. Each year, since taking office, I have traveled to D.C. to advocate on behalf of the people of Phoenix for federal funding to strengthen our public safety efforts. It is humbling to know that we received the maximum grant this year - $1.8 million - along with a micro grant to protect businesses from criminal activity. This level of investment is a strong show of support from the COPS office, and a blessing for our community. It has been nearly five years since we have had the funding to hire new police officers, and we were not scheduled to hire any new officers until 2015. I advocated in D.C. and here at home for an expedited hiring of additional officers. This year, we hired 11 new officers, funded through our city budget process. Now, thanks to the COPS office, we are able to hire 15 more. Now we will have 26 additional officers providing public safety for the residents of Phoenix. I will continue to advocate for additional officers as I believe public safety must remain our top priority."

Community Caring Officers: by Sgt. Terry Rowe

The attached correspondence was received in the Chief’s Office. Mr. Letzkus said he was in Phoenix approximately a month ago and his vehicle was broken into. He wanted to commend Officer Doug Dillard for his professional conduct while assisting him.

Mr. Letzkus was in town for a class reunion, he writes: “About a month ago my wife, a class mate and I visited Phoenix for a class reunion. The reunion went off fine; unfortunately our visit was marred by some low life who burglarized our vehicle.” Mr. Letzkus said that Officer Dillard softened an otherwise unpleasant situation, because he was caring, compassionate and very helpful. Officer Dillard’s compassion and professional manner is a great representation for the department and makes the whole city look good.
DEB Detective Campisano was able to establish probable cause and secured search warrants for three separate apartments in the 91 area for sales of dangerous drugs and sales of marijuana. Four SAU squads, along with the NET squads and CAOs from Cactus Park Precinct served the warrants simultaneously.

Located inside one of the apartments was methamphetamine packaged for sale, drug paraphernalia, and multiple large knives that are considered deadly weapons due to their design. One subject arrested was also a sex offender that had absconded in 2000. He had been using his brother’s ID to avoid detection for the last thirteen years. He had large amounts of adult movies in the apartment and was selling candy to the complex residents for extra money. Three food stamp cards were also located in the suspect’s possession. Additionally, a 15 year old female was located inside the apartment at the time the warrant was served.

A second individual was located in another apartment where marijuana packaged for sale and a semi-automatic hand gun was located and seized. The resident was booked for possession of marijuana for sale, weapons misconduct, and an outstanding $75,000 bond warrant for armed robbery out of Pinal County.

Special Assignment Unit and Neighborhood Enforcement Squads Serve Warrant

Cactus Park Precinct Sign Sweep

Barb Heller and Cindy Jones remove and discard illegally posted signs

Once a quarter Cactus Park Precinct CAOs team up with area residents and conduct a “sign sweep” of illegally posted, hung and otherwise attached signs. Woven into the sweep is an educational component. Officers hand out flyers and instruct violators on the proper procedures for advertising and signage.

The dates and times for sign sweeps are posted in the CPP Newsletter and can be published on the Cactus Park Precinct web page.

Cactus Park Precinct Website: http://phoenix.gov/police/precincts/cactuspark/index.html
Come join the growing number of block watch and neighborhood crime reduction groups at the 2013 Citywide GAIN Kick-off at METROCENTER MALL.

Various vendors will be on hand to show you how to put on your own G.A.I.N. event in your neighborhood. Phoenix Police Department and Fire Department will be there with information and tips to reduce your vulnerability to crime and help keep your community safe.

On-Line Registration form link

Get a G.A.I.N. T-Shirt!

Jennifer Rouse, Director for Estrella Mountain is handling the ordering for the G.A.I.N. T-SHIRTS - Her email is Jennifer.rouse@phxblockwatch.org.

If you are using grant funds for GAIN T-shirts/2013, the following pricing information will help. We will need to have your order in early so that the price remains the same for some sizes. If we can order in bulk, then the prices are lower.

The prices are actually lower than last year for the popular sizes. The prices for the 3XL and 4XL have increased. If you need larger than that, please add $1.50 to the prices below.

If you are using grant funds, PBWAB will provide you with a receipt for your quarterly report.

Small to XL = $10.00
2XL = $12.00
3XL & 4XL = $13.00

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Lt. Sapon and Community Action Officer Karen Freund speak to local residents about issues in their neighborhood over a cup of coffee and a donut at September’s Coffee with a Cop.

Metrocenter hosted and provided the food court area for the group of about 35 officers, city employees and residents to meet and chat.

The Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol program members displayed the new “A” frame sign recently purchased with a block watch grant.

Cactus Park Community Alliance Hosts CPP’s Crime Free Multi-housing Officer: Brian Kidney

Officer Brian Kidney moved to the Cactus Park area in 1978. He went to Moon Valley H.S. and later graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1993. Brian returned to Arizona and worked as a graphic designer for approximately seven years before pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Brian has been with the department for over 13 years. 11 of those years at Cactus Park Precinct. Brian was assigned to patrol in the 91 and 92 areas. He spent three years as a School Resource Officer, serving schools again in the 91 and 92 areas. He transferred to Desert Horizon Precinct for two years before returning to CPP as the Crime Free Multi-Housing Officer.

His goals as the Crime Free Multi-Housing Officer include: Increase the number of certified properties within the precinct, reduce calls for service at our apartment communities, increase public awareness about the CPTED and CFMH programs, and promote a positive relationship between the Cactus Park Precinct and our multi-housing communities.

Mikki Cardella’s 5th grade class at Las Brisas Elementary School decided to surprise Cactus Park Precinct officers with cards of appreciation and honor for a Social Studies class remembering September 11, 2001.

Each student handcrafted a thank you card and they were presented to the precinct. On behalf of the officers at Cactus Park and all over the nation, thank-you for your kind gesture and effort to display your appreciation and pride in your nation.

For more information about the Paint Phoenix Purple campaign, visit paintphoenixpurple.org.

If you or someone you know is in need of victim services, call the city's Family Advocacy Center at 602-534-2120 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

One in four women and one in five teens in Arizona will, experience domestic or dating violence in their lifetime. In October, the city of Phoenix will "Paint Phoenix Purple" in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Residents can show their support for this first-ever campaign with displays of purple. Displaying purple throughout the community sends a strong message that there is no place for domestic violence in our homes, neighborhoods, schools or workplaces.

You can install a purple light bulb on your porch, wear purple clothing on Fridays, tie a purple ribbon on your car antenna, etc. Together, we can raise awareness about domestic violence and its impact on families.

Teen devises program for “found” dogs

The Phoenix Police Department and the Cactus Park Precinct are honored to be the recipients of the kindness and hard work of Gia Gaio Lauro. Gia is a twelve year old who attends Cholla Middle School. She was reading the Cactus Park Precinct Newsletter and saw the article about Councilwoman Thelda Williams’ special project, the Phoenix Animal Cruelty Task Force. Gia decided to make it her goal to gather donations of items that would assist the officers at the precinct when they find lost or injured animals. She enlisted the aid of her classmates, friends, and relatives and collected five bags of blankets, towels, collars, and leashes. Our precinct has rescued at least five dogs in the last couple of months so these items will prove to be very valuable to the officers. Again, thank you Gia for your hard work and dedication!
Remembering September 11th

Officers Matt Martinez, Joe Trujillo and Karen Anderson were approached by Amanda Lingenfelter and her three daughters in the Washington park area. They presented roses to them and thanked them for their service to the community. Amanda, along with her three daughters, have been handing roses to firefighters and police officers since September 11, 2001, to show their gratitude towards the heroes who put their lives on the line daily.

Amanda and her girls wake up early the morning of 9/11 and head to a flower shop to pick up dozens of roses for their day-long journey flagging down police officers and firefighters down. They thank each one of them for their service. Matt, Karen and Joe were touched by the thoughtfulness and gift of appreciation.

FOP is open for Coffee with a Cop!

12851 N. 19 Avenue
(602)993-0230

October 2nd 08:00 am.

It’s a 200,600 & 900 thing!
### October Partnership Events

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**October**

**Oct. 2nd:** Coffee with a Cop  
F.O.P., 12851 N 19 Ave. (602) 993-0230  08:00 am.  

**Oct. 5th:** Citywide GAIN Kick-Off  
METROCENTER in front of Sears inside the Mall  
9617 N Metro Parkway, W.  
08:00 am.  

**Oct. 22nd:** Block Watch Advisory Board Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm  
Central City Precinct  
Marriott Phx. Airport  
1104 N. 44th. St.  

**Oct. 23rd:** CPCA/PNP  
Monthly Meeting, 6:45 pm  
American Royal Palace  
1915 W Thunderbird Rd.  

**Oct. 26th:** Prescription Drop-Off, at CPP front Parking lot; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  

**Nov 2nd:**  
PNP Certification Class  
2075 E Maryland Av  
07:30 am  

**Nov 6:** Coffee with a Cop  
Ronnie’s Cafe’; 8:00 am  

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**October 23rd; 6:45 pm.**  
American Royal Palace  
1915 W Thunderbird Rd.  
Off. Brandon Epperson  
*It’s a Matter of Perspective*

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Phoenix (Cactus Park) Neighborhood  
Patrol members contributed:  
1786 hours and 1705 miles; from 43 individuals, up to the end of August

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