I'm sorry to say that the year 2013 couldn't have ended in the worst way in our City, especially for the Phoenix Police Department. Central City Precinct Officer Scott Sefranka #8657, responded to an armed robbery that had just occurred. At the intersection of 56th St and Thomas Rd, he bravely engaged one of the suspects in attempt to take him into custody. Unfortunately, this suspect viciously resisted arrest, overpowered Scott, and shot both him and another man who tried to help, with his own duty weapon. Both men were critically wounded by the gunfire, and although Scott has been released to home, the other remains in critical condition at Scottsdale Osborn Hospital.

This is certainly a tragedy that leaves our community shaken. Sadly, there are people who use violence with complete disregard for life when perpetuating their crimes. Heroically, there are also people like Scott and the good Samaritan who are willing to do what they can to respond to stop them. I share the grief of this incident with all of you who have so staunchly supported our police department. Scott's heroism is representative of the work of the men and women of the Phoenix Police Department being done every day to keep our community safe.

Please remember these two "Community Heroes" in your prayers. We are very hopeful that they both make a full and speedy recovery. Thank you always for your support!

Officer Scott Sefranka

Louis Tovar, Commander
Central City Precinct
Central City Precinct Officers
Bring Christmas to
Hacienda de Los Angeles

On December 18th Officers from Central City Precinct joined officers from the South Mountain Precinct in providing a holiday to remember for the patients of the Hacienda De Los Angeles located at 1400 East South Mountain Avenue. Each patient had been adopted by precinct officers who purchased gifts with their own funds to provide some needed items to some deserving people.

_A cherished tradition that that lives on!_
On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 Officers from the Central City Precinct partnered with some very happy children from Shaw Elementary School for the Third Annual Citywide “Shop with A Cop” event held at the Target Store, 19th Avenue and Bethany Home Road. All made possible by some very generous contributions from PLEA Charities, Target, numerous community and business partners across the city and of course our Phoenix Police Officers. A special “Thank You” goes out to Sergeants Jared Lowe and Jeremy McClimans; Officers Maria Acosta, Franklin Marino, Kevin Wilson, David Davila, Josh Allen, and Shaw Elementary School Resource Officer Rene Ross for pairing with the children and helping them to purchase gifts for their families as well as for themselves. It was hard to tell who was having more fun, the children or our officers. The impact of this positive experience for these children will remain with them for a lifetime, and will go far to foster a stronger relationship with the law enforcement community, especially the Phoenix Police Department. Well done everyone!
November 2013 Employee of the Month

Officers Sean Muniz #8556 and Ruben Villa-Rodriguez #8668

On September 24, 2013 an armed suspect entered a Little Caesars Pizza, displayed a black semi-automatic handgun and demanded money from the cashier. This incident marked the beginning of a string of armed robberies, primarily targeting businesses in the Mountain View and Central City Precincts.

The suspect, along with his getaway driver, struck at least five more times through the course of the week, each time successfully evading apprehension. Despite the fact that the suspect was captured on surveillance video, investigators were unable to ascertain his identity.

On Thursday, September 26, 2013, Robbery investigators sent out a flyer to all department employees with a picture and description of the suspect vehicle. Officer Michael Strong #6634, of the Mountain View Precinct, immediately recalled running the license plate of a similar vehicle, with a passenger matching the general description of the suspect the night prior. Officer Strong was able to locate the out of state license plate, which came back to a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle. Officer Strong then responded to a Circle K Store where he last observed the vehicle and began reviewing the security footage from the day prior. Officer Strong quickly identified a subject matching the suspect description, entering and quickly leaving the store. This information was immediately shared with both Robbery Detectives and the Intelligence Action Center for further investigation.

On September 29, 2013, the 71X Neighborhood Enforcement Team and the Special Assignments Units conducted intensive patrol and surveillance in the area where the suspect had conducted numerous robberies. At this time, information regarding the surveillance and suspect vehicle information was shared with patrol officers from both the Central City and Mountain View Precincts. At approximately 1545 hours, the suspect, breaking with his previous patterns, conducted his final robbery at the Subway on West Cactus Road. Officers from both precincts were directed to conduct surveillance of freeway exits, since it was believed the suspect would return to the east side of the city.

At approximately 1600 hours, Officer Sean Muniz #8556 and Officer Ruben Villa-Rodriguez #8668, assigned to the Central City Precinct 51G Squad, observed the suspect vehicle exiting the 1-10 Freeway, heading northbound on North 7th Street. Officers Muniz and Villa-Rodriguez advised radio of their discovery and requested the appropriate resources to safely conduct the arrest. The actions of these officers focused, not only on the apprehension of two violent felons, but to do so while ensuring the safety of the community.

Inside the car, officers located clothing matching that worn in the robberies, along with a BB gun replica of a semi-automatic handgun. The suspect admitted to all of the Phoenix area robberies. As a result of this investigation the suspects were all tied to several additional robberies they committed in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

The Phoenix Police Department is guided by the philosophy, Policing with a Purpose, with a focus on efficient, effective policing practices. The teamwork displayed by Officers Strong, Muniz and Villa-Rodriguez are consistent with this philosophy and the highest standards of the Phoenix Police Department. Their actions are worthy of being named Central City Precinct's Officers of the Month, November 2013.

Note: Officer Strong is assigned to the Mountain View Precinct and has been recognized as well for his outstanding police work by his supervisors and command staff.

Louis Tovar, Commander
Central City Precinct
December 2013 Employee of the Month

Officers Jim Jarvis #6400, Paul Ohland #7167, Kevin Sakalas #7929, Jeff Jakemer #7455, Mike Thomas #7877, Darrell Magee #7489, Jimmy Wing #7858 and John Stewart #8215

On November 7, 2013 at 2115 hours, two juvenile male suspects robbed a subject of his cell phone at gun point while he was at the Light Rail located at 2411 East Washington. Both suspects fled eluding capture.

On December 5, 2013, Officer Jarvis received an email flyer from Robbery Detail describing the information of the armed robbery and immediately noticed one of the suspects resembled a subject known to him due to his distinct “bowl” hair style and the other as this known subjects brother. Officer Jarvis then presented this flyer to Officers Thomas and Magee. Both officers agreed the photos resembled the persons known to them due to the numerous contacts with them at their residence in the Duppa Villa Housing Project. Both are documented DVP Gang members.

On December 6, 2013, Officer Jarvis conducted a photo line-up and obtained Probable Cause to arrest one of the subjects for the armed robbery. The victim stated he had a causal conversation with the first suspect prior to the second suspect arriving and also pulling a gun on him.

On December 11, 2013, members of the 51X NET Squad assisted Gang Squad with several search warrants involving Duppa Villa Project (DVP) gang members wanted for aggravated assault and attempt homicide. Three key arrests were made. Detective Wilson drafted search warrants for these subjects addresses. Detectives seized numerous items of evidence including clothing used in the armed robbery, spent shell casing used in the armed robbery, live ammo, gloves and gang indicia. Most importantly, DNA was obtained from one subject linking him to an outstanding homicide from East Fillmore on November 1, 2013.

I would like to personally thank all the officers for their hard work, dedication, and ability to problem solve and remove these violent criminals from the streets. Their actions are worthy of being named Central City Precinct’s Officers of the Month, December 2013

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Louis Tovar, Commander
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Upcoming 2014 Meetings

- Wednesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m.
- Phoenix Airport Marriott
  1101 N. 44th Street

Come on out to meet with your Central City Precinct Community Action Officers and other precinct staff.

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**Citywide Block Watch Basics & Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol**

### 2014 Class Calendar

- Saturday, February 1, 2014
- Saturday, March 8, 2014
- Saturday, May 3, 2014
- Saturday, July 12, 2014
- Saturday, September 20, 2014
- Saturday, November 8, 2014

**Registration begins at 7:30a.m.**

Location: Mountain View Precinct Community Room

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