



Phoenix Police Department
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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

- Date/Time:** November 19th, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Location:** Phoenix Police Desert Horizon Precinct
16030 N 56th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
- Who:** Phoenix Police Department
St. Mary's Food Bank
- What:** Desert Horizon Precinct Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

(November 18, 2022) Here is another opportunity for our media partners to help get the word out about the most successful law enforcement turkey drive Phoenix has ever seen. The Phoenix Police Department is back to break its own record of 1151 turkeys in 2021. The community came out by the hundreds to support the cause last Thanksgiving, and this year we are hoping for an even bigger turnout. With the price of Thanksgiving dinner expected to reach an all-time high, members of the Phoenix Police Department's Desert Horizon Precinct want to make sure every family has all the traditional foods at their feast.

We are once again partnering with St. Mary's Food Bank in its effort to feed those in need. "Because of the Phoenix Police Department, we are going to be able to provide a turkey for every single family who gets in line," Lisa Notaro, the Chief Development and Marketing officer at St. Mary's Food Bank said during 2021's collection. The goal is to collect turkeys this November and donate them to St. Mary's Food Bank for their annual Thanksgiving food drive. Desert Horizon Precinct Commander Brian Issitt is leading the fundraising effort with some of the same tactics which made the drive successful in 2021. "We posted a lot on Nextdoor. All of our community groups came out in droves. Even my neighbors, I live in the precinct, so they all knew what was happening and I got a text or call every day," Commander Issitt said.

The Turkey Drive is currently off to a slow start and we understand that things may be tough this year, but this programs' success is relied upon by so many families and your support would be invaluable.

On Saturday November 19th, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Phoenix Police Department will be collecting turkeys from the community at the Desert Horizon Precinct. Acting Commander Jimenez will be available for video and sound opportunities (in English and Spanish) for members of the media wishing to help us get the word out about this turkey drive. We appreciate your support.

Please email me at robert.scherer@phoenix.gov if you are planning to attend.