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## VANTAGE POINT

*Robert C. Halliday, Director*

**T**his past Christmas morning, when many Arizona families were gathering around their trees, opening presents and enjoying time together, numerous DPS Officers missed out on those special holiday moments.

After all, these DPS Officers were either working the road that morning in order to ensure the safety of holiday travelers, or recovering from a late and demanding shift on Christmas Eve.

For those DPS Officers (and dispatchers) who worked on Christmas day and/or Christmas Eve this past holiday season, I salute you and your families for the sacrifices you made in the name of public safety.

It's not easy being a DPS Officer, or the family member of a DPS Officer, on Christmas, or at any point during the holidays for that matter.

While those in many other professions slow down and prepare to spend more time with their loved ones, DPS Officers have to gear up during the holidays for the most critical, demanding and dangerous work period of their year.

This has been especially true over the past few years, as our agency has become more and more shorthanded. Our inadequate staffing levels have forced DPS Officers to work more shifts during the holidays than they normally would.

So, instead of being in the warmth and comfort of their homes with family members, most DPS Officers end up in the last place most people would want to be during the holidays - just a few feet away from speeding cars and semi-trucks on the sides of Arizona's highways and freeways.

There are simply too many travelers



on the highways during the holidays, and too many impaired motorists who must be stopped before they end innocent lives. It is DPS Officers who face that harsh reality every year and must respond without mistakes to the challenges it presents.

Just as they did in past holiday seasons, DPS Officers wound up sacrificing their own

safety and comfort this holiday season in order to protect others from danger, all while leaving their own family members behind.

Then, at the end of their shifts, no matter what type of tragedy or emergency they may have had to respond to, these same DPS Officers were expected to come home to their families with a smile on their face.

Again, for the daunting challenges our DPS Officers faced and managed this past holiday season, I salute them.

By putting themselves in harms way when most people were at home with their families, they allowed others to fully enjoy the holiday season and everything it had to offer.

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## DPS may get its first full-service, centralized shooting facility

*The planned addition at Ben Avery would include classroom space and an on-site armory*

by Kellen Chavez, Digest Staff Writer

With the goal of creating DPS's first comprehensive, centralized shooting facility, which will simultaneously offer shooting services, weapon repair, maintenance and training classrooms, the Department hopes to complete construction on such an addition at its current location at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility by early 2013.

DPS Sgt. Jonathan Dover said, "We will maintain our main range which is 100 yards and can accept up to 25 students. We have also built an adjacent 300-yard range, which is not yet complete."

The planned addition will be a modern armory and training facility on the same range where we conduct live fire training."

"The new facility will have several classrooms. It will also have an armory for weapons repair and maintenance.

In addition, it's going to have cubicles and an office for DPS personnel along with ammunition storage and a weapons vault. We have partnered with Game and Fish who will house one of their own instructors/armorsers there as well."

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The new planned facility will also greatly benefit DPS officers when it comes to firearms training.

"We plan to use the facility to enhance our agency's ability to provide first-class firearms training courses. Currently, we conduct classroom training separately from range training and often have to ask the students to drive back and forth," Dover said.

With the new range facility, DPS firearms instructors can run a class and then go right next-door and start shooting.

"This will be a huge bonus and greatly enhance the training of DPS officers," Dover said. In addition to the expanded training opportunities and conveniences the facility will provide, Dover said it will also allow for open range days where officers can come out on their own to increase their shooting skills.

The final size and scope of the facility, however, won't be exactly known until various funding arrangements are finalized.



### ABOUT THE COVER

The stunning photo on the cover of this issue of *The Digest* was taken on Jan. 12, 2012 by DPS Marketing Specialist John C. James, Jr. The photo, which was taken shortly after 6 p.m., proves that freeway traffic can sometimes be a thing of beauty. The traffic in the photo is moving along the Broadway Curve on Interstate 10 in Tempe just minutes after sunset. Shown in the background of the photo is downtown Phoenix. At the Broadway Curve, the Interstate 10 freeway turns southward, with US 60 quickly splitting off to become its own freeway. James was granted access to a rugged butte near the freeway to capture the image and various others for use in future DPS projects. DPS Video Productions Supervisor Ruben Chavez was also granted access to the area and was able to capture video footage from the unique vantage point for use in future DPS projects.



Photos by Gary Keltz

In the photo above, DPS Maj. Larry Scarber (center) watches as tribal officials present him with a Pendleton "Man in the Maze" blanket for his extensive work with Indian Tribes in Arizona and within the U.S. In the bottom photo, Scarber holds a plaque he was also given by tribal officials for his extensive work with Indian Tribes.



## Maj. Larry Scarber receives significant honor for his work with Arizona tribes

Rare, highly cherished Native American blanket among the tokens of appreciation Scarber was recently given for his dedication to Arizona's Tribal Nations

**D**PS Maj. Larry Scarber received recognition at the Indian Country Intelligence Network (ICIN) awards ceremony on Dec. 6 in Phoenix.

Scarber, who oversees DPS's Southern Highway Patrol Bureau, was one of only two non-tribal members honored at the annual event.

The first honor he received was ICIN's Outstanding Exceptional Service Award for his work over the years as the DPS Tribal Liaison.

Additionally, Tohono O'odham Public Safety Director Edward Reina presented Scarber with a Pendleton "Man in the Maze" blanket at the event. The blanket, which represents a man's journey through life, was commissioned by the Tohono O'odham Nation and was the only one to be given out at this year's ceremony.

The cherished blanket was given to Scarber for his extensive, positive work over the years with Indian Tribes in Arizona and within the United States.

Lt. Colonel Dennis Young and Lt. Colonel James McGuffin attended the event to

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# Scarber . . .

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watch Scarber receive his recognition.

During a recent DPS Executive Staff meeting, Director Robert Halliday spoke about the significance of Scarber’s tribal recognition. Additionally, Halliday complimented Scarber on what a great representative he is of DPS as an agency liaison with the Indian Community.

Scarber initially started attending Indian Country Intelligence Network (ICIN) meetings in 2000, after learning about it while serving on an Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police Indian Relations subcommittee.

In 2002, he was voted in as a member of ICIN and has been attending regularly since that time.

Also in 2002, Scarber successfully petitioned former Director Dennis Garrett for permission to serve as a tribal liaison, a position that had not previously existed, and to represent DPS on the IACP Indian Country Section.

Former Director Roger Vanderpool renewed the assignment in 2005 and again in 2010, by Director Halliday.

Scarber said, “My primary goal has been to establish mutual aid agreements with Arizona’s Tribal Nations, since without such agreements our officers have no jurisdiction over Native Americans on trib-

al lands. I also try to resolve law enforcement issues between the Tribes and the State at the earliest opportunity and lowest level.”

Along with other ICIN members, Scarber has served as a subject matter expert for an Arizona POST video conference on Indian Country Jurisdictional issues while also assisting in rewriting the ICIN by-laws. For the IACP Indian Country Section, Scarber serves as the unofficial secretary in support of the IACP staff member assigned to the section.

In addition, Scarber has been on the Indian Country Officer of the Year selection committee for the past four years and assisted in rewriting the section bylaws.

## Four DPS Air Rescue members receive lifesaving awards *Recognition stems from an extended technical rescue operation in August*

On November 17, several members of the DPS Western and Central Air Rescue Units were recognized by the Coconino County Sheriff’s Office during a special awards ceremony in Flagstaff.

The ceremony was held to honor the rescue personnel who were involved in the extended technical rescue operation this past summer in Insomnia Canyon near Sedona.

Life Saving Awards were presented to 25 people at the event to include DPS Officer/Paramedic Dan Millon, DPS Officer/Paramedic Darren Winters and DPS Pilot Darrell Detty.

A Life Saving Award was also awarded posthumously to DPS Pilot Matt Uhl and was presented to his wife and children, who attended the ceremony. Also in attendance at the ceremony to support those getting awards was DPS Lt. Col. James McGuffin.

The extended technical rescue in Insomnia Canyon began on Aug. 13 when a Payson man lost control of a climbing rope and plummeted 140-feet down a rocky ledge. Miraculously, the man survived and the operation to rescue him and support the first responders working in the remote area extended into the next day.

It was described by many first responders as one of the toughest, most challenging rescues they had ever been a part of. It was successfully completed in extremely difficult terrain thanks in large part to the DPS Air Rescue crews.



**Darrell Detty**



**Dan Millon**



**Matt Uhl**  
*Posthumously Honored*



**Darren Winters**

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Michael  
Prochko



Stephen  
Reutter



Wayde  
Webb



Fred  
Zumbo

## Ten DPS supervisors graduate from prestigious police management course

The intensive, two-month course was put on by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety

Ten DPS supervisors, all sergeants and captains, graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) School of Police Staff and Command, Class #318, in early November.

Capt. William Beck, Sgt. Carlos Contreras, Sgt. Tim Duron, Capt. Daniel Golden (President), Capt. Stephen Harrison, Sgt. Dallas Luttrell, Capt. Michael Prochko, Sgt. Stephen Reutter, Capt. Wayde Webb and Capt. Fred Zumbo graduated from the intensive course that lasted just over two months from Aug. 29 to Nov. 4.

Thirty-four law enforcement officers from police departments statewide, and Utah, attended the course which was held in Phoenix.

The course focused on the study of management

theories, leadership, current issues in law enforcement and traffic enforcement, human resources administration, planning and analysis and resource allocation.

A requirement for the program was the development of a staff study.

Each DPS graduate researched, wrote and presented an intensive staff study on a topic applicable to today's law-enforcement environment.

The NUCPS, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2011, has graduated more than 10,000 law enforcement and safety professionals from around the world.

The university has earned a reputation as a global leader in law enforcement professional development and education.



**D**PS Highway Patrol Officers assigned to the Phoenix area responded to a severe collision involving two tanker trucks on Nov. 9. The collision, which created a fireball that soared up to 60 feet in the air, occurred at about 7:45 a.m. on Interstate 10 westbound at Chandler Boulevard.

The collision took place when a dairy tanker truck hit the rear of a fuel tanker truck during stop-and-go westbound traffic in rush hour.

Two of the four inner tanks on the fuel tanker truck were ruptured during the collision.

This rupture caused the trans-mix of 70 percent diesel fuel and 30 percent gasoline to spill.

Immediately thereafter, the trans-mix tanks exploded creating a noxious fireball with black smoke and yellow flames that could be seen from miles away.

As a result of the crash and subsequent explosion, the driver of the dairy truck was killed.

Due to the seriousness of the situation, incident command was started, which ultimately became a unified command with DPS, Phoenix PD, Chandler PD, Phoenix Fire, Tempe Fire, Chandler Fire, and ADOT.

All traffic in and around the incident was diverted from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following day.

# Tragic rush hour crash on Interstate 10

One person dies when a dairy tanker truck rear ends a fuel tanker truck causing a massive fire

**Major crash**



Shown above are just a few of those from DPS who participated in this year's AHPA sponsored Christmas Bear Program.

## DPS participates in Christmas Bear Program

*The AHPA sponsored program brought out the best in DPS employees*

In the days leading up to Christmas, DPS employees statewide participated in the annual Christmas Bear Program sponsored by the Arizona Highway Patrol Association (AHPA).

The program, now in its 18th year, continued to exemplify the outstanding dedication of DPS employees as they reached out to the injured, sick and those facing difficult circumstances during the holidays.

Started in 1993 by retired DPS Lt. Bernie Gazdzik at the University Medical Center in Tucson, the program has grown every year since its inception.

After Gazdzik's retirement from DPS, DPS Officer Ezekiel Zesiger took over the program and has recruited new area coordinators while taking steps to ensure the program not only continues to exist, but grows larger.

The program's main activity involves DPS personnel from throughout the agency visiting children and adults in medical care facilities to share the Christmas spirit through the giving of stuffed Teddy Bears.

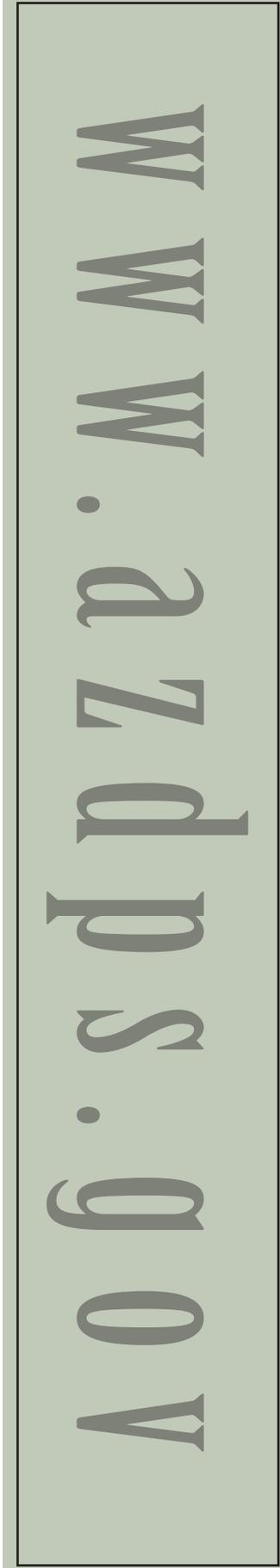
Uniformed officers give the bears away bedside, in hope of brightening the holiday season for ailing children, adults, and the elderly. Past participants have said that witnessing the faces of those who receive the gifts is all one needs to feel like they have made a difference.

This program also enables children to see police officers in a positive light, which can create a memory that can last forever.

During this year's program, the AHPA, through DPS employees, handed out over 2,100 bears at over 30 locations statewide.

Of the 30 locations, the majority were hospitals with the rest consisting of domestic violence shelters, hospice facilities, and a head start school on the Hopi Indian reservation.

DPS Director Robert Halliday and DPS Lt. Colonel James McGuffin were among the many DPS employees participating in the event this year. Both assisted with the delivery of Teddy Bears to children in east valley pediatric hospitals on Dec. 24.



## DPS traffic stop reveals 9,000 marijuana-laced candy bars

Just a few days prior to Christmas, a DPS canine officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Interstate 40 and discovered something very interesting inside - 9,000 marijuana-laced chocolate bars.

The driver of the vehicle, a 2008 U-haul truck, told the DPS officer upon being pulled over that he was moving from California to North Carolina.

The officer quickly observed numerous indicators of criminal activity and received consent to search the cargo area of the truck.

When the truck's driver opened the rear door of the U-haul to show its contents, the odor of raw marijuana was present.

A subsequent probable cause search revealed the 9,000 marijuana-laced chocolate bars.

The driver and passenger told the DPS officer that they had cooked and made the chocolate bars over the previous 10 days.

Tetrahydrocannabinol, the principal psychoactive constituent of the cannabis plant, had been extracted from the marijuana and cooked into the contraband. In total, there were 6,000 chocolate bars and 3,000 chocolate rice crispy bars in the U-haul.

Statements gained from interviews of the suspects indicated they were going to deliver the "treats" to New York, Pennsylvania

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## DPS Officer/Paramedic honored by rural fire department

*Recognition stems from the officer/paramedic's treatment of victims following I-10 dust storms*

On December 10, DPS Officer/Paramedic Philip Castellano of the Southern Air Rescue unit received an "Award of Merit" from the Avra Valley Fire Department for "exceptional achievement in the performance of duties and responsibilities."

Castellano received the honor for greatly assisting with the treatment of several accident victims during the multiple dust storm collisions that occurred in the Picacho Peak area during the past months.

Southern Air Rescue unit supervisor, Senior Pilot Stuart Anderson, and

Aviation Administrator, Rich Thacher, attended the ceremony along with members of Castellano's family.



**Philip Castellano**

### Cop Swap

For sale by original owner: 50th anniversary three-piece Arizona Highway Patrol commemorative set consisting of a Smith and Wesson .357 stainless revolver (badge no. 311), a Ruger Mini 14 .243 stainless rifle (badge no. 311) and a buck folding pocket knife (no badge number). BEST REASONABLE OFFER If interested, contact DPS Retiree Ed Short at 602-944-1212. Or send him an e-mail at edshort@sbcglobal.net

### NEW IN 2012

## Retirees can now obtain their permanent DPS personnel file

A full five-year post-retirement retention period must be met first



A pathway has been opened for sworn and civilian DPS retirees to request their permanent Personnel file once a full five year post-retirement retention period has been met. Formerly, files were destroyed after the State met its five year requirement to retain personnel records after the employee separated from service.

Currently, the Department retains an employee's personnel file until the end of the calendar year in which the employee retires plus two additional years when the file is shipped to State Archives where it is held for three more years. When that time period expires the file is destroyed.

Beginning January 2012 a retired employee who completely separated from DPS (did not become a civilian employee or become a civilian or sworn reserve immediately upon retirement) can request their permanent Personnel file through the DPS Records Custodian between January and March of the sixth calendar year post retirement. The first retirees who can request their file are those who retired in 2004, 2005 or 2006.

Starting now, and in subsequent years, retirees will be able to "snail-mail" (no emails or faxes) a request to the DPS Records Custodian between the months of January and March to preserve their file from destruction. As examples,

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## Personnel files . . .

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if an employee retired in June 2007 their file can be requested in January through March of 2013. For 2008 retirees, January through March of 2014 is their request date. Please do not send in a request prior to January of any year. The DIGEST will post notices in future editions as a reminder in years to come.

There is a nominal charge from Archives for file retrieval. Estimated cost to the requesting retiree will be less than twenty-five cents. If the file is mailed to the retiree the cost of Flat Rate Priority Mail postage will also be charged to the retiree. If the retiree chooses to pick the file up from the DPS Records Custodian there will be no mailing fee but the nominal fee charged by Archives will still apply.

To ensure privacy, no file will be given or mailed to any other person without the

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expressed written consent of the retiree.

Personnel files for employees who retired prior to 2004 have already been destroyed. However, because of DPS' retention policy, if a sworn retiree became a civilian employee or became a sworn or civilian reserve/volunteer immediately upon retirement their files should still be avail-

able under the same conditions as previously stated.

Here's how to request your file: If you retired in 2004, 2005 or 2006 and did not immediately become a DPS reserve/volunteer or become a civilian employee and would like your Personnel file, mail a sheet of paper with your name, ID number, current address and phone number, email address and year of retirement to AZDPS, POB 6638, Mail Drop 1200, Phoenix, AZ 85005. Do not send any money at this time.

The DPS Records Custodian will order your file and will contact you to arrange for personal pickup or mailing when the file is received from Archives. If the file is to be mailed, you will be advised of the final cost and a check or money order will be required. Should you have any questions, please contact either DPS Employee Terri Fuentes at 602.223.2702, or DPS Retiree Bob Mitchell at 602.206.4725.

## DPS employees embody the spirit of giving during holidays

*By participating in things like toy deliveries and toy drives, DPS employees created holiday smiles*

**T**he men and women of DPS were not shy this past holiday season when it came to giving back to their communities.

In addition to participating in the AH-PA-sponsored Christmas Bear Program, DPS employees were involved in a variety of other activities this past holiday season that brought smiles to the faces of the less fortunate, especially children.

Listed below are just a few of those activities (keep in mind that the list below is not comprehensive, but rather a sampling of the ways DPS employees gave back this holiday season):

### The spirit of giving

On December 16, DPS Officers assigned to District 3 in the far northeastern corner of the State assisted the Cortez, Colorado Police Department with their second annual Shop with a Cop program. This year's event saw double the children and additional law enforcement officers participating from various city, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the Four Corners area.

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On December 11, DPS personnel as-

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### Santa Claus in tan

DPS Highway Patrol Officer Brandon White (above) was a Santa Claus in tan this past holiday season when he delivered gifts from the W. Stephen Martin Police Toy Drive to a family in Buckeye. White was just one of hundreds of DPS Officers who helped bring smiles to the faces of young children this past holiday season through activities such as gift giving.

## Giving back . . .

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signed to District 9 participated in the Sierra Vista Police Department's Shop with a Cop program. Officers were paired up with children of all ages. They spent time with the children and were involved in helping the children experience the excitement and fun of shopping for their own present. About 75 children were selected for the popular event that was held at the local Target store.

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On December 21, DPS employees assigned to the agency's Operational Communications Center in Phoenix concluded their Christmas Angel charitable program with a special event. The event was a shopping spree at a Target department store to benefit their 19 "adopted" angels for this year's program. DPS employees raised \$950 for the shopping spree through bake sales, candy sales and donations.

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On December 20 and 21, DPS Officers assigned to District 4 delivered presents to senior citizens throughout La Paz County. The present drive was organized by KLPZ 1380 AM and the Parker Senior Center. This was the sixth year of DPS participation in the event.

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On December 12, 16 and 17, DPS Officers assigned to District 2, along with Flagstaff OPCOMM personnel, manned the booth for the Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Toy Drive. The booth was located at the Flagstaff Mall, and was available for citizens to drop off toys.

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On December 14, several DPS Officers assigned to the Phoenix area participated in a toy drive that was held by Anderson Elementary in Chandler. The students were asked to donate a wrapped gift for a child in need. A total of 220 gifts were collected and were taken by DPS Officers to St. Josephs Children's Hospital.

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On December 10, DPS Officers assigned to the Prescott area participated in the 14th Annual Shop with a Cop event sponsored by the Prescott Police Depart-

Photo by Jim Jertson



Just as he has done for more than 25 years, long-time radio personality W. Steven Martin (above) played a major role in helping DPS Officers give back to their communities this past holiday season. As the creator of the popular W. Steven Martin Police Toy Drive, Martin helps fill a warehouse with donated toys that DPS Officers and other cops can pick up and give to at-risk kids or children in need on Christmas.

ment. A total of 85 children were selected for the event and each was paired up with a participating officer. A total of 85 Officers, including the DPS personnel, participated in this program.

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On December 22, DPS personnel assigned to District 3 delivered Christmas presents to a foster home called the NAO-MI House. Prior to the delivery, the DPS personnel "adopted" the 30 children who are currently living at the facility. Most of the children living at the facility have been either physically or sexually abused. When the DPS personnel dropped off presents to the children, it brightened their day and presented police officers positively.

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Just prior to Christmas, several DPS Officers assigned to the Phoenix area participated in a Shop with a Cop Christmas

event and a Shop with a Cop Teen event in Scottsdale. Participating officers were paired with underprivileged children and teens for breakfast and a shopping spree. The shopping spree benefited the underprivileged children and was paid for by community donations.

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Just prior to Christmas, DPS Officers from throughout Arizona participated in the popular W. Steven Martin Police Toy Drive. Participating officers picked up donated toys from the Police Toy Drive warehouse and personally delivered them to children in need or in at-risk families. After more than 25 years in operation, the W. Steven Martin Police Toy Drive recently reached the three million mark of toys collected and distributed to Arizona children. The Toy Drive has been hailed as a wonderful program because it can change the way children view law enforcement.

# - Arizona-Mexico Commission (AMC) -

## DPS remains a key member of the AMC Security Committee

*The bi-national committee's busy year in 2011 included a visit to DPS headquarters*

by DPS Major David Denlinger

Although the Arizona Mexico Commission's (AMC) Security Committee has been in existence for years, the committee enjoyed its new status this year as an official committee tasked by the AMC. The committee has been active throughout 2011 with a variety of initiatives related to the AMC mission.

The primary stakeholders and members of the Security Committee include the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, and our counterparts in the state of Sonora, the Executive Secretariat of Public Safety and the State of Sonora Attorney General's Office. New participants this Fall are representatives from the Arizona Department of Corrections, and

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DPS Director Robert Halliday presents Mr. Ernesto Munro Palacio (left) with a small token of appreciation for helping make the Arizona Mexico Commission's (AMC) Security Committee an effective entity through bi-national cooperation. Palacio is Secretary of Public Safety for the State of Sonora.



Photos by Jim Jertson



Delegates from Sonora, Mexico who are part of the Arizona Mexico Commission's (AMC) Security Committee paused for this photo recently while visiting the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix.

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the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG). Committee members work on issues identified as priorities to improve public safety throughout the border region, and between the two states. The Border Security Committee meetings are considered “closed” meetings – not open to the public – to allow for discussion of sensitive law enforcement topics and issues.

In past years, the committee has partnered on agreements and initiatives such as the following: a partnership for the apprehension of fugitives from justice, a bi-national commitment to combat the trafficking of illegal drugs, a bi-national commitment to combat the illegal shipment of weapons from Arizona to Sonora and a bilateral commitment to combat human trafficking between Arizona and Sonora.

The initiatives worked on throughout 2011 include the development of bi-national law enforcement training, and improvement of information sharing systems between the two states and countries. Law enforcement training topics identified include criminal investigations, traffic stops and officer safety techniques, stolen vehicle identification and recovery and leadership development. Information sharing efforts include methods to identify Arizona’s stolen vehicles and wanted persons in Mexico.

In a new effort this year raised by the ten border states from both countries, the Arizona Department of Corrections is taking a leadership role in developing a system for notifying Sonoran authorities of inmates being released, that could face future deportation, so that Sonoran authorities can ensure that their own citizens aren’t at risk for a returning felon that may be wanted for crimes in Mexico. Arizona would be the first of the border states to develop this model, leading the way for the rest of our neighboring states.

The past year proved to be a busy and productive year for the “new” committee, with multiple meetings in both states. Committee delegates traveled to Hermosillo in September to review how law enforcement officers are selected, screened, and trained, and to review communications and information technology systems.

Sonora’s delegates were exposed to the same presentations during their recent

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Photos by Jim Jertson



Delegates from Sonora, Mexico who are part of the Arizona Mexico Commission’s (AMC) Security Committee are shown above visiting with DPS officials during their recent visit to the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix. One highlight of the group’s visit was a presentation given by Todd Griffith about the DPS Crime Laboratory System. The group also received a guided tour of the DPS Crime Laboratory in Phoenix.

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trip to Phoenix in October. During this trip, Sonora's delegates visited several places, including the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix where they visited with members of the agency's Executive Staff and received a tour of the DPS Crime Laboratory.

The Security Committee's members are anxious to continue to work together in 2012, improving our systems for the security of our citizens on both sides of the border.

### DPS Officer locates suspect who beat older man with club

*Incident occurred at a rest stop on Interstate 40*

On November 2, DPS Highway Patrol Officers were dispatched to a rest area on Interstate 40 east of Flagstaff to assist the Coconino County Sheriff's Office with a violent assault that had just occurred.

DPS officers were the first to arrive, finding a 60-year-old man severely injured from being beaten over the head with a club. The victim was assaulted during a robbery attempt moments earlier.

Once deputies arrived, a DPS Officer checked the area looking for the suspect. That DPS Officer eventually made his way over to the westbound rest area, finding a suspicious vehicle. He made contact with the two occupants who denied involvement in the assault. The officer continued to investigate, and found the jacket the suspect was said to be wearing in a trash container next to the suspicious car.

The officer again confronted the suspect and his girlfriend and discovered blood evidence on the suspect, who was an ex-con with a violent criminal past.

The club used to beat the victim was also found in the vehicle.

The officer took the suspect into custody, and the sheriff's office took disposition.



One team that participated in the trap shooting event is shown here. From left to right is DPS Director Robert Halliday, DPS Retiree Conrad Chavez, DPS Retiree Tom Clinkenbeard, Jeff Starr and DPS Retiree John Gantt.

### Recent shooting competition in Phoenix raised funds for the DPS History Museum

*Several DPS employees and retirees participated in event*

On November 10, 2011, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 held a "Cops n Clays" Trap Shoot event at the Ben Avery Trap Center to benefit the DPS History Museum project.

The event was organized by DPS retirees and Lodge 32 members R.T. Smith and Jim Bob Davis.

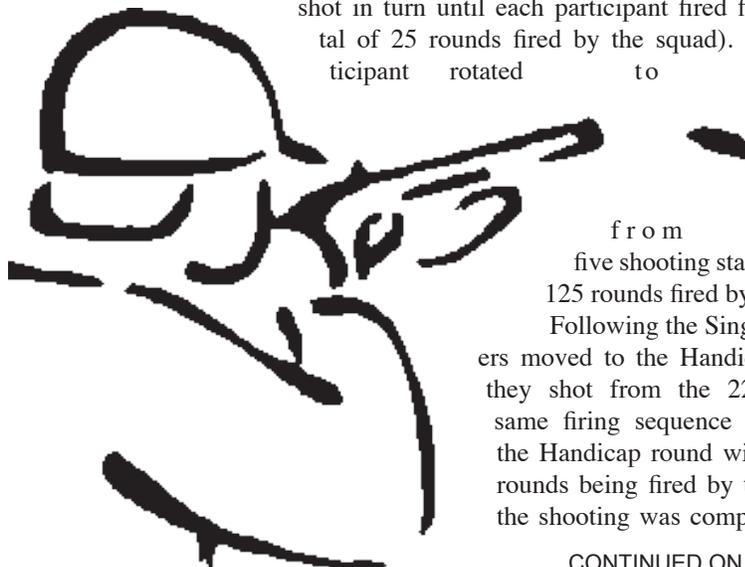
Some 34 shooters braved the cold morning conditions to shoot at a 4.3 inch round clay disk flying up and away from them at 42 miles per hour. There were two rounds of targets, the Singles and the Handicapped.

For folks unfamiliar with the sport of Trap Shooting, participants sign up in a squad of five shooters. For this event, at least three squad members must have been current or retired commissioned law enforcement officers.

In the Singles round, each squad member took one shot in turn until each participant fired five rounds (a total of 25 rounds fired by the squad). Then, each participant rotated to the shooting station to their right until each person shot from each of the five shooting stations for a total of 125 rounds fired by the squad.

Following the Singles round, shooters moved to the Handicap round where they shot from the 22-yard line. The same firing sequence was followed in the Handicap round with a total of 125 rounds being fired by the squad. Once the shooting was complete, scores were

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totalled and the finishing order was determined.

Some of the squads were comprised of experienced Trap shooters such as the one with DPS Director Robert Halliday, Jeff Starr, and DPS retirees Tom Clinkenbeard, John Gantt and Conrad Chavez. This team had a combined 168 hits out of 200 possible – the second best hit total.



Another squad included the DPS Highway Patrol road squad of Sgt. Ed McNeill with officers Rich Gear, Alan Platts, Tom Hughes and Kenny Ellis. They combined to hit a notable 144 clays for a fourth best total. The winning squad included DPS retirees Jim Bob Davis and R.T. Smith, along with Mark Williams, Jay Alderman and Steve Luech.

This squad had a combined hit total of 183 clays out of 200 possible.

Coming from Tucson were DPS retirees Mike Mc Fadden and Joseph Lopez. Phoenix area shooters included DPS officers Carri Stubblefield and Doug Briggs, MCSO Deputy Bill Coleman, and DPS retiree Claudia Schmitz.

Other participants were Game and Fish employees and friends and family of many of the shooters. FOPA Lodge 32 members Mary Smith and Jami Perry, along with Lodge 2 member JoAnn Collins assisted with check in, the raffle, and the 50/50 cash drawing (which Mike McFadden won).

Squads competed in one of four classes (A, B, C & D) and prizes were awarded to the top three shooters in each class. Classes are determined by combined scores from the 16 and 22 yards.

The A Class is the top level. The top shooters in each class were: A Class: Jeff Starr; B Class: Steve Luech; C Class: Rich Gear (DPS); D Class: Bill Coleman (MCSO).

Randall's Firearms & Accessories in Glendale provided a Ruger 10–22 Rifle for a raffle prize. The weapon was won by DPS Motor officer Neil Osborn.

Lunch was served by Famous Dave's BBQ and it proved to be mighty tasty for the participants after they had been out in the 60 degree weather shooting for a couple of hours.

FOP Lodge 32 plans to hold another "Cops n Clays" shoot possibly in April or May of 2012, on either a Saturday or Sunday. Keep your eyes and ears open if you would like to field a team and come out and compete in a fun event.



# Arizona Department of Public Safety



## Two DPS sergeants perform well in recent shooting competition

In early November, DPS Sgt. Jonathan Dover and DPS Sgt. Steve Shroufe performed extremely well during a three-day shooting competition in Mesa.

During the competition, which was called the Caspian Desert Classic Area 2 Championships, Shroufe competed in Limited Division as a Master Class Shooter and Dover competed in Open Division as a Master Class Shooter.



Dover

Shroufe finished 11th overall in his division out of 126 competitors. Dover finished 12th overall in his division out of 158 competitors.

Dover also came in second Master Class and took the High Law Enforcement honors.

There were about 440 total competitors at the event.

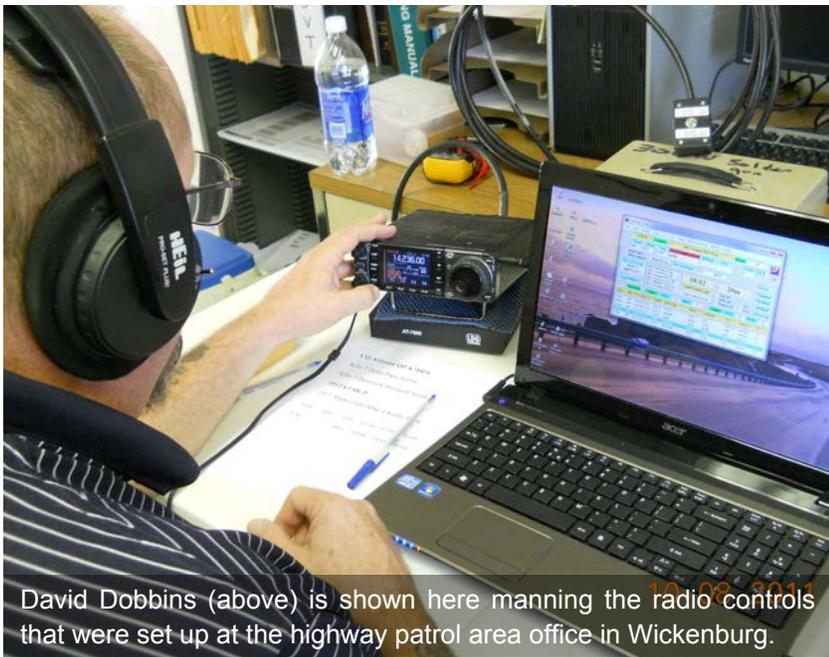
Both Dover and Shroufe are among the best shooters in the agency and are accustomed to participating in a variety of shooting competitions and events.



Shroufe



Paul Swietek (above) is shown here helping the DPS Amateur Radio Group broadcast from the Department's fundraising barbecue for Special Olympics.



David Dobbins (above) is shown here manning the radio controls that were set up at the highway patrol area office in Wickenburg.

The Arizona DPS Amateur Radio Group had a very active year in 2011. During the course of the year, the Group received official recognition from DPS Director Robert Halliday and also deployed to operate in three communications exercises and one special event.

The Group consists of DPS employees licensed as amateur radio operators who periodically gather while off duty to participate in amateur radio related communications exercises.

The participating Group members during 2011 were Paul Swietek (Research and Planning), John Jolly (Crime Lab), Jim Hoyt (Crime Victim Services), Davis Coughanour (Highway Patrol, Wickenburg), David Dobbins (OpComm, Tucson), Eric Landau (civilian reserve & DPS bagpiper), Scott Tillman (Wireless Systems), Johnette Ballinger (Information Technology), Dennis Betz (Information Technology), Ed Betz (retired), and Rick Tannehill (retired).

On April 1, 2011, Director Halliday officially recognized the Arizona DPS Amateur Radio Group as the Department's ambassadors for amateur radio. The Director stated in the recognition letter that he recognized that amateur radio operators provide valuable adjunct emergency communications services to local and federal government as well as humanitarian agencies.

The Director also recognized that amateur radio operators are an additional resource that the Department can draw upon as part of a comprehensive emergency communications platform and that amateur radio operators have a long and distinguished tradition of providing a bridge between peoples, societies, and countries by creating friendships and sharing ideas.

Later in April, the Group supported the Department's fundraising barbecue for Special Olympics. The Group broadcasted for three hours from the event, informing each person they

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# Amateur Radio takes off at DPS

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contacted about the Department’s championing of Special Olympics.

Additionally, the Group demonstrated their ability to deploy two communications stations under emergency conditions by utilizing portable, homebuilt antennas and battery/solar power that still allowed for 100 watts of transmitter power. The Group made contact with 64 other amateur radio stations, with the farthest station being located in Puerto Rico.

In May, the Group deployed to Apache Junction to operate in the 18-hour 7th Call Area exercise. Along with communicating by voice and Morse Code, the Group trained in operating a digital messaging mode.

The object of the exercise was to contact as many countries and states outside of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 7th call area and as many counties within the 7th call area as possible. The 7th call area consists of the states of Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

The Group combined to make more than 530 contacts, exceeding the prior year’s 400 contacts. The Group contacted 48 states and the countries of Canada, Italy, Spain, Costa Rica, and Madeira Island, all while only transmitting with 100 watts through basic antennas.

In June, the Group participated in the international Field Day emergency communications exercise sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the International Amateur Radio Union.

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Members of the DPS Amateur Radio Group (shown above at various events in 2011) are an additional resource that the Department can draw upon as part of a comprehensive emergency communications platform.

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The Group activated under the category of Two Transmitter–Emergency Operations Center (2F). The purpose of the exercise is to encourage emergency communications preparedness among amateur radio operators. It is typically the largest single emergency preparedness exercise in the United States.

This year over 39,000 amateur radio operators participated. Field Day had two purposes. The primary purpose was to demonstrate the Group’s ability to plan and maintain a 24-hour continuous operation under emergency operating conditions. The secondary purpose was to make as many contacts with other Field Day stations as possible.

Amateur radio groups and individuals typically deploy in two ways. The first way to deploy is to a field or city park operating on emergency power. The second way is to deploy to their local first responder’s emergency operations center.

The Group operated from the DPS Compound which can be linked to the DPS EOC by VHF radio. Through the use of voice, Morse Code, and digital messaging, the Group combined for over 730 contacts, contacting 47 states and the countries of Canada (50 percent of the provinces), Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Costa Rica. The Group used 100 watts of power through existing and temporary antennas mounted in the Compound.



### Operating time

The newest member of the DPS Amateur Radio Group, Officer Davis Coughanour (right), gets in some operating time at the radio exercise held at the highway patrol area office in Wickenburg.

According to the ARRL published results, the DPS Amateur Radio Group finished first for total contacts made by any Arizona emergency operations center in all categories and eleventh out of 74 nationally for total contacts made in the 2F category. The Group wishes to recognize operators Eric Landau and John Jolly who took on the challenge of conducting the overnight operations.

In October, the Group tested its ability to operate under emergency situations at a DPS area office by deploying to the Wickenburg Highway Patrol Area Office. This was to participate in the annual Arizona communications exercise.

In the Arizona exercise, stations around the world seek to make contact with only Arizona stations. This year, the exercise is part of the State’s official centennial activities and was amended to provide facts about Arizona.

For this exercise, the Group participated under the rarely used category of very low power at five watts or less. This very low power setting challenged the Group’s abilities in station design and operator skill/knowledge in technique and radio wave propagation predictions. Due to a watt meter error, some contacts were made using only one half of a watt!

The Group combined for 38 contacts

over six hours, which included 14 states and the countries of Canada, Argentina, Spain, and the rare South Pacific island of East Kiribati.

While we didn’t have high contact numbers, they were still very respectable in comparison to the less than five watt power setting.

The Group welcomed its newest member, Officer Davis Coughanour, who was able to get in some operating time on a second station under his personal call sign resulting in some prized contacts with Sweden and Finland amongst others.

The Group would like to give a special thank you to DPS Sgt. Michael Walters for allowing the Group to conduct its operations from within the Wickenburg area office.

DPS employees, retirees, and volunteers who hold an amateur radio license, are interested in becoming amateur radio operators, or that just want to learn about radio communications are welcome to meet up with the Group. The Group currently meets after regular work hours on the third Thursday of each month.

Amateur radio operators must be licensed by the FCC, the federal agency that regulates and enforces the amateur radio provisions under federal law.

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# DPS's 2011 Salsa Champions

Two new winners were crowned at the Department's annual Salsa Challenge event on Nov. 17 in Phoenix



**Gary Keltz**



**Gerry Sandoval**

**T**he Department held its annual Salsa Challenge at Phoenix Headquarters on Nov. 17 to the delight of employee appetites. There were a total of seven contestants, with two winners crowned.

The judge's choice winner, as determined by DPS employee judges Dennis Lusk, Dick Parkans and Donna Shields, was Photographic Specialist Gary Keltz. The people's choice winner for best salsa was DPS Officer Gerry Sandoval.

For his victory, Keltz received a Visa gift card and a SECC tote bag while Sandoval received an Avon gift basket, which was donated by Administrative Services Officer Vicki Watkins.

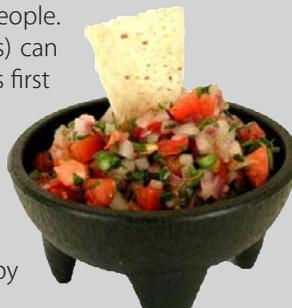
About 80 or so DPS employees attended the event that served as a SECC fundraiser for Hospice of the Valley.

In addition to the Salsa Challenge, the event served as a Mexican food feast with food provided by Juan's Mexican Food.

In addition, DPS Sgt. Stephen Enteman sold ice-cream cones with proceeds from those sales going to Phoenix Children's Hospital.

## The fascinating history of Salsa sauce

The history of Salsa sauce originated from the Inca people. Salsa (combination of chilies, tomatoes and other spices) can be traced to the Aztecs, Mayans and Incas. The Spaniards first encountered tomatoes after their conquest of Mexico in 1519-1521, which marked the beginning of the history of Salsa sauce. Aztec lords combined tomatoes with chili peppers, ground squash seeds and consumed them mainly as a condiment served on turkey, venison, lobster, and fish. This combination was subsequently called salsa by Alonso de Molina in 1571.



## Candy bars . . .

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nia and North Carolina. The candy chocolate bars are sold wholesale for about \$5.00 each.

By statute, any oil or derivative from the marijuana plant is cannabis which is considered a narcotic. In total, about 1,700 pounds of "treats" and \$1,323 in U.S. currency was seized by the DPS officer as a result of the stop.

The driver and passenger were booked into the Mohave Jail and the U-haul truck was returned to the company.



## Radio group . . .

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Amateur radio operators enjoy personal worldwide wireless communications as a hobby and as a service, in which they communicate with other radio amateurs for recreation, community support, emergency, and disaster communications.

If you are interested in hosting the Group for future activities or require more information, please contact DPS employees Jim Hoyt at 602-223-2414 or Paul Swietek at 602-223-2049.

## DPS Officer arrests woman later involved in attempted cop killing

*Officer also encountered male suspect later involved in the same incident*

While working the road near Sierra Vista recently, DPS Highway Patrol Officer Troy McCall had an encounter with two suspects who, just a few weeks later, reportedly ambushed two law enforcement officers in California during a robbery.

The two subjects, a male and a female, also stole a patrol vehicle during the incident and tried to run over one of the officers.

That officer fired and struck the male suspect who fled in the patrol vehicle. Both suspects were eventually arrested and are now facing serious charges in California related to the incident.

McCall stopped the female suspect involved in the incident just a few weeks earlier for a traffic violation on State Route 90 near Sierra Vista. He ended up arresting her for possession of stolen vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, criminal speed and driving with a revoked driver's license.

Interestingly, during McCall's traffic stop, the male suspect stopped on a motorcycle and attempted to distract him. McCall, however, was alert and quickly took control of the situation. The male suspect left the scene and McCall proceeded to arrest the female without incident. Both suspects are from Arizona.



Photo by Jim Jertson



DPS Director Robert Halliday reads a speech thanking W. Steven Martin (left) for his support of Arizona law enforcement over the years. After reading the speech, Halliday presented Martin with a DPS Commemorative Medallion.

## DPS honors W. Steven Martin for his unwavering support of law enforcement

*Agency also honored Martin for his work with toy drive*

by Jim Jertson, Publications Editor

Speaking in front of a large crowd at the W. Steven Martin Police Toy Drive kickoff event on Dec. 21, DPS Director Robert Halliday honored long-time radio personality W. Steven Martin for his unwavering support of Arizona's men and women in law enforcement.

In addition to personally thanking Martin for his support of Arizona law enforcement, Halliday also presented him with a DPS Commemorative Medallion as a token of appreciation for the positive role his annual Police Toy Drive plays in the community each year.

After more than 25 years in operation, the W. Steven Martin Police Toy Drive recently reached the three million mark of toys collected and distributed to Arizona children.

DPS Officers are among the many police officers from throughout Arizona that regularly participate in the popular Toy Drive by delivering donated toys to children in need or in at-risk families.

The Toy Drive has been hailed as a wonderful program because it can change the way children in at-risk families view law en-



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# DPS trains officers from other states during detail on I-10

The unique operation focused on commercial vehicle enforcement



A unique law enforcement operation took place on Thursday, Dec. 15, along Interstate 10 in Phoenix involving Highway Patrol Officers from DPS and their counterparts from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Idaho Highway Patrol (IHP).

Also involved in the operation, which focused on commercial vehicle traffic enforcement, were officers from several other agencies not generally associated with highway patrol work in Arizona, including the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the Arkansas Highway Patrol, and the Moapa Tribal Police in Nevada.

The purpose of the operation, which took place from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. near Interstate 10 and Warner road, was twofold.

First, it was designed to provide advanced training to officers in the specialized field of commercial vehicle enforcement. Twenty officers assigned to DPS's award-winning Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau provided the training with the assistance of CHP and IHP officers.

Secondly, the operation was meant to improve the overall safety of the motoring public on the interstate by having the Arizona DPS officers strictly enforce commercial vehicle laws and regulations. As part of their training, officers from the other agencies closely observed the Arizona DPS officers while they conducted their enforcement efforts that included traffic stops and commercial vehicle inspections.

A total of 33 commercial vehicles were stopped and

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# Martin . . .

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In addition to spearheading the Police Toy Drive, Martin has supported law enforcement in Arizona by using his celebrity status to champion the law enforcement profession. His work has raised awareness about the sacrifices police officers make in their effort to protect and serve the community.

In addition, Martin has invested a large amount of time making sure fallen Arizona law enforcement officers are properly honored and remembered through the creation and placement of adequate memorials.

Martin has been especially supportive of DPS through his long-time service as president of the DPS Family Support Group.

Through his leadership of this small, non-profit organization, he has helped provide DPS employees and their family members with financial and peer-counseling support at times of extraordinary loss and tragedy.

When considering the totality of everything Martin has done for Arizona law enforcement and DPS, Halliday felt compelled to recognize him through praise and the presentation of the DPS Commemorative Medallion.

It was fitting that Halliday recognized Martin at his own Toy Drive event because the recognition came as a surprise to Martin who, in the end, was very grateful and appreciative.

# DPS traffic stop results in discovery of credit card scheme

*Dozens of stolen credit card numbers found*

At about 11 a.m. on Nov. 14, a DPS Highway Patrol Officer stopped a 2011 GMC Denali on Interstate 10 north of Tucson for an equipment violation.

The DPS Officer observed indicators of criminal activity and asked the driver for permission to search the vehicle.

Consent to search the vehicle was granted and the subsequent search by the DPS Officer revealed 145 stolen credit cards numbers placed onto fake credit cards.

The driver admitted to buying the credit cards and using them to make illegal purchases. The cards were concealed inside a plastic bag underneath clothing.

# Annual Bob Martin mile cleanup event to be held on Feb. 11

The Robert K. "Bob" Martin memorial mile cleanup event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11.

If you are interested in participating, please show up at the Fort McDowell Casino Parking lot just off S.R. 87 between 8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. that morning.

Lunch and garbage bags will be provided. Long pants and adequate footwear is a must (no flip-flops). Pick-up sticks or garbage grabbers are encouraged.



Bob Martin

Photos by John C. James, Jr.



DPS personnel assigned to IIMPACT are shown here removing the marijuana seized at Phoenix residence on Dec. 13 from a truck so that it can be submitted to DPS Property and Evidence.

# Seized by the bale

DPS Detectives and others assigned to IIMPACT make a notable drug seizure during the course of a human smuggling investigation

On Tuesday, December 13, DPS Detectives and Detectives from other agencies assigned to the multi-agency Illegal Immigration Prevention and Apprehension Co-op Team (IIMPACT) served a search warrant at a residence located at 7936 W. Meadowbrook in Phoenix.

Inside of the home, detectives found bales of marijuana stacked inside a bathroom shower. They also found more marijuana concealed in two vehicles parked outside, bringing the total amount of marijuana found to 870 pounds.

There were a total of four people living in the residence, including one juvenile who is a Mexican national. Two people were arrested and booked on charges of possession of marijuana for sale.

Two other people residing in the home were found not be involved in the case and were turned over to the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The search warrant was part of an ongoing investigation by IIMPACT into human smuggling activities. Such investigations can sometimes lead IIMPACT detectives to drug trafficking operations in addition to human smuggling operations.

IIMPACT is a multi-agency project managed by GIITEM that is designed to “deter, disrupt and dismantle violent criminal organizations profiting from human smuggling.” In most IIMPACT cases, crimes of kidnapping, extortion, assault and human smuggling are prevalent. IIMPACT is comprised of investigators from the Phoenix Police Department, ICE and DPS.



## Todd Griffith retires from Department after 43 years of service

Todd Griffith retired from the Department on Dec. 30 after more than 43 years of service.

Griffith began his forensic science career on July 1, 1968, as a criminalist with the Narcotics Division of the Attorney General's Office prior to the laboratory's move to DPS a year later.

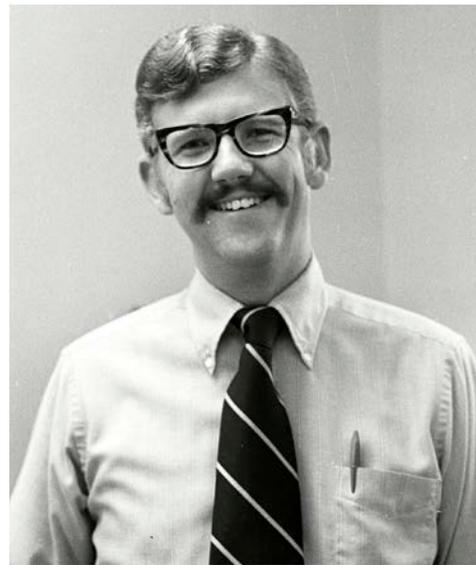
As one of the three original scientists hired by the state, he helped establish the role of the laboratory as the comprehensive forensic service provider for law enforcement agencies in Arizona.

In 1972, Griffith promoted to supervising criminalist where he managed several sections of the laboratory.

In 1989, he established the Eastern Regional Crime Laboratory and served as its regional manager.

Griffith returned to the Central Regional Crime Laboratory in 1990 as the assistant superintendent, serving in that capacity until he was promoted to the scientific analysis superintendent in 1996.

Griffith's career encompassed the history of the DPS Crime Laboratory and his leadership and forensic science expertise were instrumental in making the DPS Crime Laboratory one of the best in the nation.



### Over the years

Todd Griffith early in his career (left) and more recently (right).

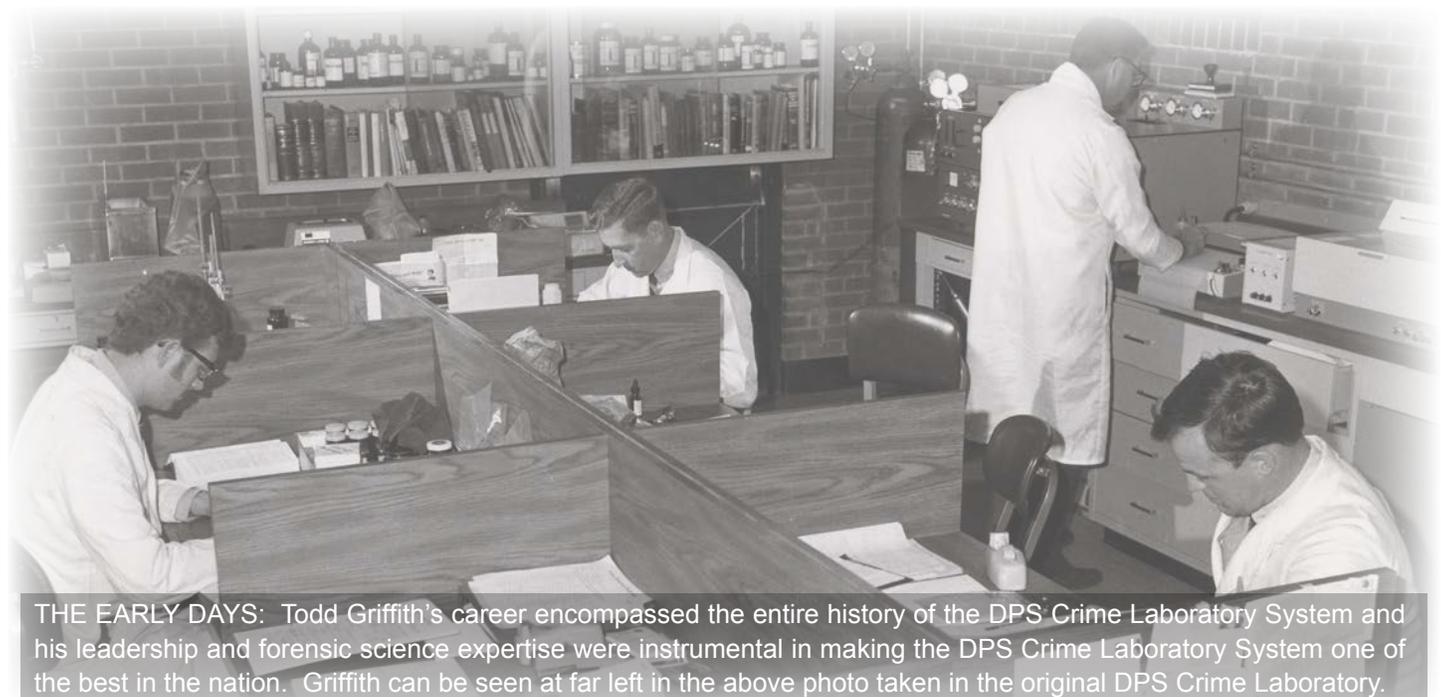
As a supervising criminalist, regional manager and superintendent, he oversaw the expansion of the laboratory system to four regional laboratories.

Griffith helped implement innovative services and legislation which kept the DPS Crime Laboratory at the forefront of the forensic science community.

Attaining the ASCLD/LAB accreditation, the establishment of the Drug Recognition Expert program and the imple-

mentation of DNA analysis are just a few examples of his efforts to provide cutting-edge forensic science services to the Arizona criminal justice community.

The numerous awards, accolades and Director's Unit Citations Griffith received over his career are a testament to the solid relationships the DPS Crime Laboratory System established with law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and the Arizona court system.



**THE EARLY DAYS:** Todd Griffith's career encompassed the entire history of the DPS Crime Laboratory System and his leadership and forensic science expertise were instrumental in making the DPS Crime Laboratory System one of the best in the nation. Griffith can be seen at far left in the above photo taken in the original DPS Crime Laboratory.

## James Gerard retires from DPS after nearly 35 years of service

James Gerard retired from DPS on Dec. 31 after serving the agency for nearly 35 years.

On Jan. 2, 1977, Gerard began his law enforcement career with the Department as a cadet officer. Upon graduation from the academy, he was assigned to Highway Patrol District 8, Tucson.

In 1979, Gerard transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division as an agent with a Tucson undercover narcotics squad. While assigned to a detail at the Tucson International Airport, he assisted in the seizure of an aircraft and the largest marijuana cache in the history of the Department at that time.

In 1982, he returned to the Highway Patrol, stationed at the Show Low District.

On Feb. 26, 1984, Gerard was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Highway Patrol District 2, Flagstaff.

As a sergeant, he served as a supervisor for the Metro Task Force, Special Investigations Unit and Special Operations Unit (SOU).

As an SOU Team Leader, he worked several enforcement details, including the Morenci Copper Mine Strike, man hunts for killers Ricky Bible and Danny Ray Horning and the warrant served on an Arizona's Hells Angel's president.

In 1989, Gerard returned to the Highway Patrol and supervised one of the worst traffic accidents in Arizona history when 58 vehicles collided due to fog and icy roads



### Over the years

James Gerard as a rookie officer (left) and more recently (right).

on I-40, east of Flagstaff.

On Oct. 28, 1990, Gerard promoted to lieutenant and briefly served in Human Resources before a reassignment as the SOU Commander. Nearly a year later, he accepted the role of Highway Patrol District 2 commander.

In September 1999, he became the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau (CVEB) District commander.

Gerard was involved in an injunction against local towing companies that were rigging bids to obtain state contracts and were eventually fined \$7.6 million for antitrust violations.

In March 2008, Gerard was incident

commander of another major weather-related collision on I-40, involving 100 vehicles, including 2 fatalities. He coordinated numerous community and statewide resources to reopen the interstate.

Gerard began his final assignment in April 2010 as the Criminal Investigations Bureau Northern District commander.

Among the numerous letters of appreciation and commendations, Gerard was formally recognized with several Director's Unit Citations.

Additionally, he served as president of the Four State Peace Officers Association and worked on the Citizens Against Substance Abuse Advisory Board.



Thompson Peak

## Groundbreaking takes place for new DPS communications site on Thompson Peak

Four plus years of planning and negotiations have finally concluded in groundbreaking for the new DPS communications site located atop Thompson Peak in the McDowell Mountains northeast of Phoenix. Construction of the site is being managed by the City of Mesa under an Intergovernmental Agreement allowing Mesa to house critical public safety communication equipment in the new DPS facility. The site will consist of a 24x24 foot building located under a four-legged, 160-foot communication tower. A new helipad will be installed during the construction of the site. The City of Mesa and DPS agreed to share the costs of the site. The arrangement provides DPS with significant cost savings.

## Iven Wooten retires from Department after 31 years of service

Iven Wooten retired from DPS on Nov. 15 after serving with the agency for 31 years.

After serving 20 years in the United States Air Force, Wooten began a new career as a cadet officer with the Arizona Department of Public Safety on Nov. 12, 1980.

After graduating from the Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA), he completed his field training at the Highway Patrol District in Black Canyon City before moving on to his first permanent duty station in the Phoenix area.

In 1982, Wooten transferred to the Metro East/Mesa District where he served for six years.

On Jan. 24, 1988, Wooten was promoted to sergeant and assigned his own Highway Patrol Squad in Phoenix. Just three months later, he was asked to serve as the administrative sergeant for the Metro West Highway Patrol District.

In 1989, Wooten was selected by the chief of staff of the Highway Patrol Bureau to serve as part of the administrative staff at Phoenix Headquarters. Three years later, he transitioned back to the road where he supervised an east valley patrol squad.

Upon Wooten's promotion to lieutenant on July 30, 1994, he was given command of the Licensing and Evidence Sections. Less than a year later, he accepted an assignment to manage the Student Transportation, Tow Truck and Photo Lab units.

In 1996, he attended and successfully



### Over the years

Iven Wooten as a rookie officer (left) and more recently (right).

completed the 186th FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia where he was awarded the Fitness Challenge Award for excellence in physical achievement.

In April 1997, Wooten became the Department's Training commander. Under his leadership, the collective contributions of the Training Section were recognized with a Director's Unit Citation in 1999.

Wooten accepted a 2003 transfer to an administrative staff position for the Highway Patrol in metropolitan Phoenix. He was then assigned as the day shift lieutenant for the Metro East Highway Patrol District the following year.

In June 2005, Wooten was given the distinct privilege to represent the Depart-

ment as the executive officer to the Director.

He was then promoted to commander on April 15, 2006. For his exemplary work as executive officer, Wooten was awarded the 2006 Director's Citation for Professional Excellence.

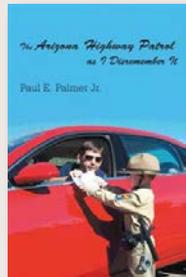
In January 2007, he accepted his final assignment as the business manager for the Law Enforcement Merit System Council.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Wooten remained devoted to furthering his education, earning two associate degrees, a Bachelor of Science degree, and a Master of Science degree in Public Relations and Human Resources Development.

## DPS retiree publishes his first book

*Book provides a humorous look at the Arizona Highway Patrol*

DPS retiree Paul Palmer had a book published Dec. 8, 2011, titled "The Arizona Highway Patrol as I Disremember It." The book portrays a chronological, and often humorous account of Palmer's experience with the Arizona Highway Patrol. Palmer's experience with the Patrol began when he was an awestruck boy growing up in Gila Bend and extended to his more than 40



years working for the Patrol, and eventually DPS, in both a civilian and sworn capacity. DPS Retiree Bill Chewning provided the book's artwork. The hardcover is available for purchase through Amazon as well as iUniverse. Do a quick Internet search for the book under its exact title and you will be directed to either Amazon or iUniverse where the book can be purchased.

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inspected by Arizona DPS officers during the operation with 11 of those vehicles being placed out-of-service for having a severe violation or a series of severe violations. By the time the operation had concluded, participating officers had found and documented over 100 violations on the vehicles that were stopped.

With 42 percent of the vehicles inspected being placed out of service, and the invaluable training provided to participating officers during the event, the operation clearly made a positive impact on public safety.

## DPS employee Marcia Underwood passes away on Dec. 2

*The criminal intelligence analyst, 50, was assigned to ACTIC's Strategic Analysis Unit*

DPS Criminal Intelligence Analyst Marcia Underwood passed away on Dec. 2 after an illness. She was 50 years old.

Before coming to DPS in 2011, Underwood had a diverse work history, including a short time as a sworn police officer in Memphis as well as working as an equipment technician with Honeywell and Motorola.

She had a long military career with the Army and then with the Air Force National Guard. As a member of the military, she traveled abroad for assignments and was deployed to Saudi Arabia.

Underwood joined the Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force (JCNTF) in 2006 and started her stint at the ACTIC where she worked primarily as a case support analyst assigned to the ACTIC Intelligence Squad.

Underwood assisted with many investigations that led to the successful arrest and prosecution of narco-terrorism criminals.

In 2011, she began her employment with DPS as a criminal intelligence analyst in the ACTIC Strategic Analysis Unit. Un-



**Marcia Underwood**

derwood was the lead suspicious activity reporting analyst and represented ACTIC and DPS at many national-level training conferences.

Underwood leaves behind four children, three grandchildren and the love of her life, Clifton Pearce.

In addition to her lifelong commitment to the military and law enforcement, Underwood was a talented seamstress and clothing designer. She had her own clothing line and her own boutique in the down-

town Grand Avenue Arts & Small Business District.

In a letter of remembrance, DPS Criminal Intelligence Analyst Suzanne Neumann, one of Underwood's former co-workers, said the following:

"Marcia was patient, kind and accepting of everyone. She did not see race, social economic status, religion or culture as a barrier to love and friendship. She taught yoga to children and to women at a homeless shelter in Phoenix. She held classes in her boutique to teach others to sew and crochet. She volunteered at multiple charities and schools, teaching topics such as First Aid and Christian studies. She was always willing to help where she could, and never expected anything in return. Marcia had a great appreciation for all cultures, especially Sikhism and the practice of living truthfully and fully. Marcia showed a great respect for people from all walks of life. She lived a life filled with joy and happiness, but also hardship and heartbreak. She overcame many challenges in her life while maintaining a true spirit and believed God would be with her through it all."

## Governor releases her budget recommendations for DPS

On Friday, Jan. 13, Governor Brewer's office released her FY 2012 and FY 2013 budget recommendations.

The budget recommendations are based on Brewer's four cornerstones of reform for the State of Arizona.

The recommendations present a long-range view that reflects Governor Brewer's priorities for the State while maximizing the likelihood of a balanced budget in FY 2014 and beyond (when the extra one percent sales tax -- Proposition 100 -- will have expired).

The following is a summary of Governor Brewer's budget recommendations as they relate to DPS. No recommendation will be final until considered and acted upon by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

### **FY 2012 DPS Recommendations**

*Funding ERE Increases* – The Governor's budget recommendations would provide \$778,000 to fund Employee Related Expenditure (ERE) increases, mainly from the Public Safety Personnel Retirement

System (PSPRS) contribution rate, that the Department has had to absorb. This would enable the Department to initiate some additional hiring to backfill employee attrition.

### **FY 2013 DPS Recommendations**

*Funding ERE Increases* – The Governor's budget recommendations would continue her FY 2012 recommendation to fund ERE increases by providing an additional \$9.2 million. Without this increased funding, the Department will have to absorb increases, mainly from the PSPRS contribution rate. This additional funding would allow the Department to backfill for most employees who leave through attrition.

*Replacement Highway Patrol Vehicles* – The Governor's budget recommendations would provide \$6.3 million to replace vehicles that are beyond their serviceable life. The recommendation would provide for about 126 vehicles. This would be the first time since FY 2009 that the Department had any money appropriated specifically for this purpose.

*DNA Testing* – The Governor's Budget would provide \$1.5 million to address DNA testing and casework in the DPS crime lab system.

*Personnel Reform/Employee Pay Raise* – The Governor's Budget would significantly reform personnel practices in the State. Most new State employees would become uncovered/at-will employees, as would all supervisory employees, employees who promote, and employees who voluntarily become uncovered. Sworn employees at DPS and elsewhere would remain covered. Under the Governor's proposal, all uncovered employees or employees required to be covered (e.g., sworn) would receive a 5% pay increase in FY 2013. Employees who elect to remain covered would be ineligible for the pay increase. The Governor's recommendation would collapse all personnel systems into a single system to create efficiencies and consistency. More information on this proposal will be released as it becomes available.

# SPOTLIGHT

*Ezekiel Zesiger*

On November 10, 2011, Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 honored local public safety agencies and their employees for outstanding services in law enforcement and fire-fighting. DPS Officer Ezekiel Zesiger of the Highway Interdiction Team was one of those recognized at the event. For his exceptional service as a DPS Officer, Zesiger was presented with the Elks Lodge Officer of the Year Award.



*Brian Shaw*



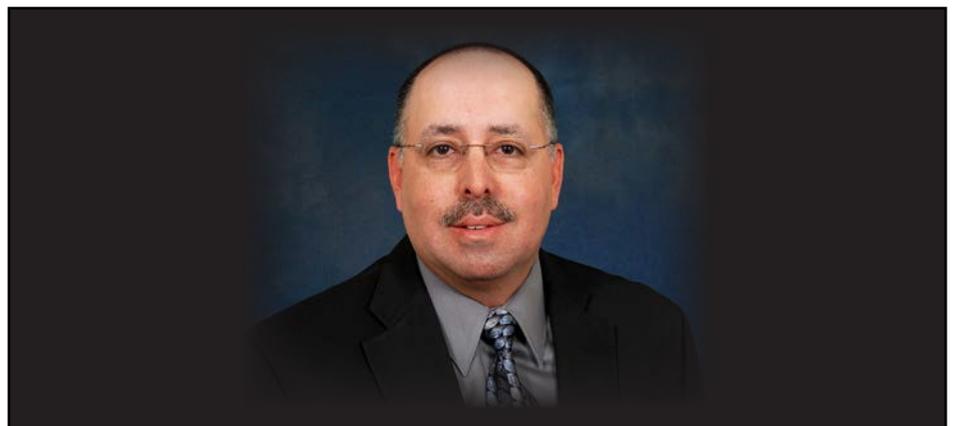
On October 11, DPS Officer Brian Shaw received the DUI Officer of the Year award from Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Shaw is one of DPS's best at detecting and arresting drunk and impaired drivers.

*David Stopke*



DPS Detective David Stopke was recently awarded the "Police Chief's Letter of Commendation" during the annual Bullhead City Police Department Awards Ceremony. The award stems from his participation in five homicide investigations that occurred in Bullhead City over the past year. Stopke is assigned to GIITEM in Mohave County.

*Steve Leon*



On December 21, DPS Detective Steve Leon of the Special Investigations Unit was featured in a segment on FOX 10 News. The segment highlighted Leon's work in a recent case that identified a previously unknown man who was killed in a hit and run collision in 2001. Leon, with help from the DPS Fingerprint Unit, discovered that the man was Leonard Louis Glaza, a Vietnam veteran. Leon, who is a member of the Maricopa County Missing/Unidentified Task Force, has identified two other bodies since being assigned to the unit. As a result of his work, Leon received a complimentary letter from the nephew of Mr. Glaza, thanking him for his work and providing closure for the family.

Test  
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skills

# Something is not right

See if you can find at least five differences in these two pictures in less than 90 seconds. There are a total of seven differences, but if you can find five of them in 90 seconds or less you have great skill. The differences are revealed on page 30 of this Digest for your peace of mind. Only spend a few minutes on this.



## Collecting data

In the above photos, DPS Highway Patrol Officer Garrett Means of District Three can be seen operating an Automated Investigation Measurement System (AIMS) at the scene of a recent automobile collision on S.R. 73 south of Whiteriver. The AIMS system consists of a survey instrument (shown in photos) that is supported by a computer software program designed specifically to record traffic related collision scenes. The equipment improves the quality of scene diagrams and can reduce the amount of time it takes an officer to complete a complex collision investigation. Original photo submitted by DPS Sgt. Brian Swanty.



# Letters



## Dear Director Halliday,

The purpose of this letter is to commend the excellent work of the Department of Public Safety in general, and the work of the Highway Interdiction Team specifically.

One of the goals Attorney General Horne set for his new administration was to improve the already good working relationship with the Department of Public Safety.

To that end, the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office sought to work even more closely with the fine men and women of DPS.

One aspect of our relationship with DPS that we are particularly proud of is the work done by this office with the DPS Highway Interdiction Team. The Highway Interdiction Team (HIT), led by DPS Sgt. Tim Mason, began working with this office's Financial Remedies Section to develop better money laundering cases against criminal enterprises operating in Arizona.

Since March of this year, HIT submitted over 40 cases for criminal and civil prosecution. As part of the new investigative techniques employed by HIT and our Financial Remedies Section, we have sought to identify bank accounts associated with persons engaged in racketeering crimes.

Since March, HIT identified over 100 bank accounts used to launder drug proceeds and has worked with this office to freeze and forfeit those accounts, to the tune of over \$1.4 million.

In addition to increasing exponentially the number of submittals to this office, HIT has been instrumental in doing follow-up on criminal and civil forfeiture matters that initially had insufficient probable cause.

During two of those instances where this office requested follow-up, the investigations linked into ongoing FBI terrorism cases.

It is our opinion that Sgt. Mason's team should be commended for its hard work and innovative efforts to combat money



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laundering in Arizona. This office is grateful for the opportunity to work with you and the fine officers of your Department.

**Jim Keppel**

**Criminal Division Chief  
AZ Attorney General's Office**

## Dear Director Halliday:

On October 16, 2011, my wife and I were involved in a four-car accident on Interstate 17 near Camp Verde. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured. Our car, however, was demolished.

Three DPS Highway Patrol Officers arrived to assist following the collision.

These officers were: Robert Huijkman, Matt Rosemeyer and David Good.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to these gentlemen and let your agency know that it is men like this that restore the faith citizens have in public servants and the police/patrol system in particular.

These men went far beyond what would be considered necessary in the performance of their duties, offering their personal cell phones to notify our family when my phone lost its signal.

My wife is confined to a wheel chair and could not climb into the cab of the tow truck. Officer Rosemeyer volunteered and drove us far out of his way to our relatives. Officer Huijkman made sure we read and understood the Defensive Driving School system you have so that we would not have to return to Arizona from our home in New Mexico.

Officer Good was extremely helpful with his phone and his concern for my wife.

All in all, what could have been a totally disastrous experience was made, at least, tolerable by these great gentlemen.

With all of the adverse publicity that law enforcement gets these days, such acts of kindness should be commended.

I hope you will make these gentlemen aware of our feelings and good wishes and let them know that they will always be remembered in our prayers.

**J.S. Delleney**  
**Albuquerque, NM**

## Dear Director Halliday:

As you may well know, the Mesa Police Department recently lost one of our own to ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Officer Mark Kelly, a six-year veteran, succumbed to this illness after a three-year battle with the disease.

As motor officers, there is no greater honor, and no more notable duty, than to provide a motorized police escort for the

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family members and friends of a fallen officer.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, on short notice, our agency requested the assistance of motor officers from DPS to assist with traffic control and escort duties so that our own officers could participate in the motorcade from Officer Kelly's funeral to his final resting place. Sgt. Troy Titzer answered our call for assistance and was absolutely outstanding in his planning, coordination and communication during our event.

The Mesa Police Department would like to extend its thanks to those who assisted in our time of need: Sgt. Troy Titzer, Sgt. Bob Bowers, Officers Neil Osborn, Jeff Webb, Al Galindo, Alan Olson, Nate Borquez, Trevor Graff, Jake Bennett and Jesus Reyes.

### **Frank Milstead** **Police Chief** **Mesa Police Department**

#### **Dear Director Halliday:**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you and your agency for the cooperation shown during recent search and rescue missions in which the fast response and brave actions of members of your staff averted what could have easily been tragic outcomes.

On September 29, 2011, 22-year-old Michaela Garrett (niece of former DPS Director Dennis Garrett) was recreating with friends in the Fossil Springs area near Strawberry in the northern part of Gila County.

While swimming in the creek below the springs she became caught in a whirlpool, and luckily was able to survive by keeping her head above water long enough to find an old rope that was tied off above the creek.

Her friends contacted my office for help while Michaela hung precariously from the rope becoming weak from the strain of holding herself up and the cold temperature of the water.

Sheriff's Office Search Coordinator Terry Hudgens activated local rope team resources and contacted your agency to determine the availability of a helicopter. Fortunately Phoenix Ranger was available

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and responded within 35 minutes of the call.

The pilot dropped off his paramedic at the scene and then responded to a nearby trailhead in order to ferry additional rescuers from the Tonto Rim Rescue Squad to Michaela's aid. The additional rescuers would have had to engage in a lengthy hike to the scene without the assistance of the helicopter, which may have resulted in a negative outcome of the event.

The DPS medic and rope team members were then able to work together and rappel down to Michaela and rescue her from the water.

Interestingly enough, later the same day, your helicopter crews were instrumental in the rescue of another woman. Earlier in the day, Penny Kotterman, a Valley resident, had set out on a hike in the area of Kohl's Ranch, a resort east of Payson.

She later informed some friends via cell phone that she was lost and my office received a call from Kohl's Ranch at about 7:22 that evening informing us she was missing. One of my deputies was dispatched and assistance was also provided by Payson Area DPS Patrolman Henry Thomason.

On his own accord, Thomason summoned the Tucson Ranger which was able to locate Penny shortly after arriving by the use of their night vision equipment and the light from her cell phone.

The Ranger crew was able to drop additional light sources to Penny and relay her position to the Search and Rescue Coordinator, who then directed Deputy

Kerszykowski and Patrolman Thomason to her location on foot.

After locating her, my deputy and your patrolman escorted Penny safely out of the forest and back to Kohl's Ranch.

I regret that I am unable to identify the names of the crews on the helicopters that day, but would appreciate it if you could pass along my gratitude for their actions.

As for Patrolman Thomason, I have sent a letter under separate cover to his commander, Captain Escobedo, who is in charge of this DPS district.

I appreciate the challenge that must exist during these trying times in keeping your Ranger fleet available for mission support to rural counties.

However, as these and countless other incidents throughout the year have demonstrated, the availability of your agency's helicopters literally reduces the risk of life and limb to citizens of this state.

You have my full support in any endeavor that assures the availability of your helicopters both now and in the future.

Again, to you and your staff, "thank you".

**John R. Armer**  
**Sheriff**  
**Gila County**

## Photo contest answers

1. The officer's ear is bigger in one photo.
2. The officer has an extra button on his shirt near his right wrist in one photo.
3. The knob attached to the AIMS unit at the bottom of the photo is larger in one of the images.
4. The AIMS instrument is closer to the officer's eye in one photo.
5. There is one new green bush near the upper left corner of one of the photos.
6. The word "three" on the white label attached to the AIMS unit is misspelled in one photo.
7. A small marking in the shape of a cross appears near the top blue portion of the AIMS unit in one photo, and not the other.

# Inside DPS

## 35 Years of Service

Burns, Laurence V., 1974, Captain

Eyring, Michael B., 1962, Criminalist IV

McLouth, Dennis C., 1951, Telecommunications Supervisor

McNulty, Dennis B., 1959, Officer

## 25 Years of Service

Herrera, Charles A., 3910, Sergeant II

Thorsen, Christine A., 3918, Intelligence Research Specialist

## 20 Years of Service

Chung, Timonhy E., 4609, Major

Duckett, Keith E., 4599, Officer

Hinderliter, Steven S., 4603, Officer

Matthews, Kris L., 4614, Sergeant II

Murray, Matthew J., 4608, Officer

Retzler, Mary A., 4611, Financial Services Specialist

## New Employees

Brieno, Andrew R., 7374, Telecomm Tech Trainee

Chung, Tiffany N., 7372, Criminal Records Specialist

Deer, Ernestina A., 7373, Criminal Records Specialist

Denlinger II, David M., 7371, Criminal Records Specialist

Henderson, Robert H., 7369, Fixed Wing Pilot I

Ludwig, Natalie R., 7379, Criminalist II

Lunsford, Leanne M., 7377, Human Resources Analyst

New, Ed J., 7376, Human Resources Analyst

Salinas, Sergio A., 7378, Detention Transport Officer

Straub-Lopez, Cheryl K., 7375, Criminalist II

Walters, Daryle, 7370, Criminal Records Specialist

## Departures

Alexander, Sousan, 7295, Local/Wide Area Network Specialist

Begay, Irvin B., 6401, Officer

Cesko, Julia K., 6880, Criminal Records Specialist

Crane, Jeffrey C., 5503, Publications Editor

Davis, Marilyn K., 4510, Admin. Asst.

Esh, Denise M., 4893, Admin. Asst.

Ferris-Watson, Johanna, 5214, Intelligence Research Specialist

Heller, Edward E., 3880, Regional Crime Lab Manager

Logue, Gary W., 7194, Officer

Lu, Stephen J., 6951, Criminalist

Mitchell, Will, 7350, Admin Asst.

Moore, David L., 7195, Officer

Nunn, Theresa, 5909, Admin. Asst.

Parish, Susan M., 4650, Police Communications Dispatcher

Peirce, Clifton H., 7313, Criminal Intelligence Analyst

Plemons, Jason C., 7273, Officer

Pucko, Louis V., 6499, Officer

Rico, Richard O., 6989, HR Research and Project Supervisor

Rodems, Jennifer L., 6878, Intelligence Research Specialist

Rowand, David A., 7090, Applications Supervisor

Silva, Ramona, 4115, Criminal Records Specialist

Stadler, Jennifer L., 5604, Administrative Services Officer

Tan, Amy C., 6521, Criminal Records Specialist

Toledo, Eddie, 5352, Auto/Motor Tech.

Trybus, Stacey L., 6933, Capitol PD Dispatcher II

Wheaton, Maria E., 6561, Admin. Secretary

Wilson, Alice F., 5379, Call-Taker

## Retirements

Gerard, Barbara J., 3856, Office Coordinator

Gerard, James R., 1981, Captain

Griffith, Todd A., 510, Scientific Analysis Superintendent

Hegarty, Jack P., 4564, Captain

Luevano, Debra U., 4147, Office Coordinator

Percival, Jim R., 4481, Telecommunications Technician

Wagner, Judith A., 4658, Data Entry Operator

Wooten, Iven T., 2902, Major

## Deaths

DPS Officer Dave Stopke's mother passed away Oct. 30.

DPS Retiree Bradley Jones passed away in early November.

DPS Officer Ken Bay's mother passed away Nov. 11.

Julie Giles, the wife of DPS retiree Jim Giles, passed away Nov. 28.

Nellie Leos, the mother of DPS Capt. Angel Leos, passed away Dec. 13.

Tina Mercogliano, mother of DPS employee Paul Mercogliano, passed away in mid-December.

David H. Long, father of DPS Sgt. Dan Long, passed away in mid-December.

DPS Retiree John Kalmes passed away in late December.

DPS Retiree Ben Purtyman passed away Dec. 21.

Retired DPS Officer/Paramedic Mike MacArthur passed away Dec. 27.

Former DPS employee Robert Curran passed away Jan. 9.

Stephen Findley, a younger brother to DPS employee Janet Findley, passed away in early January.

Carole Klosse, mother of DPS Officer Carri Stubblefield, passed away on Jan. 21.

Martha Williams, the grandmother to DPS Officer Jermaine Evans, and Acquella Fry, an aunt to Officer Evans, both passed away Jan. 23.

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## Down the Highways

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### December 1966

"The next thing I knew all four subjects had jumped me, and I was down on the ground on my back, and all four subjects were on top of me, beating and kicking.

"I'm not sure how I did it, but I got my gun out of the holster, away from my body, and fired up."

That's Arizona Highway Patrolman Emery Collins describing how he fought off four males he had stopped for allegedly stealing oil from a Holbrook service station on Dec. 5.

Collins' bullets shot off one of the suspect's fingers before striking the suspect's right hip. A second suspect was hit in the left forearm and a third was hit in the right thigh. *The Digest* reported that Collins was admitted to Holbrook Hospital for treatment of lacerations to his face, left hand and knee; a fractured rib; and a concussion.

### November 1976

DPS Air Rescue Pilot Windsor "Duke" Moore, 39, said he has flown many hazardous missions for the Department and has never been injured. Off duty, however, it's a much different story.

Several years ago, Moore said he broke his right arm in four places when he was involved in an off-duty plane crash while crop dusting in Yuma.

Then, in November 1976, while working off duty at the Arizona State Fair, Moore suffered a broken ankle while try-

ing to contain a rambunctious crowd at the second special performance of KC and the Sunshine Band.

### December 1981

Utah Sales Engineer Gary Anderson, 45, Salt Lake City, said he saw a passenger shoot at DPS officers during a high-speed pursuit north of Flagstaff on Oct. 25. The Arizona Republic reported on Dec. 2.

The pursuit and ultimate shoot-out resulted in the deaths of the driver, Kenneth Gerdes, 18, Tucson, who jumped out of the stolen car shooting, and passenger Samuel Brown, 22, who was struck by a shotgun blast aimed at Gerdes.

Earlier news reports depicted Brown as an innocent hitchhiker who got caught in the crossfire.

### November 1986

Telecommunications Division Tower Rigger Jerry D. Harris is recovering from a broken ankle and numerous bruises received in mid-October from a 40-foot backward fall from a tower on Navajo Mountain.

DPS Air Rescue transported Harris to a Flagstaff hospital where it was initially believed he had a dislocated, fractured pelvis. Communications Service Section Manager Stan Park said Harris recovered at home for four weeks before returning to light duty.

Park said Harris believed he had snapped his safety belt into place before leaning back to work but he may have in-

advertently attached it onto something else besides the tower, such as a tool.

### December 1996

DPS Lt. Mike Longman's law enforcement efforts received national coverage and some commentary from one of football's best-known commentators, who was in the Phoenix area covering the Arizona Cardinals' game against the Dallas Cowboys on Dec. 8.

Using a camera aboard the Met Life blimp, Fox Television followed Longman and ASU Police Lt. Bennett Row while they arrested a pair of suspects on a small mountain overlooking the playing field at Sun Devil Stadium. Following a Dallas touchdown, the man reportedly opened fire with a .22-caliber revolver. It turned out the man was firing blanks.

While Longman and Rowe were making the arrest, Fox TV Color Commentator John Madden described the action with the assistance of an electric marker.

### November 2001

While patrolling Interstate 10 south of Eloy on Nov. 3, DPS Officer Brian Bunch stopped a 1997 Toyota Tacoma pickup for an unsafe lane change.

Bunch told the Duty Office that while talking to the driver, he smelled the distinct odor of marijuana. The ensuing probable cause search led to the discovery of 1,057 pounds of pot. Besides the arrest, Bunch also seized \$888 in U.S. currency and the pickup truck.