

The Pima County Sheriff's Department

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A Word from the Sheriff



A CALL FOR NEW AWARENESS

With summer nearing its end and vacation over for most students, it's time for our annual "Back-to-School" issue of *Community Connection*. We hope we have provided enough information to answer questions frequently asked by concerned parents.

On the pages that follow, the Pima County Sheriff's Department has covered everything from important safety tips to upcoming events of interest, including its Halloween party for youngsters at Tucson Electric Park.

There also is a full page devoted to "Alcohol Awareness for Parents." Substance abuse is the compelling subject to which I want to focus my remarks in this message.

While it is quite true that alcohol is the No. 1 drug of choice by teenagers in Pima County, I must reiterate my personal belief that methamphetamine currently is the most insidious drug endangering our community.

Readers of the previous *Community Connection* know that "meth" is sweeping the City of Tucson and Pima County because it is easier and cheaper to produce than other drugs; thus, it is available virtually everywhere at a comparatively low price.

To combat the scourge of meth – often called crank, speed, crystal or ice – we in law enforcement urgently need the assistance of the media and a knowledgeable public, especially the parents of school-age

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youngsters. Prevention is the key: Parents must nip meth experimentation in the bud by warning children of the illegal drug's quick addictive qualities, its destructive damage to mind and body, its promotion of a life of crime, and its power to hold the user in its lethal grasp.

"As far as we're concerned, meth is pure, crystallized evil," says Deputy Elliott Lyle of our Directed Patrol. "They (meth users) can't keep a job, they lose their family, and then they survive on crime," adds Sgt. Wayne Thibault of the same unit. Both quotes come from an excellent article in the Aug. 4 issue of the *Arizona Daily Star*.

Obviously, it is imperative that parents get involved at once. Our Department is working on a comprehensive program to help moms and dads to take effective, positive action. We were recently awarded a Cops in Schools grant that will provide funds for up to fourteen additional School Resource Officers. One of the functions of these officers will be to educate parents and administrators about the risks that students face regarding meth.

By recognizing that parents are at the forefront of the fight to stop this scourge in our community, we will give them the tools they need and urge them to identify the problem early and intervene decisively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clarence W. Dupnik".

Clarence W. Dupnik
Sheriff of Pima County

School Safety Zones are Back! Be Aware

With the new school year recently beginning, members of the Motorcycle Enforcement Unit will once again be patrolling school zones to ensure the safety of children going to school. School zones are a primary enforcement area for the Motorcycle Enforcement Unit, and the unit always intensifies its presence in school zones at the start of the school year to help remind the motoring public the purpose of school zones.

The most frequent violation observed is speeding. School zones are a fifteen (15) mile per hour zone. This zone begins at the school zone sign posted in the middle of the roadway and ends once you have passed the crosswalk.

The second most frequent, and potentially more dangerous violation, is passing in a school zone. Each school zone sign clearly states that passing is prohibited. While most of us think that passing is going around another car on the left hand side, it also includes passing on the right in a right turn lane or passing another car on either side of a multi-lane road.

Another common violation is the dropping off of children on the roadway side opposite of the school. This causes children to be unnecessarily exposed while crossing the roadway. Most schools have developed very specific plans about routes and methods parents and guardians should utilize to safely drop off their children at school. If you are unaware of what those plans are, please call your school and ask.

Please be aware of the increased presence of school buses in the morning and afternoon. If you see a school bus stopped with the stop sign out and flashing red lights, you must stop until the stop sign is folded in and the flashing red lights turned off. The only time you are not required to stop is if you are on a road which has a physical median barrier, such as a raised area with vegetation or a depressed area.

Please add a few extra minutes to your scheduled drive time to ensure everyone gets to their destination safely. When drivers are behind schedule they often begin to feel stressed and hurried. Such emotions often lead to speeding violations and driving errors which result in collisions and collisions are what the Motorcycle Enforcement Unit wants to prevent from happening.

If you happen to see one of our motor deputies at a school zone, feel free to stop and say hello and ask any questions you might have. Also, please remember to **Buckle Up! Every Trip, Every Time!**

Tips for Being "Home Alone"

Your 10-year-old comes home from school at 3:00, but you don't get home from work until 5:00. He's at home alone for those two hours every weekday. What does he do until you arrive? Most likely, he gets a snack or talks on the phone. Maybe he watches TV. But, since you're not there, you worry. Just like the majority of American parents who work and have to leave their children on their own after school every day, you are anxious about your child's safety. But, by following the safeguards listed below, you can help ease some of this worry and take measures that will protect your kids even when you're not around.

Are They Ready? Can Your Children -

- Be trusted to go straight home after school?
- Easily use the telephone, locks, and kitchen appliances?
- Follow rules and instructions well?
- Handle unexpected situations without panicking?
- Stay alone without being afraid?

A Word About Curiosity...

Are there things you don't want your children to get into? Take the time to talk to them about the deadly consequences of guns, medicines, power tools, drugs, alcohol, cleaning products, and inhalants. Make sure you keep these items in a secure place out of sight and locked up, if possible.

This and additional information can be found on www.weprevent.org



Teach Your "Home Alone" Children -

- To check in with you or a trusted neighbor immediately after arriving home.
- How to call 9-1-1 or the operator.
- How to give directions to your home, in case of emergency.
- To never accept gifts or rides from people they don't know well.
- How to use the door and window locks, and the alarm system if you have one.
- To never let anyone into your home without asking your permission.
- To never let a caller at the door or on the phone know that they're home alone. Teach them to say, "Mom can't come to the phone (or door) right now."
- To carry a house key with them in a safe place. Don't leave it under a mat or on a ledge outside the house.
- How to escape in case of fire.
- To not go into an empty house or apartment if things don't look right - a broken window, ripped screen, or opened door.

The School Resource Officer Unit

By Sergeant Bruce Westberg

S.R.O.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) Unit was established in the 1970s and was started with four deputies working with the schools on a part-time basis. The unit has now grown to 10 deputies whose time is fully dedicated to the schools of Pima County. There are currently 19 schools that work in cooperation with the unit.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department S.R.O. program functions utilizing a "Triad" concept established and recognized by the National Association of School Resource Officers (N.A.S.R.O.). The Triad concept requires that an S.R.O. fulfill three different roles for the schools. First, the S.R.O. is a law enforcement officer for the schools. Second, the S.R.O. is a counselor providing informal counseling within the context of the job of a law enforcement officer. Finally, the S.R.O. is a teacher providing law enforcement and government-related instruction to the students, parents, and school staff. The S.R.O. is ultimately a built-in guest speaker for the community and the school in this role. It is through these functions that the S.R.O. Unit can become more invested in the schools they police, and in turn become a greater part of the school community.



The D.A.R.E. Unit

By Sergeant George Reis

D.A.R.E.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Unit teaches children about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and how to resist them. The unit administers the Fifth Grade Core Curriculum to approximately 130 classes and the Middle School Program to over 85 sixth and seventh grade classes at 48 schools in the county. The D.A.R.E. deputies also interact with K-4 students during class visitations. All tolled, over 20,000 students in the county receive this education at no cost to the school districts. We would also like to invite everyone to the Sheriff's Department's 13th annual D.A.R.E. Halloween Safe Night for Kids at Tucson Electric Park on October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be free food, candy, games, prizes, and a costume contest for the kids! Come join in on the fun!

Dying To Drink? The Hard Facts

Fact 1: Alcohol is the number one drug of choice for teenagers.

Some Consequences of Heavy Drinking for Young Adults

- Fights and arguments
- Trouble with police, school authorities, and parents
- Failing a test or important school assignment
- Missing days at school or work
- Saying or doing something you later regret
- Forgetting where you were or what you did
- Threats of violence
- Unwanted sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases
- Losing control
- Being taken advantage of
- Embarrassment / humiliation for you and your family
- Suicide

Underage Drinking Statute

Arizona's drinking statute states that no person under the age of 21 years is to have any spirituous liquor (i.e., beer, wine, hard alcohol) in their body.

That means no alcohol; even if you have permission from an adult, are on private property, or legally drank in Mexico and then returned to Arizona.

Fact 2: Alcohol-related car crashes are the number one killer of teenagers in the United States.

Take Action

- Make a pledge with your friends that you will help each other avoid alcohol and other drugs. Leave parties where kids are drinking.
- If a friend or someone you know has passed out from drinking too much alcohol, turn the person on his or her side and call 911. Too much alcohol can cause the central nervous system, which controls breathing, to shut down. Death can result.
- Don't ride with someone who has been drinking. Call a taxi, your parents, or another relative or friend for a ride.
- Encourage someone you think has a drinking problem to get help. Go with them to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or to meet with a counselor.
- Suggest that members of any club or youth group you belong to organize an anti-drinking project such as an alcohol-free post-prom, graduation, or New Year's Eve party.
- Ask for help if someone is pressuring you to try alcohol or other drugs.
- Talk to someone you trust.



Information taken from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (www.azgohs.state.az.us) and the National Crime Prevention Council.

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Reminder: Curfew Ordinance

Whether you live in the city or the county, it is illegal for youths under 16 years of age to be away from their homes between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

It is also illegal for youths ages 16 and 17 to be away from their homes between midnight and 5 a.m.

Exceptions

The only exceptions to the curfew ordinance are when a child is:

- (a) accompanied by his or her parent or guardian or
- (b) lawfully married; or
- (c) on an emergency errand; or
- (d) involved in a reasonable and legitimate activity directed or permitted by a parent or guardian.

Finally, it is unlawful for a parent or guardian to permit his or her child to be away from their home or dwelling place during curfew hours. A parent or guardian who violates the ordinance may be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor.



Upcoming Events

Oct. 1 - Free Kids Fingerprinting!
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Home Depot at 3925 W. Costco Dr.

Oct. 8 - G.A.I.N Event
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Foothills Mall at 7325 N. La Cholla Dr.

Oct. 15&16 -Free Kids Fingerprinting!
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Wal-Mart at 7051 E. Speedway Blvd.

Oct. 31 - Free D.A.R.E Halloween Event
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
T.E.P. Park at 2500 E. Ajo Way



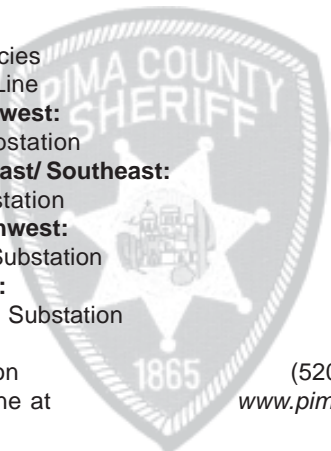
Public Safety Information

Governor's Office of Highway Safety
National Crime Prevention Council
Drug Abuse Resistance Education

www.azgohs.state.az.us
www.ncpc.org
www.dare.org

Pima County Districts and Contacts

All Emergencies	911
Information Line	741-4600
North/ Northwest:	
Foothills Substation	547-6311
East/ Northeast/ Southeast:	
Rincon Substation	295-4500
South/ Southwest:	
San Xavier Substation	295-5959
Green Valley:	
Green Valley Substation	547-6711
Ajo:	
Ajo Substation	(520) 385-8511
Visit us on-line at	www.pimasheriff.org





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Pick up application packets at the following locations:

Pima County
Adult Detention Center
1270 W. Silverlake

Pima County
Human Resources
150 W. Congress, 4th Floor

Pima County
Sheriff's Department
Administrative Offices
1750 E. Benson Hwy

All Sheriff's Department
Field Offices!

Application packets available:
SEPTEMBER 23, 2005
through
OCTOBER 7, 2005

Multiple choice and Fitness test:
OCTOBER 8, 2005

Out-of-Town applicants ONLY may call anytime prior to
September 30, 2005, to request an application be sent to them.

For additional information:

Job Hotline (520) 547-6661

www.pimasheriff.org

www.pima.gov/hr

Pima County Human Resources
Information Line **(520) 740-8086**

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2005

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Pima County Human
Resources
**150 W. CONGRESS, 4TH
FLOOR**

All Sheriff's Department Field Offices!

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Administrative Offices
1750 E. BENSON HWY

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Multiple choice and Fitness test:
SEPTEMBER 24, 2005

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"Ask the Sheriff"

What are the signs of alcohol poisoning?

Call 911: If someone is...

Unconscious or semi-conscious;

Breathing slow- eight breaths or less a minute or lapses in breathing;

Cold, clammy, pale or has bluish skin;

Not responding to being talked to or pinched;

Not able to stand up and has rapid pulse.

People who have overdosed on alcohol are unable to help themselves, so it's up to others to help. Someone's life may depend on it.



Or write to:

"Ask the Sheriff"

C/O PCSD Community Resources Unit

1750 E. Benson Highway

Tucson, AZ 85714

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