

**Greetings to each and every member of the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers of Green Valley! It has been many months since I have updated this letter. During that time, the White Elephant Parade went off without a hitch, an academy class graduated, another was hired, your organization was presented the Unit Commendation at the Sheriff's Department Annual Awards Ceremony, several of you received individual commendations and medals at the same event, the end-of-the-year holidays came and went, your organization celebrated a 30 year anniversary, new Board members were elected and we are now well on our way into 2012. As I said at the General Membership Meeting, some of you will soon be making plans for your summertime escapes. The oft-used adage "time flies when you're having fun" really applies to my time spent here in Green Valley.**



**I have been doing a lot of thinking over the last several months about ways to continue building upon what we have started here in Green Valley in terms of improving processes and systems to make your jobs more efficient and encourage consistency with other areas of the Department. You have already accomplished so much in terms of improvements in technology, selection processes, recruiting, scheduling and other programs. The next step seems to be to provide you with a better understanding of the inner-workings of the Sheriff's Department as a whole. To that end, I presented an overview of the Department to those who were interested and upcoming topics include Property and Evidence procedures and a presentation by EOD (bomb squad).**

**I told you when I was first given this assignment that it was my goal to include you in as many Department events as possible to reinforce the idea that we work toward the same goals, though the way we get there may differ slightly. I have always believed that the Green Valley Patrol District would not be as successful as it is without the energy, enthusiasm and dedication that you demonstrate on a daily basis. My ability to include you in Department events, and provide a better understanding of the mission that you accentuate, is an acknowledgement of the importance of your place without this District. I hope you will take the time to participate in some of the events that are offered, and make suggestions for things in which you would be interested. February may be halfway over, but the year is still young and there is time to do many things.**

**Thank you all, each and every one of you individually, for everything that you do. Sometimes your efforts are recognized, but I also know that they all too often are not. You are directly responsible for making this District, and this community, a safe one. I speak for myself, my Sergeants and the green Valley deputies when I say we appreciate you all very much.**