

No matter how many times I look at the calendar, I cannot believe it is already November. So much has happened over the last couple of months that the time just seems to have flown by! I want to welcome back all of those folks who have been away for the summer. We kept your community safe for you while you were gone and we are very happy to have you back! For those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, please feel free to stop by my office any time, or do not hesitate to introduce yourself when we find ourselves together in the SAV office. I will be at the BBQ on November 7, the next General Meeting on November 8 and the Board Meeting on November 16. Also, please remember the Academy Graduation on November 19 at 0900 hours. It would be really great if as many of you as possible could come out and support your new class as they take that momentous step of receiving their SAV badges. They have worked hard the past several weeks, and I have had a great time chatting and laughing with them. Come welcome them to the family as they look forward to many years of bailiff, White Elephant duty, front desk shifts, patrols, special events and snack-eating opportunities in the FOD room.



Speaking of patrols, I have continued my monthly ride-alongs as I intended to do when I first came down here. Last month, I rode with Holly Hinz and John Packer. I had a great time with each of them and I am grateful to them for being patient with me. I will be out with Fred Lawrence this month, and I am sure he will be just as kind. For those of you who are Car Commanders, please let me know if you are interested in having me along for the ride. I certainly do not want to make anyone uncomfortable, but I love the opportunity to see what you do and get to know folks as we drive around.

I would be remiss if I did not congratulate Art Anderson on a wonderful White Elephant Parade operation. He put a lot of time and effort into putting the details together. I know it was a lot of work and worry and he did an outstanding job. For each of you that participated in the event that day, thank you so much!! That was a really fun opportunity to get out into the community, and you each handled yourselves with professionalism and fortitude. I know it was a long day, but I also know the community saw you out there and really appreciated the fine work that you did. It truly would not be possible without each and every one of you.

I have started to hold some debriefing opportunities that you may not have had in the past. The White Elephant Parade debriefing is scheduled for just prior to the General Meeting on November 8 at 0800 hours. If you participated in the parade, please try to attend the debriefing. I also plan to hold small debriefings when appropriate for any ERT call outs that occur. These gatherings give us all the opportunity to learn from each event, and make the next one that much better! I also truly believe they are an opportunity for the participants of the event to be more than just the “people doing traffic control.” Each of you is an integral member of the Pima County Sheriff’s Department as a whole and your feedback from events is important in planning the next one.

If anyone is interested in attending the Sheriff’s Department Awards Banquet, it is scheduled for 1730 hours on Friday, December 10 at the Reid Park Doubletree Hotel on Alvernon Way in Tucson. Tickets are available for \$20 and they can be purchased by contacting Mr. Todd Lepird at 351-4646. This is a really fun, classy event and it gives you the opportunity to see some of the folks from within the Department with whom you might not otherwise have much interaction.

I cannot say it often enough, but thank you for everything that you do in service to this community. Regardless of where you dedicate your time and talents, whether in patrol, either front desk, bailiff, ERT, White Elephant, fingerprinting, Business ID, Neighborhood Watch, Citizen Care, training, recruiting or any of the myriad other activities in which you participate, your efforts do not go unnoticed. I enjoy working with all of you and you definitely make my job easier, and much more fun!

