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Holiday 2006

A WORD FROM THE SHERIFF



Yet another holiday season is upon us and as we find ourselves busy with holiday activities, family and friends, this is also a great time to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and begin to plan for the upcoming year. Here at the Sheriff's Department, we saw many changes this year. Our reorganization plan was implemented with minimal disruption to the organization and is now fully functional. The new Tucson Mountain District, the first new district in over 20 years, is fully operational and serving their residents with increased efficiency. This year, we saw a record number of promotions throughout the organization and those new supervisors and managers are already displaying their strong abilities in making the organization better.

Speaking of promotions, I want to recognize our most recent ones. Rod Mayhew for his promotion to Corrections Captain, Terry Brophy and John Meister for their promotion to Corrections Lieutenant and James Crandall for his promotion to Corrections Sergeant. Congratulations to all four of you and the best of luck with your new responsibilities.

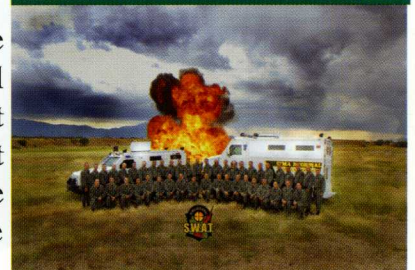
The Department also began conducting our very own deputy sheriff academy, after several years of participating in a regional academy. The ability to focus our training efforts specific to our agency and service population has allowed us to produce new deputies that are better prepared to meet the challenges they will face. We all wish our most recent graduating classes of deputy sheriffs and corrections officers the best of luck in their new careers. When you see our new folks out there on patrol or in the pods, say hi and welcome them to our organization and family.

The men and women of this organization is what truly makes us one of the leading law enforcement agencies anywhere. Once again this year, we all had the opportunity to formally recognize many of those individuals that did an especially noteworthy job. Our annual Sheriff's Awards Banquet was held on December 1st at a new location; the DoubleTree Hotel. The Awards Banquet outgrew our old venue at the Hilton and the Doubletree

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was able to provide us with the necessary space and support needed to make this popular event possible. I want to express my appreciation for the overwhelming show of support we had this year, with record attendance reported. Our show of support to our deserving employees and volunteers are very appreciated by everyone. Be sure to check out page six and seven for more on the Banquet.

This year, we also welcome back Dr. Richard Carmona as the Department Surgeon. After serving several years as U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Carmona brings back his valuable expertise and experience to our Department. Read more about Rich on page nine.

And finally, thanks to everyone who helped out in this year's Halloween Safe Night. Over 6000 people were attracted to the event and the fact that nearly 6000 pounds of candy was handed out suggests that a good time was had by all.

It has been a great year and I look forward to another great year in 2007. I can't say how much I and my management team appreciate the efforts that each employee and volunteer makes to this organization and to the wellness of our department family. We are committed to leading the organization to many more successes in the new year. On behalf of the entire management team, we wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season and a successful and happy 2007.



Commander's Corner

By Captain Paul Wilson

There are several exciting projects taking place within the Information Technology Division. First, a two year mobile data computer replacement project has begun. 213 new Panasonic Toughbook laptops have been received and will be matched with new Ledco docking stations. The remainder of the fleet will be replaced during FY 07/08. The new equipment is a welcome upgrade.

The Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN) project is progressing on schedule. Our primary goal is to improve radio communications and interoperability. Additionally, a new communications center will serve our Department, the County Office of Emergency Management and the City of Tucson police and fire departments.

PCWIN's Conceptual Design is scheduled to be finalized by the end of November, paving the way for the Concept of Operations and Business Plan to be completed. Our goal is to be prepared to bid the radio project during the first quarter of 2007 and to hire an architectural firm to begin design of a renovated communications center that will be located at 3434 E. 22nd Street.

With continuing support of County leaders and the participating agencies, the project will continue to move deliberately forward and ultimately give our first responders the tools they need to safely complete their jobs for years to come.

Last, I would like to welcome the many new members of the Communications Unit to the Sheriff's Department family. There are currently thirteen employees in training and we hope to fill five additional vacancies in the near future. With thirty percent of our staff in training, it is difficult to meet the high performance standards we have come to expect of the unit. Patience as we develop new staff is appreciated.

