

Pima County Sheriff's Department

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Recovery Call Leads to Rescue

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On Saturday, July 25, 2020, at approximately 9:00 a.m. the Pima County Sheriff's Department's helicopter, Sheriff 1, responded with a Search and Rescue deputy to a remote desert area in Pima County west of Ajo to recover the remains of a deceased male in that area. The Sheriff's Department is responsible for conducting investigations into deaths and recovering remains of the deceased in our jurisdiction.

While the Search and rescue deputy was in process of the recovery, male voices were heard nearby asking for help and water. The deputy discovered two adult males in distress from heat and dehydration. They were provided water and electrolytes and quickly flown to the Ajo district substation, where an ambulance met them and transported the two to a hospital in the Phoenix area.

According to flight engineer Tom Price, "All involved came to the conclusion that these guys probably wouldn't have made it if we hadn't been there on the recovery mission. Right spot, right time!"

The Pima County Sheriff's Department responds to approximately 10,000 calls for service a month in Pima County.

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