

CACTUS PARK COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENT SCHEDULE

PNP New Member Training

Offered every other month, next training is:
03/17/07 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.
200 W. Washington
City Hall
Call (602) 495-0440 for information

Cactus Park PNP Meeting

Information Line: (602)534-8106
Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month (**No meeting in December**)
Next meeting is March 8, 2007 at 3435 W Pinnacle Peak Rd. at 6:30 p.m.

Cactus Park Community Alliance

03/28/07 at 6:45 p.m.
3581 W. Northern Ave.
Manzanita Senior Center
Information Line: (602) 534-2424 ext.9099

Block Watch Advisory Board

03/27/06 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
Location unknown at this time
Information Line: (602) 534-2424 ext.4056

Check Blight Online **By CAO Karen Freund**

Did you know that you can check the status of an open blight case online?
Just visit phoenix.gov/NSD and click on "Check on the Status of a Case." You can check by specific address or by street name.

Also, you can report blight conditions and problems while you are there or by sending an email to blight@phoenix.gov.

Quick Graffiti Reference
By CAO Karen Freund

E-mail: graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov

Graffiti Busters 24-Hour Removal Hotline.....	602-495-7014
Cellular Phone Users dial FREE.....	#GONE (#4663)
Graffiti in progress.....	9-1-1
Send site locations using email.....	graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov
Free paint for graffiti removal.....	602-495-0323
Tools for neighborhood clean-ups.....	602-495-0323
Need a paint sprayer? (Training provided).....	602-495-0323
Retail (non-access to paints by juveniles).....	602-262-7844
Vandal Catching/Reward Program.....	602-262-7327

Gangs and the Phoenix Bird
By Officer D. Dillard
Cactus Park Precinct
Community Resource Unit

I recently received the following email from one of my area neighborhood leaders.

I have been hearing that a gang or some gangs are now using the Phoenix bird symbol.



I was told by others that they are seeing it in black on car rear windows and other places. I personally saw it in white (on rear window) on a white car and found myself looking to see if this was a government car (license plate) which it was not. Do you know or have you heard anything about this?

I have also seen the Phoenix Bird on vehicles that looked more like personal cars than they did any city car. And this email also reminded me of the times that I've seen people wearing T-shirts or have stickers on their car windows with "602". Both the Bird and "602" are quickly recognized and immediately associated with Phoenix.

The "602" reminded me of one of my wife's favorite TV show, "American Idol" because of a finalist named Ruben Stoddard from Birmingham, Alabama who regularly wore football type jerseys with the area code for Birmingham imprinted, sewn or embroidered on it. This became quite the fashion statement for a segment of the younger population and I thought that the "602" that I was seeing was most likely a local variation on this fashion trend.

I thought that the use of the Phoenix Bird was probably something along the same line, a fashion statement with immediate association to Phoenix; but before I passed judgment I thought that I'd better check with some experts.

Sergeant Derek Stephenson of the Phoenix Police Department's Gang Enforcement Unit told me:

"The Phoenix symbol has become an increasingly common symbol used by gang members and non-gang members. Some gangsters use it to symbolize their ties to Arizona gangs and in some cases, their affiliation to "Westside Phoeniquera," a latino gang located in Maryvale. For the most part, many non-gang latinos use it to symbolize their Arizona heritage. If I had to speculate, I would say the majority of instances where vehicles display the Phoenix symbol, the person is simply from Phoenix."

Now this makes perfect sense to me. Some people use the symbol to represent one thing while others use it to represent something else.

Back in the day that people started to wear ball caps backwards they were predominantly associated with a gang or gang types. But it didn't take too long before it caught on as a fashion trend and dang near everyone wears their ball cap backwards now.

Red was always associated with the gang "Bloods", but there are a whole lot of people at the Cardinal games dressed in red that have absolutely no association with any gang.

And do you remember the large numbers of people walking around in the NFL Oakland Raiders, or maybe it was L.A. back then, clothing. All the black and silver caps, t-shirts, jerseys and heavy winter jackets, here in Phoenix and in the summer too. I guess that sometimes you have to be hot to look cool.

And while I'm at it, if you see some people in jeans, boots and Harley-Davidson t-shirts riding down the street on their Harleys, it's not necessarily some kind of biker gang. It just may be my wife and I out for a ride with our friends. And if I have my ball cap on backwards it's to keep it from blowing off. It's a matter of necessity, not a fashion trend.

METRO NEIGHBORHOOD FIGHT BACK
JANUARY 2007
By Officer Merrill Loyd

- 92X Squad have been saturating the Metro Center area since November of 2006 in an effort to reduce criminal activity around the mall; they have noticed a decrease in activity around the mall including auto theft.
- Arizona Canal across 29th Avenue had grates installed by City Streets and Neighborhood Services funds in cooperation with SRP on 1/19/07, to assist in reducing places for transients to sleep. Followed up by area cleanup done on 1/29/07 to remove trash and debris from under the bridge.
- Maricopa County Flood Control removed large dirt mound and one tree that transients and drug users were using to hide behind and meet at.
- Parks Department is leaving ball field lights on all night in effort to increase visibility in Cortez Park at night; they report a decrease in night time activity as a result.
- Numerous area residents and businesses have report a decrease in what they perceive as criminal activity around the mall and neighborhood.
- Metro Estates Block Watch meeting 1/8/07 where Neighborhood Services Department explained results of resident survey completed at the end of 2006 in conjunction with beginning faze of the Fight Back.
- Two training classes provided to Metro Estates Block Watch residents by officers from 95X on Search and Seizure as it applies to Law Enforcement.
- Meeting with area businesses by Councilman Dave Seibert and Cactus Park Precinct Command staff outlining the Fight Back area action plan.
- Meeting with Neighborhood Services, Human Services Department, Community and Economic Development Department, Parks Department, Water Services Department, City Councils Office and Police Department to review what we have accomplished over the first months of the Fight Back.
- Assisted Community and Economic Development Department and Neighborhood Services Department in distributing questionnaires and discussing the Fight Back to individual Businesses in the Fight Back area.
- Scheduling upcoming events with Metro Center Mall and Metro Estates Block Watch for VIN Etching Event in March and neighborhood picnic in April.
- Ongoing partnerships with APS, SRP, Maricopa County Flood Control, Parks Department, Water Department, Community and Economic Development Department, Human Services Department, Neighborhood Services Department, Councilman Dave Siebert's Office, Cholla Library and Metro Center Mall.

Reaching Further Fight Back
I-17 to 27th Ave
Camelback Rd to Indian School Rd
Crime suppression / Prevention / Education Re-Cap
By Community Resource Officer J. Pfaffenbach

Although still in the early stages, the Reaching Further Fight Back has formed its action plan to address neighborhood concerns in the areas of Crime & Safety and Neighborhood Preservation and Blight.

The Committee:

- 2 people from the neighborhood

The Issues:

- Blight
- Street Lighting
- Alley Lighting
- Sign Blight

Crime Stats:

- Reviewed Crime stats of the area provided by Det. Kohl.
 - Assault and Criminal Damage Highest

An action plan is being submitted to NSD to address the above issues. They did not feel the crime issue could be impacted with F/B monies.

The next general meeting of the Reaching Further Fight Back is Wednesday February 21st 6:30 pm at the Madoma Mannor Club House 2533 W. Hazelwood Ave.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT TEAM MONTHLY REPORT

Comparative Analysis: Canyon Corridor Weed & Seed

During January 2007, I had the Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU) conduct a comparative analysis for the area of I-17 to North 35th Avenue and Indian School Road to Missouri Avenue. The parameters of the data search are based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). Violent crimes include criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property crimes include motor vehicle theft, burglary, arson, and theft/larceny. The results of the comparative analysis of 2005 compared to 2006 are as follows:

- 28.3% decrease in all Violent Crime
- 13.9% decrease in all Property Crime
- 9.7% decrease in Auto Theft
- 73.3% decrease in UCR Prostitution
- 34.4% decrease in UCR Drugs

Canyon Corridor Weed & Seed Site:

The Canyon Corridor Weed & Seed officially kicked off on October 1, 2006. Precinct officers have initiated several programs to include Apartment Enforcement, Blight Light, Hotel/Motel, Prostitution/Drug Enforcement, and strategic enforcement. The geographic boundaries for this site are Indian School road to Missouri Avenue and I-17 to North 35th Avenue. The following table will demonstrate the recap results from this Weed & Seed site. Sergeant Steve Wamsley is supervising this site and the many positive programs being implemented through Cactus Park Precinct.

The following Recap is from December 2006 through January 2007:

Felony Arrests	101
Misdemeanor Arrests	86
Total Arrests	187
Blight Forms	124
Block Watch Meetings	7
CAPS	5
Police Reports	117
Field interrogations	580
Knock/Talk	50
Neighborhood Clean-up	2
Neighborhood Meetings	6
Neighborhood Presentation	1
NOV	182

Red Tags	203
Search Warrants Served, Written	2
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	4
Seized Vehicles	9
Towed Vehicles	29
Weapons Seized	9
Citations (ATTC)	75

Metro Center Fight Back

Supervisors at Cactus Park Precinct have established a Public Safety Command System identifying all partners and stakeholders who will participate in the Metro Center Fight Back (see attachment). Specific crime suppression strategies have been formulated or are in the process of being created to address the enumerated identified problems. The crime suppression programs will be modeled after existing programs that have proven their merit in the Violence Impact Project and Canyon Corridor Weed & Seed. These programs will be:

- Apartment Enforcement
- Proactive Auto Theft Program
- Double Squad Enforcement
- Blight Enforcement
- Hotel/Motel Enforcement Program
- Burglary Reduction Program
- Drugs/Prostitution Program

Communication and collaboration will be an intrinsically valuable characteristic that will drive the success of this Fight Back. The “Team” will include internal and external partners working together to resolve identified social and criminal problems at play within the boundaries of the Fight Back area.

Crime Statistics:

The information below is from Crime Analysis and Research Unit (CARU):

We had a total of 13 violent crimes for the month of December with 4 aggravated assaults and 9 robberies. This area averages 8 violent crimes per month for the year of 2006 and we are slightly up. In reference to all property crime, we experienced a slight decline in property crime for the year of 2006 compared to 2005 with a decrease of – 6.8% overall. For December 2006, we had a decrease in burglary and auto theft with a slight increase in theft.

Crime Suppression Recap from 10-17-06 to 12-28-06:

Felony Arrests	66		
Misdemeanor Arrests	52		
Total Arrests	118		
Transient Contacts	81		
Field Interrogations	101		
Recovered Vehicles	11	Values:	\$115,500
Meetings Attended	12		
Weapons Seized	9		
Bike Patrol Man Hours	192		

Neighborhood Enforcement Team Recap:

The listed recap is from all the Neighborhood Enforcement Teams (91X, 92X, 93X squads) at Cactus Park Precinct for the month of January 2007:

Felony Arrests	88
Misdemeanor Arrests	40
Total Arrests	128
Recovered Vehicles	31
Seized Vehicles	8
Police Reports	136
Field Interrogations	138
Citations	39
Search Warrants Written	0
Search Warrants Served	1
Search Warrants Assisted	2
Knock and Talks	0
NOV	17
Value of Recovered/Seized Property/Contraband	\$387,846

Burglary Reduction Program:

Detectives Arredondo and White were responsible for fourteen (14) felony burglary arrests, two top ten arrests; one suspect was ROP'ed and the recovery of \$42,000 in stolen property.

Hotel/Motel Enforcement Program:

This is an ongoing crime suppression program that began in 2003. The goal of this program is to target those criminals that are sophisticated to the extent that they are capable of maintaining a lifestyle of residing in motels as a result of their criminal activity. Typically, these suspects are involved in the sales of illicit drugs, trafficking in stolen property, document crimes, and property crimes. Currently, officers from the 93X squad are primarily responsible for this project. We have initiated this program again and are experiencing great results. The 93X squad made three sweeps this month at motels in 900 and made 36 arrests.

Prostitution Suppression:

In all, a total of ten (10) arrests were made for prostitution in December by the 91X squad at the direction of our prostitution liaison Officer Kevin Collins. Cactus Park conducted one Customer Apprehension Program this month. Most prostitutes have vacated the North 27th corridor due to sustained enforcement and have relocated to other areas within the City.

Proactive Auto theft Program:

During October 2005, a decision was made to proactively address auto theft in Cactus Park Precinct. Phoenix continues to lead the nation in auto theft and this crime is of major concern to citizens, stakeholders, and businesses in our precinct. These officers will utilize all resources available to suppress auto theft and the related property and document crimes involved with auto theft. Officer Jaime Ramirez and Dan Kock were assigned to this crime suppression strategy and it will operate much like the Burglary Reduction Program.

Drugs/Prostitution Enforcement:

Street prostitution and street drug markets are often closely linked, supporting and reinforcing one another. Many street prostitutes use illegal drugs, mainly cocaine or heroin, or both. Officer Geis and Williams have capitalized on that link by pitting the drug dealer against the prostitutes or by using the prostitute to gain access to the drug dealer. The successes of their tactics have been remarkable. Officers Geis and Williams were supported by all the NET teams from Cactus Park as well as several DEB squads.

The following recap is from January 2007:

Possession/Sales of Illegal Drugs Arrests (Felonies)	7
Miscellaneous Arrests	2
Total Arrests	9
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	1
*Seized Vehicles	5
Cash Seized	\$5,966
Drug/Contraband Seized	\$10,680
Value of Vehicles Seized or recovered	\$24,000
Total value of Seized/Recovered Property/Contraband	\$40,646
Police Reports	18

95X Events or Incidents of interest:

- Attended meeting with Anthem Safety
- Conducted 5 CPTED inspections
- Participated in a public safety meeting with the Deer Valley School District
- Conducted research projects related to criminal activity in the precinct
- Metro Center Fight Back
- Juvenile Probation Program
- Officer Friendly Program
- Annual Block Watch Advisory Board Meeting
- Conducted a personal safety program for Am/Ex
- Attended Glendale Community College North Community meeting
- Established three new Block Watch programs
- Safety Fair at American Express
- Developed and implemented a community forum with local Hispanic groups in the 91 area in an attempt to improve relations with police and the local non-English speaking Hispanic Community