

PHX CONNECT

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ABOVE AND BEYOND

It was anything but an ordinary day last week for Public Works employee Scott O'Connor. On March



6, the garbage truck driver was on his route near 51st Ave. & Coolidge when he saw a house on fire.

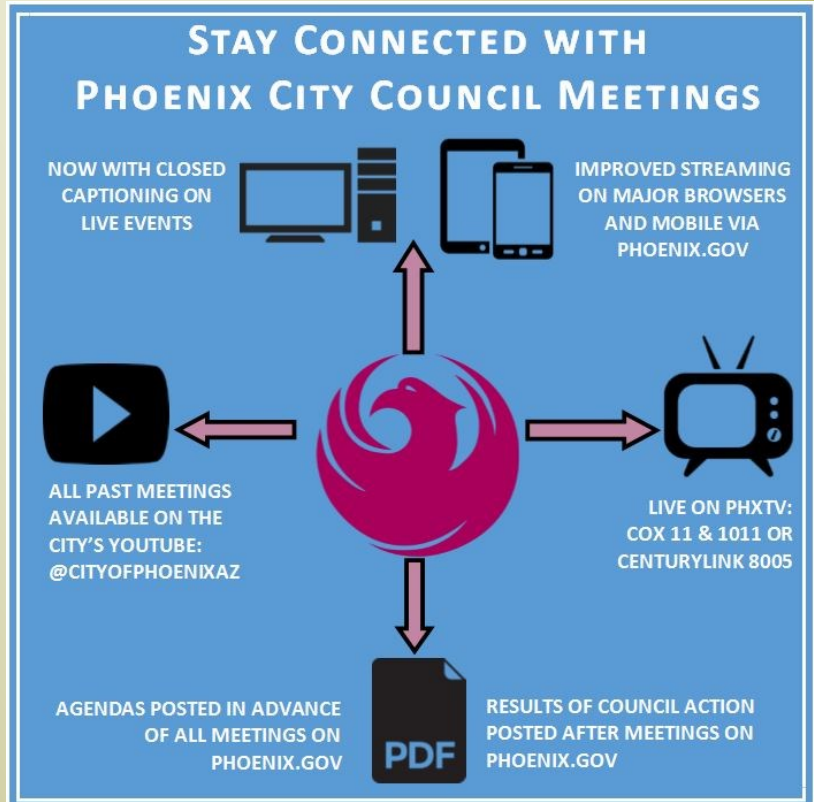
Without hesitation, Scott got out of his garbage truck and ran to see if anyone was inside. Scott knocked on the door repeatedly and was able to let the family inside know what was going on. A woman, her two grandchildren and two great grandchildren were able to get out safely. Scott then dialed 911 to contact the fire department. The family is grateful for the driver's quick action.

Scott's heroics were [featured on the local news](#) where he talked about his experience.

BE IN THE KNOW ...

Did you know, you no longer have to live in the city of Phoenix to receive the city's PHX at Your Service Newsletter? [Just sign up with your email](#) and it will be delivered to your inbox each month.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



If you watch City Council meetings on Phoenix.gov, you'll now have an improved experience. With the help of Information Technology Services, the city added an additional opportunity for people to view the meetings by streaming via the Granicus platform.

This system helps reduce buffering and delays due to significant increases in viewer traffic during high profile council meetings. This will help employees who experienced issues with older web browsers or YouTube. *Key enhancements:*

- Streaming is available on all popular browsers, including Google Chrome and mobile devices
- Closed captions will be available for live-streamed meetings
- Sharing of live streams on social media platforms
- Improved picture quality and improved reliability

To watch, just go to [Phoenix.gov](#) when a meeting begins or anytime on [PHXTV's web page](#).

LEADERSHIP INSIDER

Alan Stephenson

Planning &
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Director



Where did you work before Phoenix?

A local non-profit called the Community Forum

What is the definition of a good day?

Working with staff to help create a great city

How do you balance work/life?

Build in time for the fun stuff ... so you don't miss it!!

What advice would you give a new employee?

There are no dumb questions, so ask & learn!

Growing up, you thought you'd be:

A firefighter (the lights and sirens were cool)

Unknown Talent:

Cooking all kinds of Mexican food

How do you like to run meetings?

Informal to encourage participation from everyone

What keeps you up at night?

Lack of civility in public discourse

What is your next "work goal?"

Adopt rules to protect group home residents and thereby create safer neighborhoods

What do you expect from employees?

A positive attitude & desire to make Phoenix great

Favorite thing to do at home:

Mountain bike riding across the Phoenix Mountain Preserves

BIKE TO WORK DAY

You're invited to participate in the [Maricopa County/City of Phoenix Bike to Work Day](#) on April 18. Similar to previous years, there are two options:



- ◆ **Option 1:** Meet at Park Central Mall, 3100 N. Central, between 6:30-7 a.m. for a police-escorted ride to CityScape. The ride will leave at 7 a.m.
- ◆ **Option 2:** Ride directly on your own to CityScape, 1 E. Washington St.
- ◆ **Please note:** you will need to bring your own bike, or rent one, for the event.

[Pre-register to participate](#), get a t-shirt, free breakfast and be included in the raffle for prizes. Visit [the event webpage](#) for more information. If you have any questions, [email the organizers](#).

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Crime Coding Specialist (\$15.40 - \$22.48/hour).

"Reading police crime reports and determining the appropriate federal offense category; collecting and encoding data; sorting and entering codes into various computer databases; and performing related clerical tasks with specific attention to detail and data quality. Requires experience performing specialized clerical work preferably for criminal justice-related information and the ability to meet the polygraph and background standards for positions in the Police Department. Apply by March 26, 2018."

Each Monday, the city posts jobs available for current employees to consider. [Here's the link](#) to the most recent job opportunities.

Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?

E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



CITY OF PHOENIX UNIVERSITY

BETTER YOU. BETTER US.

The City of Phoenix University (CPU) Adjunct Faculty Program is seeking volunteers to join their team of leaders who are passionate about teaching others. This program is open to all, so consider these questions:

- ◆ Are you looking for ways to grow your high performers?
- ◆ Do you see the leaders of tomorrow in your team?
- ◆ Can your department benefit by having more staff with effective presentation and facilitation skills?

If you said yes, then the Faculty Program may be the avenue you've been looking for. Through this one-year development program, members will grow the skills necessary to articulate a clear and compelling message with a targeted call to action, while keeping their audience engaged.

There are opportunities, for example, to teach Microsoft Office skills or people relating skills. On the MS track, faculty members teach classes on Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook/Skype or Office 365. There is a large demand for these classes as the power of these programs are frequently not realized. The other track will provide opportunities to help peers develop the skills to relate better, resolve conflict and provide better service.

Follow this [link](#) and click on the Adjunct Faculty tab to learn more and to apply. The deadline is April 6.

LEAVE DONATIONS

The following employee is accepting leave donations. If you'd like to help, use eChris to make your donation:

- ◆ Maylene Cazares, AAI, Public Transit

MEMBER STATEMENTS



COPERS (City of Phoenix Employees' Retirement System)

Member Statements (green sheets) for all general city employees will be sent to each department by the end of March. This is also a great time to review your beneficiary information. Changes to beneficiaries can be made by completing the beneficiary [form on the COPERS website](#). Included with this year's statement will be information about preparing for retirement and the timing of retirement applications. If you have any questions, please call the Retirement Office at (602) 534-4400.

TRAVEL HELP



The Valley of the Sun is always a fun destination for travelers from across the country and around the world. Our

perfect Spring weather, along with countless attractions throughout Phoenix, draws a large number of visitors. That means Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is busier than usual this time of year.

PHXTV spent some time with the Sky Harbor team. [Here's some helpful tips to make your travel plans run smoothly.](#)



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