

# **YAVAPI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT**



*Sheriff Scott Mascher*



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## WORD FROM THE SHERIFF

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office mission is to enhance the quality of life by working cooperatively with the public to prevent crime, enforce the law, preserve the peace, and provide a safe environment through professional education programs aimed at promoting community involvement in various community services and crime prevention education.

Currently the Sheriff's Office has over 400 authorized positions. Of that number, 139 are certified officers assigned throughout the county and 210 are assigned to the Camp Verde Jail. The other positions are various support positions assigned throughout the county. The Sheriff's Office also has over 1,000 volunteers at our disposal to assist use in our mission at any time.

The Agency has three very distinct divisions that manage the specialty services offered by the Sheriff's Office. The Detention Services Division manages both detention facilities, Camp Verde and Prescott. The Law Enforcement Services Division manages the field operations of certified officers throughout the county. The Support Services Division manages the entire agency's records, both jail and law enforcement, along with countywide communications/dispatch services and the recruitment and training of personnel for the entire agency.

The Sheriff's Office has not published an Annual Report since 2003 and I believe it is a notable resource for the public so I decided to create one. I wanted to take a moment, thank everyone for their support of the Sheriff's Office, and share some of the accomplishments this agency has achieved.

We started the 2013 year with the death of a valuable member of our Command Staff, Lieutenant William "Wayne" Loughrige. Wayne and his son were tragically killed in an auto accident. Wayne had spent his last 21 years with the Sheriff's Office and his death had a major impact on our staff.

Our Communities had the devastating loss of the 19 firefighters in the Yarnell Fire and we made an arrest in a cold case of a missing woman from 2009.

In 2014, we did have final adjudication of a 2008 Homicide case where the subject received life imprisonment for the death of his ex-wife.

Rescue 1, our county owned helicopter, continues to be a major assistance in the continued search and rescue of individuals lost or stranded providing aid to the ground units providing aerial views.

The K-9 Unit continues to impress me with the seizure of narcotics and funds individuals try to smuggle in and through our county. These funds are what have assisted the Sheriff's Office with obtaining tools such as the helicopter, to succeed in keeping Yavapai County safe.

The recipients of our yearly awards are the best of the best, great investigators and demonstrating lifesaving efforts, are an example of the dedication and character of the agency.

I will continue to rely heavily on my Command Staff for their leadership and innovative ideas for the future of the Sheriff's Office. I am proud of our agency and the following pages will provide an example of the core values and focus of our mission. Though we are scrutinized about how we do business, we will continue to respond to every call for assistance no matter what it is.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Scott Mascher

# YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order, and safety; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees.

## **VALUES**

### **Service to Our Communities**

We are dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and the incidence of crime. With customer service as our foundation, we will work in partnership with the people in our communities and do our best, within the law, to solve community problems that effect public safety. We value the great diversity of people in our communities and serve all equally.

### **Reverence for the Law**

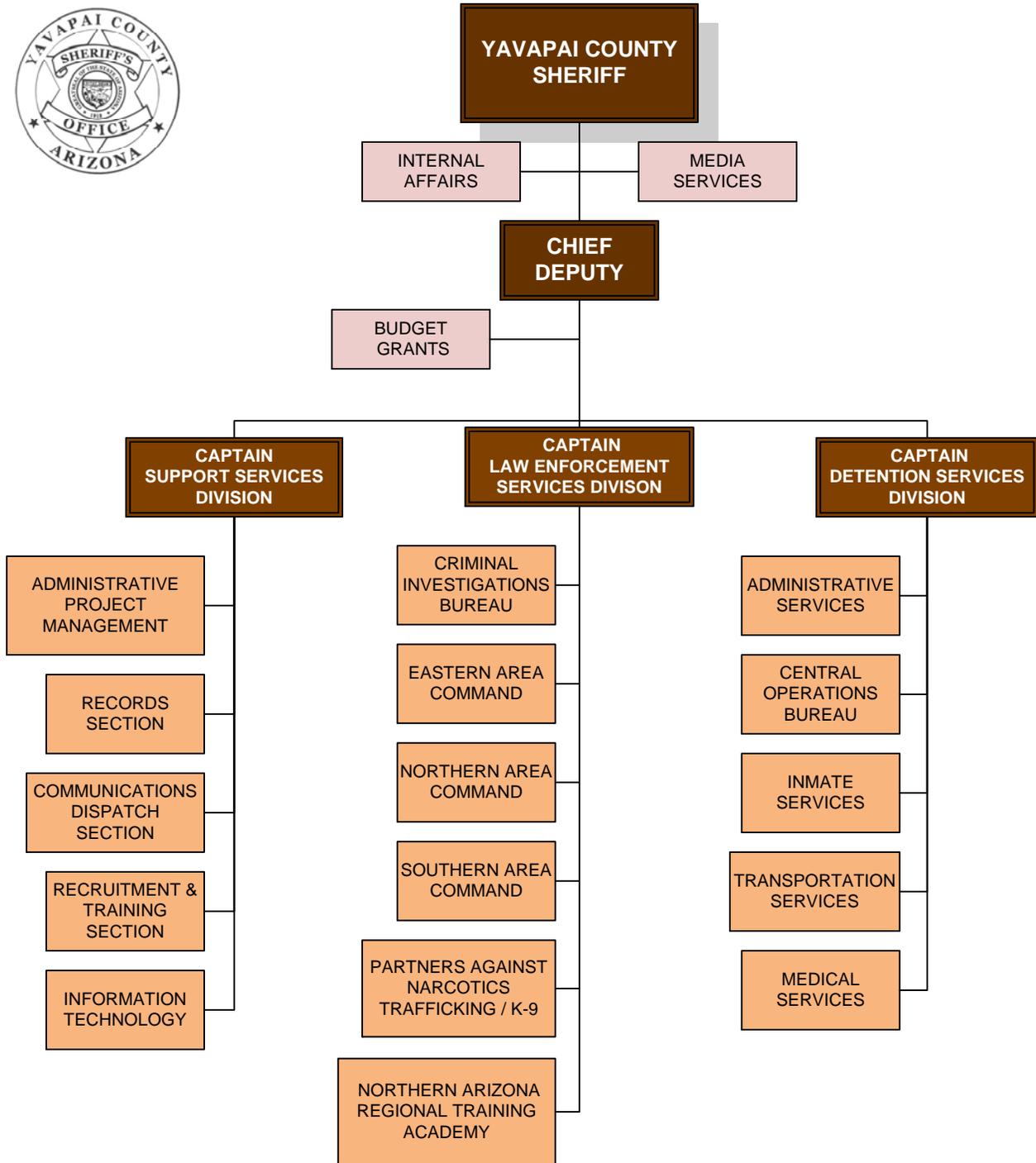
We have been given the honor and privilege of enforcing the law. We must always exercise integrity in the use of the power and authority that has been given to us by the people. Our personal and professional behavior should be a model for all to follow. We will obey and support the letter and spirit of the law.

### **Commitment to Leadership**

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is committed to the principles of servant leadership in law enforcement. We believe that each individual needs to be a leader in his or her area of responsibility. Making sure that our values become part of our day-to-day work life is our mandate. We must each work to ensure that our employees and our communities have the highest respect for the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.

### **Integrity in All We Say and Do**

Integrity is our standard. We are proud of our profession and will conduct ourselves in a manner that merits the respect of all people. We will demonstrate honest, ethical behavior in all our interactions. We must have the courage to stand up for our beliefs and do what is right. Our actions will instill public trust and a sense and feeling of protection and safety of each individual person of Yavapai County



## Meet the Sheriff and His Executive Staff



**Sheriff Scott Mascher** is celebrating his 30th year with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. Joining the Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy in 1983, his love of the profession brought him to a full time position 3 years later. Sheriff Mascher has the distinction of having worked in all aspects of law enforcement and detention service. Promotions through the ranks led to Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Commander and Chief Deputy while working every assignment the department offers.



Joining Sheriff Mascher in his executive staff is **Chief Deputy John Russell**. Chief Russell is a 27-year veteran of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office serving in all ranks including commanding SWAT, the Northern Arizona Regional Police Training Academy (NARTA) along with command of all law enforcement and detention operations.

Both Sheriff Mascher and Chief Russell are graduates of the FBI national Academy.

Assisting Sheriff Mascher and his executive staff as the Office Manager is Ms. **Cathy David**. Cathy David is a 20-year veteran of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. Cathy began her career in Law Enforcement with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, leaving for Arizona after 15 years of service. Cathy's 30 years of experience in the Law Enforcement environment includes Executive/Administrative Services, HR/Personnel Recruitment and Selection, Criminal and Civil Investigations, SWAT and patrol operations.



**Captain David Rhodes** commands the Detention Services Division with the assistance of five (5) Lieutenants:

- Lt. Jamie Cicero, Central Identification Service
- Lt. Jason Miner, Transportation and Court Services
- Lt. David Schmid, Housing Services, Food and Volunteer service
- Lt. Daphne Smith, Inmate Services
- Lt. Scott Rushing, Administrative Service

The Detention Services Division is responsible for the incarceration of inmates and all services pertaining to their Health, welfare and safety.



**Captain Jeff Newnum** commands the Law Enforcement Services Division with the assistance of four (4) Lieutenants:

- Lt. Frank Barbaro, Northern Area Command
- Lt. Richard Martin, Eastern Area Command
- Lt. Nate Auvenshine, Southern Area Command
- Lt. Tom Boelts, Criminal Investigations Bureau

The Law Enforcement Services Division is responsible for all patrol activities county wide including Criminal Investigations, SWAT, Animal Control, Forest Patrol and Search and Rescue.



**Captain Brian Hunt** commands the Support Services Division, which supplies the Sheriff's Office with all the critical support needed to make it a smooth operation.

Captain Hunt is responsible for the 911 Emergency Call Center, Dispatch Operations, Records Section, Recruitment and Training, and all Sheriff's Technical Services.

## FINANCE SECTION

This office reports directly to the Chief Deputy and is ran by Jennifer Gray (*on the right below*) the YCSO Accountant who is assisted by Liliah Young, an Accounting Specialist. These individuals handle the responsibility of payroll, budget, accounts payable and receivable, and all other financial issues for the entire agency.



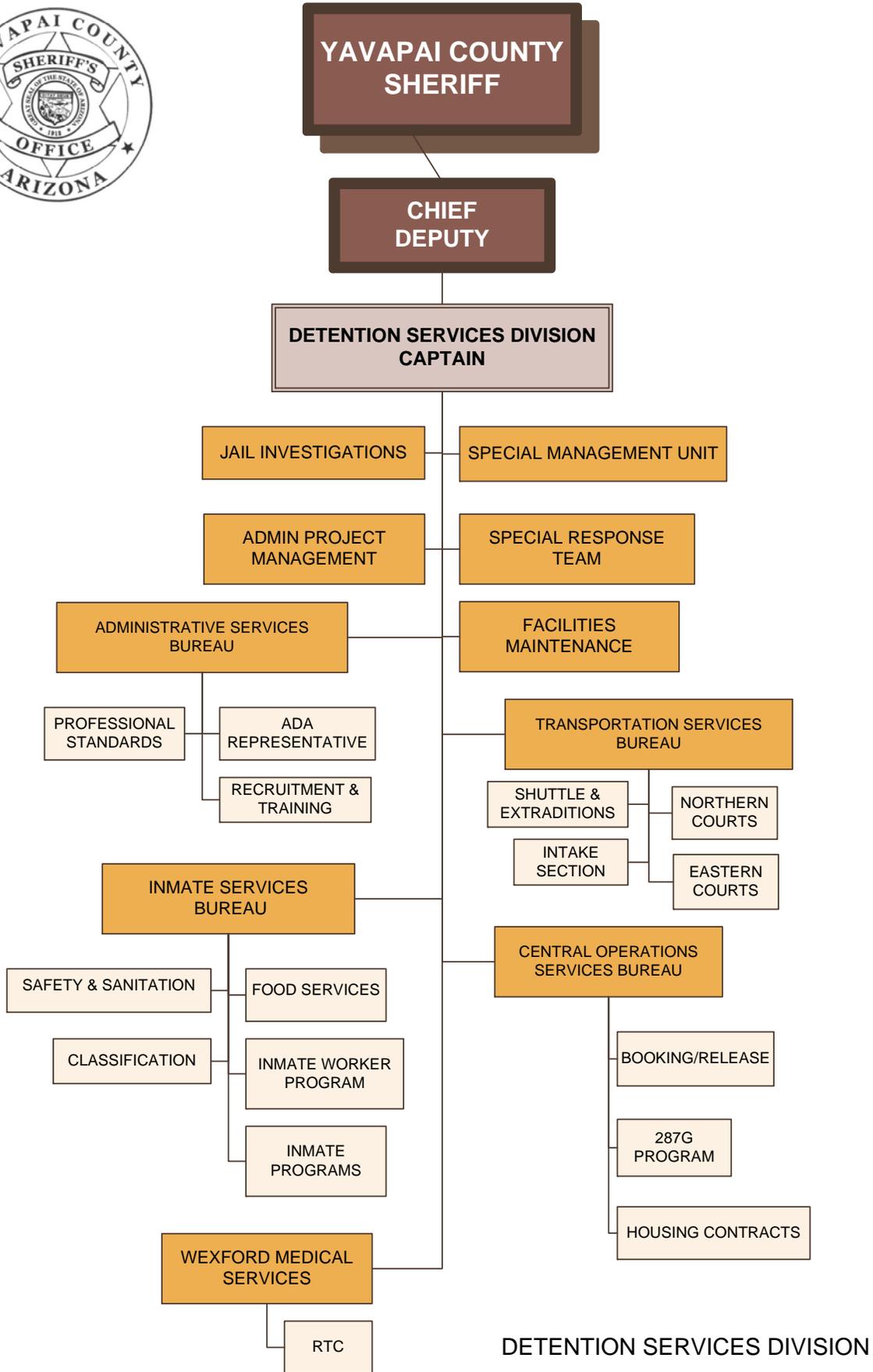
The yearly Sheriff's Office Budget is approximately \$32,000,000.00. This amount does not include the thirty-seven grants and special funds received to assist with the cost of personnel and equipment.

The Sheriff's Office maintains 379 budgeted staff positions, 19 grant funded positions, and 10 temporary employees.

# **YAVAPI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **DETENTION SERVICES DIVISION**





DETENTION SERVICES DIVISION

# YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## DETENTION SERVICES

*It is the objective of the the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Detention Services to provide a secure and safe environment for persons committed to the custody of the Sheriff while protecting the citizens and crime victims of Yavapai County through a cost effective care and custody system. To develop interagency partnerships within the criminal justice arena to ensure a countywide cost effective system this enhances Constitutional obligations.*



Captain David Rhodes is the Jail Commander for Detention Services Division of the Sheriff's Office. The Eastern Detention Facility is located on Highway 260 in Camp Verde. At this time, uniform Detention Officers and support personnel are assigned to permanent fulltime positions. In addition, Detention Services utilizes the services of volunteers to assist with inmate education, substance abuse, life skills, and Chaplaincy/spiritual support.

Jail Investigations has a sergeant and three detention officers assigned to leverage intelligence capabilities in the collection and reporting process. The facility already perform inmate classification duties to prevent violence and other problems within the facility. These individuals assist with the incorporation of information collected during routine duties and to compliment efforts of the deputies on the street.

Administrative Project Management assists the Sheriff's executive staff with the coordination and logistics of numerous projects across the division.

The Special Management Unit surrounds the development of inmates re-entry into the community with programs that assist them with socialization, education, and medical issues.

Facilities maintenance is necessary to ensure the buildings housing both the inmates and staff remain up to standards set by the federal government.

It is the mission of the Detention Services Division, Special Response Team (SRT), to ensure safety and security, of staff members, inmates, and the public, both inside and outside of the detention facilities, where the facility resources require assistance in maintaining or regaining control of an area within the facility or its annexes, or when the situation has the potential of posing such a high risk that the specialized skills and equipment of the team are the most effective option available to the affected area, annex, or unit.

SRT is a voluntary unit, staffed by one Lieutenant and four squads. The team is comprised of highly trained Detention Officers prepared to handle high-risk situations that are outside the scope of regular Detention Officer's functions.

Squad members are trained to respond to violent inmates, riots, and other emergency situations using the least amount of force necessary to control the situation. The Team also works in conjunction with other entities both within and outside this agency when requested. In SRT will assist with high-risk transports, dignitary protections, search and rescues, and all high-profile incidents such as the Doce Pit fire, and the Yarnell Hill fire of 2013.

To become a squad member of this specialized team the Detention Officer must have at least one year of continuous service with the Sheriff's Office. The officer must pass a strenuous physical agility test and an oral board based on the Sheriff's Office policy and procedures, emergency scenarios, and tactical skills. Continuous training is mandatory for all squad members.

## **CENTRAL OPEATIONS SERVICES BUREAU**

Central Operation Services Bureau handles the care, custody and control of individual housed in the facility, Detention Officers are tasked with completing an administrative process once an inmate is booked into their custody. This includes collecting information, conducting property inventory, taking photographs, and fingerprinting inmates upon arrival. It is the GOAL of the Detention Services Division to achieve its objective through efforts of continued communication and improving services to the agencies and citizens it serves.

Detention Services currently provides housing for Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. The average daily inmate population is approximately 550. The in-custody population hit a record high in 2013 with 620 inmates on July 28<sup>th</sup>, indicating a 12% increase from the average inmate population. At that time, the facility was exceeding 124% of rated capacity. The total bookings average about 8,700 per year. During that year, the facility served approximately 600,000 meals (*at an average cost of \$1.00 per meal*).

One of the new features implemented by Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Detention Services is an innovative Video Visitation System. This system is currently being used to conduct visitation with all inmates housed in the Eastern Facility. This innovative system utilizes two video monitors with camera and hand held phone receivers. This new method of conducting visits will replace ALL traditional face-to-face visits. The technology also allows fee-based remote video visitation from any internet connected computer which allows inmates' friends and family to visit from their home, workplace, or anywhere they have a high-speed Internet connection (*along with a functioning webcam, microphone, and speakers*).

However, it is important to note that all conversations are recorded and monitored for inappropriate contact. Visitors and inmates participating in behaviour that may be inappropriate, offensive or involve criminal activity will have access to video visitation blocked.

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BUREAU**

The Transportation Services Bureau handles all of the transportation needs of an inmate once they are booked into the Yavapai County Detention system. Therefore, on a monthly basis, the Transportation Services Bureau is tasked with transporting thousands of prisoners. This Unit is comprised of one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, twenty-four Officers, and two Records Technicians.

The Transportation Services Bureau logged 205,288 miles in the year 2013 alone (*with a total of 41,332 transported inmates*). This is a 14% increase from the total inmates transported before the Northern facility closed in 2009. The graph below indicates the amount of inmates that have been transported per year and the subsequent hours required to complete such a sizable task.

Transportation of inmates consists of scheduled court appearances, Arizona Department of Corrections, outside institutions, medical appointments, and between the Northern and Eastern facilities.

<b>Service</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Inmates Transported	36,377	36,565	37,293	38,800	41,332
Man Hours Utilized	26,347	27,724	27,295	27,512	28,105



## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU**

Professional Standards provides support to the Captain in relations to various complaints and grievances involving the Detention Services Division.

Recruitment and Training handles the testing, background investigations and training of new employees. Staff conducts recruitment fairs, testing of qualified candidates and the background investigation necessary to recommend an individual to be hired by the Sheriff's Office.

Recruitment staff receives approximately 725 application per year. Of that pool, approximately 150 people will show up for testing and approximately half of that will be processed through background. In the year 2014, YCSO hired 40 individual for their division.

Training staff will conduct In-Service training classes for a total of 360 hours in a year, and four academies per year for a total of 1280 hours.

The Sheriff's Office conducts a basic detention officer training academy in-house and utilizes the standards set by the Arizona Detention Association. The primary goal of the ADA is to provide meaningful, cost effective detention training for rural counties of Arizona. The ADA training program is supported and approved by the Arizona County Attorney's and Sheriff's Association. Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has been involved with the ADA academy since it was formed.

The basic training program encompasses approximately 320 hours (*or eight 40-hour weeks*). The training program is demanding and challenges the recruits both mentally, physically, to establish the foundation of advanced training. The Sheriff's Office offers space based on availability to all Arizona Counties to participate in this academy, which has become high recognized throughout the State.

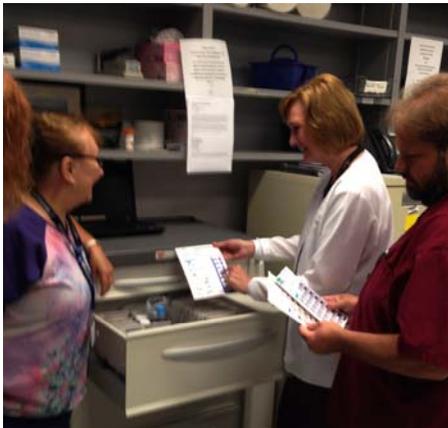
## **INMATE SERVICES BUREAU**

The Detention Staff carefully screens inmates who request to work in the public under the direct supervision of Detention Officers. The Inmate Worker Program performs several services in our communities including litter collection, cleaning out debris under bridges, maintaining the YCSO driving track, clearing trailheads, grounds work on many Government building locations and basic landscaping at multiple parks. As a result, the Inmate Worker Program provides a significant cost savings to taxpayers. The inmates worked approximately 17,000 outside hours throughout the year.



The Inmate Services Bureau also utilizes inmate workers to keep the facility running smoothly in Camp Verde. These inmate workers keep the building clean, landscape the surrounding area, cook inmate meals, wash inmate laundry, and perform minor facility maintenance. Over 70,000 hours of inmate labor is utilized inside the jail.

## **MEDICAL SERVICES**



The medical services for Yavapai County Sheriff's Office ensures all persons detained within the Detention Facility receive professional, efficient, and complete medical care including access to behavioral programs.

The Sheriff's Office contracts with Wexford Health Sources Inc. to provide medical services to all persons detained in our facilities. In addition to this care, a thorough system has been set in motion by the medical staff that aids in the identification and subsequent care of individuals coming into the facility with either undiagnosed or untreated medical problems. Detention Officers are assigned to assist all medical staff with any type of inmate contact to ensure

their safety. Inmates hospitalized are transported by Detention Officers to maintain control and custody of the inmate.

One full-time Physician supervises the entire medical staff and reports directly to the Commander of the Detention Services Division. This medical staff includes one full-time Health Services Administrator, Nurse Supervisor, Quality Assurance/Infection Control nurse, 16 registered nurses, 5 Master's level Social Workers, one part-time psychiatrist along with a support staff. The Sheriff's Office also contracts for three dentist hours each week and mobile diagnostic services. Thus, this facility has an infirmary that is fully staffed 24-hours/day with medical personnel. By statutory provision, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Detention Services will recover fees from inmates (*including medical services, prescription medicines, dental treatments, and meal costs*). Therefore, even though the fees are not substantial, deterrence is currently in place in an attempt to avoid inmate abuse of the system. There is a \$10.00 co-payment for medical, prescription, and dental services, and a \$2.00 per day for meals. However, it must also be mentioned, inmates are never denied any services.

## **DETENTION SERVICES DIVISION EVENTS**

**November 2013**

### ***American Corrections Association Awards Innovative YCSO Program “Restoration to Competency”***

The Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office is pleased to announce that a program in place within the Camp Verde Detention Center received the 2014 “Innovation in Corrections Award” for its Restoration to Competency program, known as “RTC.”

This unique and effective program is managed at the Detention Center under a contract with Wexford Health Sources by Health Care Unit Administrator Becky Payne. Chief Deputy John Russell oversees the program for the Sheriff’s Office and worked with Becky during the program’s initial development and implementation in April of 2010.

Some background - Under the U.S. Constitution, a criminal defendant must be able to meaningfully participate in his or her own defense and have a basic understanding of the court proceedings. Defendants with significant mental illness or developmental delays may be unable to understand court proceedings or participate in their own defense. In most cases, treatment in a Restoration to Competency Program (RTC) will give these defendants the ability to do so. Prior to 2010, Yavapai County defendants in need of RTC were sent to the Arizona State Hospital (ASH) in Phoenix. The State of Arizona had previously covered the RTC costs for the smaller counties such as Yavapai County, but the state budget crisis at the time meant Yavapai County was responsible for all of this cost, estimated in excess of 2 million dollars for 2010. This estimate did not include costs for patient transportation, security guard overtime, or the cost associated with housing an inmate at a Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office facility while the inmate waited for transfer to ASH. With the in-house RTC program, its effectiveness and cost savings were immediately recognized.

Sheriff Mascher very much appreciates the partnership with Wexford Health Sources in maintaining the quality and service of this now nationally recognized program.

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**April 2014**

### ***YCSO Announces Onsite and Remote Video Jail Visitation Program***

The Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office is pleased to announce a brand new video visitation system now available at the Camp Verde Detention Center. The system officially came on-line in April 2014, and will eventually replace the former face-to-face (through glass) method of inmate visitation.

Video visitation increases the inmates more opportunities to visit family and friends while decreasing the amount of inmate movement in the jail necessary for face-to-face visitation. An additional option allows an inmate visit without the need to drive to the Camp Verde Detention Center. Online internet video visitation will allow inmate visitations by any standard internet connection for a small charge.

**On-site:** Inmate visits at the Camp Verde Detention Center are conducted in a specially constructed building with video monitors and is located adjacent to detention center parking area. Visitation times are Monday through Friday from 7:30 am - 10:30 am and 12:00 am - 3:30 pm. Visits must be scheduled at least one (1) day in advance or as far as seven (7) days in advance and can be completed online. There is no charge for on-site video visits.

**Online:** Avoid the drive completely with a very convenient option that permits an online visit by way of a basic internet connection. These visits are available throughout the year from 6AM to 10PM for a cost of only \$10 per visit. Online visits must be scheduled at least one day in advance. It is suggested you log in 15 minutes before your scheduled visit time. After completing the tester, a program which confirms your computer's ability to handle the video transmission, click "Start Visit," then "Allow," and your visit will begin at the scheduled time. All visits are limited to 25 minutes each session.

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### **March 2013**

#### ***Inmates "Clean-Up" to Benefit the Community***

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One of the ongoing projects involving inmates housed at the Camp Verde Detention Center is a program which deploys specially selected inmates in clean-up duty around Yavapai County.

In March 2013, a crew of inmates was assigned to litter and trash pick-up along a one mile stretch of Highway 260 in Camp Verde. This section of highway has been adopted by the Sheriff's Office as part of ADOT's "Adopt a Highway" program. On this particular day, inmates spent several hours walking along both sides of the adjacent roadway property and **picked up 26 bags of litter.**

Throughout the year, inmate workers are used for clean-up duties on various county owned properties in Yavapai County. One of the larger projects involved the clean-up of a site on E. Mingus Street in a residential area of Cottonwood. The work was completed in 3 phases and involved the removal of overgrown dry brush, wood, metal, cable, paper, plastic, etc.

Inmates are also used for major brush clean-up around the YCSO driving track and evidence facility in Prescott Valley.

Inside the Detention Center, inmate workers are used daily in the kitchen where as many as 1800 meals are prepared during each 24 hour period. Selected inmates work as part of the laundry crew to provide clean clothing and bedding to the entire inmate population. These workers process up to 1200 pounds of laundry per day. Inmate workers are also assigned to facility maintenance which involves the care of floors and all painted surfaces in the 108,000 square foot building.

Around Yavapai County inmates are utilized at both fleet service locations in Prescott and Camp Verde. As needed, inmate workers are deployed anywhere in the county for ground maintenance and as helpers. Some of the specialized duties include work at the Cottonwood Senior Center in support of the non-profit effort to serve over 250 meals a day to Verde area residents. Inmates allowed to participate in these various assignments are all screened and considered minimum custody. Workers receive credit against their daily meal expense and a small weekly allowance.

## **April 2013**

A group of female inmate workers were assigned to a roadside cleanup in Prescott. The inmates worked tirelessly along Highway 89 from Willow Creek Road to milepost 321, and picked up **50 bags of litter**. This stretch of highway is well travelled and a gateway to and from the Prescott area. YCSO hopes residents and visitors alike appreciate the effort to beautify this area. This clean-up was authorized through the Arizona Department of Transportation's "Adopt a Highway" program and supplements the fine work Prescott area volunteers already do in this area. The Sheriff's Office appreciates the service to the community these inmates exhibited during the event.

## **July 2013**

In July of this year involved the work of female inmates who removed trash and debris along a three mile stretch of Willow Lake Road in Prescott. A few days later, a crew of male inmate workers cleaned up trash and flood debris from recent monsoons along Highway 89, between Willow Lake Road and the Yavpe connector road in Prescott.

## **August 2013**

In August an inmate crew from the Camp Verde Detention Center cleared two completely blocked culverts in Prescott. Both culverts were causing flood damage to adjacent land. The project was initiated after a City of Prescott Public Works official contacted Sheriff's detention staff about the need to clear these culverts. The blocked culverts are each 50 ft. long, 5 ½ feet in height, and 8 ft. wide. Utilizing picks, shovels, and wheelbarrows, these inmates moved over 1000 cubic yards of dirt and debris that had been accumulating for 70 years. City officials indicated the work saved thousands of dollars and along with additional cost savings by avoiding future flood damage. With the recent heavy monsoon activity the past few days, the effort could not have come at a better time.

## **June 2014**

Camp Verde Detention personnel have continued to seek out and arrange work projects for both men and woman inmates. Following the completion of these tasks, many of the inmates have thanked the YCSO security team for the opportunity. Achieving a goal through the process of completing these projects also has the benefit of fostering better attitudes and behavior for the inmates involved.

Recent projects include:

1. Major storm drain clean-up for the City of Prescott.
2. Landscaping and weed abatement around the Jeep Posse headquarters property on Commerce Drive in Prescott.
3. Clean-up of trash and weeds involving the roundabout near the Granite Dells in Prescott.
4. Cliff Rose Trailhead in the Verde Valley - cut a new trail between the parking lot and the trailhead.

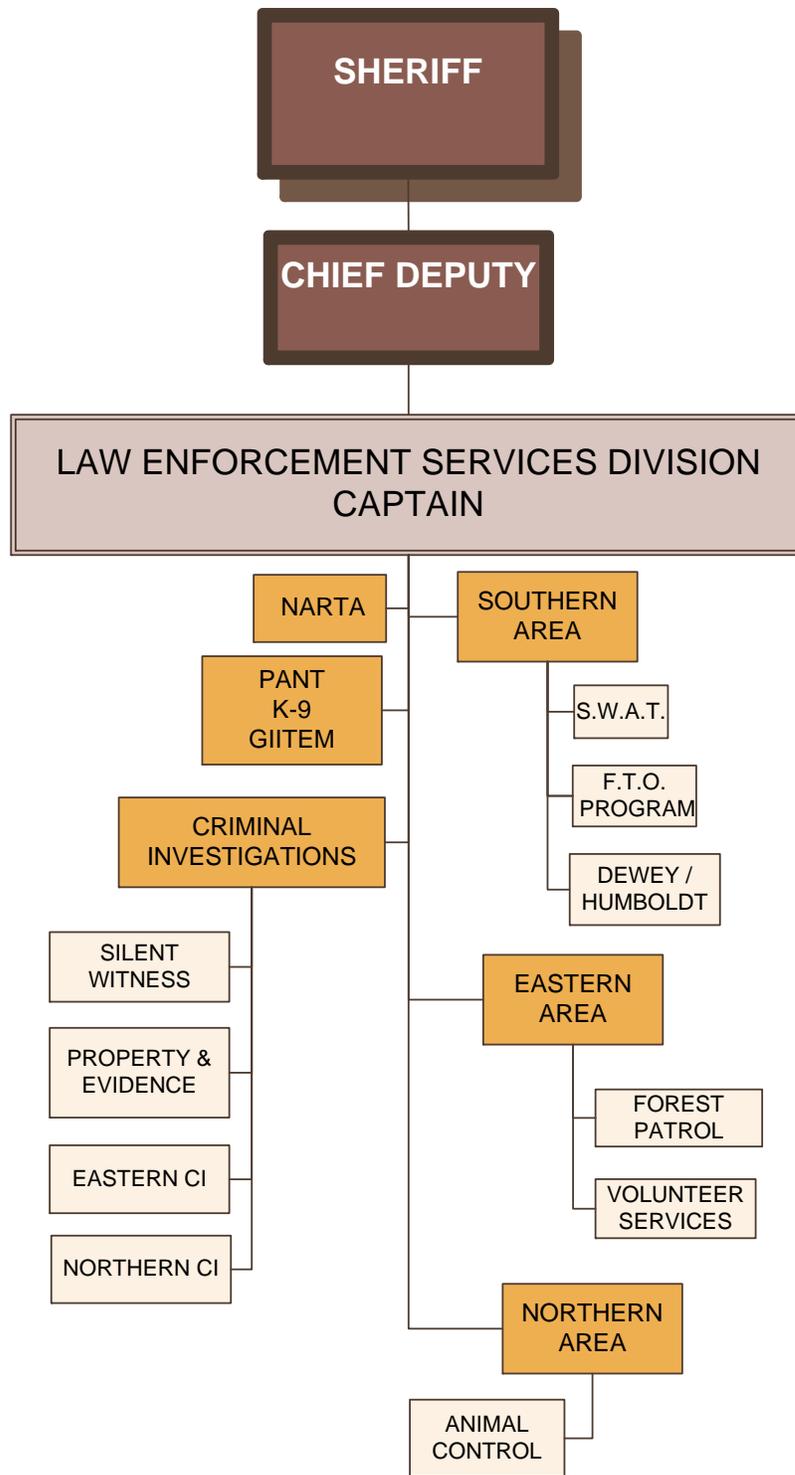
5. Black Canyon City – Weed and clean-up detail at the park on Palm Lane.
6. Chino Valley Law Enforcement Shooting Range – Inmate workers spent 9 days, with no less than 6 inmates utilized each day, building the range backstop, and spreading gravel. This saved the town thousands of dollars in labor costs and allowed the range to open earlier than expected.
7. Yavapai College – Inmate workers assisted students and staff by digging hundreds of holes over 2 days to plant grapes on nearly 3 acres. This work supported the Yavapai College Foundation, a non-profit organization, and the campus’ teaching winery. The inmate labor provided an opportunity to get crops started early in the season otherwise not possible due to a lack of available resources.
8. ADOT Adopt-a-Highway Program – The Detention Center is assigned a 1 mile stretch along State Route 260 between Cottonwood and Camp Verde. Inmate workers conduct clean-up efforts at least 4 times a year.
9. The YCSO driving track and training facility in Prescott Valley. Inmate workers recently spent 4 days cutting weeds and cleaned the track and adjacent areas.

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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION**







## Law Enforcement Services Division 2013 - 2014

The Law Enforcement Services Division is responsible for all field operations within the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County. In 2013-2014, the Law Enforcement Services Division within the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office was under the command of Captain Jeff Newnum.

Yavapai County comprises 8,123 square miles of widely varied terrain; from mountainous terrain to scenic desert. The 2013 Census Bureau estimates the population of Yavapai County to be 215,133 people. The Sheriff's Office has four area commands that focus on responding to calls for service within the unincorporated areas of the county and in addition to the four area commands; the Law Enforcement Services Division has a Criminal Investigations Bureau that focuses on investigating major crimes. A Lieutenant supervises each area command and bureau.

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office responds to over 50,000 calls for service per year. Each call for service has the potential to include several criminal offenses being investigated by the responsible deputy. When we break down each of these calls for service, we find that there were over 100,000 offense codes reported by the responsible deputy. These offense codes allow us to break down each element of the call for service and analyze specific types of criminal behavior. The following is a quick breakdown of the nature of those more serious calls.

<b>NATURE</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
ASSAULT ON POLICE	16	26
ASSAULTS	506	571
BURGLARY	475	441
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS	990	842
DUI	301	246
HOMICIDE	2	3
RAPE	13	20
ROBBERY	8	13
SEX OFFENSES (OTHER)	169	142
THEFT - PROPERTY	918	1020
THEFT - VEHICLE	118	129
TRAFFIC OFFENSES	16978	17547
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS - FATAL	4	3
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS - INJURY	143	167
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS - PROP. DAMAGE	588	644



## NORTHERN ARIZONA REGIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY

The Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy (N.A.R.T.A.) has emerged as one of the top Police Academies in the State of Arizona. It has gained valuable recognition for its superior training and dedication to basic training. The Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy will continue to expand its horizons and offer superior basic training so that the future needs of law enforcement agencies are met.



N.A.R.T.A. is a regional basic training police academy serving all law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona. It is governed by a steering committee made up of law enforcement officials from various agencies. Currently the Law Enforcement Service Division Captain has been selected as the Commander of this multi-agency endeavor. A sergeant from the Prescott Police Department currently holds the position of Class Sergeant. The Academy is based at the Yavapai College, Prescott Valley Business and Career Center in Prescott Valley, Arizona. There are two scheduled academy sessions per year.

The basic training program encompasses 680 training hours (a seventeen-week) course. The program is designed to introduce recruits to law enforcement work. The training program is demanding, as is the job of law enforcement. It will challenge recruits mentally, physically and academically, while at the same time, laying a foundation for advanced training. Since inception in August 1996, approximately 425 law enforcement officers have trained at N.A.R.T.A.



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## **PARTNERS AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING (PANT)**

PANT is a specialized unit of detectives brought together from numerous law enforcement agencies in Yavapai County. This group of detectives specializes in addressing the variety of drug related crimes unique to our area by initiating search warrants and makes arrests on criminals that are involved in illegal drug activity. The task force is also able to assist smaller local agencies with investigations of higher profile criminal cases that would otherwise not be possible.

The Sheriff has also assigned the entire K-9 Unit to this task force which includes a sergeant and three deputies along with their K-9. The primary function of the K-9 Unit is to conduct criminal interdiction of the transportation of illegal drugs destined for within Yavapai County and along the major corridors of the county. K-9 Unit investigations are handled by PANT detectives.

The Sheriff's Office currently assigns a Commander to supervisor the task force, along with four detectives, and an Office Coordinator.

## **K-9 UNIT**

The K-9 Unit within PANT primary function is interdiction of the transportation of illegal drugs within Yavapai County. Most details planned surround the major corridors traveling through our County. Here are some of the cases including the K-9 Unit.

During a drug interdiction detail in February 2013, a gold Dodge Caravan was stopped for an equipment violation on north I17 in the area of Cordes Junction. The traffic stop resulted in contact with a male driver who produced a Mexican identification card but was otherwise unlicensed to drive. While speaking with the driver, the deputy saw at approximately 15 individuals attempting to hide within the van. While the deputy requested additional units for assistance, the driver and four others fled into the adjacent area. The deputy was able to contain the remaining occupants and attempts to locate the driver were not successful.



Based on the deputies training and experience, it appeared these individuals were illegal aliens. While inspecting the vehicle, deputies noticed it had a modified suspension designed to handle a large amount of weight. The rear suspension included very large air shocks with a bumper mounted filler valve along with rear non-stock heavy duty pick-up truck tires.

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Deputies contacted Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by phone and the remaining 10 individuals were interviewed by an ICE agent over the phone in Spanish to check legal residency status. ICE officials determined everyone in the group were undocumented and requested they be transported to the Camp Verde Detention Center pending an immigration detainer notice. A YCSO detention van was used for transportation to the jail and ICE agents arrived later that evening to take custody of the group pending deportation hearings. Due to modification of the vehicle for the specific purpose of transporting human cargo, it was impounded pending a request to seize the vehicle as asset forfeiture.

In March 2013, a K9 deputy stopped a black Nissan for driving without lights and following too closely, on north I17, just south of the 169 junction. The driver and his wife were identified as residents of Cottonwood. During a conversation with the occupants, the deputy developed suspicion they may be concealing contraband but neither occupant would agree to a consent search of the vehicle so the deputy deployed his K9 partner who alerted on a door seam of the Nissan.

Based on the confirmed alert by the K9, deputies searched the vehicle and found three clear plastic bags in the glove compartment, each containing a white powdery substance resembling cocaine. A field test confirmed the contents as cocaine. The total weight of powder was approximately 76 grams with an estimated value in excess of \$2,500. Both denied knowledge of the drugs and were booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Possession of Drugs, Transportation of Drugs, and Possession of Drugs for Sale.

In February 2013, a male subject from Texas, was arrested by a K9 deputy for DUI – drugs, on north Highway 93 at mile post 159. During a search of the vehicle, deputies located freshly burned marijuana and approximately \$18,000 wrapped in plastic in the trunk. The subject was unable to satisfactorily explain to the deputy how the money was obtained and was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on a charge of DUI-drugs.

During booking, detention officers confirmed the subject also had a no bond parole violation warrant out of Louisiana related to a theft. When contacted, Louisiana authorities noted they had an additional theft investigation underway, which may be linked to the cash found by YCSO. The subject was placed in-custody pending extradition.



## **GANG & IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

### **History**

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The Gang Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GITEM) concept was conceived in late 1992 by law enforcement agencies in the metropolitan Phoenix area to maximize law enforcement's effects on gangs. The mutually supportive program was designed to cripple the criminal activity of gangs as well as to reduce the impact on law enforcement agencies that such concentrated enforcement produces. This effort was a response to the need for all law enforcement to take a strong and coordinated stance against the epidemic of gang and street violence.

During the first year of operation, GITEM implemented two separate regions or deployment centers (in Phoenix and Tucson) from which officers could be deployed to support law enforcement agencies statewide. GITEM consisted of employees from 22 different agencies.

In 1996, GITEM established two undercover squads, the first in the nation, specifically to infiltrate and dismantle gangs as criminal enterprises. The squads were based out of Phoenix and Tucson but conducted operations in every area of the state. In 2003, GITEM fell victim to changing priorities and budget shortfalls and went through a significant downsizing process to meet budgetary restraints.

In 2006, Arizona lawmakers took an aggressive stance on stopping gang and illegal immigration-related crimes and revitalized the old GITEM and created the new GIITEM, the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission. In addition, those same lawmakers provided special funding to the task force and added the responsibilities of deterring border-related crimes and combating the rising incidents of human smuggling and illegal immigration.

GIITEM's unique approach brings together law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies from municipal, county, state, federal and tribal jurisdictions in a coordinated, intelligence-driven approach to deal with gangs and violent human smuggling organizations on a large scale. Traditionally, Arizona agencies addressed the gang and illegal immigration problem individually rather than collectively. This separate approach resulted in displacement rather than focused and directed gang and illegal immigration enforcement efforts and identification. The primary benefit of the GIITEM task force is the combined resolution of the involved agencies and citizens, who ultimately are the recipients of the project's services, to cripple gangs and human smuggling organizations in the state rather than displacing these problems into adjoining jurisdictions.

GIITEM is one of only a few true multi-agency statewide gang and illegal immigration task force programs in the country. GIITEM's anti-gang and illegal immigration efforts are directed into four areas: enforcement, investigation, intelligence gathering and training. GIITEM's success can be contributed to its ability to confront gang and illegal immigration problems statewide without regard to the normal jurisdictional issues that affect municipal and county law enforcement agencies.



## YCSO – Explorer Program

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The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has been working with the youth of Yavapai County through several programs offered within the schools. To provide better information about law enforcement, the EXPLORER program through the Boy Scouts of America was started in Yavapai County in 1989. Prior to this, the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office had a similar program that dated back to 1978 called the "cadet" program. The EXPLORER POST program has allowed the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office to provide a working relationship with our youth to better provide them with the tools necessary to explore Law Enforcement as a career.



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*Left to Right:*

*Isaac Styles, Jake Schulz, Joseph Farris, Andrew Rodriguez, Gilbert Hernandez, & Wade Strader.*

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### ***REQUIREMENTS:***

**Age** – Minimum of 14 or 8th grade up to 21 years old.

**Gender** – Available to all youth, both male and female, attending 8th grade, high school, or college. If out of school, applicant must have a high school diploma or GED.

Grade point average must be equivalent to a "C" or higher.

**Other Requirements** – Good physical condition is a plus and be of good character. All applicants need to submit an EXPLORER POST application. Upon receipt of application, applicant will be contacted for a date and time of next EXPLORER POST meeting. All applicants will go through a screening process including but not limited to, an oral board review by EXPLORER POST staff and advisors.

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**Uniforms and Equipment** - Upon acceptance into the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office EXPLORER POST, all Explorers will complete a 30 day probationary period. Upon completion of the probationary period, Explorers will be provided with an EXPLORER POST uniform. All other equipment will be the responsibility of the Explorer and must meet requirements set forth by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.

***EXPLORER POST ACTIVITIES:***

- Assist and work with detention and patrol deputies.
- Work special assignments, parades, traffic control and emergencies.
- Work in communications and office functions.
- Attend regular monthly EXPLORER POST meetings.
- Participate in regular community service projects.
- Attend mandatory training activities.

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## HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard was established in 2002. The purpose of the Honor Guard is to provide a unit that is trained and equipped as a precision ceremonial drill unit with uniformed personnel from throughout the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. The protocol for this unit is extensive. Selection of each member is from a list of candidates who have "volunteered" to be screened and tested for certain expectations of a position on the unit. Some personal standards required of each individual encompass having the highest moral and ethical standards, being weight/height proportionate, and must have completed their probationary status with YCSO.



Precision Drill is the movement of a unit with verbal and non-verbal commands. Each member of the unit has a separate and vital importance to the ceremony performed.

The Color Guard is a four-person unit composed of two Rifle Bearers whose purpose is to bear arms in protection of other National and State Ensigns. The Flag bearers are charged with the responsibility of care and control of the colors of America and Arizona.

The Escort Detail is a six-person unit trained in the customs and courtesies involved in funerals for fallen Officers or dignitaries.

The Rifle Team is a seven-person unit trained in the use of rifles to perform a "Twenty-One Gun" salute as part of a funeral detail.

The Color Guard Sergeant is trained in every aspect of ceremonial drill, and a role model, mentor and trainer of subordinates involved in the Honor Guard Unit.

The Uniform of the Honor Guard consists of 1903 Springfield or M14 rifle, American Flag with Pike and Pole, Arizona Flag with Pike and Pole with attached streamer representing YCSO and our fallen Officers.

The Honor Guard participates in ceremonies including funeral details, flag raising ceremonies, various academy graduation ceremonies, Independence and Flag Day Parades and Celebrations, Opening Ceremonies for the Special Olympics and many other events requested by groups or community organizations.



## **EASTERN AREA COMMAND**

Eastern Area Command provides field patrol within the county area of the Verde Valley.

Big Park	Camp Verde	Cornville	Lake Montezuma
Rimrock/Beaver Creek	Verde Villages	Village of Oak Creek	

Lieutenant Rich Martin is assigned to this area as the “Area Commander” to manage not only the patrol functions, but also that of Forest Patrol and Volunteer Services. This lieutenant maintains an office at the Camp Verde location for easy access to the citizens of the Verde Valley.

### **Verde Valley Patrol Area**

We currently have an office manned in the Camp Verde area located in the same business center as the Courts and Detention facility. Offices for personnel assigned in the Verde Valley are located at 3505 West Highway 260 in Camp Verde.

There are three sergeants assigned a squad of deputies who handle the Verde Patrol area. Deputies regularly respond to approximately 12,000 calls for service and/or self-initiated investigations on their own. This office provides the deputies, investigators, evidence and clerical personnel a location to complete daily tasks that accompany the routine responsibilities of law enforcement.

Located in Sedona is another office that provides personnel to have access to necessary paperwork, computers and phones while in that area. This office is located in the Village of Oak Creek on Highway 179 and is open during regular business hours. The office in Village of Oak Creek has one Sergeant and five deputies assigned to primarily patrol the VOC. This has greatly reduced our response times to this area and has developed a much closer relationship to this community.

### **Forest Patrol**

The Forest Patrol Unit has one sergeant assigned to a squad of three certified deputies. There is also an estimated 400 + volunteers that work with the Forest Patrol units on searches, rescues, recoveries and any other calls as needed, such as fires, evidence searches and overnight security.

The usual areas patrolled include the Prescott National Forest, the Tonto National Forest, the Coconino National Forest, and the Kaibab National Forest within the boundaries of Yavapai County. This Unit will spend approximately 2,000 hours on patrol per year, traveling over 24,000 miles.



Forest Patrol personnel handle ALL Search and Rescue (SAR) type calls. Due to the popularity of traveling into the remote areas, the calls for search and rescue and the calls for assistance have gone up. This Unit responds to at least 50 or more Search and Rescue missions as coordinators and will assist other agencies, both inside and outside of Yavapai County, approximately 15 to 20 times per year. These types of incidents total approximately 450-manpower hours and traveling over 6,800 miles.

The geographical location of Yavapai County, its diversified terrain, and excellent recreational areas attracts large volumes of people. Because of this, the Forest patrol Unit spent thirty percent of its time patrolling and assisting the public before the situations became a search and rescue.



Forest Patrol is also responsible for managing the law enforcement response to wildfires. We were extremely busy with the two major fires during the year 2013 with the Doce and Yarnell fires. Forest Patrol trains regularly in the National Incident Management System to maintain proficiency with not only the Forest Patrol unit but with other supervisors in the Sheriff's Office. Forest Patrol works closely with the volunteer Jeep Posse in keeping our evacuation plans up to date and conducts several mock evacuations each year. Most recently, Forest Patrol assisted Coconino County with the Slide Fire in Oak Creek Canyon. Forest Patrol maintains a

close relationship with the neighboring counties and we often use each other as force multipliers. Forest Patrol also works closely with the U.S. Forest Service on issues involving closures for fire danger and fire prevention including organizing our volunteers to patrol popular camping areas for illegal campfires.

Many of the Yavapai County Law enforcement agencies recognize Forest Patrol as the expert in searching for lost or missing persons. Forest Patrol responds and assists when requested in searching for missing children and vulnerable adults regardless of the jurisdiction. Recently Cottonwood PD requested assistance with the search for missing 8-year-old boy. Within an hour, we had over 30 volunteers and 12 paid employees assisting in a search for the missing child, this included using our Helicopter "Rescue 1".

Rescue 1 has been used successfully many times throughout the year and continues to be an asset to not only YCSO, but other Law Enforcement agencies in Yavapai County. Rescue 1 located a missing man, who had been missing for two days, before his vehicle was located off Highway 169. Tragically the missing man was deceased. Rescue 1 is used as an observation platform for other major events to include wildfires, major crime scenes and many search and rescue missions.

Forest Patrol was involved in a multi-jurisdictional search with Coconino County in the search for a missing man from Flagstaff named Thomas Lang. This search was very manpower intensive and Coconino County Sheriff's Office relied on our Incident Command team to help organize and manage the very large search effort.

The Forest Patrol Unit responded to over 850 calls for service during 2014. While this number may be considered low when compared to other squads and Area Commands, this is due to the types of calls assigned to the Unit and the remoteness of the locations. These locations, and the terrain that is covered to get to them, quite often required a full day's time to respond to and investigate.

These calls for service included, the flood evacuation of properties near the Agua Fria River in Black Canyon, the coordination of personnel to assess the access to Groom Creek after a small tornado knocked out power to the area, the search and tracking of an attempted kidnapping and attempted homicide suspect in Congress and the search for a jail escapee in Camp Verde.



The personnel in the Forest Patrol Unit continue to be highly involved with the ICT (Incident Command Team), and were activated on four (4) events during the year. These events included, a search of a missing 8 year in Cottonwood, the search for a 74 year old Alzheimer's patient in Wilhoit, the search for a missing 81 year old dementia patient in Prescott Valley and the search of a 57 year old hiker in the Wet Beaver Creek Wilderness area. In each instance the ICT members, both paid and volunteer, respond with the professionalism and expertise expected of their positions.

The most notable SAR missions in 2014 included the four (4) incidents listed above, the recovery of four (4) victims of a fatal plane crash outside of Sedona and the recovery of Thomas Lang, the subject of a search in Coconino County that was suspended at the end of 2013.

The Forest Patrol Unit also continues to actively seek out and investigate illicit marijuana grows on public and private lands. Utilizing funds obtained through a grant with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, the Forest Patrol Unit and regular patrol Deputies investigated several suspected grow sites. Two (2) sites worth noting were located in 2014. The first site was located on Granite Mountain outside of Prescott. This site had a sophisticated irrigation system consisting of two (2) above ground pools and multiple waterlines. The second site was located outside of Seligman and was reported by a concerned citizen who was suspicious of a greenhouse and activity in the area. Through surveillance and an investigation, this grow was found to be a legal "Medical Marijuana" greenhouse. This grant also allowed for the purchase of additional trail cameras and gear. While primarily purchased to help identify subjects travelling near identified illicit grow sites, the trail cameras have proven to be a valuable tool for other investigations as well. Most recently, they were deployed on the fatal hit and run assisting Criminal Investigations with identifying possible suspect vehicles in the area and several trailhead burglaries.

In addition to the regular Forest Patrol duties, the Unit members also work in other capacities within the Agency. Deputy Tieman continues to work as an active member of the YCSO SWAT Team and Deputy Hooten has recently completed training as the Terrorism Liaison Officer and will be assisting at NARTA as a drill instructor. Sgt. Joy continues to act as the leader of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. VIP Dickerson provides additional support in the Forest Patrol Unit throughout the year and works as a VIP Field Training Officer and Firearms trainer.

## **Volunteer Services**

Volunteer Services has one Coordinator responsible for the administrative management of all volunteers for the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. During fiscal year 2013/2014, two academies for the Volunteers In Protection program were provided and 18 volunteers graduated. Two Search and Rescue academies were conducted and had 48 SAR recruits complete training.

*For further information on how to become a volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Services Coordinator at 255 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ, or call (928) 771-3281.*

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## Search and Rescue

*In Yavapai County, we are fortunate to have several groups of highly trained and skilled volunteers who provide indispensable services in all aspects of our Search and Rescue operations. We could not do this important work without their dedication and commitment. ~ Sheriff Scott Mascher*



### YCSO's Rescue 1 Helicopter

The ability to deploy crews for aerial searches has been a critical link to living saving rescues in recent years and is an important aid to search crews on the ground. Guidance Aviation in Prescott donated the "Robinson R44" 4-passenger helicopter to YCSO in 2010. It was refurbished through use of state grant and drug seized monies. Rescue 1 began service in 2011 and continues its important work funded exclusively with monies seized from drug related investigations.

The search and rescue volunteers are attached to five main organizations operated under the direction of the Sheriff who is responsible for all search and rescue operations in Yavapai County. Anyone interested in working with one of the groups should contact the YCSO Volunteer Coordinator for further information.

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## **February 13, 2013 – Seligman Child Found**

At 7:05 p.m. a 2-year-old child was reunited with his very grateful family following a search exceeding four hours and involving numerous YCSO personnel and volunteers, DPS Ranger and Guidance helicopter crew flying "Rescue 1." Sheriff Mascher also appreciates the eight residents-ranchers who assisted our crews as part of a coordinated search. The child was located about 2.5 miles from his home along a fence line. Although several agencies offered assistance and were not fully deployed tonight, their quick response and readiness was evident and appreciated as the search continued into darkness.

## **April 17, 2013 – Fossil Creek Rescue**

On Sunday just before 10 PM, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office deputies were notified about three missing hikers. The report was the hikers were planning a 9 mile hike in the Fossil Creek area. The report indicated one hiker required insulin due to a diabetic condition and only had a one day supply and had left their maps at home. Several attempts to reach the hikers by cell phone, or track cell phone locations, were unsuccessful during the night. Rescuers would later learn no cell phones were in their possession during the hike.

At daybreak on Monday, the search effort continued with the launch of YCSO's Rescue 1 helicopter from the Guidance Aviation Facility in Prescott. Just after 1 PM, the Rescue 1 pilot spotted a male subject standing in the Verde River waving his arms. The pilot was able to land on the opposite side of the river and determine that one of them was in medical distress. DPS Ranger was called and along with medical personnel. Once DPS arrived and made contact with the two subjects



along the river, they were advised that the third subject had left the prior night intending to return to the Child's Campground to access his vehicle. He had not been seen since and the one subject who needed medical attention, was flown to a landing zone and treated by EMS personnel.

The search continued for the third subject who was eventually located around 4:15 PM. The subject was located about three (3) miles south of where his hiking partners were previously located and he was airlifted to safety.

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## June 3, 2013 – Pine Mountain Rescue

On June 1, 2013, at approximately 10:45 PM, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office personnel were notified regarding two hikers possibly lost in the Pine Mountain area. The Pine Mountain trailhead is located at Salt Flats near Dugas, Arizona. The reporting party explained he had seen the two men earlier in the day around 3:45PM and realized they had not returned to camp. His concern for their welfare resulted in a call to YCSO. He told dispatchers the pair was wearing only t-shirts with short pants and carrying a small supply of water.

On June 2, the wife of one of the missing hikers provided a cell phone number to contact the hikers. About 20 minutes later, deputies spoke briefly with one of the missing hikers on the only cell phone in their possession. Deputies confirmed the hikers, who were aged 23 and 24 from the Phoenix area, were lost with no food or warm clothing, and a cell phone battery about to expire. Fortunately, neither hiker had medical conditions. Due to darkness, the pair was unable to locate a known trail. The initial cell phone call allowed dispatchers to gather GPS coordinates for their current location. These coordinates were updated throughout the night and it was determined the pair was well over two miles from where their vehicle had been parked. As daylight broke, attempts to reach the hikers by cell phone failed and as a result, no further GPS coordinates would be available.

The Forest Patrol deputy called out the Backcountry Unit from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Response Team (YCSRT) for ground searching along with the deployment of Rescue 1. Just after 10 AM, Rescue 1 was overhead and by 10:25 AM, the Rescue 1 crew located both hikers and provided exact GPS coordinates to the Backcountry team. The missing hikers were contacted on the ground and escorted to base camp.

## September 3, 2013 – Fossil Creek Rescue



Just before 8 AM, Tuesday, September 3, 2013, YCSO was notified of a missing 56-year-old Phoenix man in the Fossil Creek area. Deputies learned the missing man began hiking in the area on Sunday hoping to find his two hunting dogs lost the prior week. Both dogs were wearing GPS tracking collars. On Tuesday morning, a friend of the missing man discovered a text message on his phone indicating his missing friend was in distress.

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As YCSO assembled a search, dispatchers attempted to locate the missing man via cell phone GPS information. Friends provided the man's description and vehicle information. After reviewing newly discovered text messages sent the prior day, the search focus was changed to the Strawberry, Arizona area in Gila County. Deputies began assembling a ground search effort as YCSO's helicopter, Rescue 1, was launched. Just after 9:30 AM, the Rescue 1 crew located the missing man's truck and directed a Gila County search team to that location. The truck was unoccupied and had an empty ATV trailer attached.

A short time later, the Rescue 1 crew found the man's abandoned ATV some distance from the truck and began a grid search from that location. At approximately 10:45 AM, Rescue 1 saw the missing man as he waved from an open field to get their attention. Because of the urgent need to check the man's condition, Rescue 1 landed nearby and the observer/EMT made direct contact. The man was tired and dehydrated, but did not require immediate medical aid and was flown back to his ATV. The man told deputies that he had fallen from a ledge on Monday night and tried to get help via cell phone, but was unable to call out. He waited until daybreak to attempt a return to his ATV and also sent a distress text message from his cell phone to friends as calls did not go through. He was very grateful for the efforts of all involved in the search. He planned to return on another day with help to locate the dogs.

## **November 18, 2013 – Black Canyon City Rescue**

Around 8:00 am the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office was contacted regarding a stranded motorcycle rider in a remote area outside of Black Canyon City. The caller indicated her 57-year-old boyfriend was lost having had to abandon his motorcycle the previous day. His last known location was the east end of the Boulder Creek Trail where he successfully made it overnight with the help of a small fire. This morning he became disoriented and his cell phone battery was dying. She was requested to have him call 911 which he did and the YCSO Communications Center was able to obtain GPS coordinates.



Because the area was remote and the man now in distress, YCSO's Rescue 1 helicopter was requested. Dispatchers had contact with the stranded man and he assisted rescue personnel by describing some of the topography around him. Just before 11AM, Rescue 1 spotted the man and was able to land nearby to render aid.

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## **March 9, 2014 – Sycamore Canyon Rescue**

Just before 4 PM, the Yavapai County Sheriff's office was notified of a missing person in the Sycamore Canyon area of the Verde Valley. A group of hikers had left the prior day for a planned campout at a predestinated location in Sycamore Canyon. The group returned to the trailhead on but a female had fallen behind and was apparently lost. The group waited several hours at the trailhead for the female and when she did not arrive, they contacted the Sheriff's Office.

To expedite the search effort and due to impending darkness, Rescue 1 was launched just after 5 PM to conduct an aerial flyover of the target area. Additionally, GPS tracking data from female's cell phone was used to aid the Rescue 1 crew. Around 5:50 PM, Rescue 1 located the missing female, landed, and brought her to safety.

Searchers determined she had taken a wrong turn leading her about 4 miles away from the correct trail. Just prior to being found she was able to find the appropriate trail, but was still 2 miles from the trailhead.

## **May 25, 2014 - Rescue 1 and Crew - Critical Link to Locate Missing Teens**

On May 25, 2014, around 12 noon, YCSO dispatchers were notified that two teens, ages 13 and 15, were canoeing along the Verde River and missed their predestinated pull off point at Beasley Flats Recreation area. YCSO's Rescue 1 helicopter was launched immediately and the helicopter crew was able to locate the abandoned canoe on a shore line. The Rescue 1 pilot landed and dropped off the YCSO Forest Patrol deputy who began tracking efforts to locate the teens. As the air search continued, the Rescue 1 crew eventually spotted the teens around 2:15PM in the Cottonwood wash and coordinated their rescue.

After the rescue, deputies learned the pair had continued down the river another mile and when they realized they had gone too far, the canoe was beached. The teens then began hiking away from the river in hopes of finding their family. Instead of backtracking upstream, the pair mistakenly went cross country and followed a dry wash heading north from the Verde River. The teens are from the metro valley area of Arizona and were reunited with their anxious family.



## **Volunteers In Protection**

### *Helping Make Our Communities Safe Since 1995*

Volunteers In Protection (VIP's) are one of the most visible parts of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. These dedicated volunteers bring their own personal talents to the service of all of us here in Yavapai County. They provide valuable support to the various Sections within the Sheriff's Office and have become an integral part of day-to-day operations.

Citizens who choose to become VIP's come from all walks of life and can be either an Administrative VIP (non-armed) or an Armed VIP. Those VIP's who work field positions such as Patrol or Jail Transport will carry a firearm. They also must meet Arizona POST Certified Deputy firearms training, undergo psychological testing, conform to established physical fitness standards and consent to a urinalysis in order to qualify as an Armed VIP. Once an applicant passes the selection process, he or she will attend an academy designed specifically for them.

VIP's provide valuable assistance to virtually every Division, Bureau and Section within the Sheriff's Office. Members assist the patrol deputies by providing back-up on calls, transport prisoners to jail, provide traffic control at accident scenes and many other law enforcement related activities. VIP's are also used to process paperwork for the Civil and Warrants, Records and Criminal Investigations.

Persons interested in joining the VIP's must be at least eighteen (18) years old, a United States Citizen, possess a valid Arizona driver's license, be a resident of Yavapai County and pass a background investigation.



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## **NORTHERN AREA COMMAND**

Northern Area Command provides field patrol to the communities within northern section of the county.

Lieutenant Frank Barbaro is assigned to manage all the patrol and animal control services/functions. Northern Area Command encompasses the unincorporated areas of Prescott, Chino Valley, Prescott Valley, the communities of Ash Fork/Seligman, and Paulden. Some of these communities include Castle Canyon Mesa, Groom Creek, Walker, Highland Pines, Lynx Creek and Williamson Valley.

### **Prescott / Quad-City Patrol Area:**

There are three sergeants and nineteen deputies assigned to patrol this area. There is a support staff of one office coordinator assigned directly to the Lieutenant. The offices for personnel assigned to this area are located at our Williamson Valley Substation building located at 4155 West Outer Loop Road in Prescott. Deputies responded to approximately 16,000 calls for service in this area during the period from July 2013 through April 2014.



### **Seligman / Ash Fork Patrol Area:**

The “Hi-Line” patrol area encompasses the areas north of Paulden by overlapping with the Prescott Patrol area and extending east and west along Interstate 40 between county line markers to include the communities of Seligman and Ash Fork.

There is one sergeant assigned a squad of deputies assigned to this patrol area. The deputies in the “Hi-Line” have two offices to assist them with handling the paperwork and duties of law enforcement. The Ash Fork Substation is located at 518 West Lewis Street in Ash Fork. The Seligman Substation is located at 200 North Floyd in Seligman. Neither substation is “manned” on a daily basis.

## **Animal Control:**

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has one sergeant and seven Animal Control Officers that handle all animal related calls for service for the entire county. These officers are assigned to patrol and respond to requests for assistance involving such cases as animal bites, neglect, noise, dog at large pick-ups and anything else that can be considered an animal problem. These officers responded to approximately 3,000 calls for service during the period from July 2013 through April 2014.

## **Serious Accident Collision Investigation Team**

Within the Northern Area Command there are five deputies and a sergeant who take on the additional duties and responsibilities of investigating serious collisions within Yavapai County. These deputies use state of the art equipment to assist them in investigating and reconstructing accident scenes.

## **Impaired Driver Program**

A Northern area Command Sergeant administers a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety that provides additional personnel, training, and equipment to make our roads safer by deterring impaired driving through enforcement and education. This year three deputies were trained as drug recognition experts through a partnership between the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The partnership has also provided the Sheriff's Office a mobile DUI processing vehicle and four radar equipped speed limit signs to post on county roads.



**LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION  
NOTIABLE EVENTS**

**Northern Area Command**

**March 2013**

***Suspects Attempt to Reclaim Home from Legal Owner by Blocking Access and Stealing all Interior Contents***

In February a resident purchased a home August of 2012 and was using the location as a secondary residence without any problems. The victim and his wife had furnished the home. When they arrived at the property in March, they found a steel cable across the driveway with a sign attached that read, "Private Property/No Trespassing" along with similar signs all around the property. There was no signage present when the property was checked in January of 2013. Also found was a note on the front door, directing the current occupant to vacate the property immediately and that "any perceived rights to this property have been terminated." The note warned that failure to vacate would result in the contents of the home being placed in a storage facility and any further access would be considered trespassing – with a fine of \$10,000 per day, per person. Two names were included at the bottom of the letter - Brent Ten Pas, and Steve Armstrong.

The victim did not know either of these individuals. Further inspection revealed the suspects had partially boarded up the home and installed a security camera by the front door and none of the victim's keys would open doors indicating all the locks had been changed. The victim also discovered his belongings inside the home had been removed.

Deputies did locate a document indicating the victim's property was now in a storage unit in Prescott Valley. An intensive investigation was started with the consultation of the County Attorney, to verify ownership and any outstanding legal issues regarding the home. Ownership by the victim was verified through County Recorder records. Local court records for any pending legal issues, both civil/criminal, were checked and none was found. Eventually a final judgment documents dated in February of 2012 was located ordering Ten Pas and Armstrong to vacate the property, which as it had been awarded to the bank.

A Search Warrant for the storage unit was obtained and a search conducted. The victim confirmed the contents of this unit were his belonging. Deputies were unable to locate either suspect.

In February, the victim received a letter from both suspects attempting to explain their actions, apologizing for causing the victim trouble, and blaming the bank for an unmerited foreclosure. The letter concluded by indicating they would stop the process to regain the home.

On February 28, 2013, the deputy obtained criminal warrants for Ten Pas, 57, and Armstrong, 60, charging Theft, Burglary, and Criminal Damage. Both suspects were arrested and booked.

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## **April 2013**

### ***Allegedly Stolen Statues Located – Case Reclassified as Non-Criminal***

***High Value Yard Statues Stolen in Prescott*** --- In March 2013, a homeowner in Prescott, reported the theft of two large metal yard statues with a total value exceeding \$5500. He discovered the theft and indicated the statues were last seen intact in early March on the property adjacent to his home. One statue portrays an Elk and stands approximately 6 to 7 feet, weighs approximately 300 pounds. The other statue portrays a bear, which stands approximately 5 feet tall and weighs approximately 200 pounds.

Media reports caused the original owner of these statues to call YCSO and report that both statues are safe and sound. The caller indicated that 8 years ago he sold the property and had an agreement with the new owner to remove the statues on a later date. His intent was to place them on nearby property he was planning to purchase. This purchase never took place and the statues remained on the old property.

He decided take possession of the statues, take both to his home in Phoenix a few days ago, and left a note for the current property owner on the door. When he spoke to the property owner this morning, he learned the note had not been seen which resulted in a belief the statues were stolen. The original owner told YCSO he intends to return the statues to their original location in light of the trouble caused to the current homeowner. He apologized for any misunderstanding.

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## **October 2013**

### ***FATALITY ACCIDENT ON OUTER LOOP ROAD***

At about 7:50 am, deputies responded to a traffic accident on Outer Loop Road between Reed Road and Williamson Valley Road.

Two sedan type vehicles were involved in an apparent head on collision. A silver colored vehicle contained only the driver and a turquoise colored vehicle contained a driver and three passengers. Of those four in the turquoise colored vehicle, two were pronounced dead on scene. The lone driver and a passenger in the turquoise colored vehicle were airlifted to Flagstaff Medical Center, while the remaining passenger was transported by ambulance to Yavapai Regional Medical Center, all in serious condition.

The four occupants travelling together in the turquoise vehicle were between the ages of 23 and 9 years. The 23-year-old driver and 9-year-old passenger were declared dead at the scene. A 13-year-old passenger later died. One 15-year-old passenger survived. The family was from Chino Valley. The 63-year old solo driver in the silver vehicle survived.

Although some aspects of the investigation remain ongoing, a comprehensive review of physical evidence by the Accident Investigation Team indicates one vehicle went left of the centerline on Outer Loop Road and struck the other vehicle.

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## **SOUTHERN AREA COMMAND**

The Southern Area Command of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is divided into two sections, South West and South East. Southern Area Command borders the Maricopa County Line on the South, La Paz County Line on the West and Mohave County Line on the Northwest. Lieutenant Nathan Auvenshine (area Commander) supervises the Southern Area Command. He has five (5) Patrol Sergeants and 29 Deputies currently assigned to him.

### **Southeast Area Command (SEAC)**

The Southeast area is comprised of the towns of Black Canyon City, Castle Hot Springs, Bumblebee, Cleator, Crown King, Cordes Lakes, Spring Valley, Mayer, Poland Junction, Cherry and Dewey-Humboldt. Since the incorporation of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has been contracted to provide Law Enforcement Services to its citizens. This partnership is unique and one of a kind, in Yavapai County.

The Southeast area has three primary substations, Black Canyon City, Mayer and Dewey-Humboldt. The Mayer substation is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Office Coordinator Crystalene Johnson is assigned to assist the public and deputies for SEAC. Black Canyon City and Dewey-Humboldt substations do not have business hours for the public but Ms. Johnson is available to assist via telephone if necessary.



Three (3) Patrol Sergeants and 20 patrol Deputies are currently assigned to the Southeast Area. Like SWAC, we also receive a lot of assistance and support from our VIP's.

From July 2013 thru April of 2014 SEAC Deputies handled a total of 8,852 calls. 4,350 of those were calls for service from citizens in the community. 4,502 of these were self-initiated calls and like SWAC, the majority of them were traffic stops, citizen or motorist assists, business checks and suspicious persons or vehicles. Deputies made 510 total arrests to include in-custody and cite and release arrests. Deputies wrote a total of 546 traffic related citations.

One notable event this year included the coordination and participation in a mass casualty drill at the Mayer High School. This drill was a reality based training drill to test the response and coordination of multiple public safety agencies as well as to identify any training or equipment needs prior to any actual event. This was made possible by the cooperation and coordination between the Mayer Fire Department, Mayer School District, YRMC, Lifeline Ambulance, AZDPS, students and parents of the Mayer High School and the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. The drill was a great success.

Also noteworthy was the investigation and arrest of a suspect who had stolen several thousands of dollars' worth of copper wire from ADOT light poles at the Highway 69 and I-17 interchange in Cordes Lakes. The successful conclusion of this case was due to the teamwork between SEAC Patrol Deputies and YCSO detectives.

## **Southwest Area Command (SWAC)**

Southwest Area Command encompasses the towns of Skull Valley, Wilhoit, Kirkland, Peoples Valley, Yarnell, and Congress, Stanton/Octave parts of the Wickenburg area, Bagdad, Hillside and surrounding areas. Much of this area is rural State, Forest and Ranch lands.

Southwest area command has two primary substations, Yarnell (next to the court) and Bagdad. The Bagdad substation is open to the public, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Office Coordinator, Debra St. Ledger is assigned to assist the public and deputies for SWAC. The Yarnell substation currently does not have business hours for the public but Ms. St. Ledger is available to assist via telephone if necessary.

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has two Patrol Sergeants and nine Patrol Deputies currently assigned to this area. We have several Volunteers within the Volunteers In Protection program (VIP's), who live in the area. These volunteers donate countless hours assisting the Deputies and citizens by providing prisoner transports, vacation checks, extra patrols and many other duties.

From July 2013 thru April 2014, SWAC deputies handled a total of 4,048 calls. 1,381 of those were calls for service from the community. These calls range from welfare checks to family fights and from burglaries to drug offenses and assaults as well as traffic collisions. SWAC Deputies had a total of 2,667 self-initiated calls. These are comprised largely of traffic stops, suspicious persons or vehicles, citizen or motorist assists and business checks. Many self-initiated calls lead to criminal investigations such as DUI, drug possession/sale and suspended drivers. In two separate self-initiated traffic stops, the result was the seizure of 91 pounds of Marijuana and the seizure of drug money in the amount of \$163,000.

During this year, SWAC had a total of 105, in custody, arrests, 219 cite and release arrests and 294 civil traffic citations.

During this fiscal year, SWAC deputies were involved in both the Doce and Yarnell fires. On both occasions, the deputies acted quickly to assist in evacuations of citizens and to assist in patrols of evacuated communities. Several deputies assigned to the Yarnell and Bagdad squads risked their lives to stay in the fire zone, even after the firefighters had evacuated, in an attempt to make sure everyone had escaped the onslaught of the fire. These brave men received the medal of valor in 2013 for their actions.

It is also important to note, during the Yarnell fire, we had a string of burglaries that victimized evacuated residents. SWAC deputies diligently investigated and solved these cases making several arrests and handled the recovery of a large amount of the stolen property.

One other notable incident occurred in Bagdad. Late one evening a resident who, after attempting suicide, was found not breathing and was saved by a Deputy's quick actions and application of CPR.



## Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (S.W.A.T.)

The members of the Special Weapons and Tactical Team stand ready to respond and assist all elements of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office in unusual and "high-risk" missions. We are committed to the successful resolution of every mission we are assigned. Our priority in every mission is the preservation of life and the safety of all SWAT members. When there is a need for courage, teamwork, and special weapons in tactical applications, we accept all assignments.



The Law Enforcement Services Division Captain is assigned the task of Commanding Officer for the Special Weapons And Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team. This assignment requires to management skills for all tactical operations during all crisis incidents. Currently the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team consists of 15 full-time certified Deputies along with one Reserve Deputy. The SWAT Team also has several medics' members. These members are volunteers who range in experience from EMT to Registered Nurses.

Selection of members to the Team is a rigid process. To qualify each candidate must endure a 24-hour testing process that measure both mental and physical stamina, the ability to work as part of a cohesive team and to think and function under "extreme pressure" in order to make competent decisions in a timely manner. All members must maintain good standing within the agency and meet expectations of their primary assignment to remain on the Team.

The Team trains a minimum of 20 hours a month to maintain proficiency in specific areas of responsibility. Each individual team member has an area of expertise or special skill. Team training consists of a myriad of subjects ranging from dynamic entry methods, hostage situations, and response to school violence, terrorism, and VIP protection.

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team is trained in two areas of responsibility. The "Entry Team" is made up of six members with the responsibility of entering a high-risk environment and securing the arrest and/or ensures the safety of any person within a structure where a crisis incident is occurring. The "Inner Perimeter Team" is made up of 10 Team members with the responsibility of ensuring that no individual can enter the area in which the "Entry Team" is working. This Team is also responsible for keeping the Team Leader informed of all changes and actions pertaining to the incident and individuals/suspects involved.

The Team Leader reports directly to the Commander keeping him informed of all tactical plans and plausible resolutions to all crisis incidents and SWAT situations. The Team Leader is assigned to the Entry Team. There are two assistant Team Leaders. Their primary duties include on-scene briefing and/or updates to the Team Leader and Commander when needed. They are also tasked with mission scouting, planning and briefings, and assisting in monthly training. Both Team Leaders are assigned to the Entry Team.

The Marksman/Observer Team consists of three members. They are tasked with the continuing mission of gathering intelligence information throughout an operation. The Marksman/Observer Team members are the eyes of the SWAT Commander and the Team Leader. They are highly trained marksman with specialized skills in taking long-range shots on small specific targets.

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team responded to three high-risk incidents. Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is proud to say the team resolved all missions without any loss of life and minimal injury to any citizen, officer, or suspect.

## **NEGOTIATION TEAM**

Yavapai County continues to prove it is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States. Because of such rapid growth, the Sheriff's Office responds to an increasing amount of calls requiring the services of the Tactical Operations Unit, which is comprised of the Special Weapons and Tactics and Crisis Negotiations Teams. The Crisis Negotiations Team is an integral part of the SWAT Team and responds to most, if not all, requests for tactical response/services in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Yavapai County.

The Y.C.S.O. Crisis Negotiations Team consists of four (4) team members. After testing and selection for this elite assignment, team members attend basic crisis negotiation training provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Additional training is attended whenever possible. All members have primary assignments within the Sheriff's Office and maintain on-call status when off duty.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION  
NOTABLE EVENTS**

**Southern Area Command**

**February 2013**

***Black Canyon City Bank Robbery***

On January 4, 2012, at approximately 4:50 PM, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a reported shot fired into the occupied Bank of the West building, located at 34301 Old Black Canyon Highway, Black Canyon City. It was confirmed that one shot had been fired through a bank window from an unknown location outside the building. Fortunately, no one inside the bank was hurt. Additionally, it was learned a bank employee had received a phone call just prior to the shot being fired and the content of the call indicates a connection to the incident. The exact motivation of the shooting is not clear.

The FBI arrested a 48-year-old Scottsdale resident on February 6, 2013, in Phoenix as a suspect in four bank robberies. One of the robberies charged involved the January 4, 2013, incident at the Bank of the West in Black Canyon City where a shot was fired into the occupied bank as part of an apparent robbery attempt. YCSO working with the FBI linked the suspect to this incident by evidence. This case, along with the additional Arizona bank robberies cases allegedly involving this suspect are being prosecuted in Federal District Court.

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**July 2013**

***Burglary of Homes during Evacuation during Yarnell Hill Fire***

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the 16000 block of West Way in Yarnell regarding a burglary report. The homeowner told deputies that sometime between June 30, and July 8, 2013, suspects forced entry into his residence via a bedroom window. Several items were stolen including firearms, numerous high quality knives, coins, and jewelry. During this conversation, the deputy recalled seeing the suspicious men while evacuating a neighborhood on Crest Way. The deputy spoke with them and both claimed they were assisting with the evacuation. One of the men indicated he was trying to borrow a vehicle so he and his friend could drive to Peoples Valley.

On July 9, 2013, deputies were contacted by the owner of a 1994 green Geo Metro who explained he was trying to find his car after loaning it to Slone and Frost. A short time later, the owner found his car parked at the Comfort Inn on White Spar Road in Prescott. The deputy also recalled seeing Frost drive this vehicle towards a checkpoint earlier in the week.

Deputies sent out a bulletin to area law enforcement agencies describing the stolen property. A Prescott Police detective contacted YCSO and advised a large Buck brand knife and hatchet, matching descriptions in the stolen property report, had been pawned. The pawnshop was located in Prescott and the customer pawning had been identified as Robert Frost who received a cash payout. Deputies recovered the items and confirmed by surveillance video and documentation from the pawn store that both Frost and Slone were in possession of stolen property.

YCSO deputies found Slone at the Comfort Inn. A consent search of the rented room revealed a stolen telescope taken from the Yarnell home. Slone was arrested and initially denied involvement, but after learning of the evidence obtained so far, admitted his participation. He later told detectives some of the stolen coins were buried “in the woods” at a location in Prescott. Slone was taken to this area and several stolen items, including jewelry and coins, were recovered.

While the motel room secured pending a search warrant, Frost arrived unannounced and was arrested. The search resulted in additional stolen property found and recovered. Frost also initially denied involvement until learning of the evidence collected. He also indicated some of the property had been sold to a “cash for gold” location in Prescott. Detectives are also determining if the suspects are involved in any other thefts. Both were booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center. Slone’s charges include Burglary, Theft, and five counts of Trafficking Stolen Property. Frost’s charges include Burglary, Theft, and Trafficking Stolen Property. Bond for Slone is \$15,000. Bond for Frost has not been set.

An additional suspect associated with the burglary, Thomas Adams, was located and arrested for Theft and Control of Stolen Property, Prohibited possessor in Possession of a Firearm, and Trafficking Stolen Property

In January 2014, all three suspects pled guilty and were sentenced and fined on these charges.

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## **October 2013**

### ***Mayer Homicide***

Deputies responded to Main Street in Mayer regarding a child reporting his mother had been shot. The 5-year-old boy told deputies he had seen “Bill” shoot his mom. Deputies learned that “Bill” was in fact 29-year-old William Hewitt and he had just dropped the 5-year-old off at a friend’s home in Mayer before driving away in the Ford truck.

During follow-up, deputies were told that Hewitt was the mother’s boyfriend. Just before 1:30 PM, deputies found the mother’s body in an area off Antelope Creek Road about ½ mile north of what is known as “Old Cordes,” south of Mayer. The victim had died from an apparent gunshot wound.

An extensive search began for the suspect throughout the remainder of Friday and into Saturday until he was found on the Granite Dells Parkway off ramp. An YCSO deputy driving highway 89a spotted the suspect vehicle parked on the Granite Dells Parkway exit in Prescott just before 6PM. Hewitt was found deceased inside the vehicle from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. A firearm, most likely the murder weapon, was recovered from the vehicle.

### ***School Resource Deputy arrests four Juveniles in Marijuana Processing Operation***

A Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Officer (SRO) arrested three juveniles, ages 14,15, and 16, for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana in a School Zone, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The SRO is assigned exclusively to Mayer High School in Spring Valley, AZ.

The SRO received information that marijuana was being transported on a school bus while hidden inside a musical instrument case. Students associated with the case were seen getting off the bus at Mayer High School then walk towards the back of the school and out of view. Within the hour, the SRO developed information that three students, identified by name, were drying out marijuana plants under a bridge at Spring Lane and Gold Pan. This bridge is not far from the school.

The SRO immediately drove to the Spring Lane bridge and located the three students who were in the process of drying out several recently harvested marijuana plants/buds on top of school folders. The deputy arrested all three students and booked them into the Prescott Juvenile Detention Center.

Based on information developed from the arrest of these students, an additional 17-year-old student was arrested the following day and charged with the same violations due to involvement in the marijuana operation. It was learned the 17-year-old had supplied marijuana plants to the students previously arrested, agreeing to pay them to dry the plants out for later sales.

*The Mayer High School SRO is the only position of its type in Yavapai County. This deputy is specially selected for the assignment, which involves full time work within the school. As a result, the SRO benefits from an ongoing relationship with students and staff and is able to use this affiliation to impact issues, which affect school safety and security.*

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## **May 2014**

### ***Suspect Arrested for Attempted Homicide and Robbery***

YCSO deputies responded to some property located on Ghost Town Road in Congress, Arizona, regarding a robbery the just occurred. The 60-year-old male victim explained that the suspect had robbed him at gunpoint inside his motorhome. The victim had befriended the suspect a few days earlier at a Congress area store. The suspect told the victim he needed a place to stay and the victim permitted him to camp out near his motor home on Ghost Town Road.

During the past couple of days, the victim allowed the suspect to earn some money by making repairs on his motorhome. Then, during the early morning hours of May 26, 2014, the victim allowed the suspect to borrow his Honda scooter for a trip to the local grocery store.

The suspect left and the victim went back to sleep but was awakened later that morning by the suspect who was pointing a pistol, one of the victim's, at his face. The suspect tied up the victim with extension cords and demanded money. After the suspect took some cash and left, the victim was able to grab his cell phone and call 911 to report a robbery. While he was on the phone, the suspect re-entered the motor home and dispatchers heard a scuffle before the phone line was disconnected.

Apparently, the suspect became upset with the victim for loosening the restraints and now "hog-tied" him by restraining his hands and feet together from the back. The suspect then placed the barrel of a gun in the victim's ear and pulled the trigger twice. Fortunately, the gun did not fire. The suspect then became even more aggravated, pulled the gun away, and then fired a round into a computer next to the victim's head.

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The suspect waited for a few minutes to see if law enforcement was in the area. He then decided to take the victim's scooter, along with two additional handguns and ammunition belonging to the victim, and flee. Deputies arrived within five minutes, obtained suspect information from the victim, and arranged transportation to the Wickenburg Medical Center.

Due to the nature of the incident and knowledge, the suspect was armed, the YCSO SWAT Team responded to search for the suspect. SWAT deputies located the victim's scooter a short distance away and it appeared the suspect had crashed riding the scooter and was now on foot. SWAT deputies began tracking the suspect's movements and found the victim's backpack, guns, ammo, along with some blood indicating a likelihood the suspect had been injured in the scooter crash. The SWAT team tracked the suspect to the underside of a railroad bridge where he was hiding and he was arrested. The suspect was found with an apparent compound fracture to his left arm and transported to a Phoenix area hospital for treatment. He was eventually booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on numerous charges including Attempted Homicide and Robbery.

A Code Red emergency notification message was sent to area residents with information about the armed suspect in their community. Following the suspect's arrest, the community was notified that he had been found and the area was safe.

# YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU**

Criminal Investigations Bureau has the primary responsibility of investigating major felony crimes, as well as internal affairs investigations. Lieutenant Tom Boelts commands the Criminal Investigations Bureau and Property and Evidence Section.

Two Sergeants are assigned to assist with the supervision of the Bureau. Criminal Investigations is comprised of 11 Investigators, 2 Investigative Assistants, 2 Crime Scene Technicians, and an Office Coordinator. Criminal Investigations investigated 268 cases this past year.

The Sex Offender Compliance Unit manages approximately 478 registered sex offenders around the county in cooperation with other agencies, to include all of the police departments, probation and DOC community supervision units.

The Property and Evidence Section consists of one Supervisor, three Property Technicians, and an Office Coordinator. They are responsible for processing major crime scenes and maintaining, storing, and releasing all items of evidentiary value. They assist with suspect photo line-ups, fingerprint and latent print examinations and coordinate all outside laboratory testing of evidentiary items.

The Property & Evidence Section received a total of 11,547 items to be stored. Approximately 9,078 items were destroyed and/or released. Requests for evidence examination and latent print comparisons were received from the Yavapai County Attorney's Office, P.A.N.T., Prescott Police Department, Prescott Valley Police Department, and Chino Valley Police Department.

YCSO utilizes an internship program with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where individuals are assigned to CIB. In the past year, five ERAU students have participated in the internship program.

The Sheriff has allocated the task of research and development on legislation that would give all certified law enforcement officers in Arizona the ability to search those individuals who are on probation or parole to Lieutenant Boelts. This effort continues, as the ability is important to community and officer safety.

## **Major Case Summary**

In the past year, CIB has worked to attain numerous successful outcomes.

The high profile case of Steven DeMocker, a local business man accused of murder, was adjudicated and he was convicted and sentenced to a term of natural life for the 2008 homicide of his ex-wife Carol Kennedy.

Numerous cases of possession of child pornography were investigated and prosecuted. Studies show as many as 85% of persons who collect or possess pornographic materials of children commit actual illegal, physical acts on children.

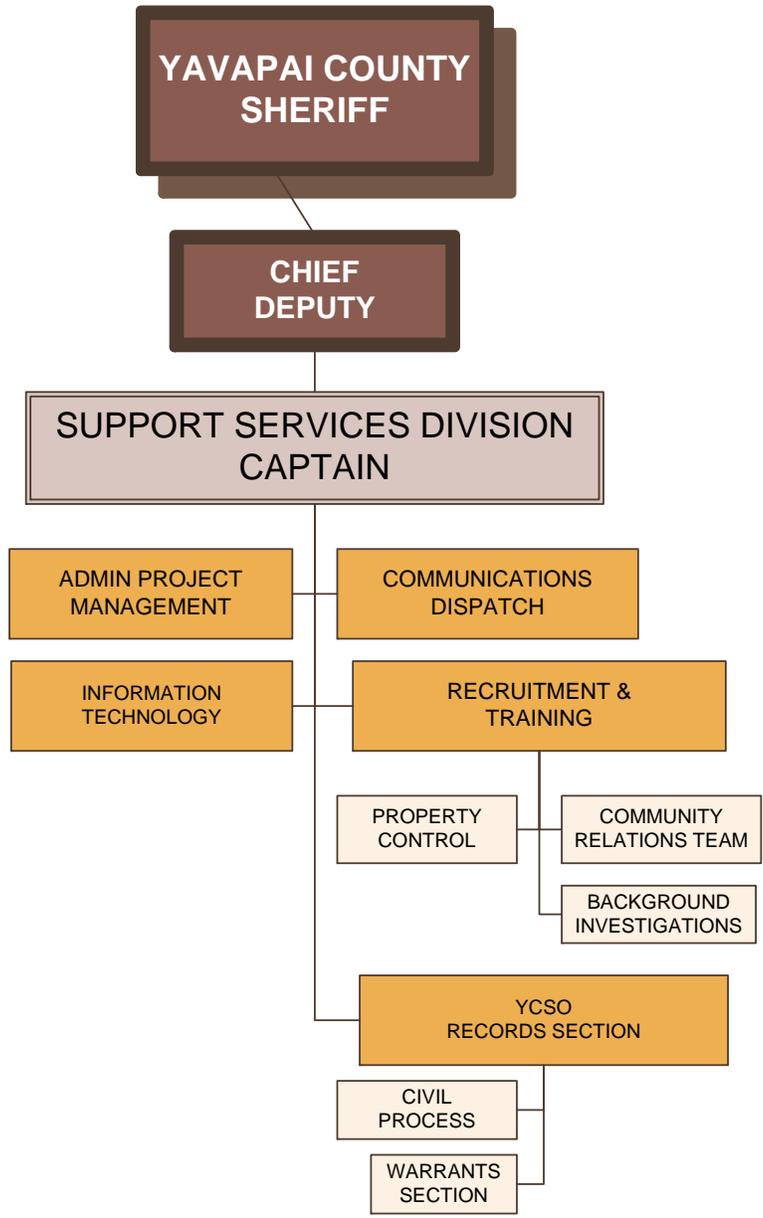
The Sheriff's Office organized and participated in a multi-agency "prostitution sting" targeting men who attempted to buy the sexual services of girls they knew to be under the age of 18. In all, nine men were arrested ranging in age from 17-73. Occupations of these individuals range from hourly worker to medical professional.

CIB has an active, all volunteer cold case squad who has worked diligently over the last year to bring arrests in two cases and they continue to assist in preparation of prosecution.

# **YAVAPI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**





# YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division (SSD) is located in the main headquarters building at 255 East Gurley Street in Prescott.

SSD is responsible for the following functional areas within the agency:

- Administrative Project Management
- Records Section
- Communications Section
- Recruitment and Training Section
- Information Technology

### Administrative Project Management

This Unit assists the Sheriff's executive staff with the coordination and logistics of numerous projects across all divisions of the agency. Most projects are technology-based. As our society becomes ever closer with technology, the Sheriff's Office must continually adapt and strive for innovative service delivery to our communities.

### Records Section

This Section maintains the central repository of all criminal and non-criminal records originating with the agency. This Section handles the headquarters public reception, non-emergency telephone calls for service and many other administrative tasks.

The Records Section handles and processes over 5,000 requests for Public Records, over 15,000 documents from court proceedings, over 8,700 inmate releases and over 3,000 warrants for arrest, on a yearly basis.



The Civil Unit is part of the Records Section. On a yearly basis, this Unit will process and serve protective orders, subpoenas, summons and notice. This Unit also handles writs for collection for various actions. This Unit handles over 2,700 documents per year.

## Communications Section

Personnel and supervisors maintain the Sheriff's Communications Center, or Dispatch, which is a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).



A PSAP is a center where 911 calls are received. As the largest public safety entity in Yavapai County, our professional Telecommunicators are well versed in "answering the call" from the public during times of crisis. As a regional center, Dispatch manages calls for numerous rural fire districts and departments as well as other law enforcement agencies on a contractual basis.

Dispatch answers over 230,000 incoming telephone calls for service per year. Of those calls, over 25,000 are 911 / emergency requests for service calls.

In addition to Dispatch, SSD also manages and maintains the Sheriff's communications system. The system consists of twelve repeated mountaintop sites across our jurisdictional area providing reliable, public-safety grade, push-to-talk radio communications for first responders.

## Emergency Notification System (ENS)

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office utilizes CodeRED® as its Emergency Notification System. With this service, we can send messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information when an emergency or time-sensitive issue arises.



The Communications Section is responsible for activating the ENS system. Throughout the past years, this system has been utilized for the evacuation and notification of serious/critical incidents in various areas with a highly successful rate.

## Recruitment and Training Section

The Recruitment Unit of this section performs posting of positions, testing for the positions and the pre-employment background investigations for actual employment with the Sheriff's Office. On a yearly basis, the unit will receive over 1,000 applications to review. Out of that number, approximately 200 will take a test for various positions. From that point, approximately 75 will have their background investigated to determine if they meet the state and agency standards to be hired by the Sheriff's Office. Approximately 50 individuals will meet those standards and gain employment with the Sheriff's Office.

The Training Unit assists various academies throughout the year. The Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy (NARTA) provides instruction for state certification of peace officers.

The Volunteers In Protection academy provides instruction for citizens to volunteer and assist patrol and administration with the mission and goals of the Sheriff's Office. Both academies are conducted twice a year. This Unit either assists or teaches in the areas of Defensive Tactics, Firearms, Physical Fitness, Patrol Procedures, Building Searches, Use of Force, Active Shooters and Stop and Approach Finals for both academies.

The Training Unit of this section oversees and provides pre-service and in-service training to AZPOST certified and civilian personnel. During each year, nine (9) 40-hour in-service trainings, six (6) open range/firearms trainings, patrol rifle user classes and the 2 – 6 week NARTA zero week training for recruits upon graduation, are all handled and schedule by the Training Unit.

The personnel assigned to the Training Unit review and participate on boards for Use of Force and firearms and coordinate certified training opportunities approved by the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board. This Unit also maintains the YCSO Driving Track and assists all user agencies with training when necessary.

This Section is also responsible for quartermaster duties and maintaining the agency's armory and equipment.

## **Information Technology**

SSD serves as the primary liaison between the Sheriff's Office and Yavapai County's Management Information Systems (IT) Department. At any given time, a diverse array of IT-based initiatives are underway at YCSO. Our databases, interfaces and hardware are used 24/7. One of the flagship IT initiatives at the agency is our Mobile Data Computer (MDC) program. Each patrol deputy, supervisor and manager is issued a rugged laptop computer that docks in a patrol vehicle. The MDC is used to access our Computer Aided Dispatch System, our Records Management System and state and local databases as well as email and the Internet.

## **Community Relations Team**

Today, our four person team is made up of Law Enforcement Education Deputies (LEED), a Public Information Officer (PIO), and a Crime Prevention Specialist (CCPS). Together they represent over three quarters of a century in Law Enforcement.



You have seen them in action at the various parades in the county, a safety assembly at your local elementary school, or maybe the DUI seminar just prior to prom night. If you belong to a Neighborhood Watch Group, you are receiving their e-news bulletins, and don't forget the team is available to speak to your civic group or association. They may be a small group, but you will find them active in your area countywide and ready to help where they can.

L to R – Deputy Carlos Godina (LEED), Tony Palermo (CCPS), Dwight D'Evelyn (PIO), Deputy Scott Reed (LEED)

# YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2013 - AWARDS

**CERTIFIED OFFICER OF THE YEAR →**  
Doug Brown, Deputy Sheriff



**←DETENTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
Daniel Romine

**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR →**  
Dwight D'Evelyn



**←VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
Ron Derry

## **LIFE SAVING AWARDS**

*John Vanderhoven, Deputy Sheriff  
Justin Scarbrough, Deputy Sheriff*

## **MEDAL OF MERIT – YARNELL FIRE 2013**

*Michael Bricker, Deputy Sheriff  
Craig Bollen, Deputy Sheriff  
Vincent Busone, Deputy Sheriff  
Reymundo Rivera, Deputy Sheriff*

## **UNIT CITATION**

### **K – 9 UNIT**

*Sgt. Victor Dartt  
Deputy(s) Jarrod Winfrey, Randy Evers & Eric Lopez*



# YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2014 - AWARDS

**CERTIFIED OFFICER OF THE YEAR →**

**Karl Waak, Detective**



**←DETENTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

**Kadee Stock**

**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR →**

**Cynthia "Cindy" Gilchrist**





**←VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
*Paul Chastain*

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR →**  
*Chuck Tidey*



**UNIT CITATION**

***Eastern Area Command – Graveyard Shift***

***Sgt. Brandon Rumpf***

***Deputy(s) Steven Warburton, Jason Dubien, Jeff Long, Steven Gorman, Nikolai Freemyer***



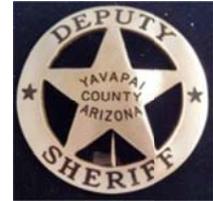
## **LIFE SAVING AWARDS**

*Daniel Moralez, Deputy Sheriff*



## Yavapai County Sheriff's Office History

Yavapai County reflects the history of the old west and the future of the new. Remnants of U.S. Cavalry forts, Indian dwellings, gold rush boomtowns, abandoned mines, Spanish Land Grant ranches, homesteads and vast tracts of uninhabited public lands exist side by side with modern housing developments, industry and business here in the mountain heart of Arizona.



Yavapai County is one of the four original Arizona counties formed in September of 1864 one year after the Arizona Territory was established. The County was named after the Yavapai Tribe, whose name means the "people of the sun."

The County was originally 65,000 square miles and was called the "Mother of Counties" because five other counties were later formed from it. The territorial government was also born in Yavapai County, the capital originally located in the City of Prescott.

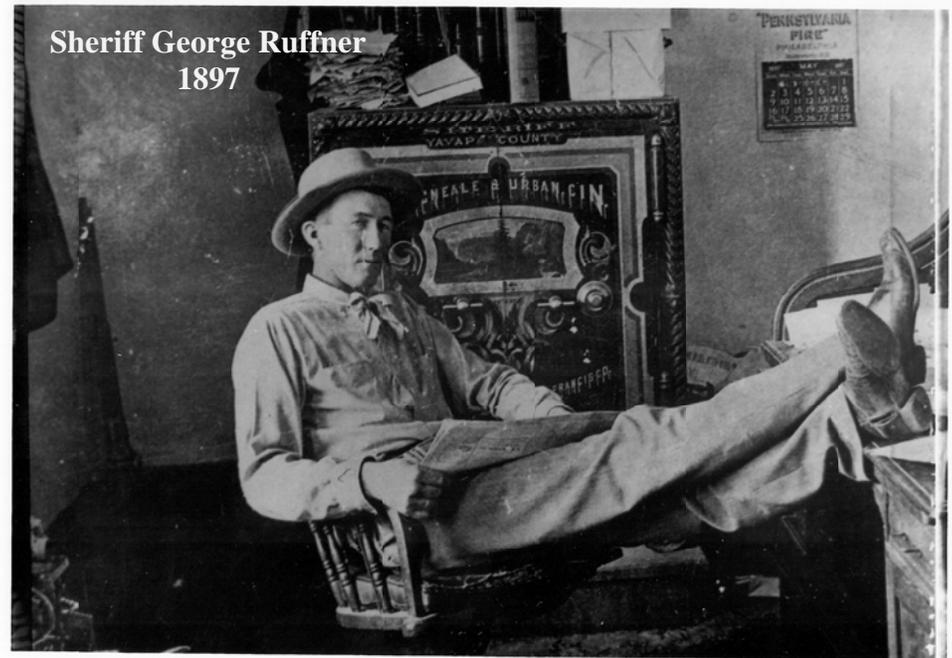
Spanish explorers also traveled through Yavapai County starting around 1581, Juan de Onate explored the area in 1604, and Friar Francis Garces visited in 1776. The California "49ers" crossed through the County in 1849 on their way to the California gold-rush and after the Civil War there was a marked influx of Southerners into the territory.

With an area of 8,125 square miles the County is larger than Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. Yavapai County is approximately the same size as Massachusetts. Just prior to statehood in 1912, the County had a population of approximately 16,000 people. It rose rapidly to over 24,000 by 1920 and remained somewhat constant for the next 40 years. The 1970 U.S. Census showed a population of nearly 37,000, which reflected the beginning of new, rapid migrations to the County that continued through the end of the 20th Century. During the 2000 U.S. Census, the population was counted at 165,000. The most recent Census in 2010 showed us that Yavapai County experienced another period of growth with a population of 211,033.

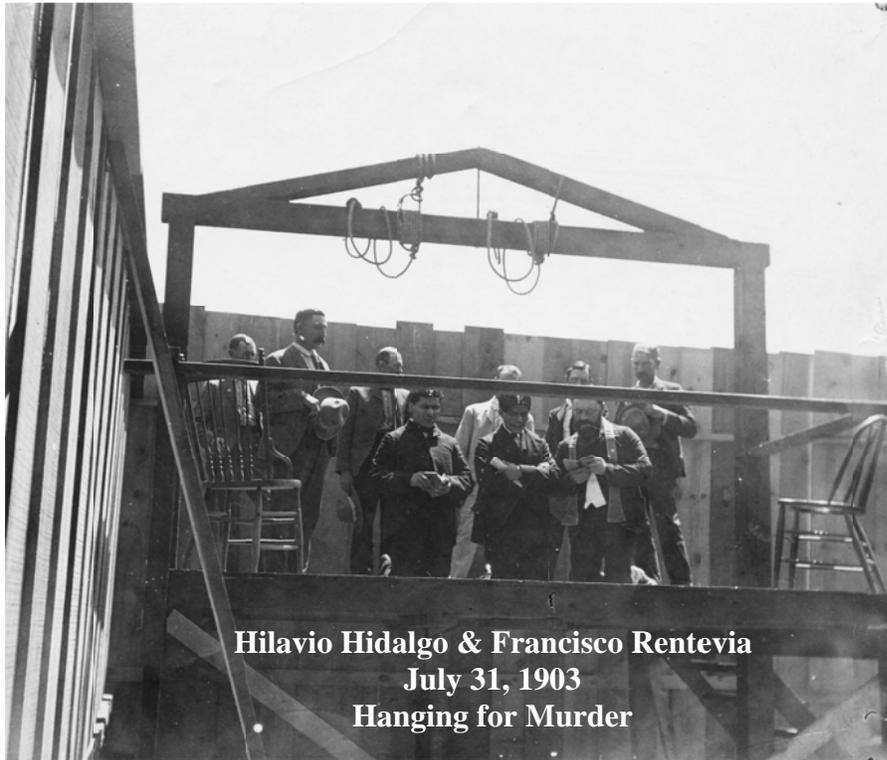
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office dates back to pre-territory days starting in 1864 with the appointment of Van Ness C. Smith as the first Territorial Sheriff. Between 1864 and statehood in 1912, nineteen Sheriffs were appointed or elected. From statehood to today four Sheriffs have been appointed and 12 elected, with Sheriff Scott Mascher being elected in 2012.

Today's Sheriff Office is a model in modern cost effective Law Enforcement operating with substations in Dewey, the Verde Valley, Village of Oak Creek and Williamson Valley along with 4 neighborhood substations in Black Canyon City, Yarnell, Seligman, Bagdad, and Ash Fork bringing policing directly into the neighborhood.

**Y.C.S.O.  
HISTORICAL  
PHOTOS**



**The Diablo Canyon Posse  
1800's**



**Hilavio Hidalgo & Francisco Rentevia  
July 31, 1903  
Hanging for Murder**



**Sheriff Jim Cramer (middle)  
1954**

## **SHERIFF HIGHLIGHTS**

### **After Statehood**

**1912-1962**

**“Transition from the Old West to a Modern Law Enforcement Agency”**

### **TRANSITION POINTS**

#### **New Courthouse**

New Courthouse is built in 1916 (previous courthouse stood from 1876 to 1915). The new courthouse is an allegory for the transition.

#### **Sheriff George C. Ruffner**

(1-1-1895 ~ 12-31-1898; 1-1-1923 ~ 12-31-1924; 1-1-1927 ~ 7-27-1933)

Sheriff George Ruffner has the distinction of being the most elected sheriff in the history of the county. Voters elected him to the office of sheriff seven times, allowing him to serve 12 years, over a period of 38 years. His election victory in 1926, against Sheriff Weil, gave him two thirds (2/3) of all cast votes, and is the largest margin ever against an incumbent in Yavapai County.

George Ruffner was born in Illinois in 1860 and came to Arizona in 1881. He worked as a cowboy in Mayer and Chino Valley, and in 1888 was one of the organizers of what would later be known as the World's Oldest Rodeo. In 1889 he went in to business for himself, building the Plaza Stables at the corner of Montezuma and Goodwin, in Prescott. George Ruffner was appointed as a deputy sheriff by Sheriff Lowry in 1893.

Sheriff Ruffner conducted the hanging of James Fleming in 1898.

Due to the span of his terms of office, Sheriff Ruffner has the distinction of being the Yavapai County Sheriff during territorial days as well as statehood. He served during the old west, prohibition, and the Great Depression. His contemporaries marveled at his calm and quiet nature, despite the dangers faced.

Sheriff Ruffner carried the American flag in every one of Prescott's Fourth of July parades until his death. Sheriff Ruffner died in office on July 27, 1933.

## **PROHIBITION AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (1920-1933)**

#### **Sheriff Edward G. Weil (1-1-1925 ~ 12-31-1926)**

Edwin Weil was born September 25, 1870, in Egypt, Indiana. He moved to Pasadena, California in 1890 and later served in the Spanish-American War, Company 1 of the 7th California Regiment. From 1899 until 1924 he lived in Prescott, working in mining and dairy farming.

Weil ran as a Republican for Sheriff in 1924, citing he would clean up the country side and open areas around the mining camps to make them safe for families. Weil won the election against incumbent Sheriff George Ruffner. During his time in office, Sheriff Weil was known as “The Two Gun Sheriff”, specializing in liquor enforcement. Weil was a well-known presence throughout the county seizing stills, arresting smugglers, chasing down homicide suspects and conducting raids while utilizing a new tool in prohibition era law enforcement: The new Studebaker Big Six patrol car.

Early in his term, during a prohibition raid at the Tia Juana Dance hall at Cottonwood, he detained sixty-seven people. After some time Sheriff Weil sat down on a pool table, ordered the patrons to put their hands down and told them to be “good little boys”, the entire group complied.

Sheriff Weil’s term was short lived, with his losing his reelection bid back to George Ruffner in late 1926. Sheriff Weil died on August 5, 1935 at Mercy Hospital in Prescott, Arizona. He was 64 years old.

### **Deputy Grover Sexton and the Studebaker Sheriff (1927)**

Studebaker employee Sexton was sent to AZ to discover why AZ sheriff’s all use their cars. Sexton was deputized by Sheriff Weil and worked with him busting moonshiners. Sexton wrote a novelette about his experiences for Studebaker.

### **Anecdotal Stories**

Ruffner would drive around the courthouse plaza two times before conducting bar checks on Whiskey Row (to announce his presence).

Federal Prohibition Officers rarely came to Prescott, due to distance and road conditions (Prohibition never really took hold in Prescott).

### **Deputy Jim Roberts and the Clarkdale Bank Robbery (1928)**

Deputy Roberts served from 1892 to 1932 and possibly shot 7 men in the line of duty. He primarily worked Congress, Jerome, and Clarkdale. At the age of 68, he thwarted a bank robbery, resulting in one dead bank robber, and one captured. He died while walking his beat in 1932.

### **1920’s - FACTOID**

#### **Prescott Journal Miner 8-8-1920**

Sheriff Salary \$4,000; Undersheriff \$2,100; total budget \$54,620.07

#### **Prescott Evening Courier 12-1-1922**

YCSO Jail has nearly 100 prisoners and only jail in the state that cooks its own food.

This works as a good ‘marker’ for transition, because Sheriff Ruffner bridges the time from Old West to Prohibition, and he died 6 months before Prohibition ended.

## **WAR AND POST WAR YEARS**

### **(1933-1961)**

#### **Sheriff Robert Robbins (7-29-1933 ~ 12-31-1940)**

Sheriff Robbins family came to Arizona by wagon from Georgia in 1877. Robert Robbins was born on May 16th, 1882, in Prescott. He served as a Prescott police officer from 1910 until 1916, at which time he was appointed as Chief of Police for a two year term. After serving as Chief of Police, he served as a Yavapai County deputy sheriff in the Verde Valley from 1918 until 1922. During Robert’s time as a deputy sheriff, he was shot in the leg while trying to disarm a drunk miner in Jerome. Because Robbins felt the miner was a ‘good man’ when not drinking, he did not press charges against him for the shooting. Between 1922 and 1933, he ran the ‘City Cash’ meat market, located at 218 S. Montezuma St., in Prescott.

Robert Robbins was appointed Sheriff by the Board of Supervisors a week after Sheriff George Ruffner’s death. Sheriff Robert Robbins served out the remaining 18 months of Sheriff Ruffner’s term, and was elected as Sheriff of Yavapai County for three consecutive terms of his own. He lost his fourth re-election bid to Willis Butler. Sheriff Robbins died on May 15, 1957.

## **1930's - FACTOIDS**

### **Prescott Evening Courier 8-15-1938**

YCSO 12 month stats (7/1937-6/1938) 1460 criminal complaints, 296 arrests, 45 daily average inmates [23 county, 22 federal]. Arrests: 49 drunk drivers, 16 reckless drivers, 96 felonies, 7 insane, 7 out of state holds, 7 out of county holds, 114 miscellaneous charges.

YCSO Personnel; 15 paid deputies in 9 locations, deputies are stationed in Prescott, Seligman, Ash Fork, Congress Junction, Mayer, Camp Verde, Jerome, Cottonwood and Clarkdale and had 20 additional unpaid deputies.

### **Sheriff Orville Bozarth (1-1-1947 ~ 12-31-1954)**

Sheriff Orville Bozarth was born on December 13, 1886, in Walnut Creek, Yavapai County, Arizona. He grew up cattle ranching, and at various times owned ranches in Camp Wood, Fair Oaks, and Williamson Valley. Orville Bozarth also served 9 years as a state livestock inspector and owned a meat market in Prescott.

Orville Bozarth was elected Sheriff just before his 60th birthday. He campaigned on, and vigorously enforced, laws against gambling. During his term, the sheriff's office obtained 2-way car radios with county-wide range. Before, during and after his term in office, he lived at 208 N. McCormick St., Prescott, Arizona. He served four terms in office, choosing not to run for a fifth term. Sheriff Bozarth died in Prescott, on September 29, 1976, at the age of 89.

## **1940's to 50's - FACTIODES**

### **Prescott Evening Courier 10-31-1941**

Yavapai County Sheriff's Posse formed with 12 members.

### **Prescott Evening Courier 7-21-1948**

YCSO under Bozarth, 5 homicides occurred since 1/1/47

### **Prescott Evening Courier 7-7-1953**

YCSO budget \$87,455.79

### **Prescott Evening Courier 2-26-1954**

YCSO Sheriff's Posse 20 members strong

### **Prescott Courier 5-25-1992**

Prescott Jeep Posse formed as recreation group in 1948. In 1952 it started working with YCSO Search & Rescue. In 1954 it was renamed Yavapai Sheriff's Jeep Posse.

## **MODERNIZATION OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (1962-1979)**

Between 1920 and 1960, Yavapai County's population held at around 25,000 people. Between 1960 and 1980, the population more than doubled, to over 68,000 people. This growth was concurrent with the transition of the agency in to a modern law enforcement agency.

### **Sheriff Grant Alfred 'Al' Ayers (1-1-1963 ~ 8-31-1974)**

Prior to his election, Sheriff 'Al' Ayers was formerly captain of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Posse and owned a saddle shop in Prescott. Sheriff Ayers second election to the office of sheriff was for the new 4 year terms of office, as amended by the state's constitution in 1965.

Sheriff Ayers' tenure as Sheriff of Yavapai County brought the agency in to the modern world. In the 1960's he was the first Yavapai county sheriff to institute uniforms, and purchase patrol cars for deputies (as opposed to the county paying mileage costs for deputy's personal vehicles). He also oversaw the installation of hi-band radios for the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Ayers resigned from his 4th term in August of 1974, to accept the job of Undersheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona.

Sheriff Ayers died December 11, 2007, in Bellville, TX.

#### **Sheriff Robert H. 'Bob' Scott (9-1-1974 ~ 12-31-1976)**

Sheriff "Bob" Scott spent part of his youth growing up in Prescott. He served as a Phoenix Policeman from 1953 to 1963. In 1972 he was hired as a deputy sheriff for Yavapai County, serving in the Verde Valley and Prescott. After one year on the job, he was promoted to sergeant, in charge of all 10 deputies between Ash Fork-Seligman, Prescott, and Yarnell-Bagdad. Six months later he was promoted to lieutenant of patrol, answering directly to Sheriff Ayers and Undersheriff Walt Sanders. When Undersheriff Sanders took a leave of absence for medical reasons, Lt. Scott became acting Undersheriff.

In 1974, when Sheriff Ayers resigned his office for the job as the undersheriff of Maricopa County, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors promptly appointed Bob Scott Sheriff.

Sheriff Scott ran for the office of sheriff in 1976, but was defeated by Harold 'Curley' Moore. Bob Scott remained with the sheriff's office as a sergeant of the Bagdad-Yarnell area. As a sergeant, Scott was an influential part of the Sheriff's Air Group. He retired in 1993.

#### **Sheriff Harold E. 'Curley' Moore (1-1-1977 ~ 12-31-1988)**

Harold 'Curley' Moore was born in 1928. He served for 22 years in the Arizona Department of Public Safety prior to his election to sheriff.

During his three terms in office, Sheriff Moore created the first YCSO policy manual, added a lieutenant position to supervise the Verde Valley, started the YCSO explorer program, obtained local phone numbers for outlying communities to call the sheriff's office (as opposed to making long distance calls), and upgraded the radio communications. Sheriff Moore lost his re-election bid to George C. 'Buck' Buchanan.

Sheriff Moore died on March 2, 2015 in Henderson, NV.

#### **YCSO gets uniforms and marked patrol cars (1962)**

Sheriff Al Ayars requires deputy sheriff's to wear uniforms, instead of just having a patch on their shirt. Deputies had to pay for their uniforms out of their paychecks. Additionally, the county purchases marked cars for the deputies, instead of paying them for mileage. By 1970, the sheriff's office went from one (1) deputy per community (Ash Fork, Mayer, Bagdad, etc) working on call 24 hours a day, to two (2) deputies per community (a day deputy and night deputy, each working 6 days a week).

By the late 70's, as the population continued to grow, this changed to having squads of deputies for each community.

#### **Sheriff's Office leaves historic Courthouse 1980.**

The Sheriff and deputies worked out of the courthouse from 1876 until 1981. The agency finally outgrew the courthouse and jail, and a new building (our current offices) was built between 1979-1980. The Sheriff's Office moved in to the building in February of 1981.

## **1960-1980 - FACTOIDS**

### **Prescott Daily Courier 7-7-1978**

YCSO Explorer program began May 1978.

### **Prescott Daily Courier 7-8-1980**

Sheriff Office budget \$1.5 million; deputies start at \$939 a month (\$11,268 a year) and are #11 of 15 counties in pay; courthouse jail has 65 beds.

### **Prescott Daily Courier 12-8-1980**

Courthouse jail has 13 jailers

### **Prescott Daily Courier 2-22-1981**

YCSO moves in to the new Justice Center building

### **Sheriff George Collison “Buck” Buchanan (1-1-1989 ~ 12-31-2004)**

G. C. ‘Buck’ Buchanan was born in New York in 1942. The Buchanan family arrived in Yavapai County in 1946.

He started his law enforcement career in 1964, with the Globe Police Department and the next year he returned to Prescott and was hired as a Prescott police officer. He worked at Prescott PD for 23 years, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant. During his four terms and unprecedented 16 years in office, Sheriff ‘Buck’ Buchanan continued the modernization of the sheriff’s office by overseeing the computerization of the agency. Under his administration, the Volunteers in Protection (VIP) program, Drug Abuse Recognition (DARE) program, and Gang Resistance Education Training (GREAT) programs were all adopted. During his term, the Camp Verde Detention facility was built capable of housing over 500 detainees.

Sheriff Buchanan declined to run for a fifth term as sheriff and retired in December 2004.

### **Prescott Daily Courier 6-28-1988**

YCSO budget in 1974 \$860,000 and \$3.2 million in 1988

### **Sheriff Roy “Steve” Waugh (1-1-2005 ~ 6/3/2011)**

Steve Waugh was born in Compton, California in 1946. He is a Viet Nam veteran and served with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for over 30 years. He retired at the rank of Assistant Sheriff. Upon his election into office, Sheriff Waugh oversaw bringing the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office in to the 21st century. Under his administration, the sheriff’s office was re-organized to meet the demands of the rapidly growing county. Vehicles with newly designed graphics and mobile data computers for the field officers were purchased

Midway through his second term, Sheriff Waugh decided that 45 years of law enforcement was enough, and retired.

### **Sheriff Lynn “Scott” Mascher (6/3/2011 – present)**

Scott Mascher was born in Pennsylvania and his family relocated to Arizona when he was 3 years old where he grew up and attended local schools.

Scott Mascher served the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office for 28 years, starting as a reserve deputy in 1983. In 1986 he was hired as a full time deputy sheriff in the Verde Valley. He served in the SWAT team, narcotics unit, and as a patrol sergeant, lieutenant of the criminal investigations section, patrol captain, and retired at the rank of commander. After retiring from the Sheriff’s Office, Scott Mascher accepted the appointment to the position of chief deputy under Sheriff Waugh.

When Sheriff Waugh retired, Chief Deputy Mascher was appointed as Sheriff of Yavapai County by the Board of Supervisors. In 2012 he was re-elected as Sheriff of Yavapai County.

## Rare guns on display at Museum!

The public got a rare one-day opportunity to see an historic collection of guns on Friday, December 29, 2014 at the Sharlot Hall Museum. The Sharlot Hall Museum placed on display some of the guns in one of their impressive collection, as well as firearms from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office and guns from private collectors who were on hand to discuss them.

The "Showcase of Historic Firearms" kicked off a yearlong celebration honoring the Sesquicentennial of the **Yavapai County Sheriff's Office**.

Some of the items featured was the Colt single-action "Peacemaker" .45 revolver owned by Sheriff James F. Roberts of Pleasant Valley War fame, to a contemporary tactical assault weapon of Sheriff Scott Mascher's S.W.A.T. team, a US M4 .223 automatic rifle capable of firing three rounds a second. Another featured item was the Mauser Model 1893 used by the Spanish in Cuba against the Rough Riders' Colt 1873 revolver, both of which were in action during the Spanish-American War of 1898.

During the one-day, show stories were told about Indian scout Alchesay's Marlin rifle, owned by the White Mountain Apache who was recognized with the Medal of Honor for his service during the Tonto Basin campaign during the winter 1872-1873. Alchesay also participated in the events that led to the surrender of Geronimo in 1885. Other stories highlighted the revolver of Union General John F. Reynolds who was mortally wounded at Gettysburg during the Civil War, and the Winchester rifle used by "Buffalo Bill" Cody during his "Wild West Show" extravaganzas.

The Sharlot Hall Museum show includes the collection of Colt .45 Model 1911s (vintages 1913 through 1943) that saw action in two World Wars; a Spencer rifle with an octagonal barrel; a Remington .41 Derringer double (1882) that may have a history associated with Prescott's **Whiskey Row**; and a Gatling Gun from Jim Jones' collection. Other firearms displayed included former Sheriff Robert Scott's .357 Magnum Smith and Wesson revolver; Sheriff G.C. "Buck" Buchanan's Colt Python; a Thompson submachine gun; a .30-.30 Winchester lever-action rifle; Bob Bunting's Winchester 12-gauge riot gun (1914); and David Read's Spencer 56-50 Carbine (1865) and Colt U.S.R.A.C. .45 (1873).

At the end of the show, the Museum raffled off one lucky ticket for a commemorative Ruger .45 caliber pistol donated by Sturm Ruger. The "Prescott Pistol" - number 100 of a limited edition Model 1911 pistol - was manufactured in Prescott and is valued at more than \$1,000. It is emblazoned with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office logo and specifically engraved to commemorate YCSO's 150th birthday this year.



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Sharlot Hall Museum Executive Director Fred Veil, left, holds an 1860 Colt .44 revolver owned by Civil War General John F Reynolds, while Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Mascher holds a .223 caliber US M4 assault rifle and Sharlot Hall Museum Chief Curator .50 caliber Model 1866 US Army rifle.

# ★YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFFS★

Van Ness Cummings Smith  
June 22, 1864 – February 18, 1865

Jerome Calkins  
February 18, 1865 – January 24, 1866

John R. Bourke  
January 24, 1866 – June 31, 1867

Andrew J. Moore  
July 1, 1867 – January 21, 1868

John L. Taylor  
January 21, 1868 – December 31, 1870

John H. Behan  
January 1, 1871 – December 31, 1872

James S. Thomas  
January 1, 1873 – January 17, 1874

Henry M. Herbert  
January 17, 1874 – December 31, 1874

Edward F. Bowers  
January 1, 1875 – December 31, 1878

John R. Walker  
January 1, 1879 – December 31, 1882

Jacob Henkle  
January 1, 1883 – December 31, 1884

William J. Mulhenon  
January 1, 1885 – December 31, 1888

William “Bucky” O’Neill  
January 1, 1889 – December 31, 1890

James R. Lowry  
January 1, 1891 – December 31, 1894  
January 1, 1905 – December 31, 1908

George C. Ruffner  
January 1, 1895 – December 31, 1898  
January 1, 1923 – December 31, 1924  
January 1, 1927 – July 27, 1933

John L. Munds  
January 1, 1899 – December 31, 1902

Joseph I. Roberts  
January 1, 1903 – December 31, 1904

James W. Smith  
January 1, 1909 – December 31, 1910

Charles W. Keeler  
January 1, 1911 – December 31, 1914

Joseph Young  
January 1, 1915 – December 31, 1918

Warren G. Davis  
January 1, 1919 – September 5, 1922

Joseph P. Dillon  
September 6, 1922 – December 31, 1922

Edward G. Weil  
January 1, 1923 – December 31, 1924

Robert M. Robbins  
August 2, 1933 – December 31, 1940

Willis Butler  
January 1, 1941 – December 31, 1946

Orville Bozarth  
January 1, 1947 – December 31, 1954

James Cramer  
January 1, 1955 – December 31, 1962

Al Ayers  
January 1, 1963 – August 31, 1974

Robert H. Scott  
September 1, 1974 – December 31, 1976

H. E. “Curly” Moore  
January 1, 1977 – December 31, 1988

G.C. “Buck” Buchanan  
January 1, 1989 – December 31, 2004

Roy “Steve” Waugh  
January 1, 2005 – June 3, 2011

Scott Mascher  
June 4, 2011 - present

## YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFF BIOGRAPHIES

### **Van Ness C. Smith** (6-22-1864 ~ 2-18-1865)

Van C. Smith has the distinction of being Yavapai County's first sheriff.

He is said to have been one of the first 10 men to settle in the Arizona Territory upon its founding in 1863. He was originally appointed by the territorial governor as sheriff to the Arizona Territory's Third Judicial District, at Prescott. Although formed by the Territorial Legislature in the fall of 1864, Yavapai County would not be incorporated until January 1st, 1865. He continued to serve as sheriff of Yavapai County for two months.

After his term as sheriff, Van Smith went on to co-found the City of Roswell, New Mexico, in 1871. He later served as a deputy sheriff to John Behan in Cochise County, and a Chief of Scouts at Fort Huachuca with 25 Indians under him during the hunt for Geronimo.

Van C. Smith died sometime after January of 1907.

### **Jerome Calkins** (2-18-1865 ~ 1-24-1866)

Jerome Calkins was born in New York, in 1830.

He came to Arizona through California, moving to Prescott, around 1864. While serving as sheriff, Calkins was also the road commissioner, and worked unsuccessfully to have a toll road brought in to Prescott from California. Upon Sheriff Calkins election, the county commissioners bought him a desk and books, and ordered the construction of a county jail. Prior to the jail's completion, prisoners were housed at Fort Whipple.

Sheriff Calkins resigned as sheriff to pursue mining interests in the state.

### **John P. Bourke** (1-24-1866 ~ 6-31-1867)

John Bourke was born in Ireland, in 1827, and immigrated to the United States as a child.

Prior to coming to Arizona, he lived in Maine and California. He came to Arizona in late 1863.

John P. Bourke served as undersheriff to Jerome Calkins, and succeeded him to the position of sheriff upon his resignation. He did not run for sheriff in the next election, rather he ran for, and was elected to, the position of Yavapai County Recorder in 1867.

John Bourke died March 6, 1868.

**Andrew J. Moore** (7-1-1867 ~ 1-21-1869)

Andrew Moore arrived in Arizona in around 1864. A native of North Carolina, his father would become a future sheriff of Maricopa County.

He was among the miners who founded the Tip Top Mineral District, in the Bradshaw Mountains.

Andrew Moore was elected sheriff on 6-29-1867, taking office on 7-1-1867.

Sheriff Moore resigned the office of sheriff after 7 months, to pursue mining interests in the state.

Sheriff Andrew Moore died on May 1, 1885, while swimming in the pool of Castle Hot Springs.

**John L. Taylor** (1-21-1869 ~ 12-31-1870)

Taylor was appointed as Sheriff of Yavapai County to fill the position vacated by Moore. John Taylor was a deputy sheriff to Andrew Moore.

After serving his term of office, Taylor was elected to the Territorial Legislature.



**John H. Behan** (1-1-1871 ~ 12-31-1872)

John “Johnny” Behan was born on October 23, 1844, in Kansas City, Missouri. He came to Arizona in 1863, and settled in Prescott in 1865.

He served as the clerk of the Territorial Legislature, and then as undersheriff to John P. Bourke. John Behan also served as the clerk of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors from 1868-1870. In 1870 John Behan was elected sheriff of Yavapai County. He served one term in office.

In 1881 John Behan was appointed as a Pima County deputy sheriff, at Tombstone. When Cochise County was formed on January 1st, 1881, Behan was appointed the first sheriff. John Behan was the Cochise Sheriff during the infamous ‘Shootout at the OK Corral’ in Tombstone.

John Behan later served as the assistant superintendent of the Yuma Penitentiary in 1887. He was appointed as the superintendent of the penitentiary in 1888, but resigned in 1890 due to allegations of fiscal mismanagement.

Later in life, he worked for the U.S. Customs Office.

John H. Behan died on June 7, 1912, in Tucson, Arizona.

**James S. Thomas** (1-1-1873 ~ 1-17-1874)

Prior to his election, James Thomas lived in Woolsey Valley (now Humboldt), in Yavapai County.

James Thomas was elected sheriff on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1872, beating rival Ed Bowers (who would go on to be elected sheriff in 1875) by 8 votes.

In his first 6 months as sheriff, Thomas was reportedly attacked by Indians ten times as he traveled the county, once within 35 miles of Prescott. A November 1873 edition of the Arizona Weekly Miner reported that his mine in the Bradshaw Mountains found a rich vein of gold.

The same paper reported on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1874, that Thomas had abandoned his office, leaving his bond holders in the lurch.

**Henry M. Herbert** (1-17-1874 ~ 12-31-1874)

Henry Herbert was born in Hainesville, Alabama. Herbert relocated to California, and later served in the 1860 Paiute Indian War, in Nevada. Henry Herbert came to Prescott, Arizona in 1867.

Henry Herbert served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Behan and Undersheriff to Sheriff Thomas.

Sheriff Herbert was appointed to serve out the remainder of Sheriff Thomas' term. After his term as sheriff, he served as undersheriff for John Walker from 1879 until 1882.

Later in life, Sheriff Herbert returned to Hainesville, Alabama, where he died on September 16th, 1895.

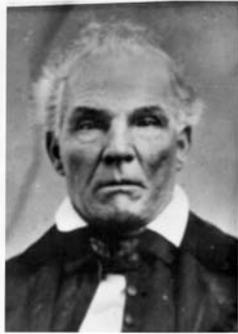
**Edward F. Bowers** (1-1-1875 ~ 12-31-1878)

Edward Bowers was born in Greenfield, New Hampshire, on June 27th, 1838. He left home at age 19, working his way through Kansas, Colorado, and California. In 1865 he settled in Yavapai County, where he worked in ranching and freighting. He was appointed the Post Master of Skull Valley, Arizona, on April 22, 1872.

Sheriff Edward Bowers presided over Yavapai County's first legal hanging—Manuel Abiles—in 1875.

In October of 1877, Sheriff Edward Bowers, Prescott Town Marshal James Dodson, U.S. Marshal Wiley Standifer, Constable Frank Murray, and special deputy sheriff Virgil Earp were involved in one of early Prescott's most violent shootouts, resulting in the death of two outlaw cowboys.

Sheriff Bowers served two terms as Yavapai County Sheriff. He lost his election bid to a third term, and died five days after leaving office on January 5th, 1879.



**John R. Walker** (1-1-1879 ~ 12-31-1882)

John Walker was born in Missouri on April 30th, 1832. He was the nephew of Joseph Walker, and traveled with the famed mountain man as he explored central Arizona in 1863.

John Walker served as undersheriff for Ed Bowers, before serving two terms as sheriff himself. While sheriff, he was appointed as a deputy U.S. Marshal by U.S. Marshal Crawly P. Drake. In 1882, Sheriff Walker oversaw the hanging of H.H. Hill, convicted of murder.

Sheriff Walker homesteaded on Beaver Creek, in the Verde Valley, where he died on February 26th, 1897.

**Jacob Henkle** (1-1-1883 ~ 12-31-1884)

Jacob Henkle was a member of the Prescott Grays militia group, with William 'Buckey' O'Neill.

He was elected to one term of office. He had a second jail built in the county, in Flagstaff (then part of Yavapai County) in 1884. The jail consisted of a log house with leg irons, and cost about \$600.



**William J. Mulvenon** (1-1-1885 ~ 12-31-1888)

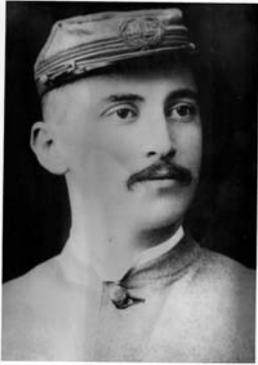
William Mulvenon was born in Massachusetts, on October 25, 1853. Raised in Kansas, he left home at 15 and worked in the mining towns of Colorado and New Mexico. He also served as a deputy sheriff at Silver City, New Mexico.

Sheriff Mulvenon came to Arizona in 1875. He served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Walker and Sheriff Jacob Henkle.

Mulvenon was elected to two terms in office, and was sheriff during the Pleasant Valley War, as well as presiding over the hanging of Dennis Dilda in 1886 and Martin Duran in 1888.

After his terms as sheriff, William Mulvenon served in the 19th Territorial Legislature. In 1894 he formed the Crystal Ice Company in Prescott.

Sheriff Mulvenon died in 1915, in Prescott.



**William O. "Buckey" O'Neill (1-1-1889 ~ 12-31-1890)**

William O'Neill was born on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1860, in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1879 he left home for the Arizona Territory. He worked briefly in the newspaper business in Phoenix, and in 1880 he moved to Tombstone to be a reporter. Shortly after the Gunfight at the OK Corral, O'Neill moved to Prescott. In Prescott, O'Neill worked as a court reporter and founded his own newspaper *Hoof and Horn*. In 1886 he became the Captain of the Prescott Greys, the local unit of the Arizona Militia.

William 'Buckey' O'Neill was elected sheriff of Yavapai County in 1888, taking office in 1889.

In March of 1889, four men robbed the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad at Diablo Canyon (near Flagstaff). Sheriff O'Neill and his three man posse chased the train robbers all the way to Utah, where he caught them and returned them to Prescott for justice.

After his term of sheriff, 'Buckey' O'Neill was elected Mayer of Prescott.

In 1898, war broke out between Spain and the United States. 'Buckey' O'Neill joined the United States Volunteer Cavalry, where he was appointed a Captain of Troop A.

William O'Neill was killed while storming San Juan Hill on July 1st, 1898 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Section 1, Site 294.

**James R. Lowry (1-1-1891 ~ 12-31-1894; 1-1-1905 ~ 12-31-1908)**

James Lowry served two separate stints as sheriff, each of two terms.

Later in life, James Lowry worked as a deputy sheriff and guard at the United Verde Extension Mine, near Jerome.

On July 16, 1918, while trying to arrest Portifino Hernandez, Lowry and Deputy C.R. Wright were engaged in a massive gun battle with Hernandez and his friends. Lowry was killed, struck by multiple bullets. Hernandez was killed two days later in a gun battle with a Coconino County Sheriff's deputy.

Sheriff Lowry's son, Malcolm Lowry, was a Yavapai County deputy sheriff in Ash Fork, under Sheriff Willis Butler.



## **George C. Ruffner**

1-1-1895 ~ 12-31-1898

1-1-1923 ~ 12-31-1924

1-1-1927 ~ 07-27-1933

Sheriff George Ruffner has the distinction of being the most elected sheriff in the history of the county. Voters elected him to the office of sheriff seven times, allowing him to serve 12 years, over a period of 38 years. His election victory in 1926, against Sheriff Weil, gave him 2/3rds of all cast votes, and is the largest margin ever against an incumbent in Yavapai County.

George Ruffner was born in Illinois in 1860 and came to Arizona in 1881. He worked as a cowboy in Mayer and Chino Valley, and in 1888 was one of the organizers of what would later be known as the World's Oldest Rodeo.

In 1889 he went in to business for himself, building the Plaza Stables at the corner of Montezuma and Goodwin, in Prescott.

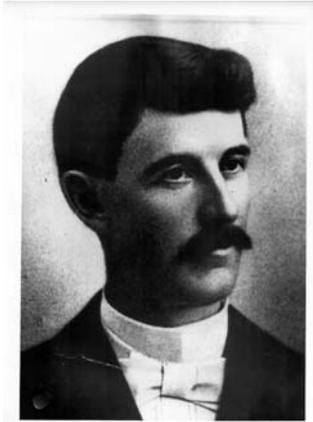
George Ruffner was appointed as a deputy sheriff by Sheriff Lowry in 1893.

Sheriff Ruffner conducted the hanging of James Fleming in 1898.

Due to the span of his terms of office, Sheriff Ruffner has the distinction of being the Yavapai County Sheriff during territorial days as well as statehood. He served during the old west, prohibition, and the Great Depression. His contemporaries marveled at his calm and quiet nature, despite the dangers faced.

Sheriff Ruffner carried the American flag in every one of Prescott's Fourth of July parades until his death.

Sheriff Ruffner died in office on July 27, 1933.



**John L. Munds** (1-1-1899 ~ 12-31-1902)

John Lee Munds was born on October 4th, 1868, in Oregon. In 1876, his family moved to Yavapai County. They homesteaded in Williamson Valley as well as the Verde Valley (Munds Park and Munds Mountain, also known as Cathedral Mountain, are named after John Munds' father).

John Munds went to business college in Stockton, California, graduating from there in 1889. John Munds returned to Arizona, marrying Frances Willard and worked in the livestock business for three years. In 1893, the Munds moved to Prescott, and from 1894 to 1897, John Munds served as a deputy sheriff for George Ruffner.

In 1898, John Munds was elected Sheriff of Yavapai County, serving for two terms. He was sheriff during the Great Fire of 1900, which destroyed downtown Prescott.

After his terms of service, Sheriff Munds went in to cattle, sheep, and mining businesses.

John Munds died on March 2nd, 1953, at the Community Hospital of Prescott.



**Joseph I. Roberts** (1-1-1903 ~ 12-31-1904)

Joseph Roberts was born on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1865, in Melbourne, Australia. In 1870, his family came to America, settling first in Kansas. In 1875 his family moved to Prescott. As an adult, Roberts owned the OK Meat Market of Prescott.

Sheriff Roberts served one term in office.

During his tenure, he oversaw the 1903 double hangings of Hilario Hidalgo and Francisco Renteria, for the murders of Charles Goddard and Frank Cox.

After his term as sheriff, Joseph Roberts was the proprietor of the Williamson Valley Land & Cattle Company.

In 1920 he moved to Pasadena, California for health reasons and died on June 17, 1925.



**James W. Smith** (1-1-1909 ~ 12-31-1911)

James Smith came to Yavapai County from the Dakota Territory in 1882. In Yavapai County he was a miner and cattle rancher.

James Smith was elected as a county supervisor from 1893 until 1896.

In 1908 he won the election to the office of sheriff and served two terms.



**Charles W. Keeler** (1-1-1912 ~ 12-31-1914)

Charles Keeler was formerly the Town Marshal of Ouray, Colorado.

A resident of Yavapai County since 1887, he ran for sheriff in 1902, but lost. He was appointed as a Yavapai County deputy sheriff from 1908 until 1911.

When elected, he was the last Territorial Sheriff of Yavapai County. Due to the advent of statehood, all elected officials at that time served until the end of 1914.

Sheriff Keeler lost his reelection bid to Joseph Young.



**Joseph Young** (1-1-1915 ~ 12-31-1918)

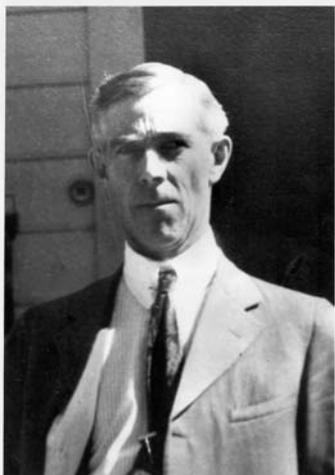
Joseph Young was born near Barstow, California, on February 8, 1871. His family relocated to Williamson Valley, Yavapai County, in 1879.

Joseph Young served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriffs Munds, Roberts, Smith and Keeler. He was elected to two terms as Yavapai County Sheriff.

After leaving the office of sheriff, Joseph Young was appointed as a special deputy to the United Verde branch of the Phelps-Dodge mine in Jerome by both Sheriff Ruffner and Sheriff Robbins.

All-in-all, he served the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office for 35 years and was a resident of Yavapai County for over 60 years.

Sheriff Young died September 20th, 1941, at the Arizona Pioneer's Home, in Prescott.



**Warren G. Davis** (1-1-1919 ~ 9-5-1922)

Warren Davis was born in West Virginia in 1876. A resident of Arizona since 1900, Davis lived in Mayer and conducted a freight and livery business there.

Sheriff Davis served two terms in office.

During his first term in office, he developed a chronic respiratory illness, which the Prescott Evening Courier described on September 5th, 1922 as being caused by "discharging the duties of his office day and night, through rain, snow or heat, often spending days on horseback in the hills, in search of law violators".

With the line of duty death of Undersheriff Ed Bowers, Sheriff Davis' health deteriorated quickly.

He succumbed to his illness and died on September 5th, 1922.



**Joseph P. Dillon** (9-6-1922 ~ 12-31-1922)

Joseph Dillon was born in 1864, in New York. A resident of Arizona since 1888, he served as a Yavapai County sheriff's deputy, clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court, secretary of the Arizona Supreme Court, and secretary of the Arizona State Fair Commission.

Joseph Dillon was appointed as United States Marshal of the Arizona District on January 15th, 1914. He held the position for 8 years. After his term, he retired to Prescott.

When Sheriff Warren Davis died in office on September 5th, 1922, Joseph Dillon was appointed as County Sheriff by the Board of Supervisors the next day. He served out the rest of Davis' term, and declined to run for office.

Sheriff Dillon died in Phoenix on December 11th, 1933.



**Edward G. Weil** (1-1-1925 ~ 12-31-1926)

Edward Weil was born in 1870, in Indiana. He moved to California in 1890, and served in the Spanish-American war, in the 7th California Regiment. From 1899 until 1924 he lived in Prescott, working in mining and dairying.

Edward Weil ran for sheriff in 1924, and won the election against incumbent George Ruffner. His term was short lived, with his losing his reelection bid back to George Ruffner in 1926.

Sheriff Weil died on August 5th, 1935 at his home in Prescott. He was 64 years old.



**Robert M. Robbins** (7-29-1882 ~ 12-31-1940)

Sheriff Robbins was born in 1882.

He served as a Prescott police officer from 1910 until 1916, at which time he was appointed as Chief of Police for a two year term. Robert Robbins served as a Yavapai County deputy sheriff from 1918 until 1922, in Clarkdale.

Between 1922 and 1933, Robert Robbins ran the 'City Cash' meat market, located at 218 S. Montezuma, Prescott.

Robert Robbins was appointed sheriff by the Board of Supervisors a week after Sheriff George Ruffner's death.

Sheriff Robert Robbins served out the remaining 18 months of Sheriff Ruffner's term, and was elected as Sheriff of Yavapai County for three terms of his own.

He lost his fourth re-election bid to Willis Butler.



**Willis Butler** (1-1-1910 ~ 12-31-1946)

Sheriff Butler was born in Arizona in 1910.

He was a peace officer in the Verde Valley, and ran for sheriff on the platform of professionalism, holding numerous certificates from FBI training schools.

Butler challenged incumbent sheriff, Robert Robbins, winning the heavily contested election by 35 votes.

Sheriff Butler was the youngest sheriff in Arizona at the time, being elected at the age of 30. He served three terms as sheriff and did not run for a fourth term.



**Orville Bozarth (1-1-1947 ~ 12-31-1954)**

Sheriff Orville Bozarth was born in 1886, in Walnut Creek, Yavapai County, Arizona. He grew up cattle ranching, and at various times owned ranches in Camp Wood, Fair Oaks, and Williamson Valley. Orville Bozarth also served 9 years as a state livestock inspector and owned a meat market in Prescott.

Orville Bozarth was elected sheriff just before his 60th birthday. He campaigned on, and vigorously enforced, laws against gambling.

Before, during and after his term in office, he lived at 208 N. McCormick St., Prescott, Arizona. He served four terms in office, choosing not to run for a fifth term.

Sheriff Bozarth died September 29th, 1976, at the age of 89.



**James Cramer (1-1-1955 ~ 12-31-1962)**

Sheriff Cramer was born in 1914, in Missouri.

Before his election to sheriff, James Cramer served as an Arizona Highway Patrolman for one year, Assistant Chief of Police in Prescott for two years, and Yavapai County Treasurer for three terms.

Sheriff Cramer served four terms in office and lost his reelection bid to 'Al' Ayers.

Sheriff Cramer died in Phoenix in 1992, at the age of 78.



**Grant Alfred 'Al' Ayers (1-1-1963 ~ 8-31-1974)**

Prior to his election, Sheriff 'Al' Ayers was formerly captain of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Posse and owned a saddle shop in Prescott.

Sheriff Ayers second election to the office of sheriff was for the new 4 year terms of office, as amended by the state's constitution in 1965.

Sheriff Ayers' tenure as Sheriff of Yavapai County brought the agency in to the modern world. In the 1960's he was the first Yavapai county sheriff to institute uniforms, and purchase patrol cars for deputies (as opposed to the county paying mileage costs for deputy's personal vehicles). He also oversaw the installation of hi-band radios for the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Ayers resigned from his 4th term in August of 1974, to accept the job of Undersheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona.

Sheriff Ayers died December 11th, 2007, in Bellville, TX.



**Robert H. 'Bob' Scott (9-1-1974 ~ 12-31-1976)**

Robert "Bob" Scott was born on March 1, 1931 and spent part of his youth growing up in Prescott.

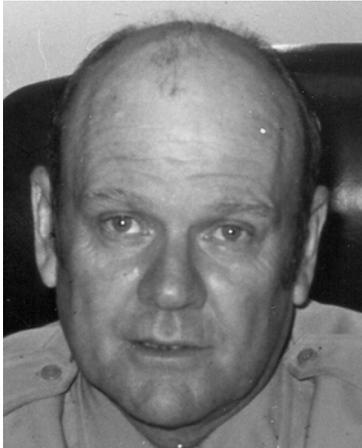
He served as a Phoenix Policeman from 1953 to 1963. In 1972 he was hired as a deputy sheriff for Yavapai County, serving in the Verde Valley and Prescott. After one year on the job, he was promoted to sergeant, in charge of all 10 deputies between Ash Fork-Seligman, Prescott, and Yarnell-Bagdad. Six months later he was promoted to lieutenant of patrol, answering directly to Sheriff Ayers and Undersheriff Walt Sanders. When Undersheriff Sanders took a leave of absence for medical reasons, Lt. Scott became acting Undersheriff.

In 1974, Sheriff Ayers resigned his office and took a job as the undersheriff of Maricopa County. The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors promptly appointed Bob Scott sheriff.

Sheriff Scott ran for the office of sheriff in 1976, but was defeated by Harold 'Curley' Moore.

Bob Scott remained with the sheriff's office as a sergeant of the Bagdad-Yarnell area. As a sergeant, Scott was an influential part of the Sheriff's Air Group.

He retired in 1993.



**Harold E. 'Curley' Moore (1-1-1977 ~ 12-31-1988)**

Harold 'Curley' Moore was born in 1928. He served for 22 years in the Arizona Department of Public Safety prior to his election to sheriff.

During his three terms in office, Sheriff Moore created the first YCSO policy manual, added a lieutenant position to supervise the Verde Valley, started the YCSO explorer program, obtained local phone numbers for outlying communities to call the sheriff's office (as opposed to making long distance calls), and upgraded the radio communications.

Sheriff Moore lost his re-election bid to George C. 'Buck' Buchanan.

Sheriff Moore died on March 2, 2015 in Henderson, NV.



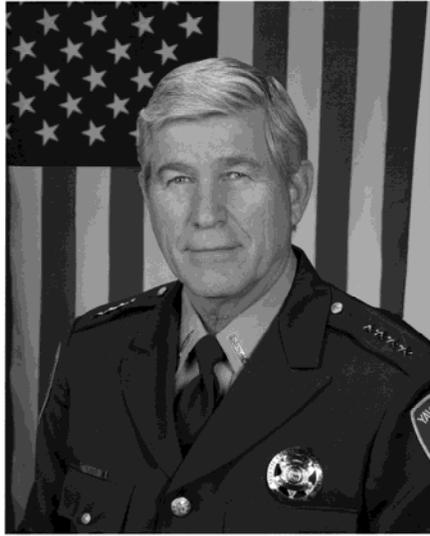
**George C. 'Buck' Buchanan (1-1-1989 ~ 12-31-04)**

G. C. 'Buck' Buchanan was born in New York in 1942, and came to Yavapai County at the age of 4.

He started his law enforcement career in 1964, with the Globe Police Department. The next year, he returned to Prescott and was hired as a Prescott police officer. He worked at Prescott PD for 23 years, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

During his four terms and unprecedented 16 years in office, Sheriff 'Buck' Buchanan continued the modernization of the sheriff's office by overseeing the computerization of the agency. Under his administration, the Volunteers in Protection (VIP) program, Drug Abuse Recognition (DARE) program, and Gang Resistance Education Training (GREAT) programs were all adopted by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. During his term, the Camp Verde Detention facility was also built capable of housing over 500 detainees.

Sheriff Buchanan declined to run for a fifth term as sheriff and retired in December 2004.



**Roy 'Steve' Waugh (1-1-2005 ~ 6-3-2011)**

Steve Waugh was born in Compton, California in 1946. He is a Viet Nam veteran and served with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for over 30 years. He rose through the ranks retiring at the rank of Assistant Sheriff. Upon moving to Prescott in the 1990's, Waugh was the acting Chief of Police for Chino Valley, Arizona.

Upon his election into office, Sheriff Waugh oversaw bringing the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office in to the 21st century. Under his administration, the sheriff's office was re-organized to meet the demands of the rapidly growing county. Obtaining more vehicles with newly designed graphics and mobile data computers in those vehicles, the field officers were better prepared to meet these demands.

Midway through his second term, Sheriff Waugh decided that 45 years of law enforcement was enough, and retired.



**Scott Mascher (6-3-2011 ~ present )**

Scott Mascher was born in Pennsylvania and his family relocated to Arizona when he was 3 years old where he grew up and attended local schools.

Scott Mascher served the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office for 28 years, starting as a reserve deputy in 1983. In 1986 he was hired as a full time deputy sheriff in the Verde Valley. He served in the SWAT team, narcotics unit, and as a patrol sergeant, lieutenant of the criminal investigations section, patrol captain, and rose to the rank of commander in 2011.

After retiring from the Sheriff's Office, Scott Mascher accepted the appointment to the position of chief deputy under Sheriff Waugh.

When Sheriff Waugh retired, Chief Deputy Mascher was appointed as Sheriff of Yavapai County. In 2012, he was re-elected as Sheriff of Yavapai County.

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