

# Black Mountain Precinct

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Thank you to everyone who came out to join forces with our officers for the annual Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) event this year. Our employees attended each scheduled G.A.I.N. event and thoroughly enjoyed meeting with the community we serve to strengthen our relationships and continue building on the strong foundation that has been created partnering police and the community we serve. Please contact a Community Action Squad member to inquire how your neighborhood can host their own G.A.I.N. event next year!

## How to Contact Your Community Action Team

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## Officer Spotlight

On September 3, 2011, at 3:45 am Officers Justin Futrell and Mike Harrison responded to a residential burglary call. The caller saw someone enter her yard, then climb over a wall towards the street where she heard an engine start. Officer Harrison took the victim through her yard and discovered an open shed that the victim said had contained a green canvas bag of gardening tools which was now missing. After Officer Harrison broadcast the information to responding units, Officer Futrell noticed a truck leaving the area and stopped the vehicle to contact the driver. Upon walking up to the truck, Officer Futrell noticed a green canvas bag in the truck bed.

Officer Harrison brought the victim over to the traffic stop where the victim was able to identify the property in the truck as having been stolen from her shed. The suspect was arrested and was also found to be in possession of stolen police department property. During their investigation, the officers determined that the suspect had also possibly been involved in several additional burglaries in Phoenix, Glendale, and Peoria.

The quick response and teamwork of Officers Futrell and Harrison led to the apprehension and identification of a burglar. Due to their quick response and strong investigation, Officer Futrell and Harrison were able to remove a burglary suspect from the street that night. It is efforts like theirs that make our neighborhoods safer. On behalf of the Black Mountain Precinct, we wish to acknowledge and thank these officers for their efforts and for the great police work they perform on a daily basis.

## Block Watch & Crime Prevention

Officer Tim Mitten  
Community Action Officer  
Black Mountain Precinct

October is National Crime Prevention month and as we focus in on preventing crime, one of many ways that the Phoenix Police Department encourages and partners with residents in preventing crime and that is Block Watch.

An effective Block Watch organization is a key element to the Phoenix Police Departments philosophy of Community Based Policing. Block Watch is not a concept without any action; it requires effort and interest from both the residents and the police departments. How does a Block Watch endure? Numerous Block Watches are formed every year in the

## Important Phone #s

Emergency  
911

Non Emergency  
Crime Stop  
(602) 262-6151

Police Information Desk  
24 Hours  
(602) 262-7626

Silent Witness  
(480) 948-6377

Graffiti Hot Line  
(602) 263-7327

Barking Dogs  
(602) 262-6466

Traffic Enforcement  
Speeding Vehicles  
(602) 534-7733

Public Records  
Report Copies  
(602) 534-1127

Property Management  
Recover Found or  
Confiscated Property  
(602) 261-8371

Traffic Signal  
Malfunctioning  
(602) 262-6021

Towed Vehicles  
(602) 523-3355

Illegal Dumping  
(602) 262-7251

Neighborhood Services  
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(602) 262-7344

City of Phoenix and nationwide, yet a majority of them will be non-existent in less than 3 years. Why is this? The simple explanation is that most Block Watches are formed for one reason only in a neighborhood, whether it is a party house, problem rentals, speeding traffic or some other reason. These are the ones that do not succeed or endure since they do not see the whole picture of neighborhood safety and quality of life for everyone.

Block Watches need to focus on the neighborhood as a whole as it relates to crime prevention, being a good neighbor and communication amongst all the residents and communication between the residents and the police department. A Block Watch should not be just a couple of residents watching out for the whole neighborhood but everyone watching out for each other and themselves as they practice good crime prevention techniques and communication. I am not advocating communicating with your all of your neighbors so you know all the intimate details of their lives but knowing first names so you can say hello when you see each other, watching out for suspicious activity in the area, or assisting with yard work when someone in the family becomes very ill or disabled. This kind of relationship is fostered over time through community events such as street parties, holiday events or other neighborhood events.

Community Based Policing is not just having a community programs unit and having special events once in a while for the citizens. It is a commitment from the Police Chief on down to the patrol officer in your neighborhood that we as police officers take ownership of the neighborhood and all of its concerns and work actively with the residents to solve them, together. That we practice good problem solving techniques involving different police bureaus and numerous other governmental and non-governmental agencies, neighbor to patrol officer communication and having the patrol officer and other units that serve a particular area take ownership of that area. Community policing is not just a philosophy for the Phoenix Police Department, it is the way we do business for the residents we serve.

If you have a Block Watch in your area and you are looking for ways to improve it by having an update from your Community Action Officer, or by having a crime prevention presentation on a variety of other topics such as Identity Theft, Auto Theft Prevention, Personal Safety or many others, please contact me at [tim.mitten@phoenix.gov](mailto:tim.mitten@phoenix.gov) or at 602-495-5238. I am also available if you would like to know more information or wanting to start a new Block Watch in your neighborhood. The Phoenix Police Department is committed to partnering with you and your neighborhood to prevent crime and to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Poison Control  
(602) 253-3334

Abandoned Vehicle  
Hotline  
(602) 495-0809

Animal Control  
(602) 506-7387

City Bus Service  
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Gang Hotline  
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Violent Crimes Bureau  
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## DEA NATIONAL TAKE-BACK EVENT

The Drug Enforcement Administration will be partnering with law enforcement agencies nationally for a Pharmaceutical Take Back Program. This event gives the community the opportunity to turn in their unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

It will be held on Saturday, **October 29th** from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** There are numerous drop off locations one being at the Goelet A.C. Beuf Community Center 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road in the Black Mountain Precinct area. For information on other collection site visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or cal 800-882-9539.



## Walk Your Kids to School Event

Community Action Officers from the Black Mountain Precinct partnered with the Streets Department for the annual Walk Your Kids to School events. Each year, officers help the participating school districts to increase safety and awareness for the event.



## Coffee With a Cop

Please join us for Coffee With A Cop on **November 16th** at **Paradise Bakery** (2370 West Happy Valley Rd) at **8:00 a.m.** All are welcome to come and talk with the Community Action Officers of the Black Mountain Precinct. If you have any questions, please contact Sgt. Jamie Rothschild at (602) 495-5098.