

TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION SOUTH

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Captain's Corner

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HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Permits	791-5550
Code Enforcement	792-CITY
Trash Pick Up	791-3171
Street Maintenance	791-3154
Pima Animal Care	243-5900

I want to start by thanking you all for the support you showed in supporting Proposition 101 over a year ago. Just this last week I was having a conversation with my command team about our patrol fleet and how we need to ensure that we are holding onto as many cars as possible so that our patrol officers and community service officers have vehicles to take out on their daily shifts. The thought occurred to me that while this remains as a challenge, it would be near impossible without the influx of new service vehicles that we've been adding as a result of the voter proposition. This led to me take stock of all the much needed improvements of our equipment that have taken place thanks to you all. I want you to know that this is making a difference in the quality of the work being performed and on the morale of your Tucson Police Officers so thank you!

Last October, we identified two reduction goals as a Division: reducing collisions with injuries by 15% and reducing burglaries by 15%. I'm very happy to be able to tell you that as we close in the end of that year period we've achieved both reduction goals (and even a significantly greater reduction in burglaries than the stated goal). We will be continuing those goals for the next year as well as adding yet another crime category to our reduction efforts in order to push ourselves to provide even greater levels of safety and security for you all.

This summer I had the opportunity to attend a command school with police leadership from all over the country. Two things stood out to me as a result of that experience: (1) across the country, agencies are dealing with the same challenges that we are, such as increasing homeless populations and the rise of opioid usage to name just a couple; and (2) your officers are doing considerably more than most to try and stay ahead of the curve and address these problems. Some of the programs or initiatives that your patrol officers and community service officers are doing to continue to lead the way include weekly Command Posts in the Park, monthly Command Office Hours in the Community, quarterly Divisional Advisory Council (DAC) meetings in the community, expanded station hours to increase accessibility, neighborhood and business coalition engagements, and monthly Community Survey Teams where all of the neighborhood problem solvers survey their respective areas and develop strategies for addressing the key issues of concern. However, perhaps the biggest thing that separates us from others is that we engage in community sector projects quarterly. The Sergeants and their officers identify projects based on input from you all and crime data and then creatively put together strategies for developing long-term solutions for those problems.

What impresses me the most is that even in light of all of the effort required to support these programs, I am routinely approached by the men and women of this Division with ideas for how they can do even more (such as taking back the busses and bus stops, participating in school based or church based outreach or creating new work groups or partnerships with other service providers). You'd be hard pressed to find anywhere else where officers, detectives, CSOs and sergeants approach their commanders and ask if they can do even more. I am truly honored to be able to work alongside such hard working professionals!

Lastly, I hope you all consider joining us at our next DAC meeting which will be on Sept 27th at 6:00pm at St. John's Church. I'll be sending out more information as we get closer.

Traffic Safety

By now, many of you have heard of what has been coined as Operation Division South's mannequin challenge, where our motor officers placed a mannequin at out strategic locations to get motorists to slow down or to put down their cell phones while driving. In yet another example of our troops going above and beyond, I challenged our motorcycle officers to come up with a creative way to change driving behavior without relying purely on citations. This idea, which quickly went viral and caught national media attention was their response and there was a clear impact on the driving behavior for the areas deployed. So please help us keep the message from this deployment going, that regardless if you see one of our mannequins or one of our motor officers encourage your neighbors to keep their eyes on the road and their feet off the gas.

Divisional Employee of the Quarter- Officer Brian Carrillo

Every Quarter, one member of the Division is selected by the team of supervisors to represent us as our officer of the quarter and we are proud to be represented by Officer Carrillo for this quarter. Officer Carrillo is assigned to sector two which consist of the Western Hills, Pueblo Gardens, S. Park neighborhood and recently the 22nd street corridor. Officer Carrillo is also a Field Training Officer and recently was made an acting Lead Police Officer when the LPO for squad 8 was temporarily reassigned. He stepped right in and immediately began assisting the Sergeant for that squad.

As a veteran Officer, Carrillo is an excellent role model for new officers to emulate. Officer Carrillo demonstrates natural leadership ability. He has earned the trust and respect of his peers by mentoring them and assisting them in the field when needed. Those that work with alongside Officer Carrillo report on his competence with his tactical ability, field knowledge, investigative and patrol skills.

Officer Carrillo produces exemplary work product in his investigations and is a skilled interviewer. Often times demonstrating poise under stress, attention to detail and effective communication and coordination during our initial response can mean the difference between tragedy and a successful outcome to an investigation. This kind of work product and dedication to detail is what makes him worthy of this recognition.

Ofc Brian Carrillo

