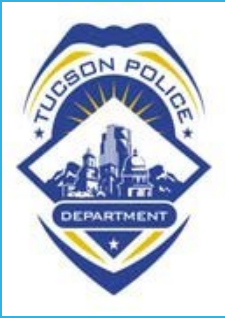


# TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION SOUTH

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## Captain's Corner

Captain John G. Strader

### 2018, the year that was-

As you all have heard me say, TPD has four major mission focus areas— reduce crime, reduce calls, reduce collisions, and engage the community. Your TPD Operations Division South officers have excelled in all areas over the prior year. Specifically, your officers reduced burglaries in the Division by 30%; Collisions with Injuries by 24%; had positive impact on the calls for service through the sector projects, command post placements, and ghost car deployments (where we strategically place marked patrol cars to deter crime or traffic violations) and have led the way with community partnerships and coordinated problem-solving.

We listened to your input and concerns coming into the year and identified that Santa Rita Park and the freeway frontage roads near Ormsby/Verdugo parks would pose challenges and offered significant opportunities for improvement. The Chief has said that the efforts by ODS to work with community partners, other city departments, and across squads to resolve these issues, reduce crime in the area, and improve the quality of life should serve as a model case study for the country. I couldn't agree more and am so pleased that not only were we collectively able to make things better in each of these areas but also came away with much stronger relationships with you all as result of the efforts.

To put this into perspective, your ODS officers worked hard and worked strategically to help 163 fewer businesses and families become victims of burglary and 99 fewer of your neighbors to suffer from serious motor vehicle collisions!

### 2019, the year to come-

As a Division, we are going to maintain the reductions in burglaries and collisions and additionally are going to reduce DV Assaults by 20%. In the two months since we adopted that goal, we have already seen a positive impact on DVs, because of these efforts 20 fewer family members were victims of DV Assault over the holiday season this year. We're going to continue to hire and add to our personnel, update our fleet, improve our equipment, target the specific problem areas and problem people harming the community, and most importantly take care of one another and the community.

The one thing we won't see this year is complacency. Your officers will continue to strive for excellence and work hard to improve the safety and quality of life for all of our Southside community members. As you know, we rely on your feedback and input to help us identify key areas of concern and to help work with us to address those issues. The next opportunity for this input will be at our DAC (Divisional Advisory Council) meeting which will be on January 17th at 6:00pm at Pima College Desert Vista Campus. We appreciate our SNAPP participants for being willing to move their meeting location so that we can have a combined meeting. Hope to see you all there!

### Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase of fraudulent activity due to the availability of personal information and use of local phone numbers. These criminals will call you and either pass themselves off as a local utility provider, bank, or government agency in order to say that you owe them money or risk having services cut off or imprisonment. If you or someone you know receives one of these calls, please don't send money just hang up and then call the official number for the organization in question who will be able to confirm if there is any issues with the account. No legitimate organization would be concerned about you verifying the issue on your own.

### Divisional Employees of the Quarter— Officer William “Billy” Gallego

Since leaving CRT and returning to a patrol squad, Billy has taken on the additional responsibilities as an LPO and an FTO. He takes the time to mentor younger officers and to assist them with sector issues and proactive patrol efforts. Billy personifies what it means to take ownership and accountability of problem-solving. Recognizing a problem (such as the night-time issue at one of the car washes), he coordinates a team-based approach to addressing it. Billy is definitely an integral part of what makes this Division the success it is and for that he is deserving of this recognition as the ODS Employee of the Quarter.



### Helpful Resources

#### Arizona Revised Statutes:

<http://www.azleg.gov/arstat/>

#### Tucson City Code:

<http://www.tucson.gov/citycode/>

#### Neighborhood Resources

<http://www.tucson.gov/neighborhoodresources/>

#### PowerDMS:

<http://www.powerdms.com/>  
[www.apps.tucson.gov/111352/](http://www.apps.tucson.gov/111352/)

#### BWC footage:

<http://tucsonmedialibrary.com/?class=110&view=show&format=pdf&normalization=groups&id=1481888>

#### Employees of the Month

### TEAM ONE

