



COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Roger Neff, Dennis Kaczmararek, and Patrick Salantri prepare to lead the Cordes Lakes Days Parade. The VIPs also lead the Cordes Lakes Christmas Lights Parade coming on December 17th.

It was a bloody battle as the Lawmen and Firemen slugged it out on the baseball field at Mayer High School on September 22. Nick Decker can prove that with the road rash he received sliding into second base. While the EMTs were hesitant about going into the enemy dugout to care for the wounded Nick, their training overcame their fear as they administered first aid.

The Lawman had several minor injuries, as their pitcher was struck by the batted ball, there was grappling on first base between a male runner and the female first baseman, and a few other incidents. But good sportsmanship prevailed throughout the event. The Fireman had several people cheering them on, but the Lawmen had only one. Guess next year the cheerleaders need to be invited to rouse the crowd.

Keep in mind that the Firemen train hard physically to carry all of that equipment, while the Lawmen carry all of theirs around the waist as they eat doughnuts in their patrol cars. That must have had something to do with the 13 to 1 final score.



Nick Decker shows injuries

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ONE OF OUR OWN

About a year ago, Guidance Helicopter in Prescott donated an airframe to Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. It is being refurbished with seized drug money, and is getting close to being ready to go to work. The engine has been overhauled, and many smaller things have been done and it is now ready for painting and installation of the graphics.

Hopefully, Search & Rescue radios can be added soon, as that is what the biggest portion of flight time will be. While there are four seats, it will usually fly with the pilot and an observer. This leaves two seats open in case a rescued person needs to be flown out of an area.

During a downturn in the economy, this is a boon to the Sheriff's Office. DPS has had budget cuts (who hasn't), and stated that their helicopter would not be as available as in the past. They had to closely manage their air time and costs, and naturally, their needs come first. This puts the Sheriff's Office in a bad position if a helicopter is needed for Search & Rescue.

By having the Robinson R44 refurbished and available, it could be airborne 24 hours a day, if that became a necessity. While it would be available 24/7, its first priority would be search and rescue. So, thanks to Guidance Helicopter (and the arrested drug runners) a helicopter will be available to YCSO in January, 2012.



Above is a Robinson model R44 and the YCSO helicopter will look something like this.

CARTOON CORNER

Am I the only one with VIP memories, whether funny or adventures? I'm sure we all have stories to tell.

Submit yours by e-mail to apatty@commspeed.net. Share the laughter!

1. . The new sergeant in the area saw the white shirt (they were white back then) of a VIP at night and asked, "You in the white shirt—what are you doing here?"
2. The Arian Brother that said, "Stop, I'm having a heart attack?" with the VIP answering, "You'll be at the jail in a minute. Then you'll really have one." NOTE: This VIP had transported this person many times and this was his usual ploy.
3. The VIP that stopped to help a van on the side of the freeway and found illegals immigrants stacked in the back like cordwood..
4. The gang banger that wanted to become a VIP. Yes, he was a felon.
5. The lady that wanted to be a VIP so she could stop traffic on her street. She felt there were too many speeders. As if that's all the VIPs do.
6. The drunk that was so bad the VIPs had to leave the windows down to avoid being inebriated.
7. The thief that said, "I took the tools I stole to my mother's place. Should I show you where she lives?"
8. The child that said, "I know where daddy keeps his drugs."

DOG STORIES—THE K-9 UNIT

By Sgt. Jeff Jaeger

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit's primary mission is to locate illegal drugs being transported through our county and prevent them from being delivered into our communities.

The Canine Unit currently has four canines; two Belgian Malinois, one Dutch Shepherd, and one Yellow Labrador. The Canine Handlers are all highly motivated Deputies with 6 to 27 years of law enforcement experience.

The Canine Unit may be called upon to assist Patrol Deputies or any division within the Sheriff's Office as well as other agencies without advance notice. The Canine Unit may also be called upon to participate in public demonstrations that conform to our unit's mission.

The Canine Unit is mostly funded by generous grants from various sources. One of the continuous grants that helps make our unit possible is provided by the Yavapai County Community Foundation. The YCCF Grant is applied for annually, and provides funding specifically for our canine's equipment and training. The Canine Unit also graciously accepts donations to fund whatever the four canines need; such as veterinary care, equipment, and training. Olsen's Grain has always donated, and continues to donate, the canine's food. They have been one of the largest supporters of our unit and are very much appreciated.

Every gram of illegal drugs MUST go mobile on the roadways at some point. Interstate 17 is the main north / south route through the state of Arizona that goes through Yavapai County. Interstate 40 is one of the busiest east / west interstates in the country that goes through the northern section of Yavapai County. Highway 93 on the western side of Yavapai County is considered an alternative north / south route to transport contraband through

our county. This is the reason why the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit's primary mission is drug interdiction. This mission involves the apprehension of drug couriers as well as human smugglers, and the seizure of illegal drugs, cash, vehicles and weapons.

In the last fiscal year (2010/2011) the current handlers and their canines have seized the following:

Marijuana = 88 pounds - est. street value \$86,000

Cocaine = 61 pounds - est. street value \$3,000,000

Methamphetamine = 3 1/4 pounds - est. street value \$55,000

Heroin = 18 grams - est. street value \$2,000

Pseudoephedrine Pills (Precursors for Meth) = 20 pounds of pills (unknown value)

Hydrocodone Pills = 18 pills - est. street value \$90.00

Human Trafficking = 10 illegal aliens

Vehicle Seizures = 11 + 1 stolen vehicle

Gun Seizures = 8 + 2 stolen

Cash Seizures = \$465,459.00

These seizures also included some vehicles that have been put to use in Yavapai County law enforcement agencies vehicle fleets or sold at auction. All the cash and funds generated from auctions are placed into a fund that is shared by all Yavapai County agencies to fund various programs and equipment at no cost to the taxpayers.

The Yavapai County Canine Unit is dedicated to serving the citizens of Yavapai County. They are always Law Enforcement Deputies first and will assist patrol Deputies with calls for service if the need arises

NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

It's not easy stepping into someone else's shoes. First you have to figure out the organization and how it is running. Then you have to see what the future might bring, and prepare for it. Now comes the challenge. How can you make those changes without rocking the boat?

Not only has Sheriff Scott Mascher stepped quietly into position, he was able to make subtle changes to the organization. One of these was opening the Prescott jail to accommodate local law enforcement agencies to drop off prisoners there instead of the long transport to the Verde jail. While it sounds simple, figuring manpower to hold prisoners, vehicles and manpower to transport to Verde, budget constraints, etc., makes this "simple" solution to a big problem not as easy as it might appear.

There was also the call for a VIP Academy. The VIP units are, without a doubt, the backbone of the communities. They are local and patrol their own areas, so the community is as familiar to them as their own back yards. If something is out of place, or appears not quite right, they will be the first to notice. So maintaining the VIP volunteer force is critical to keep communities safe.

Having a deputy nearby is also a necessity and area calls for service has become a priority. The vehicles now have computers, so the deputy does not have to go through Dispatch or run to the nearest local substation to do research, run checks, etc. Deputies can run vehicle registration checks, check for outstanding warrants, verify driver's licenses, right from the vehicle when he makes traffic stops. Routine reports can also be done in the vehicle, keeping the deputy in their neighborhood. This provides more visibility of the vehicles and helps lower crime rates.

Narcotics enforcement is another priority, as evidenced by the recent article in the Big Bug News where many suppliers were arrested. Enforcement is also done on the highways - read the article on the canine units. Asset forfeiture is another big plus as over half a million dollars in drug dealer monies was awarded. Check out the article on the helicopter to see where some of this money was spent. Much more is spent on operational costs to offset tax payer monies. This means your taxes are on hold even though the YCSO budget has been cut.

In order to stop the problems before they begin, there are educational programs in place at the schools. This helps children learn to make the right decisions up front. The Deputy Do-Right program is second to none.

And a sore spot with many is illegal immigration. Just by enforcing the current immigration laws, over 2000 illegal immigrants have been deported in the last three years.

Verde jail has had open pods, and with deportation of illegal immigrants, rather than jail time, these pods remain open and available. Bed space has been rented to the Federal Marshal's Office bringing in two and a half million dollars to offset costs with jail expenses. Did you know that Maricopa County adds jail tax to water bills, and people there are paying quite a bit to maintain their jails.

Another problem is solving major crimes. The YCSO detectives continue to solve high priority cases with a high solvability factor. This only works when a team can work together to pull in the facts and correctly identify critical items.

Whether it is a horse team pulling a wagon or a Sheriff's Office team pulling the department, if they don't work together, they don't get anywhere. Reading the helicopter and canine unit stories, it is evident that the department is pulling together. And community togetherness is also evident with the baseball game and the good sports playing the game.