

YCSO Round-Up

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Thank You

From Renae Bowen—I would like to extend a sincere thank you to **Carolina Hodges** for assisting the Foothills Crew while I was out of the office. She did a wonderful job! Carolina is a fast learner, a great team

player, and we appreciate the sacrifices that she made to help us out. Thank you again Carolina!

Bits & Pieces

Detention Officer Academy #84

On behalf of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, we would like to extend our

congratulations to the graduates of YCSO Detention Officer Academy #84: **Moises Alvarez, Jairo Cardenas, Houston Foreman, Zachary Hixon,**

Jorge Martinez, Cecilia Pimentel, Anahi Villegas, Cody Walden and **Aldo Zendejas**. Welcome to the YCSO family!

Also, a big thank you to all of the academy instructors for making sure that the new officers are properly trained. Great job!

Congratulations To

Detention Officers Tyler Aguirrebarrena and **Jose De La Cruz** on their graduation from the Arizona Western
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Customer Service Tip

“Everyone always has two jobs: to do the job they were hired to do and to take care of the customer.”



Working Beyond Boundaries for Positive Health Outcomes

By Captain Joe Lackie

May is “Yuma County Mental Health Awareness Month” as proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on May 2, 2016 and I wanted to take the opportunity to share some of the background and recent progress in our mental health programs within the Detention Center. The Yuma County proclamation coincides with the National Mental Health Awareness campaign and proclamation given by President Barack Obama on April 28, 2016. During this time, we recognize the challenges and needs of citizens who live with a mental illness and or substance abuse disorder. In the presidential proclamation, the expansion of behavioral health services through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is highlighted. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was designed to provide new health insurance coverage options for individuals through an expansion of Medicaid eligibility and the establishment of State-based health insurance exchanges.

Through provisions set in the ACA “...an individual shall not be treated as a qualified individual, if at the time of enrollment; the individual is incarcerated, **other than incarceration pending disposition of charges.**” This provision allows eligible individuals in-custody pending disposition of charges to enroll in a health insurance plan offered through an exchange prior to conviction, or

maintain coverage if they are already enrolled. As counties are responsible for providing health care services for county jail inmates and the overwhelming majority of individuals in jails lack any type of health insurance coverage, this provision could potentially reduce county jail health costs and provide tools for special populations to acquire much needed healthcare post-release.

Arizona’s Medicaid program is administered by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). AHCCCS oversees contracted health plans in the delivery of health care to individuals and families who qualify for Medicaid and other medical assistance programs. The Yuma County Sheriff’s Office has maintained Intergovernmental agreements with AHCCCS since 2011 which have allowed individuals receiving AHCCCS benefits prior to incarceration to become **suspended** rather than **terminated** during their incarceration. This has been instrumental in making sure that once someone is released from jail, they do not have to re-enroll for their AHCCCS benefits, which can take 45-60 days in some cases.

Building on that success, we now look to bridge service gaps by connecting inmates with healthcare plans while they are in jail. In FY 2015, approximately 18%-20% of the jail population

was identified as having a psychotic disorder and or substance abuse related disorder. In March of this year, the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office partnered with our Regional Behavior Health Authority, Cenpatico Integrated Care, to identify inmates who are not enrolled with any insurance or whose enrollment has lapsed so that these individuals can be screened for services. Cenpatico has established navigators from the local provider, Community Health Associates (formerly C.I.A.), who have designated “Jail Liaisons” to assist in these efforts. These Jail Liaisons began working within the Detention Center to assist inmates with AHCCCS or Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment or re-enrollment, perform outreach to inmates while in custody for engagement into services, and to coordinate with Detention Center medical staff in a variety of ways to include verification status of services being provided prior to incarceration, assist in medication records, and facilitate communications with community providers for discharge planning. You have probably seen these dedicated folks in booking, visitation, in the units, and in the office across from Dorm 2. Please make a point to welcome them and assist them in their work, which has already shown progress.

Since the beginning of this program, 14 inmates have

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Anniversaries

The following employees and volunteers will be celebrating an anniversary with the YCSO during the month of June:

Miranda Ball	6/23	21 yrs
Jerry Quintana	6/29	18 yrs
Matthew Felix	6/06	17 yrs
Jesse Butler	6/11	15 yrs
Thomas Humphrey	6/17	14 yrs
Jeff Davis	6/30	13 yrs
Laurie D'Alessio	6/14	12 yrs
Michelle Callahan	6/13	11 yrs
Roberto Arriola	6/16	8 yrs
Elisa Soto Alvarez	6/16	8 yrs
Gustavo Mendoza	6/01	7 yrs
Pete Sanchez	6/01	7 yrs
Autumn Blake	6/13	6 yrs
Margaret Niesen	6/13	5 yrs
Olivia Wilson	6/27	5 yrs
Ramon Rendon	6/04	4 yrs
Griselda Salazar	6/04	4 yrs
Lenny Garcia	6/11	4 yrs
Gerardo Burruel	6/25	4 yrs
Brandon Pike	6/25	4 yrs
Jenny Dickman	6/03	3 yrs
Gilberto Perez	6/22	1 yr
Gabriela Mendez	6/29	1 yr

Search & Rescue

Caanan D'Avela	6/27	33 yrs
Ron Van Why	6/18	9 yrs

Congratulations & thank you for your continued hard work & dedication!

Welcome

To the following newest Sheriff's Office employees:

- Kyle Christophel*, Deputy, 5/02
- Jose Perez*, Detention Officer, 5/09



Happy June Birthday To...

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<i>Oscar Ortiz</i>	6/02	<i>Rene Garcia</i>	6/25
<i>Griselda Salazar</i>	6/04	<i>Freddie Hockman</i>	6/25
<i>Jose Aldaco</i>	6/05	<i>Gustavo Mendoza</i>	6/25
<i>Michael Kofta</i>	6/06	<i>Alan Herrera</i>	6/26
<i>Emmanuel Alvarez</i>	6/07	<i>Lyseth Amaya</i>	6/27
<i>Ivan Juvera</i>	6/10	<i>Tony Garcia</i>	6/27
<i>Zechariah Prather</i>	6/11	<i>Ashley Garcia</i>	6/29
<i>Eduardo Rangel</i>	6/11	<i>Eugenio Mejia</i>	6/29
<i>Kenneth Thrailkill</i>	6/12	<i>Aldo Zendejas</i>	6/30
<i>Kenneth Allmon</i>	6/14		
<i>Veronica Vasquez</i>	6/14	<u>Volunteers</u>	
<i>Kimberly Elrod</i>	6/15	<i>Don Bowen</i>	6/13
<i>Edgar Guerra</i>	6/21	<i>Lore Graff</i>	6/16
<i>Juan Jaramillo</i>	6/23		
<i>Mario Rivera</i>	6/23		
<i>Eben Bratcher</i>	6/24		
<i>Steven Knight</i>	6/24		
<i>Brenda Platt</i>	6/24		

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



More Bits & Pieces

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College Law Enforcement Training Academy Class #38 (AWC LETA) on Friday, May 6, 2016. These officers committed themselves to the nine month academy which was held from August 2015 through May 2016. The 585+ hour academy challenged them mentally and physically. These officers worked their 40 hours each week at the Yuma County Detention Center and then reported to the training academy on their off time. Their endurance, tenacity and commitment yielded the kind of personal and professional success that we all can be proud of.



Congratulations to them on their accomplishments and good luck in your Field Training!

Detention Officer Richard Molina on being selected to receive the Sunrise Optimist Club of Yuma's Respect for Law "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer" award. On May 25th, the Sunrise Optimist Club presented DO Molina with a certificate for his outstanding performance, motivation and devotion to duty. Congratulations



to DO Molina on this well-deserved recognition of his achievements!

Promotions

Congratulations to the following employees on their recent promotions:

Pete Sanchez promoted to System Administrator, effective 5/01

Kelly Milner promoted to Lieutenant, effective 5/02

Jay Carlson promoted to Lieutenant, 5/22

Quarter Awards

Congratulations to the following Sheriff's Office Employees and Supervisors of the Quarter for the months of January-March 2016.

Laurie D'Alessio, Administration Employee of the Quarter

Nidia Alavez, Administration Supervisor of the Quarter

Alfredo De La Torre, Detention Support Staff Member of the Quarter

Matthew Arellano, Detention Officer of the Quarter

Tiffany Murray, Detention Supervisor of the Quarter

Joshua Farias, Deputy of the Quarter

Ron Voss, Patrol Supervisor of the Quarter

William Smith, Volunteer of the Quarter

The Midday Rush...Notes from Detention's Afternoon Shift

Afternoon Shift would like to congratulate **Detention Officers Miguel Figueroa** and **Zechariah Prather** for successfully completing 40 hours of training in the Special Management Units (SMU). These officers have proven they are capable of performing under stress and dealing with challenging inmates. Officers Figueroa and Prather were able to adapt to the fast pace of the maximum risk units. I am confident these veteran officers will excel in their future assignment in the SMU area.

I would also like to welcome the newest members of the Afternoon Shift team, **Detention Officers Jairo Cardenas, Zachery Hixon, Jorge Martinez, Anahi Villegas** and **Cody Walden**. These officers have completed the Detention Officer Academy and are now in the F.T.O. phase of their training. I would like to wish you the best of luck and am proud of the progress you have made over the past few weeks.

Corporal Martin Sanchez

From Dusk till Dawn... Notes from Detention's Graves Shift

A round of applause from the Graves Shift Team to **Detention Officers Jose De La Cruz** of Graves

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and **Tyler Aquirrebarrena** of Day Shift on their recent graduation from the Arizona Western College Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA) Class #38 on May 6, 2016. This intense program of law enforcement training started on August 22, 2015 and consisted of the most challenging training syllabus involving both written and practical application instruction. The five hundred and eighty five hour (585) course was literally met with the highest of dedication to duty as each individual was put to the maximum test. Each student was challenged both mentally and physically to the highest degree resulting in the finest caliber of law enforcement of men and women in uniform. Post certification training entailed weapons qualification, defensive tactics, motor vehicle driving skill sets, OC and taser familiarization and physical fitness development. Congratulations on a job well done Officers Aquirrebarrena and De La Cruz as we are all proud of your individual accomplishments. You made us proud and represented the Sheriff's Office in high fashion.

Grave Shift would like to recognize **Detention Officer George Myers** in his role as the Graves primary Special Management Unit manager for the maximum security unit. Officer Myers has performed his duties in an exemplary manner and is producing high quality results. This assignment consists of intense

one-on-one practical applications, and direct supervision of the most challenging inmates that are detained at the Yuma County. Inter personal communication skills are heightened and the key to success. Emphasis is geared to situational awareness, common sense approaches, restraint dynamics and presence of mind. Officer Myers is a great working partner. As his partner in First Level F, Officer Myers is an officer who assists when you're in need of help, provides guidance and direction, displays solid leadership in discussion of tactics and performance tasks. Officer Myers is a team player who definitely has your cover during critical incidents and a tremendous asset to our shift success. An outstanding performer.

Detention Officer Academy 84 graduated on May 5, 2016. Congratulations to all nine newly appointed officers that are now moving into the next phase of development training. Our Field Training Officers have been maximizing their skills and hands-on training applications in getting each new officer the best training, preparation and readiness to start the implementation process into the units. This is an important episode of training in the Detention ranks as all shifts are working together in harmony in making the Detention Bureau more proficient in its operation. This is an exciting period in the Detention Bureau.

Graves would like to welcome aboard **Detention Officer Casey Skillern**. Officer Skillern is a seasoned officer who brings a lot of knowledge and expertise in inmate management. Officer Skillern is a nice fit to the Graves team and we appreciate having him in our ranks. Good luck and enjoy the night challenges.

Finally, Grave Shift officers would like to express their appreciation to our Grave Shift supervisors, **Lt. Henry Hernandez, Sgt. Eldee Harper,** and **Corporals Ramon Rendon** and **Wendell Walker** for their daily support and guidance in keeping the Graves team informed of all pertinent operational situations and with superb leadership and counsel each and every shift. Thank you supervisors.

Detention Officer Thomas Soucy

Working Beyond Boundaries for Positive Health Outcomes (contd.)

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completed AHCCCS applications for enrollment while in jail, 2 inmates have been released to the sub-acute facility under Title 36 proceedings, and numerous inmates have been safely transitioned from jail with “warm hand-offs” to community providers to ensure safety and continuity of care.

The challenges of addressing mental health within the confines of the jail can often seem overwhelming as we continue to

see a rise in offenders with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Our commitment is to provide for the needs of these individuals while they are incarcerated, but jail health cannot be adequately addressed apart from public health since there is a constant inter-change between the jail and the community. Jail health systems must therefore be seen as a part of public health.

Addressing the mental health needs of inmates can reduce recidivism of those with mental health and substance abuse

disorders, help divert people with mental disorders away from jail into treatment, and ultimately reduce the high costs of jail medical expenses. I am excited about our new endeavors this year as we strive to make a difference in people’s lives by working beyond boundaries to achieve positive outcomes. For more information about YCSO or community programs targeting mental health, or to learn how you can get involved please contact myself or Lt. Tristan Gomez.

Jobs Well Done

Mr. John Kulberg of Wellton, submitted the following letter to the Yuma Sun Editor on May 5, 2016:

“In these days of negative news and comments concerning law enforcement I would like to share a firsthand positive experience I had recently. I recently found myself stranded on the Kofa Wildlife Refuge over 20 miles from Highway 95 due to two flat tires on my truck and only one spare. I carry a satellite locator device that allows me to send a message to my family that I need help but can’t compose a detailed explanation on it. Since the road I was on is not regularly traveled and there was no cell phone service, I had to resort to sending a message home.

*My family understandably was worried about what kind of trouble I was in and called the Yuma County Sheriff’s Department. Although Google Maps estimates the time from Yuma to where I was located at just under three hours, in a little under two hours two sheriff vehicles and four officers pulled up. They promptly loaded one of my flat tires into one of their vehicles and were prepared to drive me to the nearest tire shop and back, which would have been about a 100-mile round trip. On the way we met my son who was on his way also and he took over and helped me out. My heartfelt thanks to **Captain Eben Bratcher, Captain Mark Martinez, Lt. Jason Amon, and Lt. Kenneth***

***Sanders** for their kind assistance. We should be very thankful and proud of our fine Sheriff’s Department and the services they provide every day.”*

Joyce Gordon, Security Specialist, Yuma Proving Ground, commended the YCSO Records team—**Cindy McGuire, Shannon Heidmiller, and Jennifer Hunter**—stating, “It is always a pleasure working with YCSO as your team always responds to our request in an expert and timely manner. I truly appreciate your team and they tend to make things a lot easier on my end.”



YCSO Training News

Training Updates & Reminders

Training Certificates: Please submit training certificates upon completion of scheduled training.

Travel/Training Requests—VERY IMPORTANT—All submitted Travel/Training request must include a flyer, email notification, etc. The attachment should include as much information as possible. Forms submitted without an attachment will be returned unprocessed until an attachment is submitted. **Read the travel directives!**

Any submitted Travel/Training request **NOT SIGNED** by the Bureau Captain/Administrator will **NOT** be processed.

Professional Development

Lieutenants Jason Amon and **Ken Sanders**; and **Sergeant Samuel Pavlak** attended the *Grant Writing USA* class on May 12-13, hosted by the Tucson Police Department in Tucson, AZ.

Lieutenant Kelly Milner; **Sergeants Sonny Hixon, Samuel Pavlak**, and **Francisco Pereda**; **Senior Deputy Jason Hemstreet**; and **Investigator Guy Avenetti** attended the *TacOps West 2016 Tactical Training Conference*, hosted by TacOps West in Las Vegas, NV.

Detention Officers Ruben Amaya, Mauricio Rodriguez, Christian Serna; Gloria Brass, Cassandra Drake, Wendy Lugo, Margaret Niesen, and **Loretta Villarreal** attended *The Complete Toolkit to Suicide: Prevention, Treatment, and Postvention* seminar on May 19th, hosted by the Cross Country Education in Phoenix, AZ.

Nidia Alavez attended the *Selection Interviewing* training on May 24th, hosted by the Yuma County Human Resources Department.

Nidia Alavez attended *The Successful Interview: Smoking Out the Impostor* training on May 25th, hosted by the Yuma County Human Resources Department.

Proficiency & Continued Training

Senior Deputy Matthew Felix and **Deputy Joshua Farias** attended the *Arizona Tactical Officers Association Combatives Refresher* training on May 4th, hosted by the ATOA in Prescott Valley, AZ.

Lieutenant Jay Carlson; Senior Deputy Edgar Guerra; Investigators George Pesce and **August Turner** attended *The 13 Critical Tasks Workshop*, hosted by the Yuma Police Department.

Senior Deputy Matthew Felix attended the *Basic Terrorism Liaison Officer Course* on May 23-27, hosted by The Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center in Mesa, AZ.

Posse Member **Eric Driedger** attended *Equine Investigations Academy Level II* on May 23-28, hosted by Code 3 Associates in Durango, CO.

Classifieds

Guns for Sale

- Spikes Tactical lower custom AR 300 Blackout - \$1800
- Savage BMAG 17 WSM bolt action Scope, Ammo - \$450
- Sigarms TACOPS 1911 45 acp - \$1000

- Savage 10BA 308 Bolt Action - \$1700
- UTAS UTS-12 2 spin-in chokes/breachers - \$950
- Smith and Wesson M&P Pro 9mm 5" barrel - \$650
- Smith and Wesson M&P Pro 40

S&W 5" barrel - \$650

- Mossberg MMR Hunter (AR15) 20" barrel - \$625

If interested, please contact Jeff Blackwell in Dispatch.



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Our Mission

The mission of the Sheriff's Office is to maintain the public safety in Yuma County by enforcing all applicable laws; educating youth about responsible conduct; and providing fair and impartial service to all residents of Yuma County.

The mission is reflected by the Sheriff's Office motto of "Dedicated to Service."

Ribbons & Accessories

YCSO TIE TACKS: \$3.34 each.

RIBBONS: Are your ribbons getting old and frayed? The Years of Service and annual award ribbons (Employee of the Year, Special Merit, Outstanding Achievement & Meritorious Service) are available for sale.

Ribbons

- Years of Service.....\$1.00
- Valor Awards.....\$1.75
- Annual Awards.....\$1.75
- Unit Recognition.....\$1.75
- Specialty Training.....\$1.75

Ribbon Mounting Bars

- 1 ribbon.....\$1.75
- 2 ribbons.....\$1.95
- 3 ribbons.....\$2.15
- 4 ribbons.....\$3.00
- 5 ribbons.....\$3.15
- 6 ribbons.....\$3.25
- 7 ribbons.....\$3.45
- 8 ribbons.....\$3.55
- 9 ribbons.....\$3.65
- 10 ribbons\$4.10
- 11 ribbons\$4.30
- 12 ribbons\$4.55

See Sandra Pruitt in the Finance Office to purchase any of the above listed items.

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