



VOLUNTEER - NEWSLETTER

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PURPOSE STATEMENT

To ensure the safety and security of each person in our community.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

This article will be followed by more to introduce you to members of the Phoenix Police Departments "C.O.P.S." Volunteer program. The C.O.P.S. volunteers are coordinated by Officer Christopher Abril, under the auspices and guidance of the Community Relations Bureau. Want to be featured or know someone that should be? Send an email to christopher.abril@phoenix.gov.

GENE SELLARDS

Gene describes himself as an "activist" and that truly embodies who he is and what he does for the Phoenix Police Department. Gene has been volunteering with the department for just over five years this time around. Although he has volunteered in the past, his current assignment is something he not only loves, but is good at.



Gene volunteers with A.C.E.—Accessibility Compliance Enforcement Program. As an ACE volunteer, Gene does parking enforcement for handicap parking spaces. Gene will write you a ticket whether you left your car for five hours or five minutes in a handicap spot illegally. In addition to writing tickets, he goes to court to argue the tickets. He volunteers anywhere from 30 to 40 hours per month and writes over 600 tickets per year. Gene first got involved when he watched someone park illegally in a handicap spot and realized that he could do something about it. He completed the process of volunteering and told the department, "I want to volunteer writing tickets". Gene loves a shift that is filled with illegal activity because he finds it to be a successful day when he has written more tickets!

Outside of volunteering, Gene will be celebrating his 28th wedding anniversary to his wife and also his birthday in November. Congratulations and Happy Birthday! He has five kids and sixteen grandkids to keep him busy and enjoys volunteering with many different aspects of his church. He has been retired for just over 15 years and loves giving back in his free time. Thanks Gene for all the time and dedication you have given to the Phoenix Police Department!

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SPOOKY NIGHTS HAPPENED!

The Mountain View Precinct hosted spooky shenanigans at their 6th Annual Halloween Festival. Families and friends gathered together and had a blast at this fun-filled event!



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Crisis Outreach Volunteers help Homicide, Night Detectives, and Assault Units with supporting individuals after losing a loved one. These volunteers finished training and are at work helping our officers with this important work! Chris Abril, Nisha Bhakta, Heather Kneale, Johanna Lopez-Lopez, Courtney Monus, Kellie Jeffries, and Sandra Brandt pictured here took the training in addition to Mercedes Przecioski, Mary Witzel, Maria Rodriguez, and Suzann Rodriguez.



On Tuesday, October 3, 2017, Skaggs Uniforms donated three Survival Armor ballistic vests to the Phoenix Police Department's Chaplaincy program through the Phoenix Police Foundation. Thank you Chaplain Bob Fesmire, Chaplain R. Dale Gross and Chaplain Levi Levertov for your continued support for the Department! Thank you to Skaggs Uniforms for supporting our Chaplaincy program!

CHRIS'S CORNER

Fun Facts of November:

1. November is the only month used to represent a letter in the phonetic alphabet.
2. According to research published in 2008, serial killers are more likely to be born in November than any other month.
3. In the US, November is sweet potato awareness month.
4. In Finland, November is called "marraskuu" or "month of the dead". It is the time of souls in Hell.
5. The second week of November is National Split Pea Soup Week so eat some green potage to celebrate!

REMINDERS

*Please be reminded of the minimum volunteer hours requirement;
4 hours per month or 12 hours per quarter. Thank you.*

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Healthy Fall Festival

November 18, 2017 | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Grand Canyon University, 3300 W. Camelback Rd.

Are you interested in helping with the Police Department's table at the Fall Festival? This fun, healthy festival does wellness demonstrations, health education, health screenings, and provides lots of entertainment which the Phoenix Police Department gets to be a part of. If you are interested in volunteering, email Misty Escamilla at misty.escamilla@phoenix.gov and cc Chris for more details.

Volunteer Fair

December 9, 2017 | 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. | The VanBuren, 401 W. VanBuren St.

The VanBuren is hosting an upcoming volunteer fair! Come and volunteer to sit at the COPS table or come and find out about other volunteer possibilities within the Phoenix area. Over 75 different organizations will be present with many opportunities available. If you would like to represent COPS, contact Chris for details.

Happy Veteran's Day and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

