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Downtown District

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The summer heat has finally arrived. To escape the heat, many of us turn to swimming pools for relief. A swimming pool is a great way to cool off while enjoying some outdoor fun. But many times, that same swimming pool can become a source of tragedy. So far, Scottsdale has experienced six drowning calls, four of those involved children and two involved adults. Of the six drowning calls, one was fatal.

August is Drowning Impact Awareness Month. During this month, efforts are underway to raise awareness and education about the impact drowning or near-drowning has on the family, friends, emergency responders, medical personnel and the community. Purple ribbons will be displayed on police patrol vehicles as a reminder to always practice water safety.

Drowning can be prevented by practicing the following:

- Adult Supervision – a designated adult needs to be responsible for watching children around water at all times.
- Barriers – a pool fence or other approved barrier should separate children from a pool. Solar covers are not considered a barrier.
- Classes – these include CPR every two years, age appropriate swim lessons and water safety courses.
- Empty ice chests, buckets and inflatable pools when not in use.
- Ensure pool access gates are self-closing and self-latching. Never prop the gate open and check it regularly for any maintenance related issues.



From The Desk Of Commander Johnny Cervantes

As we work our way into August and the beginning of the school year, I want to let you know that we are committed to working with you and the school system to ensure those children attending schools in the City of Scottsdale have a safe environment to live and learn in. Through out the month of August, we will continue to focus traffic enforcement in school zones. Remember, where posted, you must be traveling at 15 M.P.H. or less by the time, you reach the traffic sign designating the beginning of the school zone.

Schools in the Scottsdale Unified School District have a school resource officer assigned to each school to deal with issues on campus. The school resource officers are a great source of information for what is taking place on campus. Sergeant Larry Marmie is the supervisor for schools south of Shea Blvd., and he can be reached at 480-312-8209. Sergeant Mark Brachtl is the SRO supervisor for schools north of Shea Blvd., and he can be reached at 480-312-5477 for information relating to school matters.

The first week of August is also Red Light Running Awareness Week. Officer will focus enforcement on the intersections in the city with the highest collision rates attributed to red light runners. Watch for officers in your area. Help us ensure Scottsdale remains a safe environment for all people to work, live and learn.

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- Keep toys, chairs and other items that could be used as a ladder away from the fence
- Keep a telephone nearby to call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency.
- Know where your children are at all times.
- Never swim alone, regardless of age.

Drowning and other water-related incidents can be prevented. Please take the time to educate your children and other family members about water safety. For additional water safety tips, please consider visiting the following websites:

www.phoenixchildrens.com
www.preventdrownings.org
www.childsafetyzone.com
www.scottsdalefd.com

For information regarding CPR and First Aid classes, please call the Scottsdale Fire Department at (480) 312-3473.

Home Security

Over 60% of the residential burglaries in Scottsdale involve the suspect entering through an open or unlocked door or window.

- Lock the windows and exterior doors to your home.
- Always keep the door between the house and the garage locked.
- Keep the overhead garage door closed at all times.
- Install a Charlie bar, dowel, pin or foot lock to add additional security to arcadia doors.
- Keep exterior lights on overnight.
- Lock vehicles parked inside the garage.
- Use a padlock to secure gates leading into the backyard.

For more information on crime prevention or additional opportunities to get involved in YOUR community contact Crime Prevention Officer Abernethy at (480) 312-2594 cabernethy@scottsdaleaz.gov or District 4 Police Aide Ranee Short at (480)312-2074 rshort@scottsdaleaz.gov

Free Security Surveys

Remember that the Scottsdale Police Crime Prevention Unit provides free security surveys for your home or business. A crime prevention officer can come to your location to check your place for security breaches. Call today to schedule your free security survey with the Crime Prevention Officer in your area.

District 1: (McKellips – Osborn)

Officer Jennifer Wattier 480-312-0275

District 2: (Osborn to McDonald)

Officer Craig Abernethy 480-312-2594

District 3: (McDonald to Cactus)

Officer Kory Sneed 480-312-5696

District 4: (Cactus to the City's north boundary)

Officer Jason Glenn 480-312-8802

Upcoming Events:

Crime Free Multi Housing – Phase 1: Property owners, managers, leasing agents and maintenance workers are invited to attend this class on Thursday, August 13th, 2009 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the Granite Reef Senior Center (1700 N. Granite Reef Rd). Topics include how to work with police, landlord/tenant law and gang and drug recognition. Property manager who complete the course will be eligible for SPD's E-mail Notification Program. Know when police are on your property and what occurred. To register, contact Terri Terlazzo at (480) 312- 8292 or tterlazzo@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Business class: Business owners and operators are invited to attend this free class on how to detect and handle counterfeit money on Tuesday, August 18th, 2009 2 pm to 3 pm at the La Mirada Desert Center (8950 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd). Presenters will include Special Agent Kenneth Huffer of the United States Secret Service. The class is part of a business education series hosted by the Scottsdale Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. To register, contact Officer Jason Glenn at (480)312-0275 or jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Public Safety Community Contact Numbers and E-mail Links

- **Scottsdale Police Non-Emergency** 480-312-5000
- **Scottsdale Fire Department Non-Emergency** 480-312-8000
- **SPD Drug Enforcement Hotline** - Suspected illegal activity, 480-312-TIPS (Hot lines are not monitored)
- **SPD Traffic Enforcement Hotline** - chronic traffic problems, 480-312-CARS
- **Code Enforcement** 480-312-2546
- **Child Safety Seat Installation** 480-312-BABY
- **CPR/First Aid Classes** 480-312-1817