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From: Alvarez, Cindy B851
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 4:28 PM
To: Thomas, Bryan #445
Subject: Officer Beck

Sgt Thomas,

I wanted to make you aware of this call that **Officer Stacie Beck** handled today. She went above and beyond to help an elderly couple trying to deal with their insurance company. We responded out to their residence at 10XXX N 117 Pl. because they called 911 several times trying to contact their insurance company. I believe Officer Beck actually contacted the insurance company for them or stayed there until they made contact. Many officers would have just left after making sure they were ok. She truly demonstrated our employee value, caring and compassion for others. The public would view the police differently if more officers would show some concern like Stacie did in this instance.

Just wanted you to know (and thought you might like to hear something positive for a change :).

Thanks,
Cindy Alvarez

Good Job, Stacie..You made a difference!

MOT submission from Sgt. Jensen

On Thursday 5-6-10 **Officer Whitcomb** had finished his midnight shift at 0630hrs and had Superior court in Phoenix after his shift. While returning to D3 in Scottsdale at 0920hrs he heard a hot tone come out over the radio reference a home invasion involving 3 suspects in a blue Mustang convertible. He was traveling north on the 101 and determined that the suspects would possibly be leaving the area via the SR101 based on the area the call came out in. He exited the freeway and set up to monitor E/B Indian Bend for the suspect vehicle. He saw a vehicle matching the description eastbound on Indian Bend and initiated a U-turn in the fully marked car he was driving. He pulled in behind the Mustang and it continued eastbound and entered the freeway. It traveled southbound on SR101, while Officer Whitcomb followed, giving updates to responding back up units. A high risk stop was conducted and three occupants were secured at the SR101 and McKellips. The subjects located by Officer Whitcomb had been the suspects involved in the home invasion. Drugs, guns and evidence related to burglaries were found in the suspect's possession and vehicle.

Excellent Police work, Michael...



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The following was a letter sent from a grateful Scottsdale citizen to Sgt Scott Williamson

Saturday, May 8, 2010

Dear Sgt. Williamson.

I live on Bonnie Rose off 86th St. and shop at Safeway at Hayden and Chaparral. As I left Safeway today with a full load of groceries, I started home going East on Chaparral. The car was pulling to the right, so I pulled into the "entryway" of the gated community just East of Hayden. My right front tire was flat.

As I got out the jack and instruction book, two Police cars pulled up right behind me, and **Officers Alex Ristuccia #1379, and Tupouniua Mataele #1202** got out to help me. They were wonderful. Officer Mataele jacked up the car (a Toyota Highlander) and changed the tire in record time. Then Officer Ristuccia followed me home, pumped up my spare, and carried all the groceries into the house for me.

I am 81 and have had 4 back surgeries, so it is an understatement to say they saved me from a long, tough tire change, and probably the loss of a lot of good food. Yes, I could call for a tow, but that would have done nothing for \$90 worth of groceries. They saved both my back and the food.

I have a great deal of praise and respect for our Police. Theirs is a very tough job. Your people do it with pride and excellence and I truly appreciate that. In several situations they have helped me or my wife. They are first class!

Best Regards,
Bob Slater

Another example of how Scottsdale Police Officers care. Thanks for caring Alex and Tupouniua.....

The following was handwritten note, dated May 17, 2010, to School Resource Officer Jennifer Kinsey

Officer Kinsey,

Thank you. Thank you for keeping me alive, if you don't know this you did save me from suicide and you pulled me through school. I couldn't find the words to say how much you've helped these last three school years, especially this year. You put up with all my BS and I never thought a cop would



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become such a big part of my life. I hope you understand how much I cherish and appreciate all of your work and time that you put into me. Thank you (Ofc.) Kinsey for everything and more!

Love,
Alexa

Much of the time, a police officer's work seems to go unappreciated, it sure didn't in this case. Thank you for being so patient with this youngster, Jen. Your attention to this young person saved her life!

The following submission courtesy of Commander Walther:

On 12/29/08 a transient was killed when he walked into traffic at Granite Reef and McDowell. The victim was initially identified as Fredrick Ingram by some personal papers in his possession. **Officer Yedowitz** was the case detective and started to look for next of kin to notify. The victim had some hospital discharge papers from Maricopa County Medical Center. At MCMC, Yedowitz learned that the victim was recently transported from LARC to the hospital. In talking to the people at LARC, Yedowitz confirmed that Ingram had been staying at the Central Arizona Homeless shelter. The shelter didn't have a lot of information but they had a photo and they told Yedowitz that Ingram was a military veteran.

Yedowitz went to the VA and found that Ingram had been treated there but there was no next of kin information. Yedowitz checked Phoenix PD booking records and found some booking photos but again no next of kin information. Yedowitz then contacted the United States Army, Criminal Investigation Division to see if there was any family information. There was none. They led Yedowitz to check some arrests records in Florida and Missouri. Those records revealed that Ingram had been deported in the 70s to Canada for immigration violations. Yedowitz contacted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who through their arrest records showed that Ingram had been arrested in several small Canadian towns. Yedowitz called the police departments in those towns and finally got some next of kin information. One arrest record from 1966 showed that Ingram was married to Sandra Engram (at this point it was discovered that the victim's real name was spelled incorrectly). Incredibly, there was a phone number on the release information. Yedowitz called the number and left a message. Sandra Andrews returned the call and said that she was married to Fredrick Engram but they divorced in 1966. They had two children together, a son and a daughter. Neither Sandra nor Fredrick had tried to contact each other for the past 42 years but their daughter had recently begun to search for her father. Sandra said that Fredrick had two sisters. Yedowitz told Sandra of the death of Fredrick and also contacted one of his sisters.

Almost a year went by and Yedowitz received a request from Engrams' daughter for any pictures of her father. In April of this year, Engrams' daughter received the photos from the shelter.



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The quest to find next of kin took Officer Yedowitz several months to complete. There were several times where he came to a dead end but he persisted because he believed that the family had the right to know. Kelly Engram never knew her father but still believed that he was alive. Officer Yedowitz's persistence and obligation to the family finally gave Kelly the closure she needed. It would have been easy to let Fredrick's death fall by the wayside; after all he was just a transient and abandoned his family over forty years ago. But even over 30 years after Officer Yedowitz took his oath as a police officer; his dedication to serve the public is still his first priority.

The victim's family responded to Bill

Dear Officer Yedowitz - I have received the photographs you sent and Kelly has finally seen a picture of her biological father. I thank you sincerely for all the work you did in obtaining this photo and using your lab to enhance it for copies. You are very admirable and caring and I thank you again. It makes me feel good knowing that there are people like you in this chaotic world.

Sincerely,
Sandra Andrews

Bill, the last paragraph says it all!