





Officer helps serious medical situation

On Friday, Aug 30th, while working a Chaparral football game **Officer Kavon Attapour B1288** assisted a male subject, Mr. David Kunz, who had some medical issues while in the stands watching the game. Kavon assisted and helped move students out of the way so medics could respond to his aide. Kavon went the extra mile the following week when he took time to call Mr. Kunz back just to see how he was doing. Mr. Kunz was extremely thankful for Kavon's and the medics help the prior Friday. He was very pleased that the officer took the time to see how he was doing. While speaking to him, Kavon found out that Mr. Kunz was a big high school football fan and enjoyed going to the games. He was told that he was going to be attending the next Chaparral away game so Kavon decided to get a hold of the Chaparral SRO (Kevin Bingham) for any school item to share. Chaparral contributed a coach's shirt to give to Mr. Kunz (photo). **Good job Kavon**

An email to the Chief

I got rear-ended on Tuesday evening. The guy that hit me, hit two other people and looked like he was going to keep going. **Officers Hensen and Koerner** took care of the scene and displayed the professionalism that sets Scottsdale PD apart from everyone else. Please thank them for me and tell them well done. Please continue to keep your hiring standards high as the quality in your officers continues to be demonstrated. A Scottsdale resident

It is so nice to hear good comments such as this, from citizens of Scottsdale.

City employees working together

Officer Jen Kinsey started working a case after it was brought to her attention by school staff at Mohave Middle School. The residence in the 7800 block of E. Kimsey Lane is occupied by a 68 year old female named Maryalta and her adult daughter who is 39 years old named Christina who has a bi-polar disorder. Christina's two sons named Bryant (age 11) and Mitchell (age 13) also live at the residence. Both Bryant and Mitchell are autistic and have learning disabilities and Bryant also battles with diabetes. According to Officer Kinsey the boys showed up at school in dirty clothes, smelling poorly and complained about cockroaches crawling on them while they slept. Officer Kinsey began looking into the matter immediately.

Approximately 8 years ago, Maryalta's husband died and the family started going through these hoarding type issues and the clutter and trash had grown and grown to the point that the floors and furniture had not been seen in the residence for years. The residence had years of trash and debris inside it causing it to be an unsafe environment for anyone who lived in it. In speaking with both Maryalta and Christina it was learned that a series of events, from Maryalta's husband dying,





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her struggling with depression issues over her husband's death, to her trying to take care of Christina and the boys caused her to finally give up and stop taking care of the residence. With the assistance of CPS and Officer Kinsey the boys were removed from the residence which caused a spark in both Maryalta and Christina and they began cleaning. Over the next two weeks Christina and Maryalta along with other family members cleaned the home.

Officer Kinsey and **Det. Leal** went to the residence unannounced for follow-up and to check on their progress. Immediately Officer Kinsey noticed a tremendous difference inside. It was a lot cleaner than before and Christina and Maryalta were cleaning during the visit. Their family members had purchased a new dishwasher and refrigerator for them and it seemed that they were on the right track. During that visit they could clean no more as their city garbage can was full. At that time it was estimated that there were 50 trash bags full of debris. They felt if they had access to a trash dumpster (which they could not afford) they could continue to clean the house and hopefully have it all done before Bryant's birthday which occurs on September 18. They hoped to be reunited with the boys before Bryant's birthday. **Anthony** from PCIS got involved to help getting a trash dumpster. Anthony used his resources in the city government and with the most awesome news Jim Spahn from the City's Solid Waste Management was able to deliver a large 30 yard trash dumpster to the house at no cost to the homeowner, so Maryalta and Christina could continue their clean-up effort.

Great effort to collaborate as	a TEAM!		
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D2 Officer commended by citizens

Dear Commander Walther,

Today, my wife and I were stranded in downtown Scottsdale with a tire blow-out and my cell phone not working. Along came Officer **D. Garcia, badge # 1113**, from district 2, PD. I can't say enough about this young officer and how he helped us. If he were my own son he couldn't have done more.

It is said that bad things come in threes; well, today must have been my worst day. I have been driving for over sixty years...never had a blow-out...until today; then, my cell phone didn't work; and finally, when the spare was installed... the car battery went dead.

My wife and I are so grateful for the kindness and assistance shown by Officer Garcia. We would appreciate your letting him know.

Yours sincerely, - Nee & Fred Ross																
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Mayor receives letter applauding SPD Officers

Mayor Lane,

I would like to sincerely applaud you and the City of Scottsdale Police Department for the outstanding manner in which two officers assisted me with a troublesome situation on Tuesday, August 20. While driving my teenage son's car - which in itself is embarrassing and stressful enough - on a sweltering August afternoon, the car stalled at the busy intersection of McDonald and Hayden. Unfortunately, the car died in the packed left turn lane, which I was first in line. As you know, patience is thin amongst those of us left here in the August heat and drivers were, understandably, unhappy. Due to my good fortune of never before having been in this situation, I wasn't exactly sure what to do. I know very little about cars. I did call AAA since I have had a membership for many, many years, but never used it in a dilemma like this. They said it could take up to an hour and fifteen minutes for a tow truck. I told them it was extremely hot and I couldn't wait that long. I wasn't sure what to do and was quickly feeling overheated - and I did not have any water. People were frustrated and mad that I was blocking the lane but I had nowhere to go and I didn't know how long I would have to be out there. Admittedly, I was feeling a little anxious. After a short time, I was very happy to see a Scottsdale Police car (with its lights on) pull up behind me. An officer, came up to me sitting in the car, to help me. Her name was Officer J. Cook (Badge no. 800 I believe). She was empathetic to my situation and very nice to me. She explained that if AAA didn't show up soon, I would have to pay for a tow truck that they would call because I was blocking a busy intersection. She waited with me and even talked to AAA to see if they could get there guicker. She offered to let me sit in the front seat of her car, because of the heat, in the air conditioning which I did. She asked me if I needed water. Officer Garcia (Badge no.1113) arrived shortly. AAA also arrived. The tow truck driver and Officer Garcia pushed the car through the busy intersection to get it out of the way.

These officers were extremely nice and helpful. I would not have expected them to treat me in such a respectful and pleasant way in a miserable, hot intersection where I was at fault for blocking traffic, but **I so appreciated it!** I think you need to know that in a difficult situation they represented the City of Scottsdale in a laudable manner that you would commend. I know you - and the Scottsdale Police - deal with much bigger problems and situations than this, but sometimes it is the little things that show us the big picture. Thank you.

Appreciatively, - Ceda Austerman										
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Letter to Officer Brian Steel #1261- Dated 8-23-2013

Dear Officer Steel,

I am not sure if you remember me but on July 13th, 2009 you arrested me for a DUI. I have been meaning to write you for a long time, but time slips away. I wanted to write you a thank you letter. Thank you for arresting me that evening. It changed my life in so many positive ways. At the time, it was one of the worst, most embarrassing things to happen in my life. Looking back it was one of the best things to ever happen in my life. I was starting to go down the wrong path. If you had not been there, who knows where I would be. It was just enough to get me to take my life seriously. Thank you. Now I am a teacher and hope I can give back. I also hope I can help kids before they take the wrong path. I know it seems silly to send you a thank you note but you really made a positive impact on my life. I don't think police officers receive enough thanks. I just wanted to say thank you and keep up the good work. - Angie W.

Brian, you made a great impact on this life!

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Thanks from Prescott PD and the Town of Prescott Valley

The Chief's office received two letters from the Prescott area thanking us for our involvement in last month's memorial.

Dear Chief Rodbell and Police Officers:

On behalf of myself and the Prescott Valley Town Council, we would like to thank you for your support of the massive effort to provide a safe and non-congested venue for the nineteen Fallen Firefighters memorial held at the Tim's Toyota Center in our community on July 9th, 2013.

We appreciate the additional manpower and materials that your agency offered without solicitation. It is truly a measure of the quality of your agency to have stepped up at this critical time. Through these catastrophic and sad events we see the best of the best in our communities as we all pull together in one common goal.

Again, we thank you for all your assistance in making the memorial a beautiful and touching event.

Very sincerely,

Mayor Harvey Skoog, Vice Mayor Lora Lee Nye, Council Member Rick Anderson, Council Member Mary Mallory, Council Member Michael Whiting, Council Member Stephen Marshall, Council Member Marty Grossman

Dear Chief Rodbell,

I cannot begin to tell you the impact your overwhelming support to the Prescott area public safety





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team of police and fire personnel had following the heartbreaking event on June 30. Losing teen of our fire department employees in one tragic incident was devastating enough, but at a time when our city was experiencing a significant number of community events, they would not have been easily managed without the assistance of your police officers.

As the needs in our community developed following the hours and then the days after we lost our firefighters and the situation became so large it took on a life of its own, your agency responded quickly and without hesitation. The presence of Scottsdale Police Department officers, standing shoulder to shoulder with Prescott police officers, provided comfort and support at a time when it was needed most. I cannot thank you enough for your assistance.

Following the memorial service on Tuesday, July 9, individual funerals took place the remainder of that week and into the weekend. Though it will take a significant amount of time to heal, Prescott can now move forward and continue to provide the quality public safety services it is known for throughout this region. Having been lifted up by our brothers and sisters of the Scottsdale Police Department, we are stronger than ever.

Again, thank you and may God bless the Scottsdale Police Department.

With appreciation, Jerald Monahan, Chief of Police

TES received an e-mail from an employee at the Senior Center regarding the actions of a PD employee. Further investigation revealed that the PD employee was VCRU **Detective Ken Strohmeyer. Great job Ken!**

One of my regulars just informed me this morning that a man (she believes an officer in uniform) in a brand new beautiful black truck stopped his auto near Oak to check and see if she was okay and needed assistance or needed help to get across the street and even offered her water.(this regular senior participant walks very slowed humped over, etc)

She just could not say enough about the kindness, concern, courtesy and consideration that this officer displayed

This is the face of our fantastic police force that she sees, my seniors see and I see and experience daily.

Kudos and thanks







During a time of tragedy our employees step up

I wanted to compliment **Officer Janice Semora** and **CSS Kristen Oleksik** regarding a recent call I had worked with them on. The incident was a suicide that took place on Friday 6/21/2013. In times of tragedy, officers, including me can forget how these incidents affect family and friends of the victim. We must be the quiet professional and not let the things we see affect us. The family described the victim as a strong man, a man who was the leader of the family and the family protector. As the family talked about the victim the words they used mirrored those words that are often associated with public safety professionals. Unfortunately, the victim was diagnosed with stage 4 terminal cancer in Nov 2012 and was not expected to live much longer. The victim's health began to fail and this once proud and strong man could no longer take care of himself physically and he became totally dependent on others to care for his day to day needs. The victim grew depressed from his condition and took his own life.

All of the first responders on scene could see that this tragedy had emotionally crippled the victim's wife and daughter and the pain of having to clean up the area after such a terrible tragedy of a loved one would be devastating. Normally, this is the responsibility of the family to take care of the scene either by themselves or through a professional service, however on this night, Officer Semora and CSS Oleksik took this chore upon themselves. On their own initiative, they found supplies and restored the room to a better state and one could see the relief on the mother and daughter's face when Kelli from PCIS told the family of what they had done.

Thank you Janice and Kristen for the compassion you have shown this family. Your actions have positively impacted this family when dealing with an emotionally challenging time. Submitted by Det. Matt Leal

SPD and Fashion Square Security work together Commander Walther.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the SPD personnel who responded to Fashion Square this morning. As you know, our staff observed approximately 25 protesters arrive on our property at approximately 0855. The group exited their vehicles and headed towards our office building with signs and banners. I then notified you of this unannounced protest activity. You immediately deployed resources to assess the situation and contact this group.

The SPD response was truly amazing. A variety of USB and PES resources arrived in the area and began to monitor this group. A short time later, a second group formed at the South Bridge canal. Your personnel quickly expanded their surveillance of the group with no notice. The groups joined and engaged in a peaceful march northbound on Marshall Way. The group showed signs of





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becoming disorderly and they were immediately contacted by SPD personnel.

The protest reverted back to a lawful assembly as they approached Nordstrom. You were on site and directed the SPD response with your supervisors. The SPD response was immediate, professional and proportional for the activity underway. This protest remained peaceful and lawful based on the SPD presence. Please thank everyone involved for a job well done. It is clear that the guests, retailers and employees of Fashion Square are being very well served by the Scottsdale Police Department.

An email from Rich DeGraw, Security Manager, Scottsdale Fashion Square