

# CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

February 2, 2010

City Manager's Office

**Officer Fuller Helps Prepare PHS for State Competition** - School Resource Officer Dave Fuller and the Community Services Section helped prepare 40 Advanced Placement/Honor students from Prescott High School for the “We the People” State Competition recently held in Phoenix. Prescott High School Unit One received first place in the State. Officer Fuller was certified last summer to assist the High School Government teacher in teaching this block of instruction, which covers areas of law enforcement and the judicial process.

**Police Explorer Post Wins Top Honors at National Competition.** The Prescott Police Department Explorer Post participated in a competition in Chandler that matched our young adults against Explorer Posts from around the nation. This is only the second time our Post has attended a competition of this nature. The Explorers brought home two trophies from the competition, a first place for Incident Command Knowledge and Implementation and a third place for Hostage Negotiation. The Explorer Post has expanded their ranks to twelve active young adults.

**Storm Incident Command Activated** - The Prescott Police Department participated in a Unified Incident Command System (ICS) during the recent heavy flooding. The ICS was set up in the Police Department Training Room and was active for over 72 hours. The operation brought numerous departments together to share information, updates, resources and abilities. The operation showed how well our city works together and the teamwork atmosphere was very prevalent.

An All Hazards Incident Management Team was sent to manage rescue efforts in Northeast Arizona. Wildland Division, Chief Darrell Willis, in charge of operations, reported the following:

- Affected area- Navajo and Hopi Reservations, Coconino, Navajo and Apache counties. (approx. 22% of the State of Arizona)
- Size of operational area- 20,000 square miles.
- Status- Residents of this area have been heavily impacted by recent storms. Our mission is for life safety, getting food, water, blankets and emergency extractions of people stranded. Done by National Guard helicopters, snow cats, snow mobiles, 4X4 trucks, & Hum V's from the National Guard.
- As of 1/28/2010 we have distributed 30,000 MRE's (meals ready to eat), 25,000 gallons of water in 5-gallon containers, and 1,000 blankets. The National Guard has driven 28,000 miles in 22 trucks. The current snow levels are 5'-8' with some drifts to 10'. Livestock are dying due to their inability to move and get food. We have recovered two victims who have expired due to exposure.
- There are still approx. 1,000 people that are not accounted for and may be stranded. They are the highest priority and when we find them, we drop food, water, and blankets out of helicopters.

- On 1/27-1/28 some areas received up to 12" of new snow.
- PFD members deployed: 6-members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, Eric Marsh, Jason Bennett, Pat McCarty, Daniel McCarty, Jesse Steed, and Clayton Whitted. Incident management team members are: Darrell Willis, Ralph Lucas, Marty Cole, Tony Sciacca, Carissa Dunbar, and Dr. Howard Kravetz.

Please keep those affected and all rescue personnel in your thoughts and prayers.

**Who let the Dogs out?** - Prescott Police Animal Control Supervisor Larry Davis retired after 15 years of service to the City. Larry came to the City after spending 21 years with the Department of Public Safety. We appreciate everything that Larry has done for our department and we wish him all the best in his well deserved retirement.

Prescott Police Department Animal Control Officer Shannon Gray was promoted to Animal Control Supervisor to replace the departing Larry Davis. Shannon has been with the Animal Control Section for 5 years. We congratulate Shannon on her promotion and ask that everyone do the same when they see her.

**Police Capture Attempted Homicide Suspect** - The Prescott Police Department Special Enforcement Section, with assistance from several other sections, captured an attempted homicide suspect on Lincoln Avenue. This suspect, as well as several others, was arrested after a lengthy investigation and surveillance. The other suspects were charged with numerous drug charges, resisting arrest and other related charges.

**Zone 24 and 27 Water Infrastructure Improvement Project** – (Thumbe Butte Area) a public meeting regarding site selection for project reservoirs and pump station is scheduled February 11, 2010 at 6:00 PM to be held in the Prescott Public Library Founders Room.

**Wastewater Master Plan Study** - The master plan project is moving forward along with the biosolid master plan and local limit study. The final report for the master plan is anticipated to be complete in April/May.

**Airport Zone North and South Loop Project** - The North loop phase is substantially complete with only a small amount of water line testing remaining. This phase was completed 131 days ahead of schedule and within the authorized contract amount.

**North Prescott Regional Force Main Replacement Project** - The project has been successfully completed and accepted. The project was completed 21 days ahead of schedule and within the authorized contract amount.

**Old North Reservoir Replacement Project** - Project design is on time and under budget. 100% plan review is in progress.

**2009 Small Water Mains** - 100% Design review is completed. Plans and applications submitted to ADEQ for review and approval to construct. All easements have been secured. Project advertisement is scheduled in March 2010.

**2009 Sewer Mainline Replacement/Rehabilitation** - 100% design review is completed. Plans and applications submitted to ADEQ for review and approval to construct. Project advertisement is scheduled in March 2010.

**Airport Area Production / Recovery Wells** - Field testing has been finished to locate the most suitable location for the new production / recovery well. Three alternate locations were identified northeast of the main runway.

**Leadership Lock-In** - Monday, January 25, members of Prescott Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) attended the library's first ever Leadership Lock-in (called a lock-in because participants were locked in after library hours). Fifteen teens and five adults took part in leadership instruction and activities. After a light dinner, Brad Clifford, head coach of Yavapai College's girls' basketball team, gave an inspiring talk on the qualities of leadership, reminding the kids not to let their circumstances dictate their ability to lead. Next, Chapel Rock ropes course instructor Jack Staudecher gathered the teens into a huddle and had them overcome two challenges using communication and cooperation. The two-hour event passed quickly and successfully, and the teens came away with a better understanding of their roles as members of the teen advisory group.

**Neither sleet nor snow** - January has been another month for the library record books. A record-breaking 2006 Downtown Library visitors on January 6 were quickly eclipsed when 2063 people visited their library on January 13. Then on January 19 library patrons checked out 3,680 items, breaking the previous record of 3,402, set on October 13.

Even record storms couldn't keep people away from their library. Despite snow, rain and ice, the Downtown Library had 1041 intrepid visitors Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and 900 on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**This just in- The January 27 Downtown Library gate count of 2,148 set a new record! With the library open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., that translates to an average of 3 people per minute.**