



Eyes Alive Crime Prevention Newsletter



P R E S C O T T P O L I C E D E P A R T M E N T

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wal-Mart Supports Shop With A Cop This Year
- Prescott PD Receives NNO Award
- Move It or Lose It Anti-Theft Campaign
- Business Watch Membership Soars



2009 SHOP WITH A COP

The Prescott Police Department has been busy planning and finalizing the details for the 12th annual Shop With a Cop event, which is scheduled to take place Saturday, December 12.

Shop With a Cop (SWAC) was designed several years ago in cooperation with K-Mart and has enjoyed nationwide success. The program involves pairing children one-on-one with an officer and providing them spending money for holiday gift shopping.

Children chosen have been nominated by a teacher, guidance counselor, social worker, or a non-profit organization in Yavapai County. These children are nominated due to their

economic or family situations. Goals of the program include:

To boost children's morale and build their self-esteem.

To enable children to interact with the officers in a positive setting.

To teach children cost-effective purchasing skills and fosters decision making.

To provide children with the positive experience of gift giving for their families.

Due to the recent closure of the Prescott K-Mart, SWAC will be held at the Wal-Mart store located at 1280 Gail Gardner Way. We are very excited and

appreciative Wal-Mart has agreed to host this annual event. We are anxious to share this new chapter of SWAC with them.

Without the support of local businesses and residents, like yourselves, throughout Yavapai County, this program would not be possible. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact the Prescott Police Department at (928)778-1444.

Once again, thank you to those of you in our community that support and participate in this worthwhile event.

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P R E S C O T T P D R E C E I V E S N A T I O N A L A W A R D

We were recently notified our city has been selected as a National Award Winner by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). This group sponsors and promotes National Night Out efforts worldwide. Prescott was entered into category four,

which is determined by our population of 15,000-49,999. Our Crime Prevention Section compiled a notebook of the years' activities and efforts related to crime prevention, especially during National Night Out (NNO), and submitted it by the required

due date. The notebook was reviewed by a panel of judges in Pennsylvania who selected us among some of the best in category four. We were ranked 27 of 54 jurisdictions awarded in category four.

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW POLICE CHIEF: MIKE KABEL

Mike Kabel was appointed Chief of Prescott Police Department in September of 2009. He is a trained, experienced law enforcement administrator, public speaker, facilitator, and instructor.

During his 24 years of law enforcement experience, Mike has been involved in a broad spectrum of assignments with the Arizona State University Department of Public Safety, Tempe Police Department Narcotics Task Force, and with the University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department. During his 19 years with the Prescott Police Department, Mike has been involved in all facets of the



Department. While Mike was Deputy Chief, he managed both the Support and Operations Divisions of the Prescott Police Department.

After meeting with the Chief, we learned his intention is to return to the basics, such as community based policing. Community policing is the working partnership between the officers and their community members. This partnership is the cornerstone to proactive problem solving and long term crime deterrence.

We are delighted at the Chief's selection and we are confident you will be also. Welcome aboard, Chief!



BUSINESS WATCH

Did you know we have a Business Watch program available to all businesses in Prescott? Did you realize membership is free and painless? Did you know that most of our downtown shops are members now? As of this writing, we have approximately 150 members in the program. All this requires is the completion of a one page application with your business and emergency

contact information. A member of your Crime Prevention Team will come to your store front and apply a window sticker identifying your shop as a member. In addition, you will receive emailed crime alerts about area crime spree in a timely manner.

We invite your business to participate!



NATIONAL AWARD, CONT.

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We actually competed against 14,625 other communities which translates to 36.7 million people worldwide. Now, that's impressive!

This is the first time Prescott has been selected as an award winner for it's crime prevention involvement in NNO. We look forward to forging a stronger Block Watch program in the upcoming year and cementing our

commitment in the prevention arena.

If you or your neighbors need information on forming a Block Watch program, please contact Traces or Tony at: 777-1967. We would also like to hear your ideas and feedback related to crime prevention since we are only as effective as our community participation.



Holiday Shopping Safety

- Check all recall notices before purchasing children's toys.
- Buy only age appropriate toys for children.
- Bring sales ads with you to the stores.
- Do online shopping with only secure sites displaying the "https" and look for a small padlock on the page.
- Beware of hidden restocking fees for big ticket items.
- Keep all receipts, warranties, and service agreements in a file.
- Carry small amounts of cash and few credit cards.
- Hide purchases in your car's trunk.
- Always lock your car.

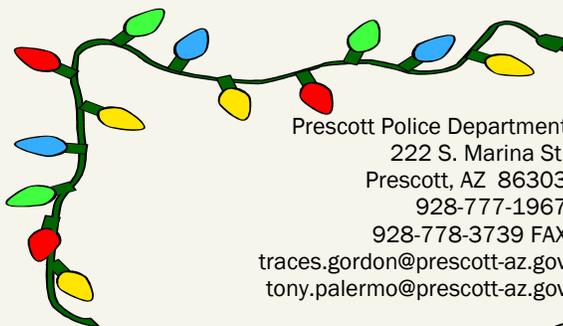


MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

Did you know it takes a thief only 30 seconds to break into your car? What's even more ironic, it takes only 20 seconds for us to stash our valuables in the trunk!

Our neighboring jurisdictions of Prescott Valley PD and Yavapai County SO have joined us in launching a MOVE IT or LOSE IT campaign. We have been taken to the cleaners lately in all three jurisdictions when it comes to auto burglaries. Almost all of these burglaries could have been prevented if :
*People removed their valuables from their car or concealed them.
*Locked their cars.

Let's discourage the Grinch this season and move or remove our valuables and keep our cars locked!



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