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The CGPD Community Forum

Casa Grande Police Department — 373 East Val Vista Boulevard — (520) 421-8700



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Chief's Message — Chief Mark McCrory

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying a safe summer. As the Chief of Police, it is my duty and honor to keep you informed about the initiatives we are undertaking to ensure the safety and security of our community. Today, I am excited to share with you some important developments that highlight the power of partnership in preventing and solving crime.

Law enforcement is most effective when agencies work together, leveraging each other's strengths and resources. A prime example of this collaborative spirit is our partnership with the Pinal County Attorney's Office. Recently, the Pinal County Attorney's Office was awarded a federally funded Project Safe Neighborhood grant to purchase an Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS). This state-of-the-art technology will significantly enhance our ability to solve violent crimes by analyzing ballistic evidence.



The IBIS will be housed at the Casa Grande Police Department (CGPD) and will be made available to surrounding law enforcement agencies. This shared resource underscores our commitment to regional collaboration and will greatly aid in our collective efforts to reduce gun violence and bring perpetrators to justice.

In addition to this, I am thrilled to announce a new program that CGPD will be unveiling called "Save a Casing, Solve a Case." This initiative is designed to involve responsible gun owners in our crime-solving efforts. We are encouraging gun owners to save a few spent casings from their firearms. Should the firearm ever be lost or stolen, the gun owner can choose to turn over the saved casings to law enforcement. These casings will then be entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). If the stolen or lost firearm is used in a subsequent crime,

CGPD Contacts

Emergency 911

(Area Code is 520)

Administration	421-8721
Animal Control	426-9300
Chaplain	421-8711 x6700
Crime Prevention	421-8711 x6760
Graffiti Abatement	518-5518
Community Service Officers	421-8700 Option 7
Public Info Officer	421-8711 x6760
Records	421-8711 x6651
Silent Witness	836-2100
Towing/Impound	421-8711 x6061
Volunteer Services	518-5518

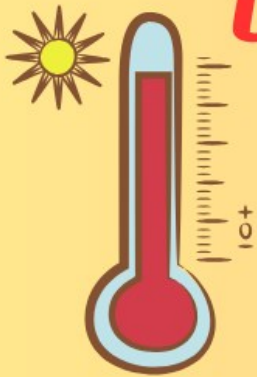


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investigators will be notified, potentially leading to quicker identification of the weapon and its recovery.

"Save a Casing, Solve a Case" not only empowers gun owners to play a proactive role in crime prevention but also enhances our investigative capabilities. This innovative program is a testament to our belief that community involvement is crucial in maintaining public safety.

In closing, I want to extend my gratitude to each of you for your continued support and cooperation. Together, with strong partnerships and community engagement, we can build a safer and more secure environment for all.



Don't Leave Us in the Car!

**HOT DAYS means HOT CARS
Temperatures rise quickly within
minutes and cracking a window
does NOT help.**



Field Training—An Inside Perspective

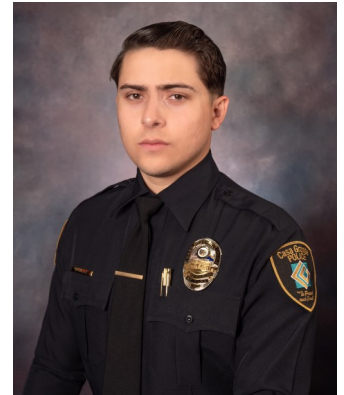
Officer Chelsi Ruiz was recently tasked with the Field Training of Officer Trey Giuffre. Typically Field Training is a four-month process following an officer's graduation from the Academy. The training, if successful, results in a solo capable officer. Officers Ruiz and Giuffre made a great team and provide their perspectives.

Officer in Training — Officer Trey Giuffre

During my experience of being an officer in training under the City of Casa Grande Police Department's Field Training Officer (FTO) program, I was exposed to anything and everything from fatal incidents to community policing by taking photographs with youth in front of my Patrol vehicle. I had the opportunity to see different policing styles from all my field training officers who were very experienced and knowledgeable men and women that I look up to.

Throughout the phases of my training, I faced adversity in situations where I was not entirely sure what my next step should be, but I was coached and mentored through by very knowledgeable veterans who taught me not everything is black and white and there are many styles to being a problem solver. Although at times my field training officers would push me to see what I was capable of, I could tell they all cared about me as a person and my development into a solo capable police officer. The biggest lesson I learned is that the learning never stops. In this career field, there is always another method or tactic that can be improved upon.

I will always be open to learning and growing to be able to serve my community in the best way I can, and I am grateful for the men and women who molded me into a solo capable police officer.



Field Training Officer — Officer Chelsi Ruiz



As an Field Training Officer (FTO) in law enforcement, I have the privilege of mentoring and guiding new recruits as they embark on their career in policing. It's a challenging yet rewarding role that not only helps shape the next generation of officers but also allows me to reflect on my own journey.

On a personal level, being an FTO has taught me patience, empathy, and the importance of effective communication. I remember when I was in their shoes, eager to learn and prove myself. Now, I strive to create a supportive and inclusive environment where my trainees feel comfortable asking questions and making mistakes.

Seeing my trainees grow and develop their skills is a source of pride and fulfillment. It's a reminder that our work as law enforcement officers is not just about enforcing laws, but about building trust and making a positive impact on our communities. As an FTO, I am committed to passing on the values of integrity, compassion, and service that have guided my own career.

July 4th Safety Reminder — Lieutenant Christopher Palmer**Understanding Shannon's Law and Arizona Fireworks Statutes**

As we approach the joyous occasion of Independence Day, the Casa Grande Police Department wishes to extend warm greetings to all residents. With the festivities, barbecues, and celebrations, it's essential to prioritize safety, especially concerning the use of fireworks. In this newsletter, we'll discuss two crucial aspects: Shannon's Law and Arizona Statutes pertaining to fireworks usage.

Understanding Shannon's Law:

Shannon's Law, named after Shannon Smith, a young girl tragically killed by celebratory gunfire in 1999, addresses the reckless discharge of firearms into the air. This law, which came into effect in 2000, prohibits the firing of guns into the air within city limits. Not only is this activity illegal, but it poses significant risks to public safety.

During the July 4th celebrations, it's not uncommon for individuals to engage in celebratory gunfire, which is illegal. Bullets fired into the air can reach high velocities upon descent, posing serious threats to property, pets, and most importantly, human life. Remember, what goes up must come down, and falling bullets can cause severe injury or even death.

As responsible citizens, we must uphold the principles of Shannon's Law and refrain from engaging in any activities involving the reckless discharge of firearms. Instead, let's celebrate safely and responsibly by attending organized fireworks displays or other sanctioned events.

Arizona Statutes Pertaining to Fireworks:

In addition to Shannon's Law, it's essential to familiarize ourselves with Arizona statutes governing the use of fireworks. Arizona Revised Statutes Title 36, Chapter 16, provides clear guidelines regarding the sale, possession, and use of fireworks.

In Arizona, permissible consumer fireworks include items such as sparklers, ground spinners, and novelty items. However, the use of aerial fireworks, such as bottle rockets and Roman candles, is strictly prohibited without a specific permit. It's crucial to adhere to these regulations to prevent accidents, injuries, and criminal charges.

Furthermore, individuals must be mindful of local ordinances that may impose additional restrictions on fireworks usage. For instance, certain areas within Casa Grande may have designated no-fireworks zones due to heightened fire risk or other safety concerns.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let's prioritize safety and respect the laws and regulations put in place to protect our community. By exercising caution and responsibility, we can ensure a festive and enjoyable holiday for everyone.

Wishing you all a safe and memorable Fourth of July!



Save A Casing—Solve A Case – Officer Thomas Anderson

We are excited to announce our new program that allows responsible gun owners to help law enforcement combat firearm-related crime. Participation is completely voluntary; however, we encourage gun owners in our community to take part in an effort to reduce violent crime involving firearms. There is no cost, and the envelopes are available at the Casa Grande Police Department at 373 East Val Vista Boulevard.

How Do I Get One?

To pick up your free SAVE A CASING – SOLVE A CASE envelope(s) from the Casa Grande Police Department, please come to our headquarters at 373 East Val Vista Boulevard and enter the lobby. The lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

How does the program work?

The campaign works by submitting two firearm casings to a Casa Grande Police Officer after a gun theft has occurred. These casings are then submitted into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network known as NIBIN. NIBIN is a national database containing digital images of spent bullets and cartridge casings that were found at crime scenes or test-fired from confiscated firearms. This database can be searched for possible matches and if a "hit" occurs, the NIBIN lab sends that information to Casa Grande Police Department investigators.

Who do I contact if my gun is stolen?

Call our non-emergency number at (520) 421-8700, option #7 and a CGPD Officer will respond to your location to report the lost or stolen gun. You may also visit our headquarters at 373 East Val Vista Boulevard.

Is there a cost involved?

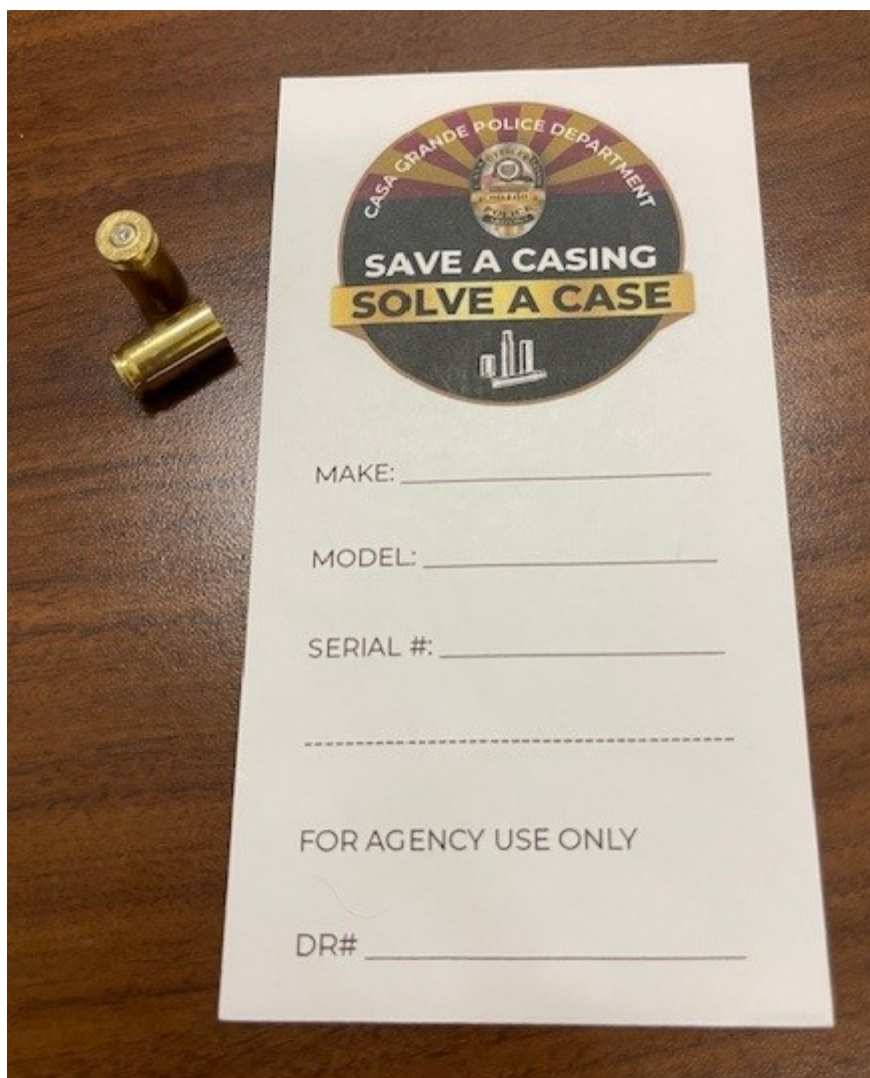
No, there is no cost involved in participating in this voluntary program.

When do I provide my casings and why can't I send them now?

You will provide your casings when reporting your firearm stolen. The Casa Grande Police Officer taking the report will submit them to NIBIN. NIBIN only captures and stores firearms evidence and fired ammunition components as part of a criminal investigation. It cannot collect this information when the firearm is manufactured or prior to a criminal event such as the firearm being stolen.

How can this program help law enforcement find my firearm?

The shell casing can confirm the identity of the firearm. If the information and bullet casing are submitted to

Save A Casing—Solve A Case – Officer Thomas Anderson (Continued)

MAKE: _____

MODEL: _____

SERIAL #: _____

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

DR# _____

the NIBIN system after a weapon is stolen, CGPD will be able to return the firearm to its owner when it is recovered.

What information will I need to provide?

If your gun is stolen or lost, you will provide two casings that were fired from the firearm that you are reporting stolen or lost. Place those casings in an envelope, and write the serial number, make and model of your firearm on the outside. Then hand that envelope to the Officer taking your report. If you own multiple firearms, please package the casings separately.

Is this program mandatory?

No. Your participation is completely voluntary; however, we encourage the community to take part in an effort to reduce violent crime involving firearms.

Where is the information stored?

As a gun owner, you will store your casings and firearm information in your home, separate from where you store the respective firearm. In the event your

firearm is stolen, you will give that information to the reporting Police Officer, and they will submit it to NIBIN, where it will be compared against their existing database.

If my gun is stolen and used in a crime, am I liable?

Reporting the stolen gun to the authorities demonstrates a level of concern equal to that of a person who wants the gun recovered to minimize harm to the community. **Liability then falls onto the person currently in possession of the gun at the time of the crime.**

Can I get my gun back?

If your gun is used in a crime, **the gun will be held during the entire duration of the investigation of the crime, the court proceedings or longer.** This timeframe can be dependent on the type of crime, the initial court proceeding and any appellate process.

Life Saving Awards

The Casa Grande Police Department presented the Life Saving Award to Detective Jonathan Campa-Molina and citizen Cade Lamb, two remarkable individuals whose quick thinking and courageous actions exemplify the very essence of heroism and dedication to the preservation of life.

On the morning of April 22, 2024, a serious injury collision involving two vehicles occurred near downtown Casa Grande. Detective Campa was the first to arrive on scene and quickly determined this was a life-threatening situation. A young woman was in critical condition, not breathing, and needed immediate care. Detective Campa enlisted the help of an on-scene witness, Cade Lamb. Together, they acted swiftly and decisively to provide CPR and first aid. For four intense minutes, they worked together, switching roles when needed, with Cade taking over CPR while Detective Campa ensured the woman's spine remained stable. Their persistence and teamwork paid off when Cade rubbed the woman's sternum and she gasped for air, and the color began to return to her face.

Despite the severity of the woman's injuries, hospital medical personnel reported it was the immediate and decisive actions of Detective Campa and Cade Lamb that prevented her from succumbing to her injuries before she could receive advanced medical care. Their actions on that day were nothing short of heroic. Their combined efforts, determination, and selflessness saved a life and serves as a great example of Community Policing. The Casa Grande Police Department Life Saving Award was proudly presented to civilian Cade Lamb and Detective Jonathan Campa-Molina.



From left to right: Chief Mark McCrory, Detective Jonathan Campa-Molina, citizen Cade Lamb, Officer Thomas Scheurn, Deputy Chief Brian Ramirez

The Casa Grande Police Department presented the Life Saving Award to Officer Thomas Scheurn, whose quick thinking and decisive actions epitomize the spirit of our community and dedication to saving lives.

On May 8, 2024, while enjoying lunch at a restaurant with his colleagues from the K9 Unit, Officer Scheurn was suddenly called to action. Amidst the commotion, he noticed a patron choking and struggling to breathe. Another patron's attempts to help were unsuccessful, and the situation was becoming increasingly dire. Without hesitation, Officer Scheurn sprang into action. He took over and administered the Heimlich maneuver multiple times until he successfully dislodged the obstruction from the patron's throat, allowing her to breathe freely again. Medical personnel arrived shortly after and evaluated the relieved and recovering patron. In a remarkable twist of fate, the patron turned out to be a retired Sergeant from the Sahuarita Police Department. She expressed profound gratitude to Officer Scheurn for his life-saving actions. The outcome of this incident could have been much worse if not for Officer Scheurn's swift and effective response. His actions did not go unnoticed, and for his heroism on that day, Officer Scheurn was awarded the Casa Grande Police Department Life Saving Award.

Casa Grande Police Department Cadet Program — Officer Thomas Anderson

The Casa Grande Police Department Cadet Program offers young men and women the unique opportunity to gain first-hand experience in law enforcement. Participants engage in realistic field training alongside Law Enforcement Officers, learning about a wide range of topics, policies, and practices. Additionally, Cadets provide valuable community services during parades, festivals, and special events. They may also be called upon to assist officers in emergency situations, such as searching for missing children, gathering evidence, aiding in disaster response, and other tasks as needed by the Casa Grande Police Department.

Eligibility for Cadet Program

Applicants must be between fourteen (14) and twenty (20) years of age, adhere to the Cadet Creed, and maintain good academic standing.

Cadet Post Goals

- To foster positive teenage activities through community involvement.
- To create a reserve pool of individuals for emergencies or community service.
- To provide Basic Law Enforcement Training.
- To cultivate responsibility and leadership skills in young people.
- To equip Cadets with the experience needed to make an informed decision about a career in Law Enforcement.
- To promote cooperation through personal growth and group development.



Each year, we take a summer Cadet trip to build character, teamwork, and camaraderie. This summer, we spent a week in the Arizona White Mountains. The Cadets woke up early each morning for physical fitness, followed by defensive tactics and de-escalation skills training. Each day, Cadets were assigned lessons and gave presentations on leadership, teamwork, and integrity. This was a fun and busy week for our Cadets and we are already planning for next year!

To learn more about the program or to sign up, contact:

Thomas Anderson, Public Information Officer

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A Message from the Chaplain — Dr. Paul Ellis, Senior Chaplain

Keys to enjoying a happy home

Creating and maintaining a happy home requires continuous effort, understanding, and commitment. It's about fostering an environment of love, respect, peace, and joy. Here are the essential keys:

1. Open and Honest Communication

- ◆ Encourage open dialogue where everyone feels safe to express their thoughts and feelings.
- ◆ Ensure everyone's voice is heard and valued.

2. Quality Time Together

- ◆ Dedicate time for activities everyone enjoys, like family dinners, movie nights, or outdoor activities.

3. Respect for Individuality

- ◆ Respect each person's unique interests and needs, fostering a supportive home environment.

4. Sharing Responsibilities

- ◆ Encourage everyone to contribute to chores and decision-making, promoting a sense of belonging and teamwork.

5. Conflict Resolution

- ◆ Handle disagreements calmly, focusing on resolution rather than blame. Practice healthy conflict-resolution techniques.

6. Create a Positive Atmosphere

- ◆ Maintain a clean, organized, and welcoming space that reflects the family's personality.

7. Practice Gratitude and Positivity

- ◆ Foster an attitude of gratitude and positivity, encouraging appreciation and joy in small things

8. Prioritize Health and Well-being

- ◆ Support physical and mental health through a balanced diet, regular exercise, adequate rest, and mindfulness practices.

9. Embrace Traditions and Make New Ones

- ◆ Embrace and create family traditions to build a sense of continuity and belonging.

10. Unconditional Love and Support

- ◆ Ensure every member feels loved, valued, and supported, celebrating successes and providing comfort in times of need.

Building a happy home is an ongoing journey that requires patience, effort, and love, focusing on these keys to nurture growth, happiness, and strong family bonds.



How to Connect With Us



www.facebook.com/cgpolice



www.casagrandesilentwitness.com



www.twitter.com/casagrandepd



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Upcoming Events

Follow the Casa Grande Police Department on Facebook and X/Twitter to learn about future events.

4th of July Celebration

Join us from 7 pm to 10 pm at the Paul Mason Sports Complex. Games, water slides, bands and fireworks! See page 5 for details.

Citizen Police Academy

Please join us to learn about policing and our agency, from the inside perspective!

Our next academy will start October 8th. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 — 9 pm for six weeks. The Academy is held at the Public Safety Facility at 373 East Val Vista Boulevard.

The deadline to sign up is October 1st.

For more information or to sign up for the next class, contact our coordinator, Wendy Lloyd, at (520) 518-5518 or wlloyd@casagrandeaz.gov.