



CITIZENS ON WATCH

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Bank Robber Apprehended

Goodyear dispatch operators received a call on May 7th at approximately 2:15pm regarding a bank robbery from the bank inside of the Fry's Grocery store. Bank employees had planted a tracking device with the money obtained from the robbery. The suspect fled the scene with the money and tracking device obtained from the robbery. Dispatch operators were able to work with the bank, the alarm company and responding officers to track and eventually locate the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody at approximately 1434 hours without incident near 111th / Durango in Avondale. Goodyear Police Detectives were on scene at the bank and traffic stop and investigating the case. The Avondale and Phoenix Police Departments also responded as the suspect is a person of interest in bank robberies in their cities. The Avondale Police Department reported the suspect's description was consistent with that of the suspect from the Avondale Wells Fargo Bank Robbery on 4/29. Avondale detectives identified the suspect as the person depicted in the bank video robbery in the Fry's store on 4/29. This was a great effort of all those involved with disseminating active information leading to the arrest of the suspect. The suspect was arrested and booked into the 4th Avenue Jail.

Suspicious Person Arrested

On April 20 at 0635 hours, Goodyear Police responded to the Pebble Creek Community in the area of 164th Ave. and Alvarado Dr. A citizen reported a male subject walking on 164th Avenue looking inside mailboxes as he walked down the street. Goodyear Police contacted the subject and after a field interview arrested the subject for false information to a police officer and for two active warrants. A short time later Goodyear Police received a report of 5 houses being damaged in the area. Officers were able to determine after an interview the same subject was responsible for the additional crimes. The Goodyear Police want remind citizens to report suspicious persons or activity when it occurs. The longer you wait to report the incident the harder it is to investigate. The initial call will alert officers of activity in particular area and provide important information which may link more than one incident.

Suspicious Device Reported

Police officers responded to the Brass Armadillo business in the Lowes parking lot for a reported suspicious device that was "beeping". The person reporting the incident noticed a device attached to the underside of her vehicle. They removed it and placed it in the rocks in the middle of the parking lot. Goodyear Police and Fire TLO's along with Glendale EOD responded. The item was located, x-rayed and ultimately dismantled. The item appeared to be a security device department stores use as a theft deterrent that they typically attach to clothing. The item had been wrapped in cellophane and had glue on the outside. No motive for this other than someone playing a practical joke. If you notice something similar, do not touch or manipulate the item. Call the police immediately.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK	MAY 12-18
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 27
CLICK IT OR TICKET	MAY 20-JUNE 2

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Important Crime Tip

There is a recent crime trend happening around the country to include the City of Goodyear. Burglars are approaching houses and knocking on the front door to see if anyone is home. Sometimes they leave and reattempt a second time. When suspects receive no response alerting them no one is home, they are kicking in front doors or entering the residences from the back yards. The police are recommending citizens spread the word. If you do not want to answer the door it is a good idea to alert the person you are at least home. This can be done simply by yelling "Go Away" or "No Thanks." You can also turn up a stereo or TV loudly. This crime tip needs to be shared with children of all ages. The old teaching standard of don't answer the door to strangers needs to be updated. Children can follow the same advice and/or call the police.

Buckle-up! The Life You Save Could Be Your Own!

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In a combined effort with law enforcement agencies nationwide, the Goodyear Police Department will participate in the "Click it or Ticket" campaign, May 20th – June 2, 2013.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), those front-seat passengers who wear their lap/shoulder seatbelts are 45% less likely to die in a crash and 50% less likely to sustain moderate to critical injuries. In addition, fatal injury to children less than one year of age is reduced by 71% for those infants properly restrained in a child safety seat. Bottom line... buckle-up, the life you save could be your own!

Seatbelt Safety Tips

- Everyone in the vehicle buckle-up, every time
- Seatbelts and airbags are designed to work together
- Proper seat belt fit: over hips and thighs and across shoulder. Do not tuck shoulder belt under arm or behind back
- One person per seatbelt, **do not** double-up
- Children under 8 or 4'9" should be in a booster seat so that adult seatbelt fits properly

Myth vs. Fact

- **Myth:** It is better not to wear a seatbelt so I can be thrown clear of the vehicle in a crash.
- **Fact:** It is nearly impossible to be thrown clear in a crash. In fact, being ejected from the vehicle in a crash almost always leads to devastating consequences. It is best to be properly restrained so that you are secured in the vehicle.
- **Myth:** I'm not traveling far or fast.
- **Fact:** Most motor vehicle collisions occur within 25 miles of the home and going speeds less than 40 miles per hour. Buckle-up every time!
- **Myth:** It doesn't hurt anyone else if I choose not to wear my seatbelt.
- **Fact:** Unrestrained passengers can cause death or injury to others in the vehicle by becoming a projectile during a crash.
- **Myth:** If I wear my seatbelt I will be trapped in the vehicle which may be on fire or underwater.
- **Fact:** Half of 1% of all crashes involves fire or water. In the unlikely event that it does occur, one's chance of survival is much greater if they are buckled and remain conscious and uninjured so that they are able to unbuckle themselves and escape.

Resources:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/PEAK>

Michigan State Police: http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-1593_3504_22774-13689--,00.html

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Do I have to wear my seat belt?

A: ARS 28-909 Each front seat occupant of a motor vehicle that is designed for carrying 10 or fewer passengers, that is manufactured for the model year 1972 and thereafter and that is required to be equipped with an integrated lap and shoulder belt or a lap belt pursuant to the federal motor vehicle safety standards shall have the lap and shoulder belt properly adjusted and fastened while the vehicle is in motion.

Q: What happens if I attempt to unlawfully flee from a pursuing law enforcement vehicle?

A: ARS 28-622.01 A driver of a motor vehicle who willfully flees or attempts to elude a pursuing official law enforcement vehicle that is being operated in the manner described in ARS 28-624, subsection C is guilty of a class 5 Felony. The law enforcement vehicle shall be appropriately marked to show that it is an official law enforcement vehicle.

Questions and Answers

Q: Am I required to follow the directions of a police officer directing traffic?

A: ARS 28-622 Yes, A person shall not willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of a police officer invested by law with the authority to direct, control, or regulate traffic. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

Q: Do I have to obey all required traffic control devices?

A: ARS 28-644 Unless otherwise directed by a traffic or police officer and subject to the exemptions granted the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in the this chapter, the driver of a vehicle shall obey the instructions of an official traffic control device applicable to the driver that is placed in accordance with this chapter.

Staying Close, Being Alert, and Watching Children around the Pool

- Always watch children when they are in or near a pool or spa
- Teach children basic water safety tips
- If a child is missing, look for them in the pool or spa first
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings to avoid entrapments
- Have a portable telephone close by at all times when you or your family are using the pool
- Share safety instructions with family, friends, and neighbors

Additional tips can be located at <http://www.poolsafely.gov/>