

# Henderson Police Department

## Citizen Corps

Agenda  
November 24, 2008

### Welcome:

#### Message from Chief Chambers

Chief Chambers has begun sending bi-weekly email messages to all members of the police department. Since most of us don't have access to the Department e-mail system, I am including her most recent e-mail in this agenda.

*"I like to start these updates off with some good news, and today is no exception. In the last couple of years, we have been expanding our participation in regional task forces and multi-agency operations. That cooperation was put to good use during Halloween when members of our Department worked with other agencies in Operation Trick or Treat. The operation included more than 200 compliance checks on registered sex offenders on Halloween as a reminder for them to leave the kids alone. The multi-agency effort also netted 25 fugitives, 18 of which were wanted on sex-offense related crimes. The U.S. Marshal's office sent along a note of praise for our officers' efforts. Operation Trick or Treat will become a yearly event, as another way to keep track of convicted sex offenders. Once again a job well done by all the officers involved!"*

*"I will be visiting all the briefings and working groups within the Department twice a year. My first round of visits will start on December 1<sup>st</sup>. So start thinking about those questions, maybe write them down so you won't forget."*

I did not include the paragraph that addressed the posting of all Department Monthly Reports in an electronic file on the computer. Since we don't all have access to that file, it was not necessary to describe the file path for the reports.

## **Henderson Police Department Vision Statement**

Chief Chambers announced that the new Vision and Values statements are now finalized:

### **Values:**

## **“I am HP<sup>2</sup>D”:**

### **Integrity**

We commit to keeping the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of ethical behavior.

### **Honor**

We commit with pride to being a member of this department and serving the community with distinction.

### **People**

We commit to all citizens and each other to carry out our responsibilities with courtesy, compassion, and respect.

### **Professionalism**

We commit to excellence with a focus on innovation, service, and leadership.

### **Dedication**

We are devoted to our work, committed to our community, and dedicated to the service of others.

### **Our Vision:**

**To make Henderson the safest city in the country by providing premier police services through innovation and partnerships with our community.**

### **“Every 15 Minutes”**

Many of you saw the news or read about the 15-year-old female Coronado High School student killed while riding in a pick-up truck that was racing another truck. She was not wearing a seatbelt at the time. This tragic event has had an impact on many of us, because the most recent “Every 15 Minutes” program was held on Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17, 2008 at Coronado High School.

The deceased would have been present at the assembly either for juniors and seniors or at the assembly for freshmen and sophomores a week later. While the Police Department, Fire Department, and all of the agencies involved in the Every 15 Minutes program go beyond the call of duty to present a program that will help the teenagers make decisions that will save their lives, it's not always possible to reach every individual.

Please speak with your children, grandchildren, family, friends and neighbors about the dangers of driving and taking risks on the road.

### **Henderson POA & Shop With A Cop**

We met with representatives from the Henderson Police Officers Association, Target Stores, S.W.A.T., the Mounted Unit and Deputy Chief White to finalize preparations for the Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> event.

The officers and equipment will stage at the East Command at 5:30 A.M. and will have a short parade from the station to the Target store. They should arrive at the Target around 6:00 A.M.

They have asked us to be at the Target at 5:30 A.M. and be ready for them to arrive. We will assist them as needed with the parents, children, Santa photos, etc. We will also be responsible for security at the static displays in the Target parking lot.

The S.W.A.T. Bearcat vehicle will be on display along with the P.D. horses. There will also be a number of police vehicles present and unattended during the event. We will make sure they stay secure. There will be snacks and drinks for everyone, the children will have an opportunity to meet Santa.

## **Fulfilling our Commitment**

The Citizen Corps exists to provide assistance to the Henderson Police Department. In order to become a member of the Citizen Corps each of us agreed to volunteer a minimum of sixteen hours per month to the Department. On occasion, situations present themselves that prevent us from meeting the sixteen hour minimum; vacation, illness, family obligations, etc. These are all valid excuses for not meeting the sixteen-hour minimum.

This is a volunteer organization and we are each here because we wish to contribute to the Department and the Community. While the assignments might be tedious and boring, they are important and do contribute to the overall effectiveness of the Henderson Police Department.

We attempt to keep the volunteering experience as interesting as possible, with varied assignments, community events, an opportunity to meet other volunteers with similar interests in volunteering, and to interact with members of the police department. Those of you without law enforcement experience have seen that law enforcement isn't all car chases and catching the bad guy.

We are limited in our membership by our Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Henderson Police Department. We have almost reached the maximum number of members. All future applicants will be recruited for specific assignments. Current Citizen Corps member's timesheets for the past year will be reviewed and those individuals who have not met the minimum number of required hours, or attempted to meet the required number of hours, will be dropped from the program.

In order for the Citizen Corps program to advance and improve, we need all of our members to participate. There have been many excellent suggestions for additional programs and ways to utilize volunteers within the department. Unfortunately, it is difficult to convince the department to implement a new project for the Citizen Corps when we are unable to fill the requests we currently receive.

### **New Entry Gates from Lead St. to Basement Parking.**

New entry gates have been installed to the PD basement parking area. I have copies of the procedure to access the parking area in the event of a gate failure or malfunction. Please see me after the meeting if you need a copy of the procedure.

### **Henderson Police Vehicle License Plates**

The HPD license plate project will be beginning this week. For those that do not know about this, the current Exempt plates (EX 1234 for example) that are on the police cars and some of our civilian cars are being replaced by exempt plates that read: Henderson Police (and a three-digit number).

Example:   **Henderson**  
                  **Police        OO1**

The plates will be replaced on those vehicles that have the EX plates.

Those cars that do not have these plates, like admin vehicles, investigations, and so on, will remain the same.

### **Community Relations Unit**

Sergeant Panet-Swanson has asked about the possibility of having one of our volunteers help CRU with some data input for one of their new software programs. “If this is something in line with what you guys do, and there is a volunteer with really good computer skills, let me know. If this is not something anyone wants to do, please let me know that too so I don’t keep asking.”

### **Henderson Police Mounted Unit**

The Mounted Patrol Unit will be participating in the Shop with a Cop event on December 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be participating in the parade from the police station to the Target store.

Dick Cancellier and I discussed utilizing the Citizen Corps volunteers with the Mounted Unit. Mounted Officer Newman suggested that a large group of people would be beneficial in training the horses for crowd control situations. We will keep you informed.

## **Citizen Corps Volunteers Needed**

### **Shop With a Cop**

Target store on Lake Mead, in the Lake Mead Crossing shopping center. December 6, 2008 at 6:00 A.M. Staging will be at 5:30 A.M.

Citizen Corps Uniform: Citizen Corps Polo Shirt & ID Card, comfortable clothing; jeans acceptable. Since it will probably be cold, bring a coat or jacket and gloves.

There will be drinks, snacks and photos with Santa.

### **Henderson Detention Center**

The Assistant Corrections Administrator has asked for assistance from the Citizen Corps: “We would greatly appreciate it if you could find one of your volunteers who could give us a few hours each week to get the filing caught up and then maintained.”

### **Investigations/Fraud Unit**

One of the Fraud Unit Detectives has requested “assistance in going through a bunch of paperwork. The case is being prepared for prosecution and the DA’s office is requesting some information which requires sorting through thousands of documents. It is not hard just time consuming.”

Please let me know if you can assist with any of these requests for service from the police department.