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Presidents Message

As President of the Arizona Constables Association, I am proud of the many accomplishments that we have made during this last year. We have held a total of 114 hours of training for constables in the past year. 48 advanced constable training hours, 16 hours of newly elected constables training and 50 hours of firearms training. All of this training was accomplished through grants from the Constables Ethics & Training Board and support from Arizona Peace Officer and Training Board. This has been a peak year for training and although these numbers will not be repeated in the near future because of budget shortages, we will be able to continue our high standards of training.

This has been a very successful year for us at the Legislature and I want to take the time to thank all the Constables who answered the many requests from Secretary Jean Bishop to contact their legislators. With your help, we were able to make a unified impression. I want to thank the staff of The Arizona Association Counties for all their hard work, this legislative session and the ACA Board for all their hard work putting on all our events this year. A special thanks to Carolyn Lane for putting together our annual Golf Tournament. Hope to see you all in Flagstaff.

ACA President Phil Hazlett

ACA CALL TO MEETING FLAGSTAFF

Training and meeting dates
August 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2011

Once again it is registration time for our summer meeting and this year we are back in the wonderful town of Flagstaff. Last year the Radisson provided us with first class training facilities and lodging. After reviewing the accommodations and rates, of other facilities in Northern Arizona only the Radisson fit into the conference budget, catering, training facilities and room needs.

The Radisson hotel has a complete conference center and catering services. You will see the difference in the class room size. The ACA will be providing breakfast all three days and lunch on the first and second day of the conference. These meals will be served in rooms adjacent to the class rooms. The ACA reception and dinner will be held on the night of the 24th. The guest rooms are very comfortable and located next to the meeting rooms.

You must make your own reservations for the hotel:

Radisson Woodlands Hotel Flagstaff

1175 West Route 66,

Flagstaff Arizona 86001, US

Reservations: 1-800-395-7046

US/Canada Toll-free

Telephone: (928) 773-8888

Fax: (928) 773-0597

E-Mail rhi_flag@radisson.com

Make sure and make reference to the Arizona Constables Association and get our guaranteed room rate of \$89.47 per night. Hope to see you all there.



Training Certificates

Attention: ACA Secretary Jean Bishop will be issuing all training certificates for the upcoming training in Flagstaff. If you are missing certificates from previous training, she will be able to assist you but it is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that they obtain their training certificates before leaving the training session. The ACA has tried to keep all training certificates on file but we are missing a few. Remember Constables, you must turn in all training certificates to the CESTB within 30 days of receiving training. All others must turn in their training certificates to their department administrators for Arizona POST credit.



**Constable Training
Tubac Arizona 2011**

Constable Ryan Reinhold

By John Watson



In this issue we are going to profile a hard working Constable and a person that goes the extra distance to serve his fellow Constables, Ryan Reinhold.

Ryan has been serving as Constable in Navajo County Precinct 6 since 2003, but this is actually his second time serving, as he was also elected Constable in 1976. He filled the time between his terms as Constable, serving as Justice of the Peace in Navajo County for 22 years. A native Arizonan, born in Phoenix, Ryan has been married since 1976, and has 2 children. Ryan's accomplishments have been many; for one thing, he has sat as Judge in 23 different courts. Constable Reinhold is considered an expert in many arenas of the Justice system and has taught at the National Judicial College, the Institute of Court Management, and Arizona Judicial College. His accomplishments go on but there is insufficient room on the page to list them all.

From the time that Ryan became Constable he has been active in our Association. Serving on the Board has allowed Ryan to lend his knowledge and experience in order to further Association Goals and to give a different perspective to discussions on Association business. On top of all of this Ryan is just one heck of a nice guy. If you have not met him, go up to him in Flagstaff and introduce yourself, you'll see what I mean.



Firearms Training

The Constable's Association just concluded a successful five day Basic Firearms Academy held from April 4-8, 2011. This academy was made possible by a grant from the Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board written by ACA President Constable Phil Hazlett.

A total of 21 Constables from throughout the state attended this training. The training was conducted by AZ POST certified firearms instructors Constables Ron Myers, Vince Roberts, John Nozar, Deputy Constable Brent McCleve and safety officers Constables Phil Hazlett, Dan Ryan and Deputy Constable Tony Martineau. This is the same course all police recruits are required to successfully complete to graduate from the police academy.

The course called for a minimum of 1200 rounds to be fired during the training. Because it was a 50 hour course, we ran it for at least 10 hours each day. The range was the Joe Foss Range located in Buckeye Hills, AZ which is about 10.5 miles south of Interstate 10 on the way to Gila Bend.

The Association paid per diem and lodging for those attending from outside Maricopa County. Members were placed in the Comfort Inn and Suites in Goodyear which was about 25 miles from the range. It was the nicest hotel we could locate near the facility. Needless to say we had long days with long drives, especially for the people from Maricopa County who commuted each day, some driving over 50 miles each way. It was a good class considering that on two of the days, we had winds gusting over 30 mph blowing sand in our faces. That made for a challenging shoot.

The majority of the shooters accomplished required passing scores on both day and night qualifications. Everyone who attended will receive a certificate showing 50 hours of training which will need to be filed with the Ethics Board as required for all training records.

By Constable Ron Myers

Officer Safety

Sometimes we have to be reminded again about officer safety as we conduct our jobs as Constables. Much of what we do is routine and it is easy to get into the mode that this is just another eviction or just another summons. We should never think like that as it takes just one irrational person to change our whole life. Recently Constable Kevin Jones and Reserve Deputy Constable Rick Harris went to a trailer to evict a tenant. Constable Jones had posted the residence the day before and given him 24 hours to vacate. They were supposed to be back at 8:00am the next day.

They learned that the tenant had asked the court if Constables carry guns. That should be enough to make the hair on anyone's neck stand up. They didn't arrive at 8:00am but came about two and a half hours later. When they approached the residence, they saw some things that made them step back and call the Sheriff's Office for backup. Deputies entered the trailer and found the defendant dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Had he been planning to shoot them at 8:00am and got tired of waiting or had he planned a "suicide by cop"? We will never know but this is one more example of always being prepared, aware and not being complacent. It would just as easy for a defendant to shoot one of us first before taking his/her own life. Stay smart and come home to your loved ones when done for the day.

By Constable Ron Myers



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CONSTABLE LEGISLATION

This last year was a successful year for Constables in the Arizona Legislature. We had three bills introduced on behalf of the ACA. Two of the bills passed the legislature and were signed by the Governor and will become law on the 15th of July. The third bill, Hb2067 was vetoed by the Governor after an amendment was attached concerning the Arizona Board of Regents.

HB2068 Constable Salaries ARS 11-424.01 add the changes B and C and now reads:

B. IN PRECINCTS WITH AN AVERAGE OF ONE HUNDRED OR FEWER TOTAL DOCUMENTS SERVED PER YEAR BY A CONSTABLE OVER THE PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS, A CONSTABLE IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

B. C. IN PRECINCTS WITH AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TOTAL DOCUMENTS SERVED PER YEAR BY A CONSTABLE OVER THE PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS,

SB1600 (which became SB1200) Constable Duties and Fees ARS 11-445, 22-131 and 28-1525 The sections that have changed for us are:

11-445. Fees chargeable in civil actions by sheriffs, constables and private process servers; authority of private process servers; background investigation; constables' logs

~~L. If the sheriff or constable serves a warrant issued by a justice or superior court judge for failure to pay a fine, the court shall collect a ten per cent surcharge on the amount of the fine owed by the defendant and shall transmit the monies collected to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.~~

22-131. Constables; powers and duties

A. Constables shall attend the courts of justices of the peace within their precincts when required, and within their counties execute, serve and return all processes, WARRANTS and notices directed or delivered to them by a justice of the peace of the county or by competent authority. In addition to any other provision of law these duties may be enforced by the presiding judge of the superior court in the county, including the use of the power of contempt.

28-1525. Assessment; failure to pay fine

IN ADDITION TO ANY FINE, FEE, PENALTY OR ASSESSMENT AUTHORIZED BY LAW, A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OR A JUSTICE COURT FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE SHALL PAY AN ASSESSMENT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS IF A WARRANT FOR FAILURE TO PAY A FINE, FEE, PENALTY OR ASSESSMENT IMPOSED AS A RESULT OF THE CONVICTION IS ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF THE DEFENDANT. THE COURT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ASSESSED MONIES TO THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. THE ASSESSMENT IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY SURCHARGE.

Constable Ethics Standards and Training Committee

Well we have wrapped up our 8th year with the Constable Ethics Standards and Training Committee and it has been an interesting 8 years for all of us. I want to thank the Board Members from the past for all their diligent efforts to make the CESTB what it is today.

I also want to welcome our newest members to the CESTB; Ron Myers (Constable), Dan Ryan (Constable), and our new Public Member Charles V. Boles. As we all know as Constables we have made leaps and bounds in improving our professionalism and quality of service over the past years. As we continue to proceed forward we ask for your continued help, support, and commitment to staying the course of setting the example for not only those within our State to follow but in reality the entire country and I want to personally thank all of you.

As the CESTB proceeds forward there will be changes, not only with the makeup of the board but with issues we address from a day to day/year to year basis including the purpose and direction of the CESTB. I encourage everyone to participate in this process so we have a Board that is Fair, Impartial, and provides representation for everyone involved. With your help we have seen incidents diminish considerably over the past years but we must be mindful of our duties, responsibilities and our elected responsibilities to the citizens of Arizona. Remember integrity is not just a word it is what each of us stands for and it is "Doing the right thing for the right reason, even when we don't have to," that's why we are Constables.

Thanks to everyone,
Vince Roberts
Chairman