

THE 412



A Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse Newsletter

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Who is the Sun Lakes Posse?

The Sun Lakes Posse is made up of dedicated men and women who have a strong sense of civic duty and a desire to serve our community. Our membership has a vast array of backgrounds from religious leaders, business owners, former police officers, engineers, U.S. military veterans, and many more private and public sector fields. We are mothers & fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, we are our community, we are YOU.

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What is "The 412"?

The 412 is newsletter by the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse in an effort to help educate our community about crime prevention and safety. 412 is our radio code for "community policing", typically used for community engagement and education.

*"We make a **LIVING**
by what we get. We
make a **LIFE** by what
we give"*

- Winston Churchill

if you
SEE | **SAY**
something | something"

Together, we can help
keep our community safe.

Campaign started by the NYC Transit Authority following the attacks on 9-11.

See Something Say Something

- If you see something that you feel is "just not right", report it.
- Suspicious people or activities should be immediately reported to police.
- Help us keep our community safe!



We Need Your Help!

Criminals are opportunists. They are looking for an easy target like an open garage door or unsecured vehicle.

The Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse is seeking your assistance in helping to reduce crime in our community.

Please keep your garage doors closed, day or night, when you are not actively working in your garage.



Keep your car doors locked and windows rolled up to help prevent auto theft and vehicle burglaries.

Do not leave valuables in the passenger compartment of your vehicle or attached to your golf carts.

Keep the bushes trimmed below your windows and the exterior of your home well lit to avoid hiding places and dark spots for burglars.

Lock your doors and windows when you leave. We suggest you keep your doors locked even while you are home to help prevent any possible home invasions.

It only takes a few seconds of effort to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

Your Posse In The Community

Recently, members of the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse were invited to participate in a "Senior's Safety" presentation offered by the Ed Robson Library. Training Officer Roy Stanifer and Board Member Miguel Romero presented a safety presentation that covered topics such as; personal safety & awareness, home security, common fraud schemes and internet safety & fraud awareness.

The presentation was interactive with great questions and participation by the 25+ community members in attendance. Packets of information covering all areas discussed were provided to all that attended for review and future reference. We are already in talks with library staff to schedule a second presentation for early November or December.

We would love to fill the Lecky room to capacity and see as many of you in attendance as possible. Educating our community on safety and security is a passion we have in the Sheriff's Posse.



Answering The Call

When the call for help goes out, the men and women serving in the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse do not hesitate to answer.

Though our primary mission is the service and dedication to the Sun Lakes Community and it's residents, we are often called upon to assist in other communities, within Maricopa County or the State of Arizona, or across the country.

Pictured to the right, you can see MCSO posse cars and trucks parked along the Show Low High School football field which is where our basecamp was set up during the multi-week assistance request. The Rodeo-Chediski fires destroyed over 230 square miles and displaced over 30,000 people.

In 2005, Posse members responded to another call for help when Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana. One of the five deadliest hurricanes in U.S. history, over 1,245 people perished and damages were estimated to be in excess of \$108 billion.

Posse members drove cross-country in MCSO vehicles to help those in need and to assist in maintaining law & order during this disaster.



Sun Lakes Posse members supported efforts at the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski Fire in Show Low

Community Patrols

Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse volunteers conduct community patrols at all hours of the day and night based on our members availability. During these patrols, our members drive through the various neighborhoods looking for suspicious activity, check closed businesses to ensure they are locked and secured, help stranded motorists, assist at accident scenes, and help sworn deputies in a variety of law enforcement support activities.

Our volunteers are always willing to stop and talk with members of our community. If you see us out and about, feel free to say hello and ask us any questions you might have.

We Are Always Recruiting...

If you have a strong sense of civic duty, are looking for an exciting and rewarding opportunity to serve your community, and are interested in obtaining some of the most comprehensive training, then the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse may just be the place for you! Join us at one of our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM to learn more.

We are also always looking for additional front office and clerical support as an Associate Volunteer. These volunteers are not Sheriff's volunteers, but rather assist the Sun Lakes Posse in the day-to-day front office function and help to support the medical equipment loaner program. Contact us for more information.

Women's Safety Tips

The following tips are based on the most common mistakes women make that lead to them being kidnapped, attacked, or raped.

- Do NOT get into an attackers car. Even if they pull a gun, it is much more likely they will move on to an easier target if you run away screaming.
- Do NOT pull over for a man pointing at your car pretending something is wrong. Instead, drive to the nearest well-lit and populated service station where you can inspect your vehicle safely.
- Do NOT open your door at home simply because someone knocks. DO make sure you know who it is at your door first.
- DO lock your car doors while you are driving. This helps prevent an attacker from walking up to your car while stopped at a light or in traffic.
- DO stay alert while in parking lots and DO ask for an escort to your vehicle from an employee when shopping at night.
- DO give ONLY your vehicle keys when your car is being serviced. Keys can be easily duplicated and the employees will have your home address.

Contact Us

If you are interested in joining the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse, visit us during our scheduled monthly meeting or any time during our normal business hours.

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