

# THE 412



A Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse Newsletter

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## Radio Upgrades Required for Continued Safety & Service

Recently, Public Safety agencies across the United States have been transitioning to a 700 MHz radio system to help eliminate deficiencies in radio communications. The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has recently begun such a transition county-wide.

Due to the change in MHz for the Sheriff's radio system, the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse must undergo a mandatory radio upgrade in order to maintain radio communication with MCSO Dispatch and Deputies in the field.

The radio upgrade for our Posse will entail replacing 8 portable hand-held radios our volunteers use while on patrol and working various community details. In addition to replacing the portable radios, new radio will be installed inside each of our marked Sheriff's patrol vehicles. New charging units, speaker mics, and batteries will be purchased for the new portables since none of our current equipment is interchangeable.

The estimated cost to update our radio system is approximately 55 to \$60,000.00. We understand this is a substantial expense to our Posse. It is an expense we must endure to ensure our members are able to continue patrolling our community safely while maintaining direct communications with Sheriff's Dispatchers and the Deputies working in the field.

Posse patrols without such communications can pose a serious safety risk to our Volunteers, the community we serve, and the Deputies our volunteers support while on patrol.

If you are interested in making a donation to help the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse with this vital system update, please contact our posse office at 480.895.8751 or stop by our office located at 9531 E Riggs Rd during normal Posse hours. The Sun Lakes Posse is a registered 501(c)3 organization making all donations fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

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*"There is incredible  
VALUE in being of  
SERVICE to others."*

*Elizabeth Berg  
- Author*

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# Your Posse In The Community

The Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse has recently begun to help spread the word about Safe Return, a program offered by MedicAlert and the Alzheimer's Association designed to help locate, identify, and safely return members of our community affected by dementia who have wandered away from home.

Members are issued a medic alert bracelet with identifying information and a 24-hour phone number that law enforcement personnel can call to help identify where the individual lives and any possible medical conditions they may have.



Caretakers are also given a 24-hour emergency line to report missing individuals. MedicAlert then immediately notifies local law enforcement with all pertinent information and provides a photo to responding law enforcement if one is available.

The cost is \$55.00 to register and \$7.00 for shipping with annual renewals at only \$35.00. Informational flyers and a sample of the medic alert bracelet are available in the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse office. You may also obtain more information and register on-line by visiting the Alzheimer's Association website at: [www.alz.org/SafeReturn](http://www.alz.org/SafeReturn).

If you are a caretaker for someone suffering from dementia and they wander off, or if you locate a community member that appears to be suffering from dementia within Sun Lakes, please immediately contact the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office by calling 9-1-1 or Sheriff's Crime Stop at 602-876-1011. If you are outside of the Sun Lakes Community, please call 9-1-1 to be connected to your local law enforcement authority.



Live 24-hour emergency response for wandering and medical emergencies



safe return

alzheimer's association

## Did you know?

The Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse offers a medical equipment loaner program?

Residents of Sun Lakes may check out, **free of charge** for 90 days, various personal medical equipment offered by the Posse. If the resident finds they need the item longer than 90 days, they may contact the Posse office to request an extension for a period of up to 90 additional days, based on availability and community need.

All equipment is donated by members of the community and local businesses. Items are thoroughly sanitized and labeled prior to being issued to members of the community.

The equipment is maintained and repaired by in-house Associate Volunteers within the Sun Lakes Posse Organization.

Associate Volunteers are not Sheriff's Posse members, but are rather civilian volunteer of the Sun Lakes Posse Organization.

Associate Volunteers help to run the day-to-day operations of the front office and facilitate the successful operation of the medical equipment loaner program and the Recycle program located in the south driveway of the Posse Headquarters building.

We are always looking to add Associate Volunteers, so if you are interested, please email us at [info@sunlakesposse.org](mailto:info@sunlakesposse.org).



## Prevent Yourself From Becoming A Victim!

Help the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse Prevent & Deter Crime In Our Community.

- Close & lock your windows & doors, including garage doors.
- Secure your car and remove valuables from sight nightly.
- Keep the exterior of your home well lit at night and keep bushes trimmed around windows and doors.
- Report any criminal or suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles to the Sheriff's Office immediately.
- Stay **ALERT** and **AWARE** of your surrounds at all times.

For more information about crime prevention or joining the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse, Contact us at:

9531 East Riggs Road  
Sun Lakes, Arizona 85248  
Office: 480-895-8751  
Email: [info@sunlakesposse.org](mailto:info@sunlakesposse.org)  
[www.sunlakesposse.org](http://www.sunlakesposse.org)

SUN LAKE'S SHERIFF'S POSSE

## New to our Community Patrols

Volunteers within the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse will begin using a door-hanger which may be left on your front door or placed under your vehicle's windshield.

Use of the door-hangers are to help keep the community informed of when we respond to your home for an alarm call or other call for service, as well as to help educate the community on crime prevention when our members observe potential crime opportunities such as valuables left in a plain sight in your vehicle overnight, your garage door left open, or golf clubs left on your cart unsecured.

Posse members may also knock on your door to personally inform you of what they have found if they feel the circumstances warrant such actions. For example, if there have been reports of suspicious people in the area and a volunteer finds your vehicle unsecured, they will more than likely attempt to make contact with you.

## Join Us In Protecting Our Community!

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.

You can visit our website at [www.sunlakesposse.org](http://www.sunlakesposse.org) and click on the "recruiting" tab to view a PowerPoint presentation with more information on what should be expected as you progress through the recruiting process.

You may also obtain information on the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse on Facebook by searching for "Sun Lakes Posse". Don't forget to "Like" our page and "Follow us" on Facebook for crime prevention tips and news.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

# Help Support The Posse By Shopping On-Line!!

The Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse is now a registered charity with the Amazon Smile program! If you shop with amazon, you can now help raise funds for the Posse by selecting us as your charity of choice.

Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log into your amazon account like always. Once logged in, amazon will bring you to a page to select a charity. In the search field at the bottom of the page, simply type "Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse" and the "select" us when the results return.

When you shop on amazon, be sure to use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). This site is exactly the same as using the original site, however, amazon will donate a percentage of everything you spend to our Posse.



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