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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lane Darling

Hello everyone. Time sure does fly! By the time you receive this newsletter Christmas will be about a month away. I hope the Holidays find you in good spirits and good health.

I want to thank everyone who attended the quarterly meeting on September 14th in Mesa. We had a pretty good turn out. I realize it can be difficult to get away for a day (especially the agencies where you are the only Evidence person) but I think attending the meetings is important because they provide you with an opportunity to see that the problems you are confronted with are common problems to a lot of agencies and networking with other Evidence people can sometimes provide you with ideas on how to do things more efficiently. These meetings are great opportunities to bring your supervisors so they can see first hand how important our jobs are and the problems we face in trying to do it correctly.

Speaking of meetings, our next quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 10:00 at the Phoenix DPS Facility. Directions can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please try and attend and if you can, bring a co-worker or your supervisor. I look forward to seeing you there!

HAPPY

HOLIDAYS

"Set your goals, stay focused and you will succeed."

- Ted Williams
Baseball Hall of Famer

NEWS FROM THE SEMINAR CHAIRMAN: Sandie Imberi

The AAPE Seminar is approaching, only seven more months. The seminar will be in Pinetop/Lakeside at the Hon Dah Resort and Convention Center on June 8th and 9th, 2006.

We have a great seminar planned and lots of information to be learned. This year we are going to have one fun day with round table problem solving. So bring your biggest problem and let us help you solve it.

There will be door prizes and other surprises given away at the seminar daily. If your department would like to donate some door prizes we would gladly except them.

We will have a hospitality room on Wednesday and Thursday nights and on Thursday we will have a free lunch catered by the hotel.

Flyers will be mailed out the first week of January 2006.

If you have any questions on the seminar please feel free to call me anytime at (602)534-2558 or (602)525-3685.

You can also go to the AAPE web site for information and forms for the seminar.

www.azape.org

SAFETY HEADLINES

Latex Allergy: A Guide to Prevention

Estimates of the prevalence of allergy to latex allergens in the general population vary widely, from less than 1 percent to 6 percent.
Certain individuals, including health care workers who wear latex gloves and children with spina bifida who have had multiple surgical procedures, are at particularly high risk for allergic reactions to latex. Atopic individuals (those with allergies) are at an increased risk of developing latex allergy.

- *National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases*
National Institute of Health
US Department of Health and Human Services

What is latex?

Latex products are manufactured from a milky fluid derived from the rubber tree, *hevea brasiliensis*. Several types of synthetic rubber are also referred to as "latex," but these do not cause allergic reactions.

What is latex allergy?

Latex allergy is a reaction to certain proteins in latex rubber. The amount of latex exposure needed to produce sensitization or an allergic reaction is unknown. Increasing the exposure to latex proteins increases the risk of developing allergic symptoms. In sensitized persons, symptoms usually begin within minutes of exposure; but they can occur hours later and can be quite varied. Mild reactions to latex involve skin redness, hives, or itching. More severe reactions may involve respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, sneezing, itchy eyes, scratchy throat, and asthma. Rarely, shock may occur; however, a life-threatening reaction is seldom the first sign of latex allergy.

Who is at risk of developing latex allergy?

Health care workers are at risk of developing latex allergy because they use latex gloves frequently. Workers with less glove use (such as housekeepers, hairdressers, and workers in industries that manufacture latex products) are also at risk.

Symptoms:

- Hives
- Flushing
- Itching
- Asthma
- Nasal, eye or sinus symtoms
- Shock (rarely)

Protection from developing a latex allergy

Take the following steps to protect yourself from latex exposure and allergy in the workplace:

1. Use non-latex gloves for activities that are not likely to involve contact with infectious materials (food preparation, routine housekeeping, general maintenance, etc.)
2. Appropriate barrier protection is necessary when handling infectious materials. If you choose latex gloves, use powder-free gloves with reduced protein content. Such gloves reduce exposures to latex protein and thus reduce the risk of latex allergy.
3. So-called hypoallergenic latex gloves do not reduce the risk of latex allergy. However, they may reduce reactions to chemical additives in the latex (chemical sensitivity dermatitis).
4. Use appropriate work practices to reduce the chance of reactions to latex.
5. When wearing latex gloves, do not use oil-based hand creams or lotions (which can cause glove deterioration).
6. After removing latex gloves, wash hands with a mild soap and dry thoroughly.

This information was adapted from *Latex Allergy, a Prevention Guide* produced by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

ODDS AND ENDS

I would like to use this space to introduce and give background information on different members of the AAPE, which may not be known. This is my first newsletter, so I decided to be the first victim. The ongoing article will be called……..

Who Are You… Bill Brantley?

I am the staff supervisor for the Tucson Police Property & Evidence Section. I have held the position since March of 2004. Prior to that, I was a member of the department's crime scene unit. I am a certified Crime Scene Specialist with the IAI – International Association for Identification. My father is a retired Pima County Sheriff's Deputy and my brother is a Detective with Pima County. I also hold a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in General Studies with a Cinematography option from the University of Arizona. The U of A is also where I met my wife of 16 years, Stacey. I originally planned on becoming a screenwriter and movie producer, but then I came to my fiscal senses. I used to write stories (fiction) and poetry, but I haven't for quite awhile. Someday, I plan to go back to the writing. I have plenty to tell. In the meantime I keep busy with my son, Kenyon (10 years old) and daughter, Katelyn (2 years old). Yes, she was planned. I also am a Cub Scout Den Leader and Pack Committee Member. My favorite hobby is movies. I currently have over 300 films in my DVD collection and don't plan on slowing down. When I was in film school I was watching at least ten movies a week either at the theater or on video tape. I don't get to watch as many films because of other commitments, but it is the one true way for me to relax. Here is a list of my Hollywood favorites:

- Film: Casablanca
- Director: Alfred Hitchcock
- Actor: Cary Grant
- Actress: Ingrid Bergman
- Movie Music: L'Enfant by Vangelis from "The Year of Living Dangerously"
- Movie Musical: Singing in the Rain

As you may have already guessed, I'm also the new news editor for the AAPE. My goal is to keep everyone informed through this publication.

Free, Free, Free

At the December and March meetings, there will be one free seat given away for the 2006 AAPE Educational Conference. Remember this valuable training will be held in Pinetop/Lakeside at the Hon-Dah Resort and Convention Center on June 8th and 9th, 2006. So come to the meetings and try your luck.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

- Helen Keller
Author, activist, and lecturer

Interesting Fact

The Top 10 results for a Google search for "*Property & Evidence Sections*" are:

1. Wichita Police Department (Kansas)
2. Oklahoma County Sheriff's Dept. (Oklahoma)
3. Lynnwood Police Department (Washington)
4. Tempe Police Department (Arizona)
5. Myrtle Beach Police Dept. (South Carolina)
6. Boulder Police Department (Colorado)
7. Marana Police Department (Arizona)
8. Oxnard Police Department (California)
9. Flagstaff Police Department (Arizona)
10. Medford Police Department (Oregon)

Volunteer

If you are interested in joining a committee please contact Nancy McKay-Hills and she will gladly assist you. The AAPE is only as successful as those who put themselves into it. We welcome your help!

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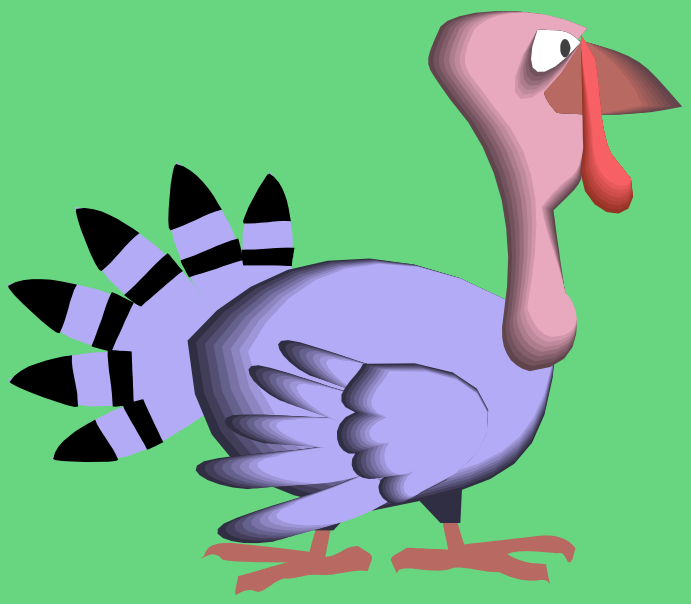

"Dear Lord, I've been asked, nay commanded, to thank Thee for the Christmas turkey before us... a turkey which was no doubt a lively, intelligent bird... a social being... capable of actual affection... nuzzling its young with almost human- like compassion. Anyway, it's dead and we're gonna eat it. Please give our respects to its family..."

- Berke Breathed
Bloom County Cartoon Strip

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Background (Gun) Checks

Make sure that your staff is aware of the critical need to run an accurate background check before releasing a firearm. In July of 2000 in the state of Washington, a convicted felon, Eben Berriault, illegally armed with a Glenfield Model 25 .22-caliber rifle and a Remington 870 12-gauge shotgun murdered a 23-year-old Navy officer. The victim was simply driving home from a day of hiking when he unfortunately crossed the path of Mr. Berriault. The suspect had been spending time "sniping" at random objects from his moving vehicle. He passed the Navy officer and fired one round into the back of his head killing him instantly. Mr. Berriault who is now serving a 55-year prison term for the killing, has a criminal past that includes a manslaughter conviction for helping beat a 43-year-old man to death with a rock in 1983. He also served time for criminal trespass and burglary convictions in the 1990s. Convicted felons are not allowed to possess firearms under Washington state law. However, many agencies of the state had different interpretations of when to run a check. In this case, the suspect had the guns seized for safekeeping. He was not the intended target of the police when they were taken in a search warrant, so they did not conduct a gun check on Mr. Berriault.

"They put the weapon of death in the hands of a murderer," said Shawn Briggs, the Tacoma attorney who filed a civil suit against the city of Anacortes. The guns were discovered on Nov. 15, 1999, when police used a search warrant on Berriault's property to look for drugs and stolen property. The "person of interest" was Mr. Berriault's younger brother. During the search, officers discovered the 12-gauge shotgun and .22 rifle in Eben Berriault's bedroom closet. The officers confiscated the two guns - the same guns that would be used in the July 2000 sniper spree. A month later, though, Anacortes police returned the firearms to Berriault. Because the 35-year-old construction worker and father of two was not the subject of the search warrant, officers did not run a background check. The civil lawsuit served on the city of Anacortes disagrees with that reasoning. Lawyers for the victim's family argue that the return of firearms to a felon "falls below the accepted minimum standards of police procedure."

At the Tucson Police Department, our Evidence Technicians conduct the gun checks prior to releasing all firearms (the exception is department owned guns). Some agencies enlist the case detective to conduct this check. I prefer our method simply by the fact that we are doing it prior to releasing the weapon and we know that it was done in accordance with our procedures. Frequently I am asked about cases where there is some "gray area" associated with the case. In these cases, I will have the owner get a subpoena. I would rather have someone take a few extra steps to clear up the "gray" than to release a weapon to someone who should not have one. I have protected my department as well as enabled me to sleep better at night.

Bill Brantley
Tucson Police Department
Evidence Staff Supervisor

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."

-Vince Lombardi
Hall of Fame football coach

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- General Colin Powell
Former Secretary of State and
former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

AAPE QUARTERLY MEETING

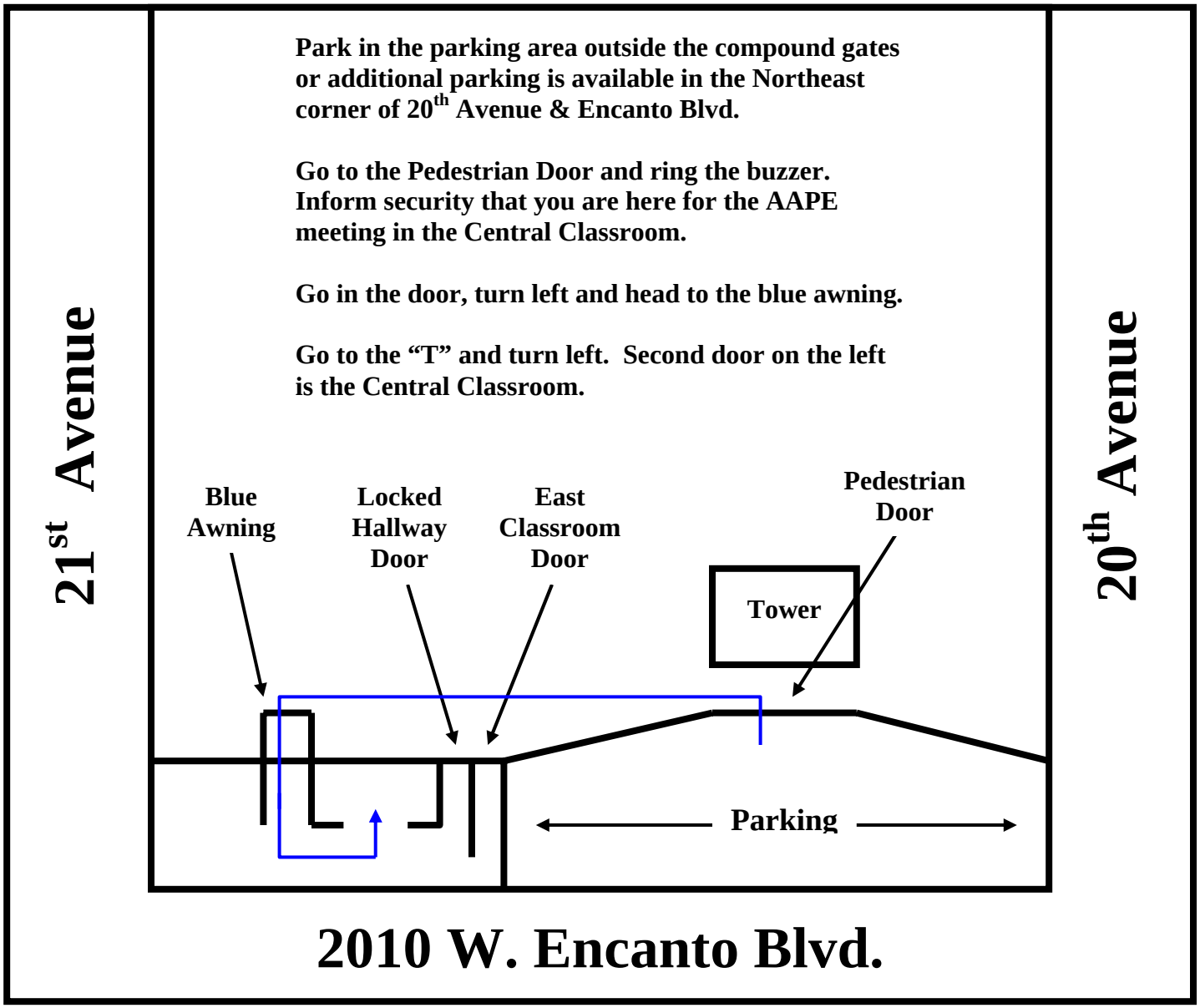
Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 10:00 at the Phoenix DPS Facility.

Park in the parking area outside the compound gates or additional parking is available in the Northeast corner of 20th Avenue & Encanto Blvd.

Go to the Pedestrian Door and ring the buzzer. Inform security that you are here for the AAPE meeting in the Central Classroom.

Go in the door, turn left and head to the blue awning.

Go to the "T" and turn left. Second door on the left is the Central Classroom.



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ARIZONA ASSOCIATION FOR PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE
Meeting Minutes by Deborah Lopez PCSO
09-14-05 hosted by Lane Darling - Mesa Training Center

10:10 President Lane Darling advised Sandie will check into a flag purchase for the association. Lane asked the members to stand for a moment of silence for departed members. Lane welcomed everyone to the Mesa Training Facility and to another quarterly meeting. He advised this is his first quarterly meeting as president for this year. He has goals for this coming year and since he has not been president for the association for some time, be patient.
10:15 Lane asked Deborah Lopez to read the last Meeting Minutes which were approved with no additions or corrections.

10:25 Old Business. ECommerce or Pay Pal. After discussion Lane asked Sandie to check with the Credit Union and asked Nancy to look into cost and options so that a more informative decision could be made. Who may have the knowledge to do that for our association, perhaps the web master.

10:40 Old Business. Donation discussion, 100 Club donation, or donating to our own Good & Welfare as an emergency fund. Avoid creating another committee. 100 club could possibly come to aid the family of the fallen member. Our board would possibly approve emergency funds on a case by case basis.

10:45 Historian position who will be the key person to create a chart showing the growth and maintain and organize for the web. After discussion a motion made and carried to have a Historian as an official position within our association. The duties would fall under Public Relations committee. Linda Alphin agreed to assist Secretary Deborah Lopez.

10:48 Lane advised he would send out a complimentary letter for agencies, associations, memberships, and courts to advise them that we exist. We could network with other associations to advise upcoming events or training. We could be informed of conferences and possibly have vendors from our association at their meetings or training events. Jesse advised he would get Nancy the upcoming events information.

11:00 New Software versions. After discussion Motion Made and Carried to purchase what is needed to get the association board up dated software to bring them up to speed, whether it be Windows XP, jump drives, flash drive for presentations etc. Added license for additional copies for each board member and updates. Linda will call for Microsoft and give info. to Lane & he'll give the info to Sandie to purchase.

11:10 New Business. Lane advised he will have Nancy mention the changes that were made to the by laws. Nancy advised the changes that are in Italics in the handouts that were available. After discussion cost changes may need to be made for the web master. Linda will get the information to Nancy on the web monitor contact information. Lane advised Nancy the recent addition to the Public Relations committee, being the historian position, will be added.
Discussion for 2007 seminar held on certain months. This would mean a by law change and was chosen by the board and members for the month of June because of the agencies budget year funds.

10 minute break

11:40 Good & Welfare Committee. Lane advised Carlene was not present and didn't have anything to report. Deborah Lopez advised Lane that the association had plans for the Good & Welfare committee to send Sandie a plant to Phoenix PD for her and her family because of a death in the family. Mary said she had sent an email and apologized that she didn't follow up. Debbie advised Sandie that during that time, the association's member's thoughts and prayers were with her and her family during that time.

11:42 Lane asked Sandie about the upcoming seminar. Sandie advised it is secured at the Hon-Dah Casino on June 8th & 9th, as she has already made a deposit. She has also blocked 50 rooms for the members at $69.00 a night. You must call after the 1st of the year to reserve your room 1-800-929-8744. The business meeting will be held on Thursday. Lane advised the board and committee would decide on the suggestions given from the members on training.

12:00 Response Team Chairman for now (Lane Darling with Mesa P.D.) our president advised no response inquiries. Because he is the president it is a conflict that he is still the chairman for the Response team. He advised if there was anyone interested to contact him.

12:02 Lane asked Nancy to advise the new members on the Public Relations Committees. Nancy advised Bill Brantley with Tucson P.D. evidence would be the new news editor. His email address is Bill.Brantley1@tucson.az.gov. 520-791-4499 ext. 1309.
Mac McCreery with D.P.S. evidence would be the new marketing director. His email address is mmccreeryjr@azdps.gov. 602-223-2502. Nancy advised there would be a private end and a public end and the board and the committee heads would organize how that will work after this meeting. She also advised Don Overton has not accepted his position yet. And the person to take over the Legislative committee who Jessie Joy will be assisting will be mentioned also at a later date if accepted.