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WINTER 2007

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT LANE DARLING

Happy Holiday Season to everyone! I don't know how the weather is in other areas of the state, but the weather in the Phoenix area has been way too hot for way too long. Is winter ever going to get here?

I want to remind everyone to attend the December 12th meeting being hosted by the Tempe Police Department. The meeting will start at 10:00 and at the conclusion of the meeting they have offered to give us a tour of their new facility. Quite a few agencies have recently acquired new facilities, or are in the process of designing/building new facilities. This would be a great opportunity to look at how Tempe designed their facility and it may give you some ideas for your existing evidence storage, or future storage.

We are only 7 months away from our next training seminar, so start making your supervisors aware of your interest in attending so they have plenty of notice and can allocate funds accordingly to allow you to attend.

Also, we need items we can put in the seminar bags (such as agency pins, hats, note pads, pens, or any other small to medium items that would be cool to put in the bags for everyone to get.) and donations for door prizes/raffles. If anyone has connections with Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, Sears, golf courses, resorts, casinos or any other businesses,

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Please see if you can talk them into donating items or gift cards to the association for this purpose. The more items we receive, the more items we can hand out and the more fun we have!!

Hope to see you at the December 12th meeting at Tempe PD!

Lane Darling, President.



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MOVING A PROPERTY & EVIDENCE SECTION By Bill Brantley

The Tucson Police Department Property & Evidence Section's new evidence facility is coming together. On a tour of the building two weeks ago, we saw the dry wall was being done and the moveable storage shelves being installed. The building is now about 70 – 80% complete. Seeing the amount of storage space is exciting.

At this time, research on the new heavy equipment such as forklifts and people lifts is being wrapped up in preparation of sending it to bid through the city procurement process. Research on pallet containers and boxes are also being finalized.

The move in date is tentatively set for March or April of 2008. We have been evaluating our options on moving the one million items we currently have stored. One of the concerns is time. The space we now occupy is needed to house expansion for the investigative units. The timeframe given to complete the move will play a major part in how the move will be conducted. Many plans are being discussed. One is using outside movers to assist in loading the storage containers and transporting them to the new building. The drawback is the required background checks and constant presence of evidence personnel with each mover. Using only existing evidence staff. This would allow for better control, but will take a much longer amount of time. The last proposal is using commissioned personnel. This is least likely considering current field shortages. A SWAT escort will also be required for any plan when transporting the guns, drugs, and money.

AZAPE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The **Tempe Police Department** will be host for the final AAPE Meeting of the year. It will be held on Wednesday, December 12th in Tempe, Arizona. Refreshments are at 9am with the meeting starting at 10am.

The address is 1875 E. Apache Blvd.
in Tempe, Arizona.

After the meeting, there will be a tour of the new Tempe Property & Evidence facility.

Further details for all meetings including the training topic will be posted on the website and in future issues of the newsletter, as more information becomes available. Remember, at each meeting a "free" registration to next year's training seminar is drawn from all members in attendance.

Huh?



An evidence box with a view.



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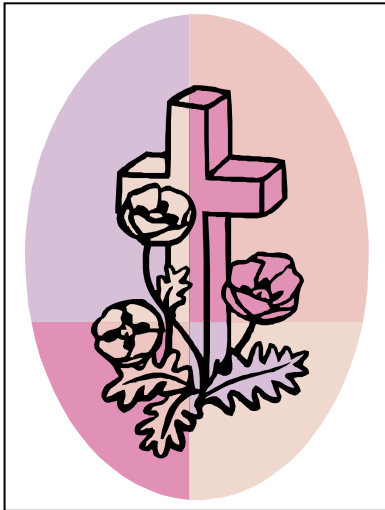
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A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



IN MEMORIAM

The AAPE lost a friend and long time association member on November 10, 2007 with the passing of Mary Lewis. Mary was currently serving on the Board of Directors as the Sergeant at Arms, a position she held for many years. Mary is missed.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE LOCK AND KEY

Business card size:
\$3.00 once or \$10.00 annually

Eighth of a page:
\$5.00 once or \$18.00 annually

Fourth of a page:
\$10.00 once or \$35.00 annually

Half a page:
\$20.00 once or \$70.00 annually

Full page:
\$40.00 once or \$150.00 annually

Call any AAPE board member to reserve your advertisement in the next edition of the newsletter.

The deadline is the 1st day of January, April, July, and October.



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SAFETY FIRST



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

I am always looking for information for both the website and newsletter. Please send stories, photos, and anything else you think would be of interest to the membership to Bill Brantley, Tucson Police Department, Property & Evidence Section, 270 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701.

The AAPE is always looking for volunteers to work on the different committees created to support the goals of the association. Whether you have a small amount of free time or you are one of the lucky people with plenty of extra time on hand, we have assignments for you. The following committees can use you:

- Task Force**
- Public Relations**
- Newsletter**
- Web monitor**
- Marketing**
- Good and Welfare**
- Training**
- Legislature**

Contact any committee chairman to see how you can help. Every minute of donated help is valuable to us.

NEVER TAKE A HOLIDAY FROM SAFETY

1. Christmas Trees

- Both artificial and real Christmas trees can be ignited by external heat sources.

2. Holiday Lights

- Use outdoor lights for outdoor use only and indoor lights for indoor use only.
- Inspect lights and cords annually before use for frayed or pinched wires, and for loose connections.
- Throw away damaged lights and extension cords.
- Don't overload electrical circuits.

3. Holiday Candles

- The National Fire Protection Association says candle fires are on the rise, and they are twice as frequent during the month of December.

4. Fireplaces

- Use glass doors or a closed-mesh screen to contain burning sparks.
- Hang stockings and other decorations at the far ends of the mantle, away from the fire.



Winter

It was so cold I almost got married.

- Shelley Winters

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**FROM THE SEMINAR
CHAIRMAN
SANDIE IMBERI**

The seminar is approaching, only seven more months. The seminar will be in Flagstaff, Az. at the Little America Hotel and Resort June 12th and 13th, 2008.

We have a great seminar planned and lots of good information to be learned. This year we are going to have one half day with round table problem solving. So you can 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 accept them.

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

Flyers will be mailed out the first week of January 2008 to all state agencies. Members that have submitted e-mail addresses will receive theirs by e-mail.

A free seat to the seminar will be given out at the December and March Quarterly Meetings.

If you have any questions on the seminar please feel free to call me anytime at 602-534-8700 or 602-525-3685.

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

2008 AAPE TRAINING SEMINAR AGENDA

JUNE 12TH AND 13TH 2008

Thursday – June 12, 2008

0700 - 0800: Seminar Registration

0800 - 0830: Seminar Welcome
Sandie Imberi & Lane Darling

0830 - 1130: Gizmos and Gadgets
Richard Warrington

1130 - 1330: AAPE Hosted Lunch

1330 - 1700: Gizmos and Gadgets (Cont.)
Richard Warrington

Friday - June 13, 2008

0800 - 1130: Policy and Procedures
(Developing and Reviewing)
Judy Brodsky

1130 - 1300: Lunch Break On Your Own

1300 - 1400: AAPE Business Meeting

1400 - 1630: Round Table Problem Solving

1630 - 1700: Seminar Certificates Presented
(You Must Attend All Sessions To Receive A
AAPE Training Seminar Certificate)

*Registration will be available in the Hospitality Room on Wednesday evening from 1830 - 2000 hours.

*Hospitality Room Hours are as follows:
Wednesday evening: 1830 - 2030 hours
Thursday evening: 1900 - 2100 hours

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