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President's Message

Hi everyone!

Well, we finally made it through the hot summer and are cruising into the Holiday season. With this season comes evidence we have to deal with such as tainted/altered candy from Halloween, DV evidence from Thanksgiving get-togethers, yard ornaments from Christmas, firearms/ fireworks from New-Years and, of course, lots of DUI blood kits from all the task forces during these Holidays.

We all probably have stories of the weird stuff we get in during this time of year (candy, cookies, cakes, brownies loaded with marijuana/THC; yard gnomes, blow-up Santa's, big plastic snowmen; carving knives/forks; pounds of fireworks/explosives; kegs and/or lots of 30 packs of Budweiser). I always found it funny that you can almost religiously count of these sorts of things coming in at this time of year. One would think that people would grow up, mature and sober up but I guess they pass their ideas on to their sons and daughters who "carry" the gene pool of their family traits on to the next generation. Job security (along with headaches) for us, I guess. If you have something unusual come in over the holidays, please send me an e-mail and I will try and put together a list that we can publish in our next newsletter. Maybe we create a "I got something you don't have, and you don't want!" section in our newsletter??

Speaking of the newsletter, if you have anything that you feel would benefit the Association by being included in the newsletter, please send it to Jason Michael at landnews@gmail.com and he will consider putting it in the newsletter. …. *Continued on page 2*

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Did you feel the earthquake that occurred on Sunday night, November 2nd? Is this a sign that we are getting closer to California falling into the ocean and Arizona becoming the New California (maybe we should look into buying some future ocean front land east of Yuma)? Do you have an evidence related story of property/evidence being moved in your property room by the quake? If so, send the story to Jason and he will consider placing it in the next newsletter.

I sent out an e-mail back in mid-October asking for volunteers for an Awards Committee and Certification Committee. I received several responses from volunteers for both committees and I want to thank the volunteers for stepping up to participate in these worthwhile projects. I look forward to what they develop and present to us.

Our next meeting will be at the Surprise Police Department on Wednesday, December 9th. Please go to the AAPE website (http://azape.org) for directions and information on the presentation they will be providing. These meetings are good opportunities to meet others in our profession and to develop communication networks to "bounce" ideas or issues off of others in our profession who may have experience dealing with the issues you are facing.

Also, if you have not renewed your membership, please do so, so you are able to participate on committees, host meetings and vote on issues presented to the general membership for consideration. The link for the renewal form and new member form is also on the website. General membership is only $30.00 a year and usually you can get your department to pay for it since it is an important work related resource.

Thanks everyone and I look forward to seeing you in Surprise! On December 9th!

Lane.

The winter quarterly meeting will be held at:

SURPRISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

14250 W Statler Plaza

Surprise, AZ 85374

Wednesday,

December 9, 2015

Association polo shirts are available. Please see Sandie, Mary or any board member for prices, sizes, colors and an order form.

Prioritization is key...

18 Things Successful People Do in the First 10 Minutes of the Workday

I found this article interesting and thought I would share with you some of the key points.

I truly believe how a person handles their time and prepares for the work day establishes how that day will turn out. Lynn Taylor states that “Those brief moments can predict your all-important mindset because they’re the first impression of your day ahead.”

Here’s a list of 18 things most successful people do within the first ten minutes of their workday. For more information on this list please check out the link from MSN.com.

http://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/career/18-things-successful-people-do-in-the-first-10-minutes-of-the-workday/ar-AAen0ov

1. They reflect.
2. They take a moment to pause and be present.
3. They get comfortable.
4. They organize their workspace area.
5. They stretch, stand, and walk.
6. They review their to-do list and prioritize.
7. They visualize success.
8. They adjust and map out their day.
9. They don’t multitask.
10. They anticipate distractions.
11. They say “no.”
12. They block out negativity.
13. They take time to greet their team.
14. They take a temperature read of their staff/ coworkers.
15. They smile and laugh.
16. They take a moment to be grateful.
17. They think about how they can help others.
18. They strategically check email.

Application Please….

Falling Bundle of MJ drops on Nogales home.

NOGALES, Ariz. (KSAZ) By: Brent Corrado - What a southern Arizona family believed to be sounds of thunder outside their home turned out to be a falling bundle of marijuana.

The Nogales Police Department says the bundle, wrapped in plastic, most likely fell from an ultra light plane and landed on the family's doghouse. The falling bundle caused $500 damage to the doghouse.

Bundle of Marijuana falls on Nogales home smashing dog house.

Patton *on* Leadership

#13. USE ALL AVAILABLE TALENT

Patton never launched campaign without first thoroughly exploring it with his senior commanders. It was his practice to assemble the corps commanders in the War Room, have the planning group outline a proposed operation, and then invite the former to "work it over." He encouraged free and frank discussion.

-Robert S. Allen, Drive to Victory

Surround yourself with people whose knowledge and judgment you trust, then make good use of them. Many managers hesitate to make decisions by committee. In such situations, they believe, bucks get passed and nothing creative ever gets done in time.

It is all too true that many organizations are addicted to meetings, endless debates that substitute for action. This is frustrating and destructive, but so is going to the other extreme, of shunning the counsel of others. Effective leadership is consultative. It not only welcomes, but actively seeks multiple perspectives on problems.

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Upcoming Seminar For 2016 .

Remember to be on the look out for those unique Door Prizes.

All you need to do is bring in a $25 door prize as your contribution.

Help the committee out and you could win a free seat to the next seminar.

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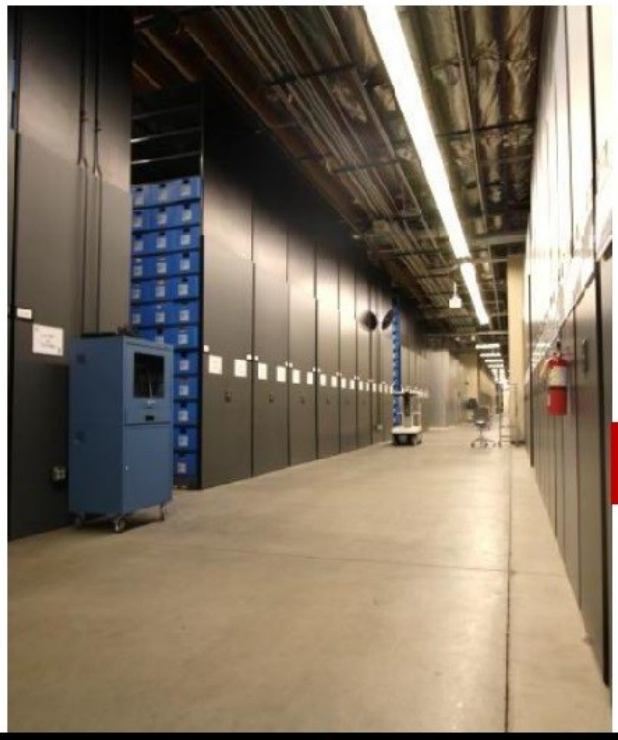

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DEA report:

Heroin, meth-amphetamine seizures up nearly 300 % in Arizona

PHOENIX — Both heroin and methamphetamine seizures are up nearly 300 percent in Arizona over the past five years, a Drug Enforcement Administration report said.

The report, released Thursday, said methamphetamine seizures have increased 294 percent. After the United States cracked down on chemicals used to make the drugs over the past decade, the DEA said drug cartels in Mexico have become the leading manufacturer and supplier of meth that winds up the United States.

The DEA said the cartels have “super laboratories” capable of producing hundred-pound quantities of the drug. The cartels have an easier time getting their hands on the necessary chemicals because of less-restrictive Mexican laws.

The agency called heroin a “serious and increasing threat” in Arizona. Seizures of the narcotic are up 246 percent in the past five years, the report said.

The report said the rise of heroin usage is directly attributable to the increase of opiate-based prescription drugs. As people use the prescriptions, they become addicted and later turn to heroin to meet their needs.

The DEA called Mexican cartels and the drugs they sell “the greatest criminal drug threat to the United States.” It specifically cited the Sinaloa Cartel, which operates along the Mexico-Arizona border, as one of the worst.

DEA'S Prescription Drug Take-Back Effort-- A Big Success
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(WASHINGTON) - Thousands of Americans in communities across the country discarded more than 350 tons of unused, expired, or unwanted drugs as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Initiative (NTBI) on Saturday, September 26. This past weekend, more than 3,800 federal, state and local counterparts took in more than 702,365 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted drugs at more than 5,000 collection sites across the United States. This was the tenth NTBI event since September 2010; cumulatively, these events have collected 5,525,021 pounds of drugs.
"The numbers are shocking—approximately 46,000 Americans die each year from drug-related deaths. More than half of those are from heroin and prescription opioids," said Acting DEA Administrator Chuck Rosenberg. "With four out of five new heroin users starting with prescription medications, I know our take-back program makes a real difference."
The NTBI addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.5 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. That same study showed that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's NTBI events are also a significant piece of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's prescription drug abuse prevention strategy.

1.4 Million-Year-Old Knife Discovered In Spain, Flint Is 'Oldest Piece Of Evidence' Hominids Lived In Atapuerca

By Zoe Mintz—July 26th, 2013

http://www.ibtimes.com/14-million-year-old-knife-discovered-spain-flint-oldest-piece-evidence-hominids-lived-atapuerca

A blade just over one-inch long is considered the oldest piece of evidence that hominids lived in northwestern Spain 1.4 million years ago.

The small stone fragment, which archaeologists concluded was a flint knife created by hominids, was discovered this year in a cave called Elephant Chasm near the city of Burgos, EFE news reports.

The blade's discovery is considered "of great value," Eduald Carbonell, one of the directors of the excavation said. The fact that stone tools were found proves that humans continually existed in the area as opposed to the belief that populations existed in small waves and became extinct from their inability to adapt to their surroundings, Agence France-Press reports.

"Even though they are very archaic tools, they reflect complex activities such as recovering animals that fell into the caves," archaeologists wrote in a statement.

The small knife was found in the Sima del Elefante cave infill – a site that has been under exaction since 1978. In 2007, researchers found a 1.2 million-year-old human finger and jawbone that was considered the "oldest European" remains ever found. The small blade was excavated six and a half feet below the spot where the human remains were found, The Local reports.

The small knife wasn't the only thing uncovered in the dig. Archaeologists say they found a fossilized shoulder blade of a child that was between four to six years-old about 800,000 years ago. Scientists also uncovered the remains of a large brown bear that still exists today. There were also fossils of rhinos, a giant deer, bison and wild donkeys.

The Atapuerca archaeological site where all of these remains were found is rife with ancient human history. In 2000, UNESCO deemed the location a historic site noting, that the area provides "unique testimony of the origin and evolution both of the existing human civilization and of other cultures that have disappeared." The site also documents the "evolutionary line or lines from the African ancestors of modern humankind."

"It is the site that has yielded the most human remains in the world," Juan Luis Arsuaga, one of the dig's directors told AFP.

Take note:

I hope we don't ever have to retain our Evidence this long… Glad there is a limit of only 99 years. Hope you found this article as interesting as I did.

Columbus Co. Sheriff enlists SBI to help find missing evidence

World-Now and WECT, WECT 6, wect.com
BYLINE: Justin Smith

Columbus County, NC

Columbus County Sheriff Lewis Hatcher has asked the State Bureau of Investigation to help find evidence missing from his department. (Source: WECT)

COLUMBUS COUNTY, NC (WECT) — Columbus County Sheriff Lewis Hatcher has asked the State Bureau of Investigation to help find evidence missing from his department.

Hatcher said the office is unable to account for cash that was sup-posed to be in an evi-dence locker. He enlisted the SBI approximately a week ago. Hatcher wouldn't say how much money is missing.

"I don't want to put the integrity of the evidence locker at risk, and that's why I've asked this independent agency to come in and assist us," Hatcher said.

The sheriff said he did not ask the SBI to investigate any current or former employees.
"I've not accused anyone of taking this evidence," Hatcher said. "It could simply be misplaced."

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Did You Know?

December 1st 1990—England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer.

December 4th 1791—The *Observer,* now the oldest Sunday newspaper in the world, was first published in Britain.

December 7th 1789—Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution on the United States of America

December 13th 1991—North and South Korea signed a treaty of reconciliation and nonaggression which also formally ended the Korean War, although actual fighting had ceased in 1953.

December 16th 1944—American big-band leader Glenn Miller disappeared in a small plane over the English Channel and was presumably killed. Best remembered for *Moonlight Serenade* and *In the Mood.*

December 21st—Winter begins in the Northern Hemisphere. In the Southern Hemisphere today is the beginning of summer.

December 25th, 1868—President Andrew Johnson granted amnesty to all those involved in the Civil War.

December 31st—New Year's Eve, the final evening of the Gregorian calendar year, traditionally a night for merry-making to welcome in the new year.

TALK ABOUT YOUR GUN DESTRUCTION YIKES !!!!

Maricopa County wins grant to test backlogged rape kits

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office has been awarded a $1.9 million grant to process approximately 2,300 rape kits that have yet to be tested.

The grant was awarded by the New York County District Attorney's Office, according to a statement Monday announcing the award.

"With these funds, we hope to not only hold previous offenders accountable for their crimes, but also prevent serial rapists from causing additional harm to the community," said Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery in the statement.

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office will designate funds for various law-enforcement agencies based on need, case priority and other criteria, according to spokesman Jerry Cobb.

Phoenix police will most certainly benefit, Cobb said: The Phoenix Police Department has more than 1,700 sexual-assault kits from the past 15 years that have gone untested. The kits are used to gather and preserve physical evidence following sexual-assault allegations.

The New York office awarded funds through a competitive grant process, and the funds came from settlements with international banks that violated U.S. sanctions, according to a statement.

http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/breaking/2015/09/14/maricopa-county-wins-grant-test-backlogged-rape-kits/72274924/

Thanks to Bob Reddington for providing this article,

CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE

Bungling dealer's £3m drug factory uncovered after he threw drugs out of window...and it landed next to police car.

http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/bungling-dealers-3m-drug-factory-10322658

DID YOU KNOW???

ARIZONA

There are two sides in the argument over the origin of Arizona's name. One side says that the name comes from the Basque *aritz onak* ("good oak") and was applied to the territory because the oak trees reminded the Basque settlers in the area of their homeland. The other side says that the name comes from the Spanish *Arizonac*, which was derived from the O'odham (the language of the native Pima people) word *ali ?ona-g* ("having a little spring"), which might refer to actual springs or a site near rich veins of silver discovered in 1736. For what it's worth, official Arizona state historian Marshall Trimble had supported the latter explanation but for now favors the former.

Miranda ruling

Ernesto Miranda was arrested in 1963 and convicted in Phoenix of kidnapping and rape based on a supposed confession. His attorneys took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. His conviction was overturned in 1966 and, since then, the Miranda warning, which gives defendants the right to assistance from an attorney, has been required of police when making an arrest.

Tasers

These stun guns, used by more than 12,000 police agencies nationally and others around the world, are a controversial addition to Arizona's influences. Though they have been credited by some authorities with preventing injuries and deaths to police and suspects, they also have been at the center of numerous lawsuits involving deaths and injuries. Manufacturer Taser International, which makes other public-safety products, is based in Scottsdale.

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Please see our webpage for current rates.

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

The deadline for submissions is the 1st day of

February, May, August and November.

Holiday Stress-Relief Tips Worth Trying

If your family holiday get-togethers are often stressful with personality clashes, try these ideas to help you enjoy the season more and look forward to getting together next year. 1) Begin with the right mind-set—decide that you will detach from slights and snubs, and refuse to allow your "buttons to be pushed." Mentally rehearse new responses to predictable interactions. Commit to a different response so you will remain cool. If Aunt Flo criticizes your choice of a serving spoon for the cranberry sauce, instead of reacting with the usual anger reflex, thank her for the tip. 2) Let go of leftover resentments from last year's dustup by beginning with a clean slate. 3) Visitors in your home can be tiresome no matter how much you love them. Consider taking a break ("me time"). Plan these regularly. 4) If you have a vision of a perfect holiday, use this vision as a guideline, not a litmus test for a successful get-together. Decide it is okay to settle for having a positive and memorable time together, but avoid measuring your success by degrees of perfection. 5) Consider taking 2016 election politics off the table.

Baked Pumpkin Fritters

What You'll Need:

- 1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (15-ounce) can pure pumpkin
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup reduced fat milk

2 tablespoons margarine, melted

What To Do:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat rimmed baking sheets with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, chili powder, onion powder, cayenne pepper, and salt.

In a medium bowl, whisk pumpkin, eggs, milk, and margarine. Add to dry mixture and stir just until combined. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls onto baking sheet.

Bake 15 minutes, or until golden brown on bottom. Serve warm.

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