



Arizona Constables Association

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A CALL TO MEETING

The Arizona constables Association will be meeting at 8 AM August 21, 2012 at the Radisson hotel in Flagstaff Arizona. Our biannual business meeting will be held at the beginning of our training session. All voting members and associate members are encouraged to attend.

On the agenda for the meeting will be proposed legislation for the 2013 legislative session. We will provide an update for the past 2012 legislative session and the report will include the voting records of members of the legislature.

Suggestions for legislation may be proposed from the floor we encourage everyone in advance to put their proposals in writing. This will allow proposals to be copied and passed out to the membership before the start of the meeting.

We will be taking suggestions on our meeting location for the August 2013 and January 2014 meetings. We need locations that fulfill our training requirements.

Also on the agenda will be our financial report minutes from our last meeting and updates on Association projects.

Please fill out the attached registration form and mail it in to Constable Jean Bishop... Hope to see all of you in Flagstaff in August.

New Sheriff Appointed to CESTB



Governor Jan Brewer has appointed Mohave County Sheriff Tom Sheahan to the CESTB.

Sheriff Tom Sheahan is a 41 year law enforcement veteran. Sheriff Sheahan began his career with the Du Page County Illinois Sheriff's Office in 1971 where he spent more than 8 years as a deputy and detective.

In 1981, Sheriff Sheahan, his wife Jo and family moved to Arizona and he began his career with the Mohave County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Sheahan rose through the ranks as a deputy, detective, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and was appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff in 1990. Upon the announced retirement of the late sheriff, Joe Cook, Sheriff Sheahan ran for sheriff in 1996.

Sheriff Sheahan is past president of the Arizona Sheriffs Association and of the Arizona County Attorney and Sheriffs Association. He served on the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board. Sheriff Sheahan previously served on the Arizona Homeland Security Regional Advisory Commission and has served on numerous boards and commissions through the State of Arizona.

Sheriff Sheahan attended and graduated from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in Evanston, Illinois and the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia.



Another Kind of Officer Safety, FACEBOOK: By Constable Jean Bishop

Face book has been rolling out the new Timeline and it has now become mandatory. As with all social media, with the new Timeline come new opportunities, new challenges and new threats to those of us in law enforcement.

The most prominent feature of Facebook's new Timeline is the cover photo. It's a nice wide area in which you can post an image that highlights who you are. For Constables, an appropriate photo might be a department photo, or a nice landscape image of your county or office. Individual constables, however, need to pay careful attention to what they post. These cover photos are not protectable. Anyone who comes to your page will see this photo. As a constable, we do not recommend that you put up a photo of your family for obvious safety reasons.

We've all heard stories about Constables who posted something that got them into trouble or caused them embarrassment. If you've been on Facebook for a while, there's a good chance that if you look back through your old posts, there might be something there that could cause you embarrassment especially if you're running for re-election. What's alarming is that those posts are now viewable to everybody on your Timeline, not just those that were previously viewable only by your friends.

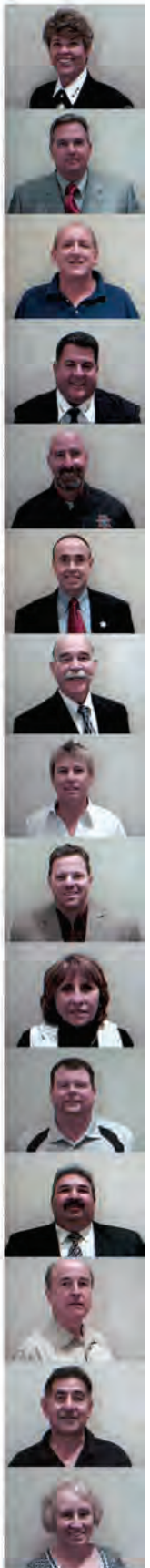
The good news is that you can selectively remove or hide old posts by placing your cursor on the old post and checking the upper right corner of the post where you'll see a drop-down menu allowing you to either hide the post or delete it.

If the post wasn't made by you but it's on your Timeline because someone else put it there by tagging you, you can remove it by going to the same drop-down menu and selecting remove tag. If it's on your Timeline because you selected like from another website, you can select unlike in the drop-down.

Remember posts, comments and photos that you previously set to be viewable only by your friends are likely now viewable to the public. To restrict the visibility of all old posts to be viewable only by friends:

1. In the upper-right corner of your page, pull down to privacy settings.
2. Then select limit the audience for past posts.
3. Select limit old posts.

These are important steps to take to maintain officer safety and career survival. The Arizona Constables Association has a page and if you are not already a member, we invite you to join and post appropriate material to share with our membership.





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FLAGSTAFF RAFFLE



We are continuing our raffle in Flagstaff this August. One of the items to be raffled is a Ruger Gunsite Scout Rifle. This is described by Ruger as the ideal “fighting rifle” in .308 caliber. It is a new design by Ruger and is hard to obtain at this time. It comes in .308 and is a bolt action with a 10 round box magazine. The rifle has a Picatinny rail that offers options in mounting optics and has a flash suppressor to reduce muzzle flash. It has a 16.5” barrel that will accept sound suppressors (provided you get the Federal stamp). It will be the main big ticket item to be offered and retails for \$999.00. Please set aside some cash for raffle tickets.

The other prizes being offered are two IPADS. You can’t go wrong with this raffle.

Constable of the Year

We are asking all of our members to please write in the name, on the registration form, of a Constable that you feel deserves to be “Constable of the Year”.

This year you will also be asked to write in the name of a Constable Deputy or Employee who deserves to be honored. Both awards will be awarded at our January Training session.

NOT ALL WRITS ARE ALIKE

By Constable Ron Myers

A trend we have been seeing more of in Maricopa County involves serving Writs of Restitution on foreclosed homes. There is court precedent that says if a home has gone through foreclosure and a new owner now has title, the new owner can come into Justice Court to evict the former owner if they fail to leave.

If the occupant is a tenant who has a lease, a new Federal law allows that tenant to remain for duration of the lease or, if in a month to month rental, the tenant must be given 30 days to vacate. These times do not apply to the former owner who must leave if the new owner wants them out.

Our experience in Maricopa County is these former foreclosures are the most dangerous for a Constable in that they may involve a defendant who believes they were wronged by the mortgage company and who may be capable of violence is forced to leave what has been their home for years.

Recently we were set to do one of these when we postponed it for a day because the new owner told us the former owner carried a gun and told him he would shoot him if he came on the property. We debated using the Sheriff’s SWAT to do the eviction but we managed to talk to the defendant for about 20 minutes on the phone and convince him to leave by the afternoon of the following day. This one worked out and he left with no problem but it could have gone bad.

When you get one of these types of evictions, you need to be especially careful in dealing with the defendant. You also need to be aware that some of the new buyers may not be too keen on following the rules of the Landlord-Tenant Act by not giving full access to the defendant to remove their property as the law states.



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2012 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Constables had mixed success this year. We were able to get one bill passed through the AACO agenda. The bill was HB 2122 that allows constables to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the approval of the Board of Supervisors. HB 2122 was sponsored by Rep. Judy Burgess, who is now in the Senate. We want to thank AACO, especially Jen Sweeney for all their hard work in getting this bill passed. Sen. Burgess was always there when we needed help.

Our other two bills SB1040 and SB1041 which were combined into one bill SB1041 failed to receive a final vote in the House of Representatives. This Bill was sponsored by Sen. Linda Gray who despite heavy opposition from a few misinformed house members was able to get it to a final floor vote. Two or three House members were able to convince the House Speaker not to bring it to the floor. So the bill died when the legislature went sine die. This Bill would've prohibited constables from holding a private process server license while in office and would've made the director of the AZPOST a member of the Constables Ethics Standards and Training Board. Sen. Gray went beyond just helping us with our legislation, but devoted many conversations and long hours to help us with our agenda this year.

We were very successful in helping to stop legislation that would've compromised the Elected Officials Retirement Fund and allow private process servers to intrude upon the duties of the Constable. I want to thank all our members who helped us with phone calls and e-mails to their senators and legislators when the messages for help went out. I especially want to thank all of our members for the trips they made to Phoenix when help was needed to testify before the Legislature.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for the Arizona Constables Association members to reinforce their relationships with members of the legislature. Those relationships turned what could have been a totally disastrous year into a successful year. Please call or e-mail your senators and representatives and thank them for their service.

TUBAC WAS A SUCCESS



Thanks to Everyone
who attended and
made this event
so successful

A Constables Friend Sheriff Steve Tucker



The Arizona constables Association would like to express its sincere gratitude and thanks to Sheriff Steve Tucker of Greenlee County for his service on the Constables Ethics Standards and Training Board.

During his tenure on the board he showed great professionalism and support for constable's issues.

Sheriff Tucker chose not to run for re-election this year. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors



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2012 Training Schedule, Radisson Hotel 1175 W. Route 66 Flagstaff, Arizona											
Aug. 21st			Aug. 22nd			Aug. 23rd					
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast provided	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast provided	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast provided			
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Registration	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Scenarios 1. driving trailer 2. civil arrest warrant 3. eviction or CPR/1st AID MCSO	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	Firearms Safety			
8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Welcome Business meeting				9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Landlord/Tenant Act			
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Medical Marijuana				10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Writs of Repliven			
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Environmental Awareness				12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch Provided			
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch provided	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch provided	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	“Sovereign Citizen” Extremist			
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Patron Saints of the Mexican drug underworld	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Scenarios 1. driving trailer 2. civil arrest warrant 3. eviction or CPR/1st AID MCSO	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	* AZPOST Firearms Qualification			
All Classes subject to change						*You must be registered with the instructors in order to participate in the Firearms qualification.					
			6:00 PM	6:30 PM	Dinner Reception						
			6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Hosted Dinner						
Total Hours 6.5			Total Hours 8			Total Hours 8					

Hotel Arrangements have been made with the **Radisson Woodlands Hotel Flagstaff**
1175 West Route 66, Flagstaff Arizona 86001, US

Reservations: 1-800-395-7046 US/Canada Toll-free **Telephone:** (928) 773-8888

Fax: (928) 773-0597 E-Mail rhi_flag@radisson.com

You must make your own reservations

Conference Registration \$360 per person

Any Questions Please Call

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Please make checks payable to: The Arizona Constables Association

Mail registration to: The Arizona Constables Association

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Vote for Constable of the Year

**Vote for Constable Deputy
or Employee of the Year** _____