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## TPD Patrol Newsletter

East



**Captain Matthew Brady**  
**Operations Division East**

**October 2025**

### **Burglary Suspect Arrested**

In June, a male suspect entered a secured lot at a car dealership and went through four unlocked vehicles before entering the mechanics shop, where he stole \$480 worth of tools. The suspect returned the following day and entered two unlocked vehicles before being chased off by employees. Video surveillance captured both incidents.

In July, the same suspect broke into a victim's vehicle at the victim's residence and took a purse. The suspect then used the victim's credit cards at seven different locations, totaling \$890. Surveillance video was able to capture the theft and the suspect using the stolen credit cards.

Then, in August, the suspect entered another vehicle at another residence and stole a wallet. The suspect used the victim's credit cards at seven locations, totaling \$664.

The cases were assigned to our Professional Staff Investigators (PSIs). Information was shared with both ODE and ODM Zebra officers and the suspect was eventually located, wearing a shirt stolen from the car dealership.

He was arrested on nine felony charges, including burglary, theft of a credit card, and fraudulent use of a credit card. The suspect also had an outstanding felony warrant for auto theft.

This case is a good reminder never to leave valuables in your vehicle.

### **ODE Bike Patrols**

ODE has several officers who are bicycle certified. Bike patrols are a valuable alternative to traditional patrol responses in marked units, as bicycles are not as

conspicuous and can patrol areas that are difficult to access. ODE implements monthly bike deployments to work areas in our division that are experiencing criminal activity.

ODE bike officers worked the area of East Broadway between Kolb and Wilmot and the area around East 22nd and Wilmot. During the deployment, ODE bike officers address crimes such as open-air narcotics use, trespassing, and other criminal behaviors.

Multiple people were contacted and arrested for trespassing at businesses in these areas, and one was arrested on a felony warrant.

## **Bears**





*If not friend, why friend shaped?*

ODE has had two separate incidents involving bears in our community.

On September 14th, officers were flagged down near St. Joseph's Hospital about a bear sighting. Officers circulated the area and located the bear in a tree. Arizona Game and Fish Department officers responded and were able to tranquilize the bear, who was relocated to a much more suitable habitat.

A few days later, officers responded to reports of a bear running in the neighborhoods near Valencia and Houghton. Arizona Game and Fish and TPD officers circulated the area, but were not able to locate the bear.

According to Arizona Game and Fish, the bears were moving out of their traditional habitats in search of food, and younger bears look for new home territories. Game and Fish also said the drought has been a big factor in the number of bear sightings in and around Tucson.

If you see a bear in a residential area, you are urged to call the Arizona Game and Fish Department direct line at (623) 236-7201. You can also call 911 if it is an emergency situation.

## ODE Statistics

### Activity

Type	2025 Division Year to Date	2025 Department Year to Date
Calls for Service	26,847	115,443
Officer-initiated Activity	4,414	24,553
Gun-related Crime	16	113
Homicide	4	44
Traffic Citations	1,434	19,395



## Staffing

Type	2025 Division Year to Date	2025 Department Year to Date
Sworn Members	107	801
Community Service Officers	23	136
Professional Staff Investigators	3	32
Professional Staff	2	245

## Special Olympics Fundraiser



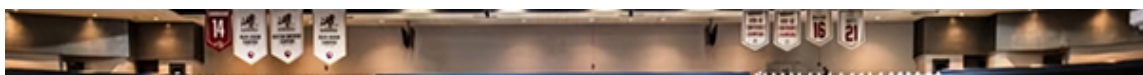
ODE Professional Staff had a fantastic time participating in Unified Fore Joy at Top Golf! 🏌️

This fun-filled golfing event raised funds to support the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Arizona, and we were honored to be part of it.

What made the day even more special was getting to play alongside the athletes themselves, a truly joyful and inspiring experience!

Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success. We're proud to support teamwork, inclusion, and community through events like this!

## 9/11 Tower Challenge, September 11





24 years later, we still climb to remember.

ODE commissioned and professional staff proudly participated in the 9/11 Tower Challenge, honoring the brave souls who sacrificed everything to save others on that tragic day. Every step we took was a tribute, a promise that we will Never Forget.

24 years may have passed, but our commitment remains strong. Year after year, we climb to remember the fallen, to honor the heroes, and to keep their legacy alive.

## **“Hold the Line” Workout – In Honor of Officers Lost to Suicide**



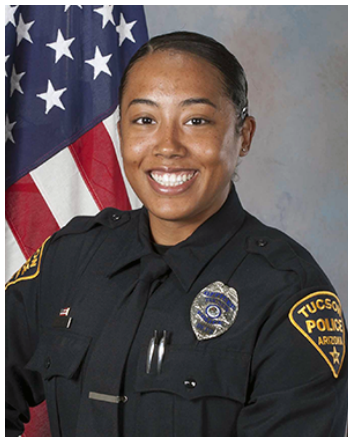
ODE commissioned and professional staff came together with other department members for 22 rounds of physical activity – representing the 22 veterans and first responders we tragically lose to suicide every day.

Each round included 9 burpees, symbolizing the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – a reminder that help is always available, and that connection saves lives. After every fifth round, we paused for sixty seconds of silence or spoke the name of someone we’ve lost.

This was more than a workout – it was about honoring lives, raising awareness, and standing united. It was remembrance and connection. We showed up for each other to hold the line, together.

## **Member Highlight**





Officer Anissa Castle has proudly served with the Tucson Police Department for seven years and is also a dedicated member of the Army National Guard.

Throughout her tenure, she has continually sought professional growth by completing numerous specialized trainings and working in a variety of assignments.

Officer Castle previously served as a School Resource Officer, where she built strong relationships with students and staff. Though no longer in that role, she

continues to assist with school-related investigations, showcasing her ongoing commitment to youth safety and engagement.

A highly skilled and experienced patrol officer, Officer Castle also serves as a Field Training Officer. She thrives in a teaching environment, taking pride in preparing new officers for the challenges of patrol. Her mentorship ensures that recruits are not only well trained but confident and capable.

Beyond her law enforcement duties, Officer Castle is passionate about community engagement. She actively participates in the Goodwill Girls Mentoring Group, where she serves as a positive role model and mentor to young women in the community. Officer Castle's dedication, both to the department and the community, makes her a valuable asset to Operations Division East and a shining example of service and leadership in the Tucson Police Department.

## Crime Prevention Tip



TPD works every day to reduce gun violence – by vigorously pursuing enforcement against prohibited possessors, treating non-fatal shooting investigations – even with uncooperative victims – as high priorities, and working diligently to solve homicides. TPD also works to connect at-risk youth with job, educational, housing, addiction, and mental health services.

These approaches are proving effective, but what other factors might reduce gun violence?

In 2018, the Rand Corporation established [The National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research](https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2024/08/the-national-collaborative-on-gun-violence-research.html) with funding from Arnold Ventures. Over 5 years, NCGVR funded 57 research projects on reducing gun violence. You can read about what they've learned here: <https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2024/08/the-national-collaborative-on-gun-violence-research.html>

## Join the Tucson Police Department



Know someone who cares about Tucson and would be a good fit for TPD and Operations Division East?

Send them this QR code and encourage them to apply!

## Links

[Graffiti Removal](#)

[TPD Non-Emergency Online Reporting System](#)

[Report a Code Violation](#) (weeds, trash, junked vehicles, building or sign violations)

[Report a Homeless Encampment](#)

[File a Trespass Letter](#) (for businesses)

[TPD Website](#)

For emergencies: call 911

For police non-emergencies: call (520) 791-4444

For accommodations; materials in accessible formats; foreign language interpreters; and/or materials in a language other than English, please contact the Tucson Police Department Public Information Office at (520) 791-4852 or (520) 791-2639 for TDD at least five (5) business days in advance.

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