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# TPD Patrol Newsletter

East

June 2024

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Operations Division East

### Special Olympics Tip-a-Cop



Operations Division East's Lieutenant Lissette Gomez, Sergeant Jeremy Williams, Officers Anissa Castle, Kylia Enriquez, Sean Gerhart, Daniel Hernandez, Nicholas Lundien, Heather Mah, and Jalen Scott, along with Community Service Officer Carrie Ord, represented Operations Division East at the Arizona Special Olympics Tip-a-Cop event on May 2nd.

Officers serve as "celebrity" wait staff alongside Special Olympics athletes at Texas Roadhouse. Tips earned are donated to Arizona Special Olympics. This longstanding event is a favorite with officers, who raise money for a worthy cause – plus the public loves to have officers wait on them hand and foot.

### ODE Statistics

#### Activity

Type	2024 Division Year to Date	2024 Department Year to Date
Calls for Service	13,306	58,990
Officer-initiated Activity	1,942	15,652
Gun-related Crime	9	83
Homicide	5	22
Traffic Citations	1,450	20,270

#### Staffing

Type	2024 Division Year to Date	2024 Department Year to Date
Sworn Members	109	819
Community Service Officers	31	151
Professional Staff	4	251

## TUSD HEART Stars Academic Excellence Recognition



On May 15, Officer Anissa Castle and Community Service Officer Carrie Ord represented Operations Division East at TUSD's HEART Stars Academic Excellence event, which celebrates 8th grade students who maintained a 3.8 or higher grade point average while facing life struggles that kids should never have to experience. Celebrating young teens' achievements at events like this fosters positive working relationships with the community – and we were happy to be there!

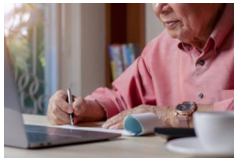
### Member Highlight



On May 18th, Operations Division East's Community Response Team (ODE CRT) was selected as a 2023 88-CRIME Outstanding Squad of the Year.

They were selected due to their continuing efforts fighting crime in the Tucson community – including working with the 88-CRIME tips program. Their work has resulted in numerous arrests – both of violent offenders as well as individuals creating quality-of-life issues for the community. Well done!

### Crime Prevention Tip



Election season is upon us – a time for all of us to take our civic responsibilities seriously, seek out credible sources of information, and make well-informed choices that reflect our values.

But for some, this is just another opportunity to take donations from well-meaning people, giving little in return. A recent [investigation by ProPublica](#) found that some political organizations spent more than 90% of funds raised on fundraising and administration – leaving very little for political activity.

As with charities, it pays to be cautious when donating to political causes.

First responders and veterans are popular causes that scammers have latched onto. The Federal Trade Commission has [tips for doing your research](#) before giving to charities that claim to support these causes. Their list of sites that provide information on charities, however, may not provide information on political nonprofits, also known as 527 organizations, named after a section of the I.R.S. tax code. For that, you can try searching online for the name of the organization and the words "complaint," "fraud," or "scam."

Information on candidate committees and political action committees (PACs) can be found on the [FEC website](#), the [Arizona Secretary of State's website](#), the [Pima County Elections website](#), or the [Tucson City Clerk's website](#), depending on whether the candidate or PAC is active in federal, state, county, or city races.

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