

**CONNECTORS  
ON-SHIFT HOURS**

**Weekdays:**

- A-Shift 7 AM – 12 Noon
- B-Shift 12 Noon – 5 PM
- C-Shift 5 PM – 10 PM

**Weekends:**

- S1-Shift 7 AM – 2:30 PM
- S2-Shift 2:30PM – 10 PM

**A Word from Eric & Warren**

The year is just flying by!! The holidays will be here before we know it. For us that means we will be very busy helping out with the Mesa Fire Dept's Annual Adopt-a-Family Program. Eric and I can't thank each of you enough for all that you do to make this program the success that it is.

Your efforts and dedication have helped make our program one of if not the best in the country!

- Eric Brunyer x4692
- Warren Sprecher x3664

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**MFD Volunteer Programs Receive National Recognition**



On October 26, 2009, the Mesa Fire Department Volunteer Corps, of which the Connector Program is a part of, received Fire Corps 2009 Award of Excellence. Here is an excerpt from the Fire Corps press release:

This award, sponsored by the International Fire Service Training Association, honors a Fire Corps program whose remarkable achievements in the fire and emergency services and the community exemplify outstanding performance, according to a news release from Fire Corps.

"The range of activities and accomplishments of the Mesa Fire Department Volunteer Corps is truly inspiring," said Sarah Lee, Acting Director of Fire Corps. "This team volunteers has demonstrated how a department can significantly expand and enhance their service by utilizing community members to perform non-emergency tasks. The work of the Fire Corps members has greatly benefited the department and the entire community."

Each of you can be proud of your contributions towards receiving this prestigious award.

You can view the entire text of the article at:

[www.firecorps.org/index.php?item\\_id=301&action=show\\_item&type=news](http://www.firecorps.org/index.php?item_id=301&action=show_item&type=news)

Congratulations to all of you, celebrate our accomplishment!!

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**Holiday Adopt-a-Family**

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is rapidly approaching and soon we will start our Annual Adopt-a-Family Program. We are working with Mesa Public Schools to find qualifying families for this year's program. Each year we help an estimated 100 families and 300 children. Thank you all for the generously donated items year after year. As always, let's work together and make this another special Christmas for our community. With the continued downturn in the economy we anticipate that the need will be even greater this year.

## Milestones

Congratulation to Justin Lisonbee on 10 years of service as a Connector!

Congratulation to Allison Fuwa on 5 years of service as a Connector!

Congratulation to Mike Draughon on 5 years of service as a Connector!

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## Dates to Remember

We will be having another Connector Recruitment after the first of the year. Keep an eye out for the e-mails regarding this.

\*The East Valley Hispanic Bomberos invites all Connector volunteers to come to their meetings. Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday, every other month (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) at 7 PM in the Community Room at the Volunteer Center. We provide information on job opportunities within local fire departments, interview practice, and volunteer opportunities. Anyone can join and participate! Find out more about us at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/mesabomberos/Home>

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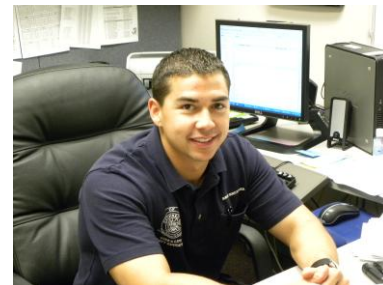
## Want to be a Lead Connector?

Interested in becoming a Lead Connector? We are always looking for dynamic, hard working individuals who are looking for additional responsibilities within the Connector Program. If this sounds like something that interests you, please see Eric or Warren to find out how.

## Welcome our New Asst. Coordinator!

Please help me in welcoming Eric Brunyer as the new Assistant Connector Coordinator.

Here is a little info on him: Eric Brunyer joined the Mesa Fire Department Connector Program in March of 2007. Eric became a Lead Connector after 1 year as a Connector. He has been a resident of Mesa since 1994 and attended Junior High and High School at Mesa Public Schools. Prior to his joining the Mesa Fire Department he was a Lead Manufacturing Technician/Level 4 at STMicroelectronics in Phoenix, AZ for 7 years. His duties at STMicroelectronics included: Peer Training, managed semiconductor production line of silicon wafers, supervised 30 technicians and wore a funny “Clean Room/Bunny” suit. Eric completed his Firefighter I & II Operations Academy through PV/PC 09-1 and is EMT-B certified with NREMT and the State of Arizona. He and his wife Elysia of 4 years are expecting their first child in April 2010. Eric enjoys wakeboarding, hiking, traveling, playing guitar, and spending time with family/friends and his two dogs.



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## Simple seat belt is a proven lifesaver!



Nils Bohlin (pictured left) is one smart inventor. He created the device that has saved more than a million lives. It's the 50th anniversary since the Volvo engineer modified an airplane device and came up with the three-point seat belt. It utilizes one strap across the chest, and one strap across the hips, both anchored to the same point on the car floor. This version of the seat belt was introduced to the US in 1963, which was a major victory in US car safety. Initially the general public saw it as an inconvenience and

hazard. That sentiment lasted for years. Thanks to national education, state seat belt laws and loud persistent in-car reminders, U.S. usage increased to 80 percent. As you reflect on how to improve the quality services we provide MFD, remember the importance of using such a basic tool, then realize how great it is to have this available.

-Steven Klimke, Lead Connector.

## Happy Birthday Connectors!

### **November 2009:**

11/4-James Fagan  
11/7-Aaron Dotterer  
11/8-Stephanie Urie

### **December 2009:**

12/8-Ryan McGregor  
12/10-Adam Sica, Nathaniel Syme  
12/15-Rebecca Castro  
12/18-Michael Clesceri, Betty Winsor  
12/21-Sal Danley  
12/22-Mike Adams  
12/29-Michael Ives  
12/31-Justin Montijo

### **January 2009:**

1/4-Christina Hasler  
1/6-Tracy Becker  
1/15-Melanie Drugan  
1/16-Chris Garcia  
1/18-Juan Montoya  
1/23-Brett Galusha, Ian O'Neill

## **Best Birthday Wishes!!!**

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## Trailer Park Site Plans Review Completed

We are very proud to announce that the Trailer Park Site Plans Review project has been completed. Your help on this initiative has been instrumental in updating nearly 100 sites.

The data that you provided will enable fire crews to perform their job better.

The next phase is for you all to tackle the 674 apartment complexes that are scattered throughout the city. We'll keep you all posted on when this is slated to begin.

## Welcome New Leads

We'd like to welcome our two newest Lead Connectors; Adriana Clesceri and Casey Christensen. Here's a little info on each of them.



**Adriana** has been with the Mesa Fire Department's Connectors Program since October of 2008. She grew up in Southern California where she graduated from Cypress High School in 1995. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Coeur d' Alene, ID where she met and married her husband in 1997. In 2000, they moved to Arizona.

For several years up until August of 2009, Adriana held various support staff positions at the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office. In August, she returned to school as a full time student where she is studying for a degree in Fire Science. She attends CGCC and MCC. In addition to the Connectors, she volunteers much of her time to several other community and global outreach organizations. Adriana and her husband, Michael, have three children-Bethany, 10; Nikolas, 8; and Matthew, 6. Teaching her two older children school at home presents her with opportunities for creativity, excitement, and challenge. Adriana enjoys hiking, camping, being at the beach, going places she's never been, and being with family. Her favorite quote today is, "The best way to predict your future is to create it." -Peter Drucker



**Casey** is an Arizona native, growing up in Chandler where he attended Chandler High School (go wolves). When he isn't working as a Mesa Fire Connector, he is the general manager of a major pest and weed control company. He has spent the last several years in this capacity along with consulting positions with several

other pest control companies. Casey has also held ownership positions in several small companies in the past including; you guessed it, pest control companies and a very successful auto glass company which he sold in 2004. Previous to his work with bugs, Casey had worked in just about every industry you or he could think of including work in a funeral home, as an electronics salesman, work as a handyman, and yes even as an ice sculptor. To this day he moonlights as a wedding DJ under the alias "D.J. Curve". His true passion however has always been public service. Casey earned his EMT in 2003, and hopes to complete his B.S. in Psychology in the near future. He will be attending Paramedic school in early 2010. Casey grew up as the only son in a family of five children. He is currently single (tell your female friends). He is an avid hunter, and loves football, softball, and Kool-Aid.