

# VIPS

## Volunteer in Police Service

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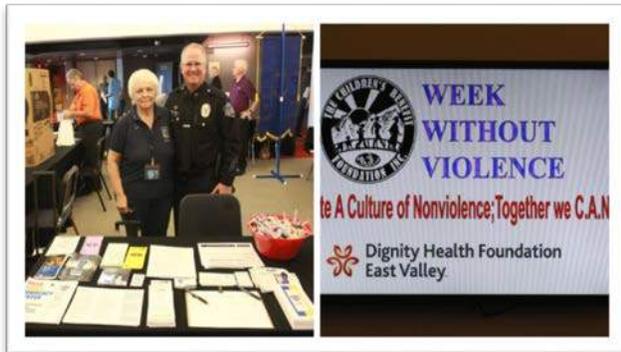


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### RECRUITING EVENTS

Thank you to **VIPS Judy Cullum** for helping provide resources and recruit MFAC volunteers at the Week Without Violence Peace, Poetry & Art Award Ceremony at the Mesa Community College!



**VIPS** recruits at the Citizen's Police Academy this fall and spoke to over 30 class members about opportunities to volunteer with Mesa Police!



### *Nov & Dec. 1 year Anniversaries*

**Matt Riesterer**  
PMGA

**Jaime Gonzalez**  
Forensics

**Rod Mamero**  
Training

**MaryAnn Mendoza**  
Special Events

**Alessi Rocha Cortez**  
Forensics

**Diana Middleton**  
MFAC/Traffic

**Christine Loewenhagen**  
PDIT/Evidence

**Sam Corrigan**  
VIPS

**Jessica Barranca**  
MFAC

### *CONGRATS!*

### VIPS to 2017 January Police Academy

**Amanda Heutzenroeder, Brett Mejia, Jon Gunnell, Cole McClary, Cynthia Hernandez**



*THANK YOU!*

**Volunteer SWAT Medic Christopher License** agreed to assist Mesa Police Communications on Saturday 10/22/2016. This drill, held at Salt River Recreation north of Mesa, would involve over two dozen Explorers, Communications Employees, and representatives from State and County departments. A need was identified while planning the drill to have a medical professional on site as there was a higher than average risk for injury and the limited medical resources that could respond to the area quickly. Chris graciously volunteered his time, spending the day in 100 degree heat, ready to react if he was needed. While Chris' services were not needed, it was a great relief knowing we had a professional such as him on standby ready to jump in at a moment's notice.



Thank you to **VIPS Norma Triano** for 15 years of service with Mesa Police Department. Norma volunteered with the Mesa Family Advocacy Center when she first started and then shortly after she started helping Stephanie Guyton in Recovered Property! Norma was unable to attend the banquet this March as is a winter visitor but as soon as she returned VIPS stopped by to present her with her award and a gift certificate to the Melting Pot



*STAR AWARDS*

**Volunteer Dan French** is a Patrol Support Trainer from Central Division and is also a current Detention Officer from the Holding Facility. While field training a new volunteer on Saturday 10/15/2016, he responded to assist on a missing teenager (with Asperger' Syndrome) call for service. They drove around the community and checked inside neighboring grocery stores/businesses. After relentlessly searching with no luck, they headed to get fuel at west fleet before ending a long day of volunteering. Dan decided to check the area of 500 N Horne on his way to the station and this is where he located the missing female. He talked with her and confirmed her name and then notified Officer Smith and Officer Gogoui who were on the case. The officers took her home where her grandfather was very grateful she was back safely. Dan is a natural leader as a volunteer, he regularly uses good judgment out in the field and is always willing to help out with whatever is needed.



**Volunteer Peggy Newell** is a volunteer in the VIPS Office and helped with a new 10 year retention for volunteer files, Peggy pulled over 200 applicant and hired files and logged & organized the files electronically and in a new storage location. This project took a few months and Peggy was very thorough, organized and helped streamline this process!



**VIPS Diana Middleton** is a volunteer at MFAC who recently joined the DUI Van drivers to assist with task force events! Diana has been staying busy volunteering graveyard shifts for November and December!



### *Group Thanks!*

Thank you to **CB Hagar, Peggy Schulz & Glenna Ellsworth** for helping with the 911 trainee testing conducted at the Mesa Public Safety Training Facility quarterly through-out the year!



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