To the Mesa Community,

I proudly present the Mesa Police Department 2016 Annual Report. This year was challenging for our department as it was for many law enforcement agencies across the country. Year after year, our department rises up to these challenges and prevail to provide the quality of service our community deserves. With the implementation of the Crisis Intervention Team to the establishment of the Mental Health Advisory Board to the strengthening of the Community Engagement and Employee Services Bureau, our department strives to focus on what our citizens need from their police department. Without the support of our community, non-profit organizations, law enforcement partners, and city officials none of this would have been possible. I encourage you to take a few moments and see for yourself what the proud men and women of Mesa Police accomplished in 2016.

To My Mesa Police Brothers and Sisters,

As time comes and goes in a blink of an eye it is my time to say farewell. It will be difficult to leave such a prestigious organization that I called my “home” for over 30 years. This organization was more than just a job, it was my family, who I turned out to be as an individual, and I am so proud to have finished my career as your Chief of Police. As many of you know, policing is and will continue to change all over the world. What I learned over the years is our profession will continue to evolve and become more challenging but yet so rewarding. Our department faced many challenges during my tenure, but I always held you, the men and women of the Mesa Police Department, as the highest priority. Your dedication to one another and the community is none like any other. The Mesa Police Department is a role model for hundreds of police departments across the country. I was always honored to be the leader of such a professional and dedicated department and received countless compliments from other police leaders across the country asking to model our programs or complimenting the work all of you do on a daily basis.

Although, I have completed my time as your Chief, I will always remain your brother. We are Mesa PD. I have full confidence our leadership has the ability to take Mesa to the next level. I hope my impression helped build a portion of the incredible culture that is Mesa PD.

Be safe. Be well.
Chief John Meza
Interim Chief's Message:

After 29 years of service to the City of Mesa, I am truly honored and humbled to serve as Interim Chief of Police. It's a privilege to serve the community and to lead the men and women of the Mesa Police Department who dedicate themselves to excellence in public safety. The mission of the Mesa Police Department is to partner with our community to prevent and reduce crime and to ensure procedural justice by building trust, showing respect, and preserving human rights.

In our continuing effort to fulfill this mission and to be responsive, efficient and transparent, I am pleased to present the Mesa Police Department’s Annual Report for 2016. This report provides organizational information, statistics, and highlights our overall reduction in crime in 2016. You will also learn about our new Crisis Response Team (CRT), Human Exploitation and Trafficking Team (HEaT) and the New Safe Trails FBI Task Force and the impact they are making to improve our service response to specific issues in our community. We are also proud of the partnership we have established with our community organizations through the new Mental Health Advisory Board to collaborate on best practices, improved training and community based assistance programs. Additionally, we have had tremendous success with diversity in the hiring of officers and ensuring we provide the highest level of training to our personnel.

Our department is staffed by dedicated men and women who adhere to the value of working in partnership with the community and with each other as we strive for excellence with accountability. I am confident that the future of our department is bright and we will continue to build on prior successes as a professional police organization within this great city.

Interim Chief
Michael Dvorak
Mesa Police Department

Command Staff 2016

MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

DEPARTMENT’S VISION
Excellence in Public Safety

DEPARTMENT’S MISSION
We believe in partnering with our community to prevent and reduce crime and to ensure procedural justice by building trust, showing respect, and preserving human rights.

THE MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO VALUE:

**Mesa Citizens**
- Working in partnership with our community to:
  - Identify and address public safety and other quality of living issues
  - Provide a diverse workforce representative of the community
  - Protect individual human rights

**Employees**
- Hire, train, and develop the best workforce while emphasizing employee wellness
- Utilize teamwork and collaboration to achieve success
- Empower our members to solve problems through individual initiative reflecting accountability and urgency

**Striving for Excellence**
- Provide responsive leadership and excellent service to our community
- Commit ourselves to continuous process improvement
- Utilize innovative technology and ideas to enhance the quality of police service

**Accountability**
- Professionally, ethically, and fairly upholding our sworn duties
- Provide courteous and respectful interaction
- Maintain the highest level of integrity
IN MEMORY OF
DETECTIVE TROY THOMPSON
NOVEMBER 2, 1976 – JANUARY 6, 2017

Detective Troy Thompson served the citizens of Mesa for 15 years having worked in the Patrol Operations Bureau as a uniformed officer and as a detective assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit. Detective Thompson most recently served in the Chief’s Office as an Adjutant. Detective Thompson succumbed to a three-year battle with cancer and will be remembered for his inspiration and the dignity with which he fought his courageous battle.
OUR FALLEN HEROES
THEY PROTECTED & SERVED

Sergeant
Brandon Mendoza
Mesa Police Department, Arizona
EOW: Monday May 12, 2014
Cause of Death: Head-On Collision
Wrong Way Driver

Mesa Town Marshal
Hyram S. Peterson
Mesa Police Department, Arizona
EOW: Wednesday November 12, 1913
Cause of Death: Gunfire

Officer
Steven P. Pollard
Mesa Police Department, Arizona
EOW: Sunday November 27, 1994
Cause of Death: Struck by Vehicle
IN MEMORY OF K9 CHICO
CHICO EOW: 1-9-2017

The Mesa Police K-9 Unit sadly announced the loss of K9 Chico. Chico was diagnosed with cancer in December and quickly declined. Chico worked for five years and handled hundreds of calls protecting the community and our officers. He was scheduled to retire in May along with his handler.
In 1883 the Mesa City Government was established and the first official elections were held. Wellington Richens was elected as the first law officer to the position of Marshall for the Town of Mesa.

In 1931 Howard Peterson was the first Chief of Police in Mesa.

In 1935 Mesa began purchasing and issuing its first formal uniforms and Sam Brown duty belts for officers.

Two way radios were installed in every patrol vehicle in 1941.

There was no formal police academy for new officers until June of 1969. Officers then began to attend formalized instruction mandated by ALEOAC. Mesa officers received 440 hours of instruction through the Phoenix Regional Police Academy.

In 1973 Mesa hired its first two female officers, and by 1975 there were 25 female officers.

In 1979 Mesa Police initiated a field training program once officers graduated from the police academy. A model used by San Jose P.D. was replicated, and officers went through a 12 week F.T.O. program which consisted of four phases of training on the street.

In 1980 the department installed a multi million dollar computer system developed by a San Francisco firm, and in 1989 a new communications building was built.

In 1981 the department began to utilize civilian investigators in positions such as accident investigators, fraud specialists, and recovered property detail, to help free up sworn officers to investigate and fight crime.

In 1986 two fixed wing airplanes were purchased to aid with surveillance and prisoner transport, and in 1994 the first helicopter was purchased.

In 1994 Mesa Police opened its current state of the art Police Academy which initially was 19 weeks followed by a 14 week field training program.
The Mesa Police Department is a major city police department which employs over 1,200 employees, over 800 sworn and over 400 civilians.

There are four patrol divisions: Fiesta, Central, Red Mountain, and Superstition.

The Mesa Police Department has its own 45 acre state of the art public training facility which includes a 14 acre asphalt driving track, 11 separate classrooms, and a 364 seat auditorium.

A firearm range that encompasses 16 acres and includes an on site armory, a 200 meter rifle range, a 25 station automatic station qualification range, two additional ranges, a live fire house, and the M.I.L.O. automated firearms system.

State of the art Forensic Services laboratory which has been an ASCLD/LAB accredited lab since 2001. The Forensic Services laboratory was established in 1980 with one employee who examined controlled substances and today has over 60 employees in 10 different forensic units. The new Forensic Services building was completed in August 2008 allowing for efficient and effective space to meet the City's needs and it is filled with modern instrumentation.

The East Valley Gang & Criminal Information Fusion Center was established in 2007 and is housed at the Mesa Police headquarters building. Through the efforts of the Fusion Center, criminal justice information can be exchanged and actionable intelligence can be shared to enhance crime fighting efforts within the East Valley law enforcement community.

Mesa Family Advocacy Center was established in 1996 and it was the first child/victim advocacy center in Arizona. There are currently 15 in Arizona and over 500 nationwide and Mesa's was a model used by other agencies nationwide as well as abroad.

Community Engagement Bureau established in 2015.
Media Relations

Mesa Police Department

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The Mesa Police Department understands the importance of media resources as a valuable tool to keep our community informed. It is our priority to inform our residents of events that impact our community. Therefore, our role as Public Information Officers (PIO) is to assist members of the media in gathering information that is important to the public. Routine media inquiries are handled as early as possible during normal Media Relations Office business hours - Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours and on weekends, a Public Information Officer (PIO) is always available on-call for emergencies and breaking news events.

Public Records

Public Information Officers will provide accurate information about incidents. However, the Public Records Unit coordinates, maintains, and distributes all public records. Request for release of any public record should be submitted to the Public Records Unit. The Public Records Unit is located within the Mesa Police Headquarters at 130 N Robson, Mesa, AZ 85201, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Crime Statistics

Are you looking for crime statistics? The Mesa Police Department provides online access to crime statistics. To view the most recent crime data for a specific location visit www.crimereports.com/agency/mesa or for citywide crime data visit www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/divisions/compsstat. This citywide crime statistics page provides year-to-date crime data, usually updated on a monthly basis.

Form IVs and Court Documents

Most Form IVs are available in the Media Relations Office during normal office hours - Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please contact pd-info@Mesaaaz.gov and the on-call PIO will be able to provide you with more details on how to obtain a Form IV. The Media Relations Office does not provide any court documents. All court documents shall be released by the court.

Education

The Mesa Police Department strives in participating and promoting educational programs. Enhancing communication with Mesa Police, the citizens, and the news media is highly important. Our goal is to improve overall communication through education, awareness, and involvement in programs that positively impact the community. While working with the community to prevent and reduce crime, we believe that partnering with our community to promote educational programs is a priority as well. If you would like Mesa Police to be involved in your educational program, please request further details from a public information officer.

Ways to Stay Connected

Social media is a main source to follow the activities and operations of the Mesa Police Department. Often times, news reporters will get story ideas simply from following our department’s social media pages. It is highly recommended that you follow us on social media; when an on-scene PIO is necessary, media staging is posted on our Twitter page, which is very helpful for immediate access. However, social media pages are not monitored 24/7.

Facebook: City of Mesa Police Department
Twitter: @MesaPD
Youtube: Mesa Police Department
Population: 467,532
Households: 174,271
Median Age: 36
Median Household Income: $48,136
Average Household Income: $64,480
MESA IS THE 38TH LARGEST CITY IN THE U.S., 3RD LARGEST IN ARIZONA, AND 2ND LARGEST IN THE PHOENIX – METRO AREA.
MESA COVERS 138.23 SQUARE MILES
TOTAL STAFFING
1,196 MEMBERS

Sworn Employees
772

Civilian Employees
424

EMLOYEE ASSIGNMENTS

Patrol
498

Technical Services
84.5

Community Engagement
23

Professional Services
33

Special Operations
104

Chief’s Office
28.5

Communications
98

Criminal Investigations
88

Fiscal Management
9

Human Resources
42

Forensic Services
65

Metro
123.5
UCR PART 1 CRIMES

PART 1 CRIMES PER 1,000 POPULATION:

2000 - 63.75
2001 - 67.02
2002 - 78.61
2003 - 66.96
2004 - 55.86
2005 - 60.31
2006 - 56.95
2007 - 50.31
2008 - 44.87
2009 - 41.03
2010 - 37.89
2011 - 38.43
2012 - 35.84
2013 - 32.70
2014 - 33.03
2015 - 30.11
2016 - 28.37
### Calls for Service

![Calls for Service Chart]

### Accidents

![Accidents Chart]

### 2016 Total Arrests

#### Manslaughter by Negligence
- Adult: 2
- Juvenile: 5

#### Run-aways
- Adult: 6
- Juvenile: 8

#### Sale/Manufacturing-Other Dangerous Non-narcotic...
- Adult: 11
- Juvenile: 16

#### Assisting or Promoting Prostitution
- Adult: 33

#### Arson
- Adult: 38

#### Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter
- Adult: 39

#### Vagrancy
- Adult: 40

#### Sale/Manufacturing-Synthetic narcotics
- Adult: 41

#### Sale/Manufacturing-Marijuana
- Adult: 43

#### Prostitution
- Adult: 62

#### Forcible Rape
- Adult: 103

#### Purchasing Prostitution
- Adult: 108

#### Embezzlement
- Adult: 146

#### Motor Vehicle Theft
- Adult: 168

#### Offenses Against Family and Children
- Adult: 174

#### Forgery & Counterfeiting
- Adult: 182

#### Sex Offenses-Except forcible rape and prostitution
- Adult: 195

#### Stolen Property-buying/receiving/possessing
- Adult: 197

#### Possession-other dangerous non-narcotic drugs
- Adult: 321

#### Curfew and Loitering Law Violations
- Adult: 336

#### Robbery
- Adult: 337

#### Weapons-carrying, possessing, etc
- Adult: 366

#### Sale/Manufacturing-opium/cocaine & derivatives
- Adult: 625

#### Burglary-Breaking and Entering
- Adult: 721

#### Fraud
- Adult: 926

#### Aggravated Assault
- Adult: 1,161

#### Suspicion
- Adult: 1,418

#### Possession-Opium or Cocaine and their derivatives
- Adult: 1,773

#### Liquor Laws
- Adult: 2,886

#### Possession-Synthetic Narcotics
- Adult: 3,078

#### Vandalism-criminal damage
- Adult: 8,197

#### Disorderly Conduct
- Adult: 10

#### Possession-Marijuana
- Adult: 1

#### DWI
- Adult: 1

#### Other Assaults-simple
- Adult: 2

#### Larceny-Theft
- Adult: 4

#### All other offenses (except traffic)
- Adult: 8,197
ON-BODY CAMERA PROGRAM

PDIT manages the Mesa Police Department’s on-body camera systems. The Mesa Police Department completed its third and final contractual purchase of the Axon Flex 1 body camera system. By the end of first quarter 2017, 350 on-body camera systems will be deployed department wide, which will cover all Patrol and Motor/Traffic Officers. PDIT continues to develop the on-body camera program and will be evaluating the expansion of the program into some Investigative Units.

As the Mesa Police on-body camera program continues to mature, usage has grown significantly as illustrated in the following table:

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<td>+154%</td>
<td>+155%</td>
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The Legal Services Division provides administrative support to the Chief of Police, executive staff, and department personnel and is responsible for the efficient and effective operation of the Legal Unit and Internal Affairs.

The Police Department generates a number of complicated legal issues arising from police operations. Police managers and officers routinely deal with civil and criminal issues during the course of their duties, and they often encounter complicated situations that require legal counsel and advice.

The Legal Unit is responsible for providing legal counsel and advice to the Chief of Police, executive staff, and other department units in administrative and criminal investigations as well as assist in the defense of lawsuits and claims against the City.

Internal Affairs is responsible for conducting thorough, timely, and impartial investigations into allegations of misconduct by MPD employees. Internal Affairs is also responsible for identification of police employees who may have personnel issues subject to disclosure under Brady v Maryland.

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Assistant Chief's Message:

The Mesa Police Department Patrol Operations Bureau is comprised of the City's four patrol divisions that are divided geographically over 138 square miles serving a population of 470,000 residents. Patrol Operations Bureau staffing surpasses 500 personnel making it the largest of the four police bureaus. A commander leads each of the patrol divisions that deploy uniformed officers, detectives and street crimes units as well as civilian support staff including crime analysts and crime prevention officers.

Uniformed officers respond to calls for service and proactively address criminal conduct, traffic enforcement and crime suppression through crime prevention and community engagement. Our service delivery model emphasizes an urgent, focused and proactive response to crime trends in conjunction with a sustainable commitment to community interaction through business checks, foot patrols, a no-call status element and some two-officer patrol units. While the violent crime rate increased 4% over the prior year, the overall crime rate for 2016, that includes persons and property crime, was the lowest ever recorded in Mesa. In 2016, the Mesa Police Department handled 290,000 calls for service. Dispatched calls for service increased 6% while officer initiated or proactive activity decreased 19% for the year. As the 38th largest city in the country, Mesa continues to be one of the safest large cities in the United States. Our personnel are committed to community interaction through various community programs, events, meetings and forums to facilitate interaction with our residents and build relationships outside of a crisis environment. It continues to be a privilege to serve alongside the professional men and women, sworn, civilian and volunteer, that represent the Mesa Police Department.

Assistant Chief Tony Filler
Commander's Message:

The Fiesta Patrol Division is home to nearly 100,000 culturally diverse residents of Mesa serving 15.62 square miles. The division has a regional shopping mall, the largest community college in the state, Banner Desert Hospital, Cardon’s Children's Hospital, multiple apartment communities, single-family homes and one of the state's largest high schools.

The Fiesta Division Mission:

- Relentless Crime Fighting
- Police with Pride
- Engage with the Community

In 2016, the Fiesta Division experienced a 2.2% increase in dispatched calls for service. Even while the dispatched calls went up, we were still able to reduce overall Part 1 crimes by 9%, property crimes were reduced by 10%, and violent crimes went down 3%. This is an extraordinary accomplishment considering we had a record reduction in crime in 2015.

This year we added a Community Action Officer working with our Crime Prevention Officer to assist in solving issues with the aid of our community. Our Street Crimes Unit focused on solving long standing problem locations and working with other city resources such as Code Compliance to shut down residences that affected the peace and safety of our neighborhoods. The Fiesta Division made a record 1,050 drug arrests in 2016 up 8% from the previous year. The officers and detectives of Fiesta Division filed 2,318 criminal cases in 2016, 27% of the total cases filed in the City of Mesa. Fiesta Division filed 511 more cases than the next closest division.

There are 131 sworn and 11 civilian men and women dedicated each and every day to accomplishing our mission and serving the citizens of Mesa. The Patrol Officers, Service Officers, Criminal Investigation Detectives, Street Crimes Detectives, Community Action Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, Analysts, and Administrative Staff all contribute to the reduction of crime and ensuring all citizens feel safe in our community.

Commander Ken Cost
**Patrol Statistics**

**Fiesta Division**

**Division Patrol Operations/Patrol Support**

**Criminal Investigations Unit**
- 1,277 Completed Investigations (cleared, Exceptional, unfounded, inactive) - 32% Increase from 2015
- 402 Cleared
- 84 Exceptionally cleared/Unfounded
- 791 Inactivated
- 1,290 Active cases assigned - 41% increase from 2015
- 817 Information cases assigned
- 287 Patrol In-Custody Folders
- 472 Arrests
- 174 In-Custody Arrests
- 270 Long Form Arrests
- 3185 Report Supplements written
- 133 Search Warrants

**Crime Prevention:**
- 61 Meetings
- 42 CPTED/Security Assessments
- 20 Presentations
- 6 Trainings Attended
- 6 Trainings Lectured
- 1 New Neighborhood Watch
- 32 Resident Concerns/Resolutions
- 77 Business Contact/Education
- 29 Community Events/Special Projects
- 39 Other Department Concerns

**Street Crimes Unit**
- 301 Arrests
- 201 Felony arrests
- 100 Misdemeanor arrests
- 577 Patrol assists
- 45 Other unit assists
- 70 Search warrants
- Assets seized / recovered
- $40,100 Stolen property recovered
- $40,915 Cash seized
- $45,600 Seized property / vehicles
- 17 Firearms Seized
- Drugs Seized
- 1,654 (grams) Marijuana
- 21 (grams) Cocaine/Crack
- 3,640 (grams) Methamphetamine
- 870 (grams) Heroin
- 230 pills
- 10 Recovered Stolen Vehicles

**Patrol Statistics**

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Commander's Message:

The Central Patrol District is committed to providing excellent police services to the residents of Mesa and those that work within the City. The Central Patrol District is the smallest of the four Patrol Districts, but it is very diverse and densely populated. The District encompasses 12.32 square miles and has a population of approximately 64,187. The historic downtown area is within the Central Patrol District and features monthly events such as Motorcycles on Main, 2nd Friday Night Out and MACFest. The Central Patrol District is also home to Cub's Spring Training, A's Spring Training, Phoenix-Mesa Marathon, Riverview, Mesa Convention Center and the Mesa Arts Center.

During 2016, Central experienced an increase in Part I crimes, up 7.9% from 2015. Violent crime was up 15.3% (518 up to 597) and property crime was up 6.2% (2,324 up to 2,469). Central did have a 6.5% increase in dispatched calls, up from 40,747 in 2015 to 43,416 in 2016. Although Part I crime increased, members of the Central District worked hard and we had a 23% increase in robbery arrests, along with a 2% increase in overall violent crime arrests. In 2016, Central Patrol Officers initiated 27,008 proactive traffic/subject stops. The Central District strives to engage the community in a positive manner, build strong relationships and values the importance of the neighborhood events/meetings we take part in. Our commitment to community engagement and building strong partnerships is a key component to reducing Part I crimes and maintaining safe neighborhoods.

Commander Anthony Abalos

Address: 120 N. Robson, Mesa, AZ
DIVISION PATROL OPERATIONS/PATROL SUPPORT

Criminal Investigations Unit
1345 Completed Investigations
127 In-custody arrests
214 Long form arrests
36 Search warrants

Crime Prevention:
Central worked with businesses and residents to address an increase in homeless in Mesa. Our CPO put a presentation together which was shown to Downtown Mesa Association. This ultimately led to the hiring of a homeless Navigator to assist in helping our homeless population get the services they need. We continue to support the Downtown Mesa Association and their efforts to get help to those in need.

112 Meetings attended
24 Presentations
36 CPTED Reviews
101 Neighborhood Watch groups
78 Tri-Star Properties
GAIN Night: 16 parties attended/10 Central personnel participated

Street Crimes Unit*
329 Felony arrests
200 Misdemeanor arrests
12 Search warrants
25 Firearms seized
5 stolen vehicles recovered
$11,517 cash seized

Bike Detail since September 2015:
In October this year we added one Sergeant and one Officer to our Bike detail and made it an official squad. This has allowed us to expand the weekly coverage of our Bike squad and made them more available to assist with special events, patrol coverage, and extra details along Main Street.
411 shifts worked
616 written reports
682 arrests
1194 Officer initiated stops

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Commander's Message: Red Mountain District

Population: 142,697
Size: 38.64 square miles
District Staffing: 120 (110 sworn and 10 civilians)

During 2016, Part 1 crimes in Red Mountain increased 4% overall. While much of the nation saw double digit increases, the Red Mountain District effectively maintained control over crime. These achievements were a direct result of the proactive crime fighting attitude embraced by the men and women who serve the citizens of Red Mountain. An intense intelligence led policing focus on criminal activity and prolific offenders combined with creative crime fighting strategies resulted in multiple successes at solving cases and arresting criminals. As an example of this work, patrol officers and detectives jumped into action after they saw a rise in crime in two neighborhoods. In response patrol officers organized a high enforcement detail which resulted in 25 arrests and 72 traffic stops. In the second neighborhood, detectives served a total of 5 search warrants on drug houses and 10 arrests were made.

Community Events:
The Community Oriented Policing project from last year in the KoKo Palm neighborhood continued to be a high focus of the Red Mountain District. This year our detectives and crime prevention officer hosted a large block party along with all the collaborative city agencies, including Neighborhood Outreach, Transportation, Fire, Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation. A live Disc Jockey and free food provided a family friendly atmosphere for the community to interact with their police officers and receive free resources such as books, dental care, and clothing to improve the community. A youth mentoring program to promote positive interactions with the police was launched at the Hawthorne Elementary School which involved 30 students over two semesters. Continuing with community outreach, detectives provided drug awareness and traffic safety education to the teachers and students at the Academy with Community Partners Charter School.

Commander Dan Butler
DIVISION PATROL OPERATIONS/PATROL SUPPORT
Street Crimes Unit
• 429 Total arrests
• 207 Felony Arrests
• 208 Misdemeanor Arrests
• 14 Juvenile Arrests
• 17 Search Warrants
• 13 Firearms Seized/17 stolen vehicle recoveries
• $5,658.00 in Cash Seized
• Drugs Seized Total
  Marijuana – 234 grams (Street Value = $311)
  Heroin -101 grams (Street Value = $7,070)
  Meth - 508 grams (Street Value = $35,560)
  Cocaine - 16 grams (Street Value = $1,600)
  Prescription Pills – 176 pills

Crime Prevention
• Attended 56 community meetings/events reaching 3,400 people
• 25 GAIN parties attended by approximately 1,000 people
• Adopted 28 families for W. Steven Martin Christmas Toy drive
• 400 additional toys collected during a toy drive and given to children in the district
• 3 New Tri-Star properties added
• 8 new Neighborhood Watch communities added for a total of 106 groups

Criminal Investigations Unit
• 1158 active investigations with 471 cases cleared for a 41% clearance rate
• 202 Felony arrests/111 Misdemeanor arrests
• 29 Search Warrants/25 Court Orders

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| Adult Felony Arrest | 576 | Adult Felony Arrest | 576 |
| Adult Misd. Arrest | 1,717 | Adult Misd. Arrest | 1,717 |
| Juvenile Felony Arrest | 48 | Juvenile Felony Arrest | 48 |
| Cleard Warrants | 738 | Cleard Warrants | 738 |
| Traffic Complaints | 880 | Traffic Complaints | 880 |
| Warning Citations | 363 | Warning Citations | 363 |
| DUIs | 99 | DUIs | 99 |
| Officer Initiated Stops | 7,243 | Officer Initiated Stops | 7,243 |
Commander's Message:

The Superstition District experienced a great year during 2016 in terms of crime suppression and community engagement. Prior to highlighting the many successes over the past year, I want to provide an overview of the district itself. Superstition is the largest of four patrol districts in the City of Mesa. The district encompasses 70 square miles and over 163,000 full-time residents. Superstition is the fastest growing district in terms of population and is home to nationally recognized communities such as Eastmark and Las Sendas. Several well-known companies such as Apple, Bridgestone, Fuji Film, CNC Steel and Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport are also anchored in the Superstition District.

During 2016, Superstition experienced a 13% overall decrease in Part 1 crimes, property crimes were down 15%, however violent crime was up 13%. Superstition led the city in overall reduction in Part 1 crimes, which is remarkable given it had the largest increase (7%) in dispatched calls for service during 2016.

In addition to the great work conducted in patrol, the following units had a significant role in our success throughout 2016:

Commander Jeff Thompson

Address: 2430 S. Ellsworth, Mesa, AZ
DIVISION PATROL OPERATIONS/PATROL SUPPORT

Criminal Investigations Unit
1101 Completed investigations
165 In-custody detective arrests
204 Long form arrests
65 Search warrants

Street Crimes Unit
183 Felony arrests
31 Misdemeanor arrests
65 Search warrants
55 Weapons seized

Crime Prevention:
35 Presentations to various community groups on topics related to fraud, elder abuse and crime prevention
Over 2,000 people total at the presentations
14 Neighborhood Watch meetings
400 people attended the meetings

Alzheimer’s Grant
4 Outreach events reaching over 2,000 individuals

Super COP Main Street Project:
In September 2015, the Super COP Main Street project was initiated to address the high volume of criminal activity occurring along Main Street from Higley to Sossaman Road. Meetings were held with affected business owners to inform them of the project and to get their perspective on issues occurring in and around their businesses. Support for the project has been overwhelming to include assigned community prosecutors from the Mesa City Prosecutor’s Office and the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office. The project came to an end in September 2016 resulting in the following data:

- Officer Initiated Activity – 726 CFS, up 67% (436 CFS) from previous year
- Total Arrests – 706, up 2% (692) from previous year
- Part 1 Crimes – down 5% from previous year

Our success throughout 2016 was a result of great leadership from the sergeants and Lieutenants at Superstition. A commitment to community engagement proved invaluable as relationships were strengthened through community meetings and neighborhood events. Overall, I’m very proud of the men and women who work at the Superstition district. Each and every employee is key to our success and their passion for public safety is world class.

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Part I offense for Mesa Police Department (arson was not included until 1979)
Part I offense for Mesa Police Department (arson was not included after 1990)
The Mesa Family Advocacy Center
Tactical Team
Special Investigations
Violent Offender Unit
Organized Crime
Career Criminal Squad
East Valley Fusion Center
Holding Facility
Municipal Security
Intelligence & Counter Terrorism Unit
Emergency Management & Homeland Security
Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Patrol Operations
Aviation Unit
Traffic Unit
Photo Safety & Towing Unit
Major Event Planning
Commander's Message:

The mission of the Special Operations Division is to provide security and safety to the citizens of Mesa by identifying and locating violent and repeat criminal offenders acting in concert or alone by apprehending, pursuing successful convictions, and subsequently dismantling their criminal organizations via any and all lawful investigative means. The Special Operations Division is also responsible for providing the most relevant and current training topics and techniques in all aspects of special operations.

Commander Thom Intrieri

Gang Investigations Section
- Gang Unit
- FBI Safe Trails Task Force

Major Offender Section
- Major Crimes Unit – ATF Task Force
- Violent Offender Unit – US Marshals Task Force

Organized Crime Section
- Asset Forfeiture Unit
- Narcotics Unit
- Narcotics Enforcement Team
- Parcel Interdiction – USPS Task Force
- Surveillance Unit – DEA Task Force

Tactical Team Section
- Hostage Negotiators Team
- K-9 Unit
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team
- SWAT
GANG INVESTIGATIONS

The mission of the Gang Investigations Section is to protect the public by combating gang violence and targeting criminal gang activity through a multi-faceted approach, including; suppression through high enforcement, education and prevention efforts; intelligence gathering; and proactive investigations. Detectives are assigned to the Mesa PD Gang Unit and the FBI Safe Trails Task Force, two squads working cooperatively to address and prevent criminal activity within the City of Mesa.

Witness Intimidation / Prohibited Possessor Case - DR#2016XXX0804

In 2016, Deputy County Attorney requested Gang Investigations assist with a witness intimidation case where, during a settlement conference, an unknown associate of the defendant made intimidating statements regarding witnesses and victims being unable to show up at court. Through countless hours of investigative work and interviews by Detective Price, a suspect was identified. Subsequently, the case developed from its infancy to solid witness tampering charges to include firearm charges from firearms seized on a traffic stop and a search warrant.

- The suspect took a plea of 5 years DOC with a gang tail of 3 years.
- Deputy County Attorney Michael Anderson and Gang Investigations Detective Chris Price received commendations from County Attorney Bill Montgomery for their excellent proactive work on this case.

MAJOR OFFENDER

The mission of the Major Offender Section is to work collaboratively with the United States Marshal Service Arizona Wanted task force and the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Violent Offender Task Force, to locate and apprehend individuals who have committed violent crimes while preying upon citizens of our society. Both Task Forces are regional assets that assist the local municipalities with violent serial crime investigations that occur across the East Valley and State.

In partnership with the ATF, the Major Offender Section manages NBIN and ETRACE for the Mesa Police Department.
ORGANIZED CRIME

The mission of the Organized Crime Section is to identify and investigate individuals and organizations involved in drug trafficking, stolen property trafficking, human trafficking, criminal enterprises, and money laundering throughout the City of Mesa and the Southwest region. These investigations are typically long-term in nature and encompass other State and Federal agencies. During the course of these investigations, the OCS also assists with investigations related to the seizure and forfeiture of assets that represent the proceeds of, or were used to facilitate state crimes, with the purpose of financially dismantling and/or disrupting criminal organizations.

Drug Trafficking - 2016XXX0593
Organized Crime Section (OCS) detectives received information of a large scale Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) shipping cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin from the Phoenix metro area. An investigation was initiated into the DTO with the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Throughout the next several months, members of OCS gathered intelligence on the organization through surveillance, traffic stops and several undercover operations in the City of Mesa.

Eventually, the OCS utilized investigative means to arrange the purchase of 10 pounds of methamphetamine from the organization. Within a few hours, the source of supply delivered 10 pounds of methamphetamine, and the delivery person was arrested and the vehicle seized. Detectives located 10 pounds of methamphetamine and approximately 2.5 kilograms (5.7 pounds) of powdered heroin.

Based on intelligence gathered throughout this investigation, search warrants were served at several other locations within the Phoenix metro area. The investigation yielded the following results:

- Two arrests, charges pending on two additional suspects
- 12 pounds of methamphetamine
  - Wholesale value $36,000
- 2.58 kilograms (5.7 pounds) heroin
  - Wholesale value $100,000
TACTICAL TEAM

The mission of the Tactical Team Section is to provide the City of Mesa with a team capable in all of the following areas: hostage rescues, barricaded subjects, high-risk criminal investigations warrant services, high-risk apprehensions, high-risk security operations, hazardous device response and removal, and all other incidents which exceed the capability and/or capacity of an agency’s first responders. The Tactical Team Section’s emphasis is to provide and train a team capable of effective communication in all tactical situations with the ultimate goals of obtaining peaceful resolutions and preventing the loss of life. The Tactical Team Section is comprised of the SWAT Team, the K-9 Unit, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, and the Hostage Negotiator Team.

Kidnapping – 520 N. Mesa Dr., Mesa AZ.

On March 23 2016, the Major Crimes Unit (MCU) requested the assistance of the Mesa SWAT Team. They were investigating a kidnapping crime that originated in Mesa. MCU’s investigation led them to believe that a 3-year-old, 17-year-old, and a 52-year-old babysitter were being held hostage in Phoenix. The Violent Offender Unit (VOU), with the assistance of the US Marshal’s Service, used investigative techniques to find a target location for the victims, and identified the location of the hostages on East Chipman Road. As the 17-year-old victim and one of the suspects walked down the street and away from the target location, they were contacted by VOU. SWAT simultaneously went to the target location. An explosive breach was done on the front door and entry was made. The 3-year-old victim and 52-year-old baby sitter were rescued unharmed. The suspects held up in the adjoining apartment, and SWAT subsequently convinced them to surrender without further incident. Excellent teamwork by all Special Operations Units involved.
Commander’s Message:

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is very diverse, comprised of nine units that conduct comprehensive investigations of the most complex and sometimes traumatic crimes with a focus on empowering victims and their families to move forward with a strong quality of life. Eighty-eight sworn men and women and professional staff make up the Criminal Investigations Division and are committed to objectively investigating serious crimes in the relentless pursuit of the truth.

During 2016 the Mesa Police Department implemented innovative mental health initiatives aimed at improving public safety and community service. As a result, the Crisis Response Team (CRT) was created. The team is highly trained in recognizing and dealing with persons suffering from mental illness and cognitive impairment and collaborates with the mental health community to ensure the safety of all community members. Additionally, the team provides Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to CIT officers who now make up 26% of patrol, as well as de-escalation and mental health training to all sworn members. The last initiative implemented was the development of a Mental Health Advisory Board. This partnership between the City of Mesa, mental health community, and citizens facilitates communication to address mental health issues affecting public safety. The Board advises the police department on mental health issues, reviews and makes recommendations regarding policy and training, and serves as a public forum for citizen input.

2016 was also the first full year of the department's human trafficking initiative. Working with the Hickey Family Foundation and other community and law enforcement partners, Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEaT) conducted several proactive investigations targeting sexual predators throughout the year. Additionally, HEaT participated in several community events to increase awareness and education of human trafficking.

**Criminal Investigations**
- Homicide
- Financial/Document Crimes
- Recovered Property/Pawn
- Repeat Offender Unit
- Court Liaison Officer
- CID Filing Clerks Administration

**The Mesa Family Advocacy Center**
- Special Victims Unit
- Human Exploitation and Tracking Unit
- Missing Persons
- Computer Forensic Unit
- Sex Offender Notification Enforcement and Tracking Unit
- Victim Services
- Crisis Response Team

**CID Partnerships**
CID partners with a wide variety of other agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations to provide a multi-disciplinary team approach to investigations and to provide victim services. Our partners include:

- Department of Child Safety
- Office of Child Welfare Investigations
- Banner Health
- San Tan Behavioral Health
- Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Winged Hope
- Maricopa County Attorney's Office
- Sojourner Center
- Honor Health
- Hickey Family Foundation
- Operation Underground Railroad
- AZ Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
- AZ Child and Family Advocacy Network
- AZ Attorney General
- National Children's Alliance
- Tumbleweed
HUMAN EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING (HEaT)

Recovered 3 different juvenile victims of sex trafficking.
A 13-year-old girl was recovered in Mesa after fleeing Las Vegas where she was trafficked on the floor of the Bellagio Hotel. Two 15-year-old girls were recovered in El Paso, Texas after the HEaT Squad followed up on a tip that one of the girls was being trafficked in Mesa. We identified one of the victims and the trafficker, but they left Mesa the prior day. Based on our intelligence, Mesa facilitated Human Trafficking Task Force Investigators in El Paso locating the victims and their trafficker in a hotel room. The trafficker was arrested and is facing Federal sex trafficking charges.

Conducted 6 proactive operations this year.
Two operations focused on identifying and providing resources to prostituted persons. 27 total contacts were made during these two operations. Four sting operations, focusing on reducing demand for child and adult prostitution, were also conducted. These operations resulted in the arrest of 45 individuals; 23 suspects were charged with felony child sex related crimes and 22 suspects were charged with misdemeanor prostitution.

HOMICIDE UNIT

- Of the 2016 homicide cases, personnel achieved a clearance rate of 83.3%.
- The suspect from a violent “active shooter” murder, aggravated assault, burglary, robbery, and kidnapping incident was sentenced to life in prison plus 83 years. The incident highlighted the teamwork, resource management and investigative abilities of the Homicide Unit, and various other MPD and law enforcement workgroups/stakeholders.
- The suspect from a cold-case murder was sentenced to a sixteen-year prison sentence for his role in a 2005 shooting death outside a local bar.

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT TEAM (SONET)

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MESA FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER/ SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) conducts professional, high quality, criminal investigations using a multi-disciplinary and comprehensive approach to child abuse and sexual violence, seeking justice while treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Medical Suite Remodel
Winged Hope coordinated volunteer and donation effort to remodel and upgrade medical suite at no cost to City of Mesa.

Made medical suite more comfortable for victims

Sex Kit Backlog
All untested sex kits in evidence were identified and submitted for DNA testing using grant funds available through the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (Dany Grant).

CID ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

- 5,607 County Attorney in-custodies and long form complaints.
- 1,701 Mesa City Court filings.
- 1,078 Juvenile Court filings.
- 844 public records requests.
- Logged and sent to the court 1,018 orders of protection.
RECOVERED PROPERTY UNIT

- Unit personnel conducted 157 pawn shop/second hand store inspections or visits.
- Unit personnel processed/reviewed/entered 92,315 pawn transactions.

REPEAT OFFENDER PROGRAM

- Unit personnel nominated 129 new ROP candidates. Those 129 new ROP candidates received an average prison sentence of over 6.75 years.

COURT LIAISON PROGRAM (CLO)

- The CLO detective testified in 712 grand jury hearings, a 19% increase from the year prior.

COMPUTER FORENSICS UNIT (CFU)

- CFU focused primarily on digital forensic requests received by the department at large and proactive investigations relating to internet crimes against children.

CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM (CRT)

- Serve all mental health detainers Monday through Friday during day-shift hours.
- Assist patrol by responding to individuals suffering from mental illness or in crisis.
- Follow up with individuals in our community who generate multiple calls for service or demonstrate a threat to public safety due to their struggles with mental illness or crisis.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness and Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition recognized Mesa PD as a top agency in Arizona for the manner in which we respond to mental health-related calls for service.
VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

• The Victim Services Unit provided services to 2,528 victims of crime, primarily crimes involving domestic violence (47%). Victim Advocates also provided services to victims at the Mesa Family Advocacy Center (MFAC) including 627 victims of sex assault/molestation.

• Volunteers: Volunteers contributed 4,283 hours of service by providing clerical assistance, community crisis response, and direct victim support at the MFAC.

• Mesa 1st Step Drop-in Resource Center: This one-day event provided services to persons currently or historically involved in prostitution or sex trafficking. Donations and logistics were coordinated by the Mesa Family Advocacy Center, Arizona State University Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, and Hillsong Church. Twenty-one agencies provided direct services including meals, hygiene kits, clothing, showers, housing, transportation, resource and referral, case management services, and victim advocates.

• Victim Rights Week: We collaborated with the Mesa City Prosecutors Office Victim Services Unit to host awareness events for Victim Rights Week and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

• Support through Counseling: SanTan Behavioral Health Services provides counseling for victims and their families at MFAC. This ensures victims and their families receive the assistance needed to process and heal from traumatic situations regardless of their ability to pay.

• Support for Homeless Youth: Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development set up an on-site mobile unit at MFAC to provide services for homeless youth. Tumbleweed provided a safe place for teens, prone to run away or who are experiencing dysfunction at home, to continue their education and obtain the skills necessary to be self-sufficient.

FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT

• Detectives concluded a year-long investigation involving fraud and theft from a title loan business. The investigation revealed an employee fraudulently forged over $2.3 million worth of title loans dating back as far as 2012. Though many loans (approximately $1.8 million) were paid back through additional acts of fraud, Detectives were able to attribute nearly $500,000 of loss to the company. Employee was charged with fraud schemes and 818 counts of forgery.

• Detectives concluded a year-long trademark infringement case. The suspect was manufacturing and distributing copyright protected apparel. Detectives uncovered $20,000 worth of items that had been sold in a single month. Search warrants netted hundreds of items that were seized and the suspect faces numerous felony charges.

• Detectives investigated an embezzlement case involving a local business. The investigation uncovered an employee embezzled approximately $20,000. The employee was already subject to criminal charges in Tucson for similar crimes, so the Attorney General’s Office assumed jurisdiction for prosecution. In total, 43 counts of fraud schemes were charged. The suspect was later convicted and faces a prison sentence of over 30 years.

• Detectives concluded a “quick deed” fraud scheme investigation. The investigation concluded the suspects fraudulently filed quick deed claims on properties they did not own in order to benefit financially.
Commander's Message:

The Metro Division of the Mesa Police Department is one of the most diverse in missions and geography within the Department. We have sections of the Metro Division located in all 4 corners of the City of Mesa. Our missions include:

- Traffic
- Aviation
- Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Unit
- The East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Fusion Center
- Holding Facility
- Special Events
- Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Operations

These are some of the Metro Division Sections; we also cover Municipal Security and Photo-Safety

Commander Mike Beaton
TRAFFIC

The Traffic Section is comprised of three specific areas. These areas are Impaired Driving Enforcement, Traffic Enforcement, and Vehicular Crime Enforcement. The members of the section utilize police motorcycles, marked police vehicles, and low visibility/unmarked police vehicles in conducting their enforcement and educational activities. Keeping the citizens of Mesa safe as they travel the roads is the primary goal of the traffic section. During the last year, the combined efforts of the traffic officers and patrol officers resulted in over 2,000 misdemeanor DUI arrest, and 500 aggravated DUI arrest. The traffic section accounted for 53% of all DUI arrests. We assisted the patrol districts by working their high collision intersections, or special projects in neighborhoods related to speed, and stop sign violations. We also participated in bi-weekly operations briefings to promote and maintain dialogue between the traffic unit mission, and the divisions’ traffic missions.

AVIATION UNIT

During 2016, the Aviation Unit remained a crucial component of patrol operations by providing nearly 2,500 flight hours of support. The Aviation Unit devoted the bulk of these hours in direct support of patrol operations, but also provided aviation services to various departmental functional areas such as special operations through surveillance, search and rescue, and personnel transportation. Over the past year, the Aviation Unit responded to a number of notable events that were uniquely suited for the unit. For example, early in the year, aircrew responded to a multi-agency call for service in which a distressed hiker near Canyon Lake was suffering from a heart attack. Aircrew located the stranded hiker, inserted a paramedic, and directed other units in for a medical extraction. Their work in locating and providing aid to the hiker undoubtedly saved his life. Aircrew again, during the middle of the year, monitored and answered a multi-agency call for assistance regarding a gunman, who had fired upon motorists as well as DPS officers, who was at large on a remote stretch of the Beeline Highway. Aircrew, using forward looking infrared (FLIR), located the gunman on an isolated stretch of desert and then guided ground units to the suspect for a successful apprehension, peacefully ending a perilous situation. Overall, the unit accumulated some impressive operational data over 2016, especially given the lean and efficient manner in which the unit works. With six uniformed personnel and two mechanics, the Aviation Unit responded to 5,758 calls for service resulting in an average response rate of 2.3 calls per flight hour.
INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERTERRORISM

The Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Unit (ICU) is divided between in-house detectives and members assigned full-time to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. In-house detectives work closely with multiple federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, as well as collaborate with Department of Defense (DoD) contractors and other private businesses. Although ICU investigates and assists with cases at all levels including international terrorist incidents, the City of Mesa is ICU's primary area of responsibility. ICU works to protect and harden the city's critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR), conduct threat mitigation on city events, public figures, and threats to city employees. ICU worked diligently throughout the 2016 election cycle and successfully mitigated threats at multiple political events ranging from local government seats to presidential candidate visits. Unit members assigned to the JTTF were also active in several Arizona based investigations in domestic terrorism and international terrorism cases.

HOLDING FACILITY

The largest event for Holding was the completion of a major re-model to the facility. This allowed it to be updated with a more functional design and added space. It also allowed for an upgrade to new systems within the facility. During calendar 2016, detention personnel processed 17,552 individuals, with total bookings equaling 10,846.

EAST VALLEY GANG AND CRIMINAL INFORMATION FUSION CENTER

The East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Fusion Center provides real-time and investigative intelligence support for 8 partner agencies in the East Valley. Known as the East Valley Law Enforcement Community, these partner agencies consist of over 2,500 law enforcement officers, and a total population of approximately 1.7 million. The EVGCI Fusion Center has a full-time staff of 8 Analysts and Detectives from partner and associate agencies to provide necessary investigative and operations support. Currently, the Mesa Police Department provides one Detective to the Fusion Center. In 2016 there was a 35% increase from 2015 in real-time and investigative support requests from the Mesa Police Department to the Fusion Center. This is a significant increase, and can be attributed to the Fusion Center’s increased efforts to enhance our working relationship with Patrol Officers and Detectives from various specialty units within the agency. The Fusion Center has established a close working relationship with the Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit at the Mesa Family Advocacy Center by providing real-time intelligence support during human trafficking operations. Because of the success of this partnership, Detectives at the MFAC have utilized the Fusion Center on a regular basis. Providing support for patrol operations has also been very successful. Because the Mesa P.D. representative at the Fusion Center works evening hours, we are able to monitor patrol radio traffic, and provide support during emergency calls-for-service.
Assistant Chief's Message
The men and women of the Administrative Services Bureau work hard every day to provide the much needed technical and administrative assistance to effectively operate a law enforcement agency. As you will see in the following pages, the Divisions of Technical Services, Forensic Services, and Financial Services do exceptional work to support the mission of the Mesa Police Department. The work of the men and women in these assignments is absolutely critical to the success of the Police Department's mission. Everything that happens at the Mesa Police Department is in some way impacted by the work done in one or more sections of the Administrative Services Bureau. The Mesa Police Department has a great deal of pride in the efforts of these units. I am sure you will agree that exceptional work is being performed by the people in these units as you read through the pages about the Administrative Services Bureau.

Assistant Chief Anthony Lythgoe

Forensic Services
Fiscal Management
Public Safety Communications
Records Administration
Police Information Technology
The Forensic Services Division is internationally accredited with the ANAB- American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board under ISO 17025. We are staffed with 70 Forensic Services employees divided into the Administrative Business Unit, Biology Unit, Controlled Substances Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Evidence Processing Unit, Fingerprint Identification Unit, Firearms Unit, Laboratory Technician Unit, Latent Print Unit, Photo Unit, Quality Assurance Unit, and Toxicology Unit. Our laboratory processed over 36,000 requests in 2016. During 2016 our laboratory operated without backlogs in our 9 analytical units. Our Toxicology Unit achieved a turnaround time on 8 days for blood alcohol testing and 57 days for blood drug testing for the entire year. Our Biology Unit achieved a turnaround time of 40 days for all crime types. Our Crime Scene Unit processed 5800 crime scenes in 2016. Our Latent Print Unit completed their analyses within 22 days for all crime types. The Controlled Substances Unit managed the Police Department’s Field Drug Testing Program, which included 84 proficiency tested participants who conducted testing on over 2800 cases. The Photo Unit completed over 1400 requests for copies of crime scene photographs. The Fingerprint Identification Unit processed over 14,000 records through the Arizona Automated Fingerprint Identification System. The Firearms Unit completed analysis on 113 cases and searched over 1100 digital images of spent bullets and cartridge cases through the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network. The Evidence Processing Unit worked with the Drug Interdiction Unit to streamline the processing of latent prints on drug packaging resulting in numerous identifications. This upcoming year, we are working towards bringing online two new disciplines to our laboratory. We will be adding forensic analysis of Shoe and Tire Impression, as well as Fire Debris Analysis.
The Mesa Police Department Financial Services Division oversaw the department’s fiscal year 2016-2017 annual budget of $178,550,457 in addition to administering all the departments procurements and approximately $2.2M in grant funds. The Financial Services Division additionally contributed to the successful award recommendation to replace all of the Police Department’s portable radios during the year.

Throughout the year, the Financial Services Division continued the implementation process of improved and enhanced procedures within the Supply Section that is responsible for the receipt, storage, distribution, and inventory of various materials and supplies for the Police Department. This has resulted in strengthened internal controls and increased productivity. The new inventory tracking database software installed was populated with both relevant department forms issued, as well as general stock and commodities. Serialized inventory is additionally being added to the database. Meaningful reports are now able to be produced identifying usage trends and allowing for more in-depth analysis.

A Department-wide Member Inventory was initiated in July 2016. The Supply Section of the Financial Services Division was tasked with administering this on-going project affecting close to 1,400 employees, reserves, and volunteers. As administrators of the project, Supply is processing every individual’s initial inventory, distributing it to each area tracking inventory, reconciling the inventory issued by Supply to each inventory report, and compiling the overall results. Extensive coordination is necessary for the successful completion of this project which is anticipated to occur later this year.
BUDGET BREAKDOWN

TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET
$178,550,457
The Technical Services Division is comprised of Public Safety Communications Center (911 and Dispatch), Police Department Information Technology (PDIT), and the Records Section.

Public Safety Communications:
Public Safety Communications Center is responsible for answering 911 and non-emergency calls. The Center prioritizes and enters calls for service for citizens relating to crimes in progress, traffic accidents, delayed reports, and other situations requiring a police response. Information is dispatched directly to officers in the field. The Public Safety Communications Center provides support to the Police Department by managing access to communication systems, including phone and radio, to ensure necessary resources are deployed for the Police Department to safely respond to crimes and ensure the needs of our community are met. The Public Safety Communications Center is a critical and vital link to Police, Fire, and other emergency services.

In 2016, the Mesa Public Safety Communications Center handled 742,291 call. This included 254,942 incoming 911 calls and 487,349 non-emergency calls. Understandably, answering 911 emergency calls are a top priority. It is a national standard to answer 911 calls within 20 seconds. In 2016, the Mesa Public Safety Communications Center met that standard 98.33% of the time. This is an outstanding level of customer service. When emergency situations arise, community members rely on 911 to provide emergency information and every second counts. A number of innovative ideas have been implemented to achieve this success including adding an audible alarm to allow operators to hear when there is a 911 call waiting. Additionally, staffing has been adjusted and operators assigned to “911 only” status during peak hours.

In March 2016, Mesa Public Safety Communications personnel began work with City Communications, City Purchasing, sworn officers, and the Mesa Police Association to purchase new portable and mobile radios for the Police Department. The existing radios were purchased in 2003 and reached the end of their expected service life. The radios were no longer supported and parts no longer available for repairs. Over 50 officers participated in an evaluation of multiple vendors after which the Mesa Police Department recommended purchase of the Motorola APX6000 series radio. The recommendation was approved by City Council and 1793 radios were purchased through a lease program which replaces all existing police portable and mobile radios. The new radios provide significant enhancements, including GPS tracking and Wi-Fi reprogrammable capabilities. This purchase will secure radio communications needs for the Police Department for at least the next 10 years.
Police Department Information Technology

The Police Department Information Technology (PDIT) section provides support to the Police Department by managing IT resources including the record management system (RMS), computer aided dispatch (CAD), on-body camera program, as well as numerous applications that enhance police operations and response. PDIT recommends and vets purchases of new technologies and maintains existing technologies.

New Record Management System and NIBRS reporting transition

In 2016, the Mesa Police Department began the process of transitioning from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the National Incident-Based Reporting Systems (NIBRS) in accordance with Federal Bureau of Investigations mandates. NIBRS was implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement. It captures details on each single crime incident, as well as on separate offenses within the same incident including information on victims, known offender’s relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved crimes.

Unlike data reported through UCR’s traditional summary system – an aggregate monthly tally of crimes – NIBRS data digs much deeper and provides circumstances and context for crime. NIBRS includes all offenses within a single incident and gathers information about each event such as location, time of day, and whether the incident was resolved. Ultimately NIBRS will improve overall detail and quality of crime data which will assist law enforcement agencies and communities to more strategically and effectively address crime.

To successfully transition to NIBRS, PDIT has begun the process of replacing the decade old Record Management System (RMS). The current RMS cannot report NIBRS, and has reached the end of its expected service life. Replacing the existing RMS is a multi-year project and is expected to be completed prior to the January 2021 FBI mandate for NIBRS reporting. The Mesa Police Department applied for and received a grant from the US Department of Justice for $608,000 to help offset software and personnel costs required for the transition and a consultant has been employed to assist with the procurement process.
In 2016, the Quality Assurance (QA) Unit within the Records Section embarked on a project to reduce the backlog of reports waiting to be reviewed. Statistics are not reported to the FBI until they have been reviewed by QA. Due to staffing and training related issues, QA was months behind with over 18,000 reports waiting to be reviewed. The QA Unit was determined to eliminate the backlog and through individual drive and a number of initiatives, the Unit was successful in eliminating the backlog within several months.
Assistant Chief’s Message:

The Community Engagement and Employee Services Bureau focused on expanding our Department's outreach to the community and further developing our employees. Our Department published Mesa Police Department in the 21st Century: A Response to the President’s Task Force Report in response to the Final Report of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Task Force Report focused on six pillars of policing: Building Trust & Legitimacy; Policy & Oversight; Technology & Social Media; Community Policing & Crime Reduction; Training & Education; and Officer Wellness & Safety. Our response summarized an exhaustive review of these pillars and provided a status report of the Mesa Police Department and explained how we are further implementing the recommendations contained within the Task Force Report. The publication was provided to the community members at our community meetings and it is available on our webpage, www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police.

During 2016, all sworn officers completed De-Escalation Training and Crisis Intervention Training. The training's objective was to reduce the chances of needing to use force, but when force is necessary ensuring the appropriate amount of force is used to handle the situation. We stressed the safety of our officers, but also of the members of our community. Our training emphasized proper planning and situational awareness. The De-Escalation Training combined with our Crisis Intervention Training has expanded on our ability to evaluate each scenario and consider critical factors when deciding if, and when, to approach a potentially violent situation. Crisis Intervention Training educated our officers on the symptoms of common types of mental illnesses and how to properly communicate and interact with persons experiencing a mental health crisis. Our training encouraged officers to consider their options based on the situation they have encountered and to make reasonable and just decisions based on this situation.

Assistant Chief Michael Soelberg oversees the Community Engagement and Employee Services Bureau which consists of the Human Resources Division, Professional Services Division and the Community Engagement Division.

The Human Resources Division oversees the hiring and training of all sworn and civilian employees as well as our Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) Program.

The Professional Services Division oversees the Employee Services Section, Policy and Planning Section, Compstat Unit, Inspections Unit, Teleserve Unit, Evidence Section, Labor Relations, Peer Support and Chaplain Program.

The Community Engagement Division oversees our eleven Community Forums, Community Engagement, Employee Special Events, School Resource Officers and our Youth Development Unit, which develop our community’s youth through the Explorer Program, Making Every Student Accountable (M.E.S.A.) Program, Aspire Academy, and Youth Leadership Academy.

Assistant Chief Mike Soelberg
The Human Resources Division is comprised of the Hiring and Recruiting Unit and the Training Section. The Hiring and Recruiting Unit is considered progressive and innovative for their strategies to reach diverse populations in an effort to hire the most qualified personnel for positions across the Mesa Police Department. The Mesa Police Department is continuing its support of the Community Engagement Hiring Initiative which has allowed us to reach out and attract applicants that represent the diverse community we serve. The Training Section is comprised of several squads responsible for providing comprehensive training year round to our members. These squads include: Basic Training Academy; Proficiency Skills and Advanced Training, Field Training Officer Unit, and the Firearms Training Unit.

Commander Ed Wessing
Range: The Mesa Police Department Firearms Training Facility consists of five outdoor firearms ranges, two classrooms, and a live fire house. In 2016 the MPD Range completed a $1.6 million range renovation and hardening project. The result was the construction of a modern, 4500 square foot building containing a new armory, gun and ammunition vaults, enclosed garage, state of the art security system and workstations for firearms range personnel. This project was made possible by funds from the 2013 Public Safety Bond. The Firearms Training Facility is consistently busy providing outstanding firearms training to sworn officers throughout the year.

Training: The Mesa Public Safety Training Facility is a regional training facility utilized by the Mesa Police Department, Mesa Fire and Medical Department, and numerous other agencies from around the State. The primary responsibility of the Training Staff is to provide Basic, Advanced, Driving and Proficiency training to officers. In 2016, the Basic Training Academy completed Academy Class #38 with 16 graduates from 3 different agencies and Academy Class #39 with 34 graduates from two different agencies. These graduates then move on to the Field Training Program where they complete another 21 weeks of training prior to their assignment as police officers in one of four Patrol Divisions.
MESA POLICE ACADEMY CLASS 38
MESA POLICE ACADEMY CLASS 39
The Community Engagement Division is part of the Community Engagement & Employee Services Bureau.

The Division houses the Youth Development Unit, Community Partnership Office, Department Special Events, and School Resource Officers Units. The Youth Development Unit manages the Police Explorer Program, M.E.S.A After School Program, Youth Leadership Academy, Aspire Academy for Girls, the Youth Forum and Pick Up with The Police Summer Basketball Program. The Unit is made up of 1 Sergeant, 2 Officers and 1 Youth Intervention Specialist. In 2016 the Unit worked with the following students in each program.

Police Explorers 34
M.E.S.A Program (2 Classes) 59
Youth Leadership Academy 56
Aspire Academy for Girls 29
Youth Forum 10
Pick Up Summer Basketball with Mesa PD 116

The Community Partnership Office is involved in many functions of the Police Department and the City of Mesa promoting good community partnerships and relations. 1 Administrator and 1 Assistant. The members of the office promote the Police Chief’s Mission by working with all 11 of the Chief’s Community Advisory Boards and Forum Groups


Special Events Coordinator employee and community activities.

Family Appreciation Day | Summerfest Day | Winterfest Day | Pollard Run | Special Olympics

Other Special Events as Needed (6)
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EMPLOYEE SERVICES BUREAU

- Hosted 100 Cub Scouts to earn merit badges
- Visited Charter and Elementary Schools for Internet and drug awareness training.
- Parent educational classes
- Youth Education at Jefferson Community Center in the Summer
- Mesa Police Leadership Academy
- First United Methodist Church serving hundreds Thanksgiving dinner.
- Providing gifts for 15 families and their children over Christmas
- Visiting group homes for children – education and fun.
- Hosted 4 Bike Schools for other Units
- Assisted with National Olympic Swim Meet at Skyline High School
- Handed out backpacks and school supplies to children with Angels on Patrol- a nonprofit organization.

School Resource Officers
The School Resource Officer Unit consists of 14 Officers and 2 Sergeants. The Unit services 18 Junior highs and high schools for Mesa Public Schools and Gilbert Public Schools serving a population of over 30,000 students. 10 of the SRO’s are funded by an Arizona Department of Education Grant which requires over 180 hours of classroom instruction from each funded officer, along with being on campus at their assigned school a minimum of 80% of their time. The Unit was engaged in many community activities.
Commander's Message:

The Mesa Police Department proudly proclaimed 2016 as the “Year of Officer Wellness.” In doing so, the organization reaffirmed its commitment to departmental members and the community. The department recognizes that meeting the needs of our members is the first step toward meeting the needs of the community.

To this end, the Peer Support Team and Wellness Office embarked on the implementation of several initiatives intended to provide emotional, social and practical support to departmental members during times of personal and professional crisis.

The department employed a yearlong Resiliency Training program, which provided enhanced coping skills intended to reduce the risk of compound and acute stress as a result of exposure to traumatic events. Members were provided strategies to optimize brain function and mood, learned key calming skills, received improved relaxation techniques and discovered the healing value of self-esteem and optimism. The Resiliency Training Program will continue throughout 2017, with a focus on the department’s non-sworn members.

The Mesa Police Department partnered with the 100 Club of Arizona to provide members with access to Bulletproof.org. Bulletproof.org is an easy to use, easy to navigate resource center that provides members with immediate access to a 24/7 crisis support line, online counseling, resources on addiction, financial wellness, resiliency, suicide, sleep deprivation, PTSD, family counseling and much more.

The resource center is customizable, which provides the department the ability to upload and maintain programs that support our officers and family. Since this is a web based platform, officers can access the information in the privacy of their home.

In addition to our partnership with the 100 Club in Arizona, we have also partnered with Heal the Hero Foundation and the Code 9 Project. Each of these organizations provide expert assistance that helps members address work related stress. Heal the Hero utilizes recently developed technology to improve brain health, which contributes to better sleep, cognitive improvement, improved reaction times and enhances performance. The Code 9 Project uses Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), which is the study of the mind’s inner-dialogue. “NLP is highly effective for: transforming trauma and stress patterns, addressing fear, anxiety and phobias as well as changing behavioral patterns.”

Through these programs and many others utilized throughout the department, our members have access to the latest research, education and techniques that have proven to reduce stress and improve the individual’s overall health. By providing these programs, our officers are better prepared to meet the everyday challenges of police work.

Commander Lee Rankin
COMPSTAT AND INTELLIGENCE LED POLICING
The Mesa Police Department is centered on the philosophy of Intelligence Led Policing. At the heart of the intelligence led policing philosophy is the COMPSTAT process. The COMPSTAT process assists members of the department in effective response to any problem or situation based upon timely and accurate information.

The COMPSTAT process permeates all operational functions of the organization. The Chief of Police and the Executive Team relies on this process in strategic planning, formulating efficiencies and holding members accountable in combating crime. The Command Staff utilizes the COMPSTAT process to set operational goals and to evaluate outcomes. Operational units rely on timely and accurate data to set missions and test effectiveness of operations.

THE POLICY AND PLANNING SECTION
The mission of the Policy and Planning Section is to provide the members of the Mesa Police Department with an efficient system for locating, understanding and applying policy. Our unit maintains and archives policy based on best practices and applicable laws. We manage the process of policy change from inception to publication and provide policy revision status updates to command. We have personnel dedicated to providing reliable guidance for all policy related needs through continuous learning and an interest in policy related systems, compliance issues and process reviews.

In 2016, we published over 211 new or revised policies. With our focus on community engagement, we worked with the community and key stakeholders to enhance policies on response to mental health related emergencies and amber and silver alert responses.

INSPECTIONS UNIT
During 2016, the Mesa Police Department refocused our efforts on internal inspections. Our Inspections Unit provides the Department a mechanism for self-assessment and process improvement. Through the inspection process we evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department in:

- Performing to recognized standards
- Compliance with established policies and procedures
- Assuring policies and procedures are optimally suited to accomplish the mission
- Optimally employing personnel and equipment adequate for the mission

THE EMPLOYEE SERVICES SECTION
Employee Services Section serves the Mesa Police Department by focusing efforts on the Department’s most valuable asset, its members. We provide support for the entire department in payroll services, position vacancies, organizational and employee changes and Human Resource Management. During 2016, the unit expanded its role of providing centralized timekeeping for the majority of the department. Allocating new staff and providing training for this critical function remains a primary goal.
MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT
2016 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY SURVEY
AT A GLANCE
HIGHLIGHTS OF POLICE SAFETY COMMUNITY SURVEY

OVERALL RESIDENTS FEEL SAFE

RESIDENTS THINK HIGHLY OF MESA PD

MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS BELIEVE MPD ACTS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST

CITIZENS ARE PLEASE WITH SERVICES AND CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS

70% SAID BODY CAMERAS ARE OF HIGH IMPORTANCE

60% SAID PUT MORE RESOURCES TOWARDS MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE IN MESA:

- Place to Live
  - Excellent / Good: 85%
  - Poor: 15%

- Place to Raise Children
  - Excellent / Good: 76%
  - Poor: 24%

- Neighborhood
  - Excellent / Good: 77%
  - Poor: 23%

- Overall Quality of life
  - Excellent / Good: 79%
  - Poor: 21%
During your most recent contact with the Mesa Police Department, the employee...

Quality of Mesa PD Services:

Complete survey located at mesaaz.gov
History:
The Mesa Police Honor Guard was formed by two officers of the Mesa Police Department in 1990 to formally represent the men and women of the Mesa Police Department during funerals for fallen officers, firefighters, dignitaries and retired Mesa Police Department officers. By 1992 the Mesa Honor Guard team had grown, taking on additional Color Guard responsibilities and details for the department and city during special events. The Mesa Police Honor Guard continued to grow over the years into a full unit with a Color Guard, Ceremonial Rifle team, Pipe and Drum team and a Bugler.

Today:
The Mesa Police Honor Guard is a ceremonial police unit dedicated to upholding the highest values and traditions of men and women of law enforcement. Officers of the Mesa Police Honor Guard are committed to representing the City of Mesa and their law enforcement family locally, at the state level and nationally. The Mesa Police Honor Guard's priority is to honor our fallen officers and firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice on duty. They also represent the department at employee funerals (both current and retired members) who have passed away not in the line of duty. The Honor Guard also represents the Mesa Police Department at our annual Mesa Police Memorial service, the Arizona State Peace Officers Memorial and at National Police Week, held each May at the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Honor Guard also posts Colors at major events such as Major League Baseball games, professional basketball games and other public events, as well as opening and marching in the City of Mesa Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parades each year.
**Color Guard**
The Color Guard forms the core of the Honor Guard's activity by proudly displaying the National Color, State Color and Organizational Color at various events. The presentation of colors is customary at the opening of patriotic and sporting events and is often accompanied by the playing of our national anthem.

**Rifle Drill Team**
The Honor Guard Rifle Drill team is comprised of ten officers, who embody the values of law enforcement through a display of discipline, focus and teamwork. The Rifle team drills with the M1 Garand rifle and incorporates precision marching movements into their ceremonial presentations.

**Pipes and Drum Team**
The Honor Guard Pipes and Drum team promotes, practices and performs bagpipe and drum scores at the highest level possible. In conjunction with the Color Guard and Rifle Team, the Pipes and Drum Team add a professional musical component to the Honor Guard unit.

**Bugler**
The Honor Guard Bugler fills several important roles with the Honor Guard unit. They play taps in honor of our fallen officers during funeral services, showing the highest respect for family and all in attendance. In addition, they play our national anthem during special events throughout the year.

**Ready to Serve**
The Mesa Police Honor Guard serves at the direction of the Chief of Police and participates at various department, city and community sponsored events. The Mesa Police Honor Guard is civically minded and remembers our military veterans, as well as individuals and organizations that are dedicated to public service.
2016 AWARD RECIPIENTS

MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

Medal of Excellence

Sgt. Kevin Gillis
Officer Nathan Chisler

MEDAL OF DISTINCTION

Medal of Distinction

Sgt. Matthew Kuntz
Det. Kevin Myers
Officer Glen Huber
Officer Ryan Naehrbass
Officer Martin Wolfe
Officer Spencer Allen
Officer William Roer
Officer Gordon Leitz
Officer Scott Callender
Officer Ron Swart

LIFESAVING MEDAL

Lifesaving Medal

Officer Beth Jennings
Officer Robert Goodrich
Officer Jonathan Echols
Officer Brigg Solomon
Officer Angel Rea
Officer Elsie Kiem
Officer Scott Tatreau
Officer Brandi George (twice in 2016)
Officer Kairie Flanigan
Officer Elisha Gibbs
Officer Arturo Ruiz
Officer Tim Letson
Officer Curtis Simpson
Officer David Monarrez
Officer Eric Kask
Officer Luis Orozco
Officer Aaron Raine
Officer Shawn Patterson
MESA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
2016
JOSEPH SPENCER
MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN’S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

2016
MESA POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2016
OFFICER TOM ELLIFF
MESA POLICE SWORN LEADER OF THE YEAR
SERGEANT JASON STOUT
CIVILIAN LEADER
SERGEANT LEMUEL GREEN

Mesa Public Safety Awards Banquet

Civilian Leader of the Year - 2016
SERGEANT BRANDON MENDOZA
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD
OFFICER JOHN FITZGERALD
VOLUNTEER IN POLICE SERVICE MEMBER OF THE YEAR JOHN MARKIE
2016 PROMOTIONS

SWORN

Anthony Lythgoe | Assistant Chief
Tony Abalos | Commander
Lee Rankin | Commander
Ed Wessing | Commander
Diana Clevenger | Lieutenant
JR Gomez | Lieutenant
James McCormick | Lieutenant
Steven Pugh | Lieutenant
Chris Withrow | Lieutenant
Jason Redwing | Lieutenant
Chris Toth | Lieutenant
Jonathan Adair | Sergeant
Brad Clarke | Sergeant
Gretchen Moore | Sergeant
Travis Gribble | Sergeant
Sergio Nieto | Sergeant
Victor Tapia | Sergeant
Todd Zoglman | Sergeant
Robert Sheehan | Sergeant
Blaine Waters | Sergeant
Matthew Harris | Sergeant
David Standridge | Sergeant

CIVILIAN

Sara Langston | Police Records Supervisor
Misael Orihuela | Police Records Shift Supervisor
Brian Markey | Detention Shift Supervisor
Joshua Stettler | Detention Shift Supervisor
Elizabeth Wiltout | Office Supervisor
## 2016 Retirements

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Emergency
911

Non-Emergency
480-644-2211, option 2

Main Information Number:
480-644-2030 (M-F/8a-5p)

Online Contact Form
http://mesaaz.gov/residents/police/contact-the-mesa-police-department

Volunteer with Us!
The Mesa Police Department Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is currently recruiting volunteers and college interns for the Mesa Family Advocacy Center. There are volunteer opportunities helping in the office with administrative tasks and child care along with on-call crisis response openings. For more information and to request a volunteer application packet visit the VIPS Website. Thank you for considering Mesa Police to give your time to!

http://mesaaz.gov/residents/police/divisions/volunteer-program

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