

# History of the Mesa Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

## MCPAAA Is Born

In 1991, the Mesa Police Department initiated a new project in the era of community policing, a Citizen Police Academy. This ten-week course provided a class of about 30 participants with a broad introduction to the different facets of policing their city. Class 1, the pilot class, consisted of mostly city employees who provided their critiques and encouragement. The first Training Lieutenant was Lt. Jan Strauss. By the beginning of 1993, enough classes had completed the course that the next phase was started—a volunteer association of CPA graduates.

Alumni from the first six classes were invited to help create this new group, defining their purpose and the structure of the organization. The Mesa Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association held its first meeting on April 29, 1993. There they officially adopted by-laws and elected officers. The purpose of this service organization was stated as “1) to bring together graduates of the Mesa Citizen Police Academy, 2) to enhance the relations between the community and the Mesa Police Department, and 3) to assist local law enforcement agencies where possible.” Charter membership from the first six classes totaled 56.

Pronouncing its lengthy acronym MCPAAA as “McPaw,” with a nod to McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog who “takes a bite out of crime,” this group proceeded to “take a

scratch out of crime” by volunteering to help with a variety of community-oriented, police related projects, events, and activities. The group found its niche alongside the larger Volunteers in Police Service. VIPS volunteers took on continuing assignments within the MPD, such as driving the DUI van, assisting in the jail, or serving in the Victim Assistance Program. MCPAAA volunteers mostly pitched in at single-day, once-a-year, or irregularly scheduled events where extra manpower would be helpful. Often, members belonged to both volunteer groups. Annual dues were set at \$25, raised to \$30 for a few years, then later actually reduced to \$18, enough to cover some costs of office supplies, postage, and paper goods for refreshments at meetings, while the

MPD covered many costs as well, especially the printing and mailing of the monthly newsletter until that became an on-line process. The annual dues were not raised again for over 20 years. Fund-raising projects became the main source of funds for donations and expenses.



## How It All Worked: Procedures and Customs Begun in the Early Years, 1993 to 1997

### A Few Internal Matters

Most MCPAAA **monthly meetings** included guest speakers. These provided an inspiring and motivating way to continue contact with the Mesa Police Department and to further the law enforcement education of the membership. Most popular, of course, was any visit by the K9s.



*Chico visits a meeting: Diana Yarbrough, Sally Donohue, Robert Kuligowski*

In addition to talks by officers and civilian employees from all areas of MPD, tours of new facilities such as the Center Against Family Violence (later re-named the Family Advocacy Center), the state-of-the-art Crime Lab and the Fusion Center were offered. At first the meetings were held in the briefing room at Central, then in a conference room at the Mesa Public Library Main Branch, then in the city council's chambers, anywhere that could be found for us. When the annex was completed at Central, the group found a home in their Community Room until 2017, when that site was needed by the Chief as a media room. Off the group went to the Red Mountain sub-station, which turned out to be an excellent relocation. Sometimes the group would "go on the road," holding their meeting at Aviation or, for instance, the October 1997 meeting held at the Red Ribbon Police/Fire football game! After 2007, whenever the March meeting was scheduled on the same Thursday as the Volunteer Recognition Banquet (VIPS Dinner), MCPAAA members went for the food (really good food) and the warm-hearted program honoring the work of MPD volunteers. Speakers from outside the MPD added to the scope of

information shared at regular meetings with talks from sources such as the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, POST, and the Mesa Fire Department.

From 1994 to 2019, a **Dinner Meeting** at a restaurant was scheduled as the June meeting. Most featured installation of new officers. Guests from the Mesa PD were welcomed and often gave members an update on what was happening in the department as well as extending their thanks for all the volunteer efforts of MCPAAA. After 2014, when officers were elected for two-year terms, the custom of having a dinner meeting in June, even of non-installation years, continued as a much-enjoyed social evening. Since attendees paid for their own meals, guests could be brought to this event.



*June Installation Dinner, 1994: Mrs. Sandy Saban, Training Lieutenant Dan Saban, MPD/MCPAAA Liaison Captain Ron Poulin, Mrs. Poulin, MCPAAA President Tom Buis*

Also, starting in 1994, the December meeting was dedicated to a casual **Holiday Party** at one of many MPD meeting rooms. A drawing for door prizes brought by members made for a cheery occasion. Business, though brief, was usually included in the program (of both June and December meetings). Charitable collections featured community needs. By the end of the party, members looked like hard-working Santas carrying their donations of food for the food bank, clothing and gifts for the Center for Hope or Save the Family.



*Holiday Party, admiring the door prizes: Diane Cantile, Dusti Ide, Norah Chidester, Diana Yarbrough*

After a one-year term, Tom Buis was followed as president by Tom Lindsay. Both were very considerate gentlemen. In fact, when the newsletter editor asked Lindsay for an article about the recent Police/Fire football game, he offered a paragraph about what an enjoyable event it was. When asked for a little detail, such as the score, or at least who won, Tom replied, “Well, I didn’t want to mention that because I don’t want anyone’s feelings to be hurt.” The editor just sighed.

#### Donations and Volunteer Activities

As requests for donations came in, members could vote on amounts to be given. These included not only MPD programs such as Victims Assistance, Community Policing, Cops Ahead, and the Police Benevolent Fund, but also many other organizations. Some, like the Public Safety Foundation, enjoyed annual support, specifically for their **Cops ‘n’ Robbers Golf Tournament** fund-raiser. Others such as the Fraternal Order of Police received occasional benefits as they let their needs be known. Volunteer time and extra manpower were also provided as requested. MCPAAA even spent a little time at the Mesa Mayor’s Super Bowl XXX Sports Blitz in January 1996, helping and having a great time while at it. Members could sign up for as many or as few of these volunteer opportunities as fit their personal schedules. This flexibility was one of the most appreciated features of MCPAAA’s for the membership.

The one on-going, weeks-long commitment throughout all the years covered in this history (1993-2020) was **assisting with the CPA classes**—acting as tour guides, setting out refreshments, serving lunch at Range Day, and snapping away as official photographers. Usually, two or more MCPAAA members signed up for the entire ten-week course (later reduced to eight then seven then back to eight weeks) with more members assisting (and recruiting for the alumni association) at class opening, Range Day, and graduation. Volunteers especially enjoyed the opportunity to re-visit the classes, as there was always something new to learn.

One of the most frequent one-day calls to service during the early years (1993-1997) was **“Bicycle Rodeos”** originally under the supervision of then-Officer Roy Conrad. At these safety fairs usually held at elementary school parking lots, MCPAAA

members handled tasks from bike repair and registration to playing the parts of road hazards in an obstacle course. Swinging a car door out right in front of a young rider, miming a driver pulling out from a side street without warning, the crew gave the kids a challenge. And they loved it, wanting to do the course over and over. Members in costume as McGruff and Vince and Larry the Crash Dummies were also popular, not to mention Sparky the firefighting dog and Sammy the Desert Tortoise. Often, the gift of a helmet or sometimes a refurbished bicycle thrilled recipients. MCPAAA assisted with some 20 “Bicycle Rodeos” in a four-year period.



*Bicycle Rodeo, Hale Elementary School parking lot, March 1995:  
Pat Carpenter appears as Vince (or maybe Larry) the Crash Dummy*

Another event MCPAAA members participated in every year was **National Night Out**. Held on or near August 1, this was an evening of block parties hosted by Neighborhood Watches or larger celebrations in parks organized by the cities or civic groups. The emphasis was on visits from police and fire departments, and even local political leaders to acquaint citizens with resources available to them. For several years (from 1993-1998), there was a police/fire departmental basketball game previous to National Night, and MCPAAA supplied a Most Valuable Player trophy. By 1999 it was recognized that an outdoor event in August was not the best idea for our desert area, and a switch was made to the **GAIN** program. Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods was held in early November. MCPAAA assisted in the preparations for both these programs by setting up and manning tables at the Kick-off meetings each year. These trainings were to motivate the city’s Block Watch Captains (party hosts) with fresh ideas for their parties and to supply a variety of crime prevention and safety brochures to give to their guests. Occasionally MCPAAA members judged the children’s essay, art and poster contests. On the night of the event, association members accompanied police officers or city officials, sometimes as drivers and sometimes in costume as McGruff, visiting as many parties as possible and handing out information about the Citizen Police Academy. The trickiest part of this job was to arrive at the right moment so that the dignitaries did not get up-staged by the early appearance of a gleaming fire truck. That

was guaranteed to attract all the kids (and adults) away. One party somehow got over-scheduled and was visited by everything from the enormous DUI van to the equally enormous, brand new, automated garbage truck. Guests barely got seated in the home's driveway when something else would drive up. MCPAAA totaled up at least 25 of these annual events by 2020.

The **Red Ribbon anti-drug and anti-gang** program was another that MCPAAA supported almost every fall from 1993 to 2000. Members helped with preparation for events such as registration for the annual McGruff Run Against Crime or manning booths at the Police/Fire football games. It was always fun to watch the MPD Blue Devils take on the MFD Dragon Slayers (aka Hose Dragers). Other Red Ribbon associated events included the Elks Club Golf Tournament to benefit DARE and GREAT, the high school and junior high school level programs. Small donations over the years added up to \$850.00. But the one unforgettable highlight of Red Ribbon, back in 1993, was then-Officer John Meza singing his anti-drug rap song at a MCPAAA meeting.

From 1993 through 2007, MCPAAA assisted with police athletic events. At times they helped with preparations such as stuffing mailers of posters, program booklets, and registration materials to be sent out all over Arizona and parts of California (from 3,000 to over 6,000 packets). At the annual **Police Games** held in March, they worked registration, ran errands to games venues, and sold T-shirts. Starting in 2001, MCPAAA also helped with the **Western Regional Police and Fire Games** hosted by the MPD in the fall.



*Police and Fire Games, 2004: Sally Donohue, Stan Miller, Miss Arizona Katherine Kennedy, Mary Lou St. Cyr*

Repeating similar tasks, the members gave generously of their time over a three-day event each year through 2007. In 2004, association volunteers were delighted to be joined by Miss Arizona, Katherine Kennedy, doing her bit to boost the state and sell T-shirts. Participants from California were especially amazed as they would never have expected to meet such a celebrity back home.

At each **graduation of the Mesa Police Department's Recruit Training**, starting with Class 1 in 1994, MCPAAA sent several members to serve as greeters and to hand out programs. This small service freed up officers to be with their families for the evening. For many years, starting in 2001, the group was able to provide videotapes of the graduation ceremony gratis for the classes through one of the members who had a related business. Starting about 2016, MCPAAA gave keychains featuring miniature badges to each graduate as a memento. The Association was still greeting graduates at Class 46 and sending in those keychains at Class 47 in 2020.

Assistance to **the Special Olympics** occurred sporadically for more than ten years, starting in May of 1994. Statewide, law enforcement was supportive of Special Olympics, and over 2,000 officers staged an annual relay run to carry the Olympic torch from northern Arizona to the ASU stadium. Locally, the last groups of runners, 125 strong, brought the torch into the stadium to light the flame and start the games. MCPAAA assisted by providing water and refreshments to the participants in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. In other years, the group helped with registration and worked inside the stadium as security, first aiders, and ushers to help seat families where they could best watch their special Olympian compete.

In 1998, the assistance took a different path. After helping send out packets for the **Southwest Police Motorcycle Competition**, the group helped at the event, mostly wiping up oil spills it seemed. This event benefited the Special Olympics and was really exciting. Noisy, but exciting. MCPAAA went back to assisting at the Torch Run and occasionally donating funds until 2005.

From the beginning, MCPAAA participated in **Family Appreciation Day** every year. This event for all MPD sworn and civilian staff and their families provided food, fun, and demonstrations of skills like rappelling down the side of a building or crawling down one head first. Displays included SWAT, Bomb Squad, K9s and helicopters. Participants could ride along in a high-speed driving circuit, see the robot, and dunk the detective.



*Helping at Family Appreciation Day, 2016:  
Mary Lou St. Cyr, three participants, Carol Nolan, and Jasmine Burch*

Group members helped set up tables, serve food, and clean up at closing. They also enjoyed the activities with the rest of the MPD family. In some years, MCPAAA manned a booth offering information about the Citizen Police Academy and a free drawing for a donated prize that could be anything from a police-themed, hand-made quilt to a hi-tech coffee pot.

Concern with victims was always a major part of the association's focus as early as 1994. The group donated funds and other items such as hand-made teddy bears (created by a member's wife) to the **Victims' Assistance Program**. Other donations went to the **Center Against Family Violence** (in 2013 re-named the **Family Advocacy Center**)--everything from beanbag chairs, videos, crayons and coloring books to funds on special occasions to help this one-stop facility for victims of rape or domestic violence. When an abused wife needed to get out of town for her own safety, where would she find money for bus fare? When a fleeing family needed housing for the night, how could they afford a motel room? While a distraught parent dealt with the police, what could calm and distract the children? How much comfort would a bag of hamburgers provide after hours on the run with no money? Just a small donation at the right moment could do so much.

Also, starting in 1997, **Cookies for Cops** became a favorite project. MCPAAA purchased huge tins of shortbread cookies to be shared at each MPD substation and facility during the holidays. These were distributed to volunteers at the Holiday Party, for distribution to the sites. The purpose was to show those officers who worked during the holiday season that they were appreciated. One year, the tins of cookies were accompanied by a sign that said,

*Thank you for keeping us safe  
from the  
Mesa Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association*

After this was read over more carefully a few times, new signs were produced that said something more like "Thank you for all you do." Over the 23 years to date, MCPAAA gifted approximately \$6,000 worth of cookie enjoyment to the holiday season at the MPD.

### Police Trainings

A favorite activity, especially for the thespian inclined members of MCPAAA, was **participating in special trainings**.

On Thursday, October 28, 1993, four masked and armed robbers entered the bank at Greenfield and Broadway. When a bank guard tried to stop them, they shot him. He fell to the ground outside the front door. That's when the SWAT team was called in to surround the bank and rescue the injured man as well as customers inside. The police negotiator engaged the attention of the bad guys while the team slipped the guard to safety. Inside the bank, the robbers demanded a car, a police radio, and food before they would release their hostages. But all they got was food—pizza. After almost two hours of negotiating, one robber had surrendered



and two hostages had escaped. Then the SWAT team stormed the bank, freeing the last hostages and capturing the three remaining suspects.

Yes, it really happened—to MCPAAA president Tom Buis. In fact, it happened three times. Tom was a hostage twice. The third time, he was a bank robber, the one in the Ronald Reagan mask.

On Friday, a new scenario unfolded at an old abandoned shack at the edge Donohue. The bad guys were members of some sort of religious cult—or terrorists. They couldn't make up their minds. They did negotiate pizza for all again. Eventually most of the hostages escaped, except for the hapless police officer the bad guys had somehow captured. Then the SWAT team of town (really). Among the hostages were fearless Tom Buis and oh so frightened Sally moved in, bullets flew (no, not real ones—paper squibs), and all were rescued.

Later trainings over the years included evacuating a couple of hospitals, locking down a counseling facility or two, active shooter scenarios, and mass casualty events at



*SWAT Training, 2002: Taking a break, including K9 officer*

Mesa Gateway airport and other locations. There was even a bus hijacking in Tempe. The scenarios often involved lots of lying around looking wounded or dead, or frantic running and screaming in terror. MCPAAA's stage struck volunteers broadened their scope by assisting the Gilbert Police Department and the Mesa Fire Department as mock victims. Starting in 2018, members began acting as decoys, playing the role of terrorist bombers at Sky Harbor Airport, to help train K9s in explosives identification for the Transportation Safety Authority (under Homeland Security), thus proving that MCPAAA will do just about anything for the dogs.

## Fund-Raising

**MCPAAA's first fund-raiser**, in May of 1994, was selling Subway sandwiches to the runners at the Special Olympics Torch Run. The Association earned \$319.00.

In 1996, MCPAAA chose their **second fund-raiser** the selling of coupon decks. This proved not to be particularly profitable, and members did not like to solicit their friends and families to buy the books, especially as many other groups were selling similar (or the same) product. After a couple of years, this fund-raiser was dropped. Something better was coming. More about the famous Rummage Sales later.

MCPAAA also held fund-raisers at the Police and Fire Games, selling police car and fire truck pins and running a gun raffle. Note that the tickets for the gun prizes were sold to PD/FD Games participants and police officers at the games. The Mesa Police/Fire Athletic Association reciprocated by donating leftover T-shirts to MCPAAA (which they sold at later events) and gifting the organization with \$500 in 2005 and 2007. These funds made possible more donations to law enforcement causes by MCPAAA.

### Memorials Honoring Mesa Police Department and Other Law Enforcement Agencies

The most solemn and heartfelt donations were to help officers who were injured, perhaps lost a child, or suffered some other tragedy. Starting in 1995, with Steven Pollard, the first Mesa Police Officer in decades to be killed in the line of duty, **fallen officers** from MPD, and statewide as well, were remembered with a donation, in most cases to the 100 Club of Arizona. This organization, in turn, provided funds and assistance to the officers' families. Other times, the donation might go directly to the family or to an agency designated by the family, or to memorial funds such as that established by the FOP. MCPAAA wanted to assist officers and to honor those who met their End of Watch. Over the recorded 27 years of this History, some \$9,400 has been donated to this purpose.

### A Few More Internal Matters

Almost immediately, in 1994, it was realized that attendance at monthly meetings averaged about 20 while the official dues-paying membership would be 50 or so. This made it impossible to get a quorum to complete business. Therefore, the first **by-laws change** was passed. To no objections, a quorum was re-defined to be however many attended the meeting.

At first, MCPAAA members often wore their Citizen Police Academy **T-shirts** as a sort of uniform when volunteering at activities. However, in 1997, the group adopted a soft gray polo shirt with the "City of POLICE Mesa Ariz." badge design surrounded by the words "Mesa Citizen Police Academy (MCPAAA) Alumni Association." Jackets, sweatshirts, and caps were also available in navy blue. Ten years later, someone must have noticed how awkward the MPD badge wording was and a much simpler "Police Mesa Arizona" design was initiated. From 2008 to 2010, the new badge was phased in. MCPAAA chose light blue for their updated polo shirts, still in use in 2020.

In 1994, a committee created MCPAAA's first **banner**. It was about seven and a half feet wide and two feet top-to-bottom, suitable for display at anything from a parade



*Creating the MCPAAA banner, 1994. Mrs. Smith, Ken Smith, Pat Carpenter*

or fronting a display table, to hanging as a backdrop at an event. On dramatic black fabric, with hand-painted gold lettering and a rendering of the MPD emblem, it was used until about 2012, when an updated banner with the new MPD badge design was purchased.

In 1997, MCPAAA began a closer affiliation with the **Fraternal Order of Police**. Dues were paid, at first to sponsor an individual membership in the organization. But it soon was realized that the appropriate category for MCPAAA was a type of Association membership designed for organizations and businesses. Thereafter, MCPAAA maintained this membership through 2010.

## Changes and Growth: Additions and Developments in the Next Generation, 1998 to 2011

### A Few Internal Matters

In 1998, MCPAAA began **reporting the number of volunteer hours** worked by members to the Volunteers in Police Service program. Thus the MPD was more aware of the contribution of the association beyond donations.

During this period of time, MCPAAA was reminded of the **ride-along policy**. By accumulating 50 hours of volunteer service in a year, members "earned" the privilege of requesting a ride along. The idea was to motivate members to be active and to reward them for their service while avoiding over-scheduling officers with civilian riders.

One other change occurred in 1998. **Dues were reduced to \$18 per year.** The Mesa PD was supplying resources for the newsletter, and fund-raisers now covered donation moneys. The membership felt that it was unnecessary to collect more in dues than the budget seemed to need. Who ever heard of reducing dues? MCPAAA did.

Also, that March, the first president of MCPAAA, Tom Buis, MCPAAA's first president, passed away.

An odd issue arose in 2001, and it required a **by-laws change.** As election time came around in May, no one was willing to run for president. The membership was more than satisfied with the current president and awed by the complexity of the job as it now had grown to be. So the group voted to waive the rule of two-year term limits for officers and re-elect the sitting president. This emergency tactic was legitimized by March of 2002 when an amendment to the by-laws was approved. From this point on, the term limit was two consecutive years "except if no other candidate agrees to run for the office when contacted by the nominating committee." Then the incumbent could be re-elected if willing. And that is how Danny Williams ended up presiding over MCPAAA for some fourteen years from 1996 to 2011.



*Installation Dinner, June 2001: MCPAAA President Danny Williams,  
Training Lieutenant Mike Dvorak*

A new practice started in 2003 was the **gifting of movie passes** and snack bar certificates to speakers at our meetings. The programs presented were always of interest, and the association truly appreciated the various officers and representatives of law enforcement related organizations who gave of their time to speak to the group. This was a small token of thanks for their generous efforts.

A few new developments marked the year 2008. MCPAAA came alive on-line with a **web site** ([www.mesacpaaa.org](http://www.mesacpaaa.org)). This offered many conveniences such as

volunteer hours forms for members to fill out, and information about the association to the public.

This was also the year for a new look based on the improved badge design for the department and the selection of **blue T-shirts** for MCPAAA volunteers. These were phased in over a two-year period.

Also, a portion of the funds from the organization's checking account was used to start a savings account. The interest accrued was small but meaningful at that time, though it became laughably minute in later years. Separate bank accounts were set up for designated donations for such events as the MPD Awards Banquet. This step helped keep finances straight and assured that donations went where intended.

### Donations and Volunteer Activities, 1998-2006

While most of the activities of the first few years became continuing events and causes, some eventually came to an end and new projects were added. Starting in 1998, as the Bicycle Rodeo/Safety Fair program phased out, MCPAAA assisted in the **Sex Offender Notification Program**. Officers went door-to-door talking to residents about the legal presence of sex offenders in a neighborhood. Members accompanied the officers and acted as scribes, noting on a chart who was home and how they responded to the information. The message was that these offenders had "paid their debt to society" and should be treated with that in mind as well as with awareness. After a couple of years, with MCPAAA participation in at least 10 neighborhood canvasses, notification became available on line and this program was completed in 2000. Many more new projects were just around the corner.

High emotions marked the year 1999 as members spent many hours at the Center Against Family Violence helping with mountains of paper work related to **the child abduction case of Mikelle Biggs**. This unsolved tragedy gripped the Valley for years.

Later, in July, the group was pleased to help with a fund-raiser for medical expenses for an MPD employee. Providing funds, a case of spaghetti sauce, and several assistant cooks at the spaghetti dinner, members worked together with many other groups to help a colleague.

Always trying to make any situation a little less traumatic, MCPAAA began donating teddy bears that officers could give to distressed children at crime or car crash scenes. In other years, it could be Beanie Babies, or other small stuffed toys.

Expanding to new horizons, MCPAAA spread its generosity to law enforcement causes beyond Mesa with donations and sometimes with volunteer hours spent. In December of 2000, MCPAAA assisted at the **Kops and Kowboys for Kids** event held at a small rodeo facility in Gilbert. This annual fund-raiser for the Child Crisis Center was organized by Dan Saban, who had retired from MPD but remained a long-time friend to MCPAAA, the first Training Lieutenant from back in 1993. It was a dusty but exciting competition in team roping with as many as 300 competitors. Cowboys and their horses showed off amazing skills in chasing down and "hog tying" errant dogies. Support from MCPAAA in the form of donations through 2009 added up to some \$1,600 for the children.

Participating in the **W. Steven Martin Toy Drive** began with assistance at their distribution breakfast in Phoenix (where officers from all over the state came to pick up

donated toys) in 2002. But in 2003 the annual wrapping of gifts selected by MPD officers for needy families on their beats was relocated to Mesa. MCPAAA members rose to the challenge of wrapping hundreds of items as quickly and artistically as possible, becoming expert at footballs and teddy bears. They also enjoyed the camaraderie and the pizza, repeating the project almost every December thereafter. In fact, gift wrapping became a signature activity for the association.



*Gift Wrapping: Andy Dobler, John Lopez, Monica Karels*

New donation recipients in 2003 included a project to send **care packages to MPD officers called up to active military duty** and serving overseas. These donations continued through 2007. And starting in 2006, MCPAAA donated funds and assisted at the **Police/Fire Emergency Preparedness Fair**, or other events sponsored by Homeland Security. A National Preparedness Day event was held annually through 2009.

### Police Trainings

MCPAAA assisted at the **FBI National Academy Association conferences** in 2005 and again in 2007. The assignment involved manning information tables and directing participants to wherever their next workshop would be.

The conference hall, pleasantly quiet with all the agents in their classes, suddenly became ominously silent. The volunteers looked around, baffled. Then, in a rush, three FBI agents in suits entered. And a K9 handler with his dog. They moved in short spurts left and right, clearing nooks and crannies, side rooms and rest rooms as they went. What was going on? Was it a bomb threat? No, soon the frantic security was explained. Director Robert Mueller was about to arrive to address the academy conference.

Playing the role of patients for the **Disaster Drill at Banner Desert Hospital** was fun, but hard to beat the glamour of the FBI show. Another training involved the **Rapid Deployment** scenario.

## Fund-Raising: 2000 Forward

Fund-raising became increasingly important every year as more opportunities to donate to MPD and other law enforcement activities arose. In January of 2000, MCPAAA came up with its third type of fund-raiser, a **Rummage Sale**, which earned \$900.00. Large wooden signs were made by a group of members to set out on street corners. These hinged sandwich-boards in bright yellow became a recognized signal to yard sales of Mesa that a big, really big, MCPAAA Rummage Sale was occurring. This event typically involved collecting donated items and holding them in units provided gratis by local Storage Rental companies. MCPAAA paid only for the locks and insurance. When this arrangement was no longer available, then-president Robert Kuligowski's garage began to fill up. In 2016, a storage shed was purchased and installed in first-vice-president Monica Karels' side yard. Early on, about 2002, the practice of "gleaning" was introduced. A few weeks before each MCPAAA Rummage Sale, members would also seek donations of items left over from other yard sales. These donors not only got rid of all the stuff they did not want to haul back into their homes, but also could get a tax break because of MCPAAA's new 501(c)(3) status.

The week prior to the sale, everything would be delivered to the host home and pricing day(s) would be like opening presents on Christmas morning. Then over the weekend of the sale, the signs would go up, and volunteers in their official MCPAAA shirts sold, sold, sold, met the public and told them about the CPA and the Alumni group, sold, enjoyed lunch together, and sold some more. And, of course, they packed up the remainders to be stored for future sales or to be passed on to a charity.



*Rummage Sale, 2002: Vickie Coe, Donna Hensley*

In some later years, Monica Karels offered selected Christmas items at a separate sale in the fall, and Sylvia Richards gave remainders from the big event one more try at a later small sale to add more profit to the project. Occasionally a fall sale was held, as in 2000 when the November event brought in another \$1,000. One year, President Danny Williams got into a conversation with an interested customer. The upshot was a donation

to MPAAA from JWP Holdings of \$500. This was a significant and much appreciated jolt to the treasury. Missing only one or two years out of twenty and sometimes held twice in a year, this fund-raiser was always considered well worth the week or three of hard work and lots of fun. Perhaps the greatest benefit was the fellowship enjoyed by the workers at the event. The top-selling of over 20 sales brought in over \$2,000. Thus, MCPAAA earned the funds to donate to wherever the appropriate need arose.

A few miscellaneous **smaller fund-raisers** supplemented the main event over the years. In 2002 MCPAAA began participation in the **Bashas' Thanks a Million** program. Members linked their shopper's cards to the grocery store's system and the store donated a small percentage of sales back to MCPAAA. Accumulating only a few dollars at first, this program added up over time. Eventually, The Bashas' program was dropped, but the group added the **Amazon Smile** program in 2016 and the **Fry's Community Rewards** program in 2017.

In 2006, two new fund-raiser activities were held. In support of the **Blue Light program**, member Heather Scantlebury offered for sale candle-like electric lamps with blue bulbs to be displayed in a window during National Police Week. These were to honor police officers who had died in the line of duty. The program continued for a couple of years and its intent was greatly meaningful to the association. The other fund-raiser was a **gun raffle** in conjunction with the Police and Fire Games. It was repeated the next year, earning over \$1,100 and \$2,100 respectively.

Also related to the Games was another small fund-raiser in 2008. **Pins depicting police cars or fire trucks** were sold. These were popular collectibles, bringing in a profit of about \$450.

In March of 2009, **T-shirts** with a dramatic Forensics design were produced by



*Selling Forensics T-shirts: Colleen Knop, Andy Dobler, Peggy Schulz*

MCPAAA. The popular CSI TV series made these a good sale item. The shirts were sold at various venues, but predominantly at the Forensics Center's tours offered to CPA classes and others.



In November of 2009, MCPAAA added **keychains** with a police badge design to its products. And Forensics included these in their collection of items for sale (along with several products offered by the Explorers). By sharing in these sales, all the groups profited somewhat and expanded recognition of their identities and contributions to law enforcement in Mesa.

Another new fund-raising idea was initiated with **restaurant promotions**, starting with dinner at the California Pizza Kitchen. Members and friends with a coupon enjoyed a pizza at one of the outlets, and a percentage of their expenditures was donated to MCPAAA. Later the same procedure was followed with TGI Friday's. This type of fund-raiser was popular for a couple of years, but was not very profitable for the association and was phased out after a while. The Rummage Sales were the big deal.



*Rummage Sale at Mary Link's home: Mary Sweet, all set up*

### Being a Non-Profit Organization

One of the most important changes to MCPAAA came in 2000 when the association filed for and was **granted 501 (c) (3)** status as a non-profit organization. This allowed the association to accept donations, and donors to receive a tax receipt. Over the years, this process grew and developed. The group was enabled to fulfill one of its basic purposes, assisting MPD and law enforcement, in ever larger and more significant ways. In addition to giving tax receipts to those who donated to the annual Rummage Sale, another process was developed. In 2002, the ability to receive donations and dedicate them to a specific purpose became a reality. Home Depot wanted to donate a **cargo trailer, and the K9 unit** really needed one for taking props to demonstrations and training equipment to practice fields and trials. However, the Mesa Police Department does not accept donations from businesses or individuals. Stalemate. Until MCPAAA, with its independent non-profit status, was in the legal position to receive the donation, no strings attached, and present the trailer to the MPD, again no strings attached. Eventually that equipment hauler accompanied the Mesa K9 teams for years. And the

dogs showed their appreciation by doing outstanding work and winning a few competitions as well.

By 2004, **designated donations** of funds were coming to MCPAAA to be managed. The Mesa Public Safety Foundation asked that their donation be directed to assistance for victims of domestic violence. Another donation from the Boeing Community Fund was similarly directed. These funds were disbursed to Mesa PD Victims' Assistance Program/Service in 2005. Often accompanied by additional monies from MCPAAA, through the years, other donations provided funds for the Center Against Family Violence, the MESA program (youth mentoring), the MPD Awards Banquet, and other projects, all contributing to the benefit of the Mesa Police Department and its efforts to assist the community.

### Memorials

Never forgotten were the officers who gave their lives in police service. In some years, like 2006, as many as five or six officers around the Valley were remembered with donations to the 100 Club or to their families. In addition, donations were sometimes made to families of MPD officers seriously injured in the line of duty. In 2000, a large donation was made to Mesa's **Peace Officer Memorial Fund** through the FOP for construction of an installation outside Central HQ. A simple square column or pediment was surrounded by a low wall to hold plaques for each of the fallen officers in Mesa's history, fortunately only Town Marshal Hyrum Smith Peterson, EOW 1913, and Officer Steven Paul Pollard, EOW 1995, at that time. MCPAAA members were proud to be represented at the first Law Enforcement Officers Memorial service held there in May of 2001. The association continued to support the Fallen Officers Memorial Wall with donations to the FOP over the years.



One new donation from the association was towards the construction of a **K9 Memorial at Wesley Bolin Plaza** in Phoenix. MCPAAA continued its devotion to the canines. The following year, 2007, not only were several officers in the state lost or injured, but also **Mesa's K9 Leon** was killed in the line of duty.

On the national level, donations went annually to the National Law Enforcement Memorial, sometimes directly and other times through the FOP or the Mesa Explorers to sponsor a rider in the Police Unity Tour bike marathon or Flow Rider events.

#### More Donations and Volunteer Activities, 2006-2011

MCPAAA just kept finding more ways to be of service. Members manned information tables at Mesa Quality Day, and hit the hot, hot pavement in June to help with the Neighborhood Survey, and served as tour guides for the Open House of the **new Red Mountain substation**.

And starting in 2006, MCPAAA donated funds and assisted at the **Police/Fire Emergency Preparedness Fair**, or other events sponsored by Homeland Security. A National Preparedness Day event was held annually through 2009.

Also, 2006 was the first year MCPAAA donated funds to MPD's **Telecommunications** unit to help with their Communications Week events. This became an almost annual practice, with some members helping out as well in some years.

On a rather frightening note, in this year the Valley was haunted by a serial shooter. MCPAAA members attended Personal Safety Community meetings.

The next big thing for the association was the **HEAT VIN Etching** events. The MPD sponsored these service activities, often at Wal-Mart parking lots, to promote their Help Eliminate Auto Theft program by offering to etch a car's VIN number on all its windows, thus making the vehicle easily identifiable and much less attractive to thieves. MCPAAA members helped clean windows in preparation for etching, handed out literature, encouraged drivers to sign up for theft prevention programs, and assisted with the paperwork. For several years, 2006 through 2012, the association provided numerous volunteers to at least 25 of these events. More fun and slightly less wet than a car wash!

And a few more firsts in 2006 and 2007 included manning tables to distribute literature at the Williams Gateway Open House and helping at Mesa Safety Day. A relationship with the **Mesa PD Officer Awards Banquet** started with sponsorship of a table for a \$300 donation. In later years, involvement grew from sponsorship of a table to the key sponsor and to managing, under the designated donations practice, the event's donations received and expenditures in 2009, and ended after the last event in 2010.



*Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 2017: Arlys Medlicott, Norah Chidester, Diana Yarbrough, Dusti Ide, guest, Carol Nolan, Michael Donohue-guest, Sally Donohue*

A much-appreciated step forward in recognition of MCPAAA came about in 2007 when the organization was invited to attend the annual **Volunteer Recognition Banquet**. This event honored VIPS, Chaplains, and Explorers for their longevity of service and outstanding achievements. The evening's program always included short talks by the Chief among others, door prizes, the presentation of awards, and delicious food. Members of MCPAAA made sure to attend every year from 2007 on, and the association began to assist VIPS with securing the prizes and with occasional donations to the event.

More new recipients were added in 2008, such as the **Gang Task Force Barbecue**. This event was the kick-off for an annual three-week long round up of gang members. The association also assisted the new MPD Making Every Student Accountable (**MESA**) **project**, an education and mentoring program for 23 Junior High students. The first step was to broker an arrangement with the United Food Bank so that MESA could get snacks and bottled water for the students. This was especially important as the daily after-school program included vigorous physical activities as well as classroom lessons.

Two of the innovations at MPD were brought to MCPAAA's attention through guest speakers and tours. One was **COMPSTAT**, the new buzzword for all MPD officers. Using statistics to help predict needs and hotspots improved service and called for everyone to up their game in reporting and analysis.

The second was the completion of construction of the new **Forensics Services Building** next to Central HQ. In 2009, MCPAAA produced the Forensics T-shirts and assisted with the costs of framing the amazing, enlarged **photographs** used to decorate the Forensics Services Building halls and to graphically explain the **Crime Lab** to visitors. By helping to manage donations and giving \$875 (only a portion of the final costs) the association began a relationship with Forensics that grew in future years.

Several unique contributions occurred. One was to the Mesa Public Safety Foundation to help pay for flags and banners for MPD. Another was for the shipping costs of rifles donated by the military to **MPD's Honor Guard**. This unit drills constantly to be prepared for such ceremonies as presenting the flag at the opening of important events. And a donation went towards the purchase of ceremonial rifles for the neighboring county's Sheriff's department through the Pinal County Justice Foundation.

A happy development was the revival of the **Explorers Program** in 2009.



*Serving up at Explorers Team Challenge: Peggy Schulz, Sharon Corea, John Lopez*

MCPAAA looked forward to becoming involved with and assisting this group, and by 2011 helped them acquire a table at the Ostrich Festival to sell Forensic T-shirts and key chains as well as their own fund-raising items. Later, members attended and worked at the **Explorers Team Challenge**, which became an annual event at Training,

On a sad note, in August, past president Tom Lindsay passed away. The year was a challenging one, not only due to budget cuts, but also to the announcement of the leaving of Chief Gascon to become chief of a larger police department in California.

With the arrival of the new MPD Chief Frank Milstead, the year 2010 settled in with all the usual repeat activities. A few events were new, such as walking door to door to disseminate information for the Community Crime Reduction Partnership and assisting at the **Take 25 Child Safety Expo** where volunteers learned to take fingerprints to help identify children if they should ever go missing.

#### One More Internal Matter

And then came March. **President Danny Williams passed away.** MCPAAA was devastated. Danny had been the president, with the exception of only a six-month stint by Dan Bell, since 1996—almost fifteen years. He had not only nurtured the organization into a very active and vibrant volunteer group much appreciated by the Mesa Police Department, but also established a national footprint by attending meetings of other state-level Citizen Police Academy Association conferences and taking an office at the national level.

First Vice President Donna Hensley stepped up to maintain the association through May when officers would be elected. Although ably holding the position, she chose not to run for further office. A relatively new member, Cheryl Glass, became the next president of MCPAAA.

#### Continuing Traditions, Meeting New Challenges: 2012 to 2020

##### A Few Internal Matters

In May of 2012, a new president, Robert Kuligowski, was elected. The active routine of many continuing events and traditional donations continued through the fall. One innovation was the purchase of a **new banner**. The old one, created in 1994, featured the awkward badge design that had long since been replaced on MPD uniforms and MCPAAA T-shirts. Now the new MPD badge became part of the association's logo. This perhaps symbolized the beginning of a new era for MCPAAA as Robert continued to be the president for eight years, until May of 2020.

When the year 2013 rolled around, the association celebrated its **twenty-year anniversary** with a potluck dinner in lieu of a meeting. Photograph albums featuring early activities of the group were on display, and guests from MPD stopped by.



*Twentieth Anniversary party, 2013: Seated: Walt Lieber, Monica Karels, Mary Lou St. Cyr, Ciprianna Gonzalez, Tanya Dobler. Standing: Diane Cantile, Gloriana Olson, Karla Erdahl, John Czikalla, Peggy Schulz, Diana Yarbrough, Donna Hensley, Terry Reagan, Sally Donohue, Tawni McBee, Mary E. Mazzocco, Rosemary Tully, Dennis Tully, Andy Dobler*

In September of 2013, another **by-law change** was approved. The new wording clarified the handling of vacancies on the Board. “A vacancy on the Executive Board prior to the end of his/her term shall be filled by a nominee of the Board.” A few other items eliminated some excess wording but made no procedural changes. Onward with the tweaking and improving.

Two innovations were introduced in 2014. MCPAAA acquired a debit card, making purchasing easier than the old “write a check” method. And the **Presidential Volunteer Service Award** program was initiated. Two members were awarded the Bronze for completing 100 hours of service within that first year.

#### Donations and Volunteer Activities

Repeat activities such as assisting at GAIN night and gift wrapping, continued, and new efforts such as helping to test out the **On-Line Police Reporting System** and donating to the CAFV towards a **three-day training seminar** for officers from around the Southwest kept the association busy.

In January 2012, the MPD held a ceremony dedicating the **Fusion Center** to the memory of Sgt. Lance Heivlin. MCPAAA donated towards the travel expenses to bring family members to Mesa for the event. The Fusion Center consists of officers from a number of law enforcement agencies in the area, sharing data to increase cooperative efforts at crime prevention and criminal apprehension. When the bad guys commit crimes in Chandler, flee to Scottsdale via Mesa and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and then hide out in Gilbert or Ahwatukee, tracking and coordinating information is vitally useful.

MCPAAA revisited an old favorite activity, the **Bike Rodeo**. But this one at the Cardon Children’s Hospital was different from the ones of past years. Members assisted in fitting helmets donated by the County Attorney’s Office, taught young riders about walking their bicycles through intersections, and recorded serial numbers for some 240

bikes. Another event featured installing infant car seats for participants.

During **National Forensic Sciences Week** of 2013, the MPD Forensics unit hosted a tour of their outstanding facilities. For one group of dignitaries, souvenirs (goodie bags) were presented. MCPAAA provided a supply of keychains that were included and much appreciated. In fact, it became a popular practice to donate either Forensics T-shirts or keychains to groups for giveaways or door prizes at their events.

Other activities that were new or different this year included assisting at the **Opening of MPD's Fiesta Station**, gift wrapping for Councilman Kavanaugh's toy collection project for Cardon Children's Hospital, and donations to Crime Prevention for holiday needs.

In January of 2014, MCPAAA began to assist at **Bike Registrations** held in Senior RV Parks around the area. Members hefted bicycles around searching for serial numbers and helped fill out data in this effort to increase the chances of owners getting their bikes back if they were stolen. Several of these events were held over the next few years and the association always enjoyed meeting this segment of Mesa's population.

### Police Trainings

MCPAAA continued playing victims at trainings such as the **Phoenix/Mesa Gateway Airport Disaster Drill** in 2016. Actors representing injured civilians added verisimilitude as first responders practiced how to handle such emergencies. In response to the many shootings occurring during these years, the MPD began a series of trainings involving scenarios where someone with a weapon attacked a school or hijacked a bus or other group. Most of the officers were to be taken through the course in small groups over a period of months. MCPAAA helped supply actors for mass casualty, active shooter, and hostage rescue trainings for months at a time over several years.



*Active Shooter Training, Chandler/Gilbert CC: Bob Williams and friends*

Individual members attended other organizations' Citizen Academies: the Maricopa County Sheriff's, the Border Patrol's, Gilbert PD's Academy, and the Maricopa County Attorney's Citizen Safety Forum and its Citizen Academy, as well as Mesa's CERT Fire Department training in 2018. They brought back their observances of the experiences.

In 2019, MCPAAA once again went to the dogs. Members began acting as terrorists trying to bring explosives into Sky Harbor airport. TSA, under Homeland Security, was engaged in training K9s to sniff out the bombs and ID the bad guys.

One unknowing passenger seated in the waiting area remarked to Robert Kuligowski, "That dog really likes you."

Smiling at the squirming yellow lab now seated in his lap, Robert just nodded. "Oh yeah," he thought, but did not say. "He's just excited because he found me...or rather the fake explosive packet in my backpack. Now he gets to play with his favorite toy."

Also in 2019, MCPAAA members assisted at the **FBI NAA conference** as Desert Ridge in North Phoenix. Helping in the "store" and manning tables were among the tasks assigned.

### Speaking of the Dogs

In 2016, it came to the attention of the association that a Boy Scout Eagle project to raise money for a **K9 vest** was seeking donations. These protective vests had to be custom fitted to each dog and were expensive. MCPAAA members (avid dog-lovers all) happily gave \$109 to meet the amount still needed. And Bram got a new vest. A few months later, when a new K9 came aboard, the association offered the \$1,075 needed for Elvis to get his vest. And then came Ares in July. The association chipped in \$500 and even attended a special "Meet and Greet" for Ares.



*K9 Trials: Heather Scantlebury, Police officer, Monica Karels, Rick Bodrero*



This was also the first year of several that MCPAAA assisted at the Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association, **ALECA K9 Trials**. Members greeted folks at the stadium gate, waving donation jars (as entry was free), and manned T-shirt sales and raffle tables. Grabbing an occasional break, they also enjoyed watching the exciting skills competitions and rooting for MPD's teams.

### Fund-Raising

Two new projects were added to the organization's fund-raising efforts in 2016. The company where one of the members was employed offered a Volunteer Matching Gifts Program to encourage employees to help the communities where they live and work. When this member volunteers and reports 50 hours or more of personal time during the year, the company provides a contribution to the designated non-profit organization. Donations continued annually to date, and usually amounted to \$500 for MCPAAA. The second new project was participating in the **Amazon Smile** program, which donated a percentage of purchases to MCPAAA.

The annual Rummage Sale got a boost when a **storage shed** was purchased and erected in a member's side yard. This made collecting sale items year round easier and more convenient. By this time, these sales were bringing in over \$1,700 a year. However, the next year, 2017, for almost the first time since 2000, there was no Rummage Sale. This was due to there being no Second Vice President this year, and no one being available to run the project. The project came back with a roar the next year with profits thereafter even better.

In 2017, the association signed up for the **Fry's Community Rewards** program. As ever, small, but way better than income from the bank's interest rate!

### Memorials

Donations in 2013 included \$200 to help the MPD Honor Guard with expenses, and sadly--no, tragically--\$500 in memory of the Yarnell 19. These fire fighters, overcome by the fierce blaze while battling the Yarnell forest fire, will always be honored as heroes.

In this year, sadly, another MPD officer lost his life. This was the year when a spate of wrong way drivers on the freeways in the Valley resulted in near crashes, and tragically sometimes head-on collisions. **Sergeant Brandon Mendoza** was deeply mourned, and was commemorated a year later with a public park Extreme Makeover dedicated in his honor.

In 2015, MPD Officers participated in the **Tour de Force** (bike ride fund-raiser for national memorial). MCPAAA donated towards food and supplies for this event. Some members also attended the Comedy Show at MPD's Training Center, a fund-raiser put on by talented and very funny officers for this cause.

In 2016, not only did the **100 Club** receive donations in memory of two officers,, but additional funds were given towards the Jason Schechterle Scholarship Ball fund-raiser and a Public Safety Night fund-raiser.

## Meantime, the Big, Really Big Project

Back in April of 2017, the idea of helping with the addition of a **bronze statue** to the **Law Enforcement Memorial** in front of Central HQ was investigated. This would be the most financially involved—and expensive (over \$80,000)—project that MCPAAA had ever undertaken to assist with, and managing the finances would be a challenge. To be sure that this would go smoothly and correctly, an attorney was consulted. The attorney's only suggestion was to add a statement to the association's **by-laws**, Article II Purpose:

*Section 3: The MCPAAA shall support, encourage, and assist local law enforcement to demonstrate community commitment to the well-being and morale of sworn and civilian staff protecting and serving our community.*

While the wording of Article II Purpose, Section 1, already stated that the purpose was *to enhance the relations between the community and the Mesa Police*

*Department, and to assist local law enforcement agencies where possible,* the addition of the more detailed statement *was* impressive. It was accepted.

Thus began a huge project that took over two years, from MCPAAA's initial donation of \$5,000, through various stages of construction, fund-raising and contracting under the watchful eye of President Robert Kuligowski. Managing finances for the



**Memorial Statue** project became a major duty for MCPAAA's president, and members enthusiastically observed the steps in creation of the statue. The (non-MCPAAA) Memorial Statue Committee organized a gun raffle and a benefit dinner through the Moose Lodge as well as a Barbecue through the W. Steven Martin Foundation. Some MCPAAA members attended when possible, showing unflagging support.

The final unveiling of the **Law Enforcement Memorial Statue** in May of 2019 marked the successful completion of this enormous project. Members attended the ceremony with pride in this tribute to Police Officers who gave their all.

## More Donations and Volunteer Activities

Even while continuing so many repeat projects, such as helping at MPD's Family Day and gift wrapping for the W. Steven Martin toy drive, MCPAAA kept adding new interests and new ways to help their regulars. Donations in 2015 included Chief John Meza's Media Day event, the VIPS Recognition Banquet for Challenge Coins to be given to all Volunteers, the MPA's Blue Santa, and a project to help MPD families in difficulties. The group also assisted at the **Explorers Winter Fest** fund-raiser, and this became an almost annual activity thereafter.

In 2016, funds went to a Community Policing event at Koko Palms, and to **mentoring programs** for students at Hawthorne Elementary in the spring and both Hawthorne and Longfellow in the fall. One volunteer effort involved manning a table at the Celebration of Freedom in July. Members gave it a try, but found it just too hot and were less than enthusiastic about participating after a couple of years.

Participation in the **Shop with a Cop** program started in December of 2016. Officers helped school children shop at Walmart for family gifts. Funds were provided through grants, and MCPAAA members helped with registration and wrapping the gifts. This project continued every year thereafter.



*Wrapping gifts for Shop with a Cop Event: Dusti Ide and John Lopez*

They assisted with more computer program testing at Central, participated in a flyer distribution for the Family Advocacy Center, manned a booth at Falcon Field's Open House in both 2017 and 2018. In these years and 2019 as well, MCPAAA assisted at the free **Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Boys and Girls Club in memory of Brandon Mendoza, another event that became an annual occasion for the association. Each November, members helped out at the East Valley **Veterans Day Parade**.

The year 2018 began with many repeat activities, and one new one. Members enjoyed helping to stuff **plastic Easter eggs** in preparation for Fiesta Substation's community egg hunt. The association also added a small donation for more candy. This became a repeat activity for the next couple of years as well.



*Egg Stuffing: Peggy Schulz, Arlys Medlicott, Erin Sulzer (MPD, standing), Nancy Jo Walker, Andy Dobler*

The year 2018 ended on an enjoyable note with members helping again at the **Winter Fest**. This fund-raiser by the Explorers, now to be called **Cadets**, included games for children as well as food and fun. MCPAAA provided a small donation, some home-made and purchased desserts, and help with playing those games.

In 2019, members continued with donations such as the Red Mountain Barbecue, and Telecommunications Week, and dedicated most of their volunteer hours to various trainings. The year ended with donations to a couple of golf tournaments and repeat activities such as serving at the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club (a memorial event in honor of Brandon Mendoza), and the Cadets' Winter Fest. Everything as usual. Right?

#### A Few More Internal Matters

In 2018, Presidential Awards continued to be bestowed on volunteers who accumulated over 100 hours of service. And at the Volunteer Banquet, MCPAAA hosted a carving table (featuring prime rib carved to one's taste) as a special gesture to celebrate the association's **twenty-fifth anniversary**.

Once again, the **by-laws** received a tweak. The newsletter editor was made a non-voting member of the Board. And Article II: Purpose, Section 1 got the words "through community engagement" tucked in somewhere. This verbiage was intended to allow members to count service hours worked at various community activities, like the Veterans Day Parade, to their credit and to highlight a new administrative alignment of volunteers within the MPD.

Organizationally, a major change occurred when the Citizens Police Academy and MCPAAA, along with other volunteer groups, were moved from the aegis of Training to **Community Engagement**. Class 61, the last class, for over a year, of the Mesa Citizens Police Academy, was held in November. Afterwards, one-day Community Engagement Academies with the theme of "A Day in the Life of a Police Officer" were scheduled at various locations around the city. This change in what

comprised an academy was intended to take awareness of the Police Department out to the community. The one-day classes were very well done and successful, but MCPAAA membership required in its by-laws the completion of the old-style, several-weeks-long educational experience. There would no longer be a pool of potential members to join the association. After much discussion, it was decided that about once a year, a full CPA would be offered, from which MCPAAA could seek new members.

Other changes that occurred in 2018 included the **raising of dues to \$20** per year. This was the first rise since 1998. A PayPal Scanner was purchased in 2019.

In August of 2019, **Chief Batista** left, and Ken Cost became Interim Chief.

### And Then Came 2020

The year started in the usual fashion, with MCPAAA members volunteering at trainings such as the Gilbert Police/Fire Active Shooter scenarios, and the TSA explosives ID trainings for K9s at Sky Harbor Airport (which continued off and on through the year). The annual Rummage Sale was held in March; and a small follow-up sale by Sylvia Richards using leftovers added to the overall record-breaking combined profit of almost \$2,600. But then came **the Cancellation**. All MPD volunteer activities were to be halted due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

By the end of May, the Executive Board developed a strategy. The election was held by email and snail mail ballots, and meetings thereafter would be held on **ZOOM**. The association limped along, but did not die.



*Shop with a Cop, 2020: Who are those masked people?*

Guest speakers added interest to a couple of the meetings. In July, a project was begun to produce a history of MCPAAA. In September, Carol Nolan started the practice of taking snacks to various sub-stations to show support to MPD officers. By December, some assistance by volunteers was allowed as a few members helped with the Shop with a Cop event and attended some of the CEA classes and the CPA Class 62 (first weeks-long academy since the fall of 2018).

Donations were given to Community Engagement to help with costs of covid masks for the Shop with a Cop event and refreshments for the **Pink Patch Breakfast**. The year ended with the ever-popular distribution of Cookies for Cops. MCPAAA let the MPD know that they were still out there and they still cared.

## History of the Mesa Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association 1993-2020

### Chronology

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| April 1993     | <p>First meeting of the Mesa Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association</p> <p>Election of Officers: President-Tom Buis, First Vice President-Paul Bishop, Second Vice President-Patsy Lawrence, Secretary-Alice Brooks, Treasurer-Steve Zeman. Appointed Newsletter Editor-Sally Donohue</p> <p><i>MPD Training Lieutenant-Lt. Dan (Day) Saban</i><br/> <i>MPD/MCPAAA Liaison/Class Facilitator-Capt. Ron Poulin</i><br/> <i>Chief of Police-Guy Meeks</i></p> |
| July 1993      | <p>Presentation of the MCPAAA “Most Valuable Player” trophy for the pre-National Night Out police/fire basketball game</p>   |
| August 1993    | <p>Assistance with National Night Out by driving visiting officials to events and appearing in costume as McGruff the Crime Dog</p>  |
| September 1993 | <p>Testimonial at Mesa PD accreditation meetings</p>   |
| October 1993   | <p>Participation in a “Bicycle Rodeo” as living obstacle course and assistance with registration</p> <p>Assistance to CPA Class 7</p> <p>Provision of lunch for CPA Range Day</p> <p>Registration of runners in the McGruff Run Against Crime event as part of Red Ribbon Week anti-drug and anti-gang program</p> <p>Assistance in training by playing victims in the SWAT team hostage negotiation field problems</p>  |
| November 1993  | <p>Assistance at CPA Class 7’s graduation</p>  |
| December 1993  | <p>Preparation of publicity packets for upcoming Western Regional (Arizona and parts of California) Police Games to be hosted by MPD in March</p>  |
| January 1994   | <p>Assistance to CPA’s Class 8</p>   |
| February 1994  | <p>Set-up of lunch on CPA Range Day (extra volunteers in addition to those helping at all classes)</p>   |
| March 1994     | <p>Preparation of 350 packets for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics and assistance with registration at the event</p>   |
| April 1994     | <p>Completion of first MCPAAA banner</p> <p>Attendance and assistance at MPD Family Appreciation Day</p>   |
| May 1994       | <p>First fund-raiser—lunches for Special Olympics Torch Runners</p> <p>Assistance to CPA’s Class 9</p> <p>Set-up of lunch on CPA Range Day</p>   |

June 1994  
 Election of Officers: President-Tom Lindsay, First Vice President-Patsy Lawrence, Second Vice President-Steve Zeman, Secretary-Pat Carpenter, Treasurer-Jane LaBarr (later name changed to Persbacher). Appointed Newsletter Editor-Sally Donohue  
 Assistance at CPA Class 9's graduation  
 First June (Installation) Dinner  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 1  
 Distribution of publicity for National Night Out



*June Dinner, 2017: Carol Okerson, Karen Paulin, Richard Paulin, Arlys Medlicott, Peggy Schulz. Carol Ann Piskoty, Dianne Cantile, Front-Sylvia Richards*

July 1994  
 Presentation of "Most Valuable Player" trophy at pre-National Night Out Police/Fire basketball game  
  
*Retirement of Police Chief Guy Meeks*  
*Appointment to Interim Chief of Police-Chief Lars Jarvie*

August 1994  
 Participation in National Night Out  
 Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"

September 1994  
 Assistance to CPA's Class 10  
 By-laws change to re-define Quorum as "those in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting"

October 1994  
 Set-up of lunch on CPA Range Day  
 Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo" as part of Red Ribbon Week  
 Donation to Victim Assistance Program to help individuals as needed

November 1994  
 Assistance at CPA Class 10's graduation  
  
*Official appointment of new Chief of Police Lars Jarvie*  
*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Dan Byram*



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| December 1994                                 | Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 2<br>First Holiday Party  |
| January 1995                                  | Donations in memory of two Officers<br>Assistance to CPA Class 11<br>Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo" as part of a Safety Fair<br>Donation to Victims Assistance Program of hand-made teddy bears  |
| February 1995                                 | Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"   |
| March 1995                                    | Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo" including appearances of Vince and Larry the Crash Dummies by members<br>Assistance at CPA Class 11's graduation<br>Assistance to CPA Class 12  |
| April 1995                                    | Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"<br>Attendance and assistance at MPD Family Appreciation Day   |
| May 1995                                      | Assistance at CPA Class 12's graduation<br>Election of Officers: President-Tom Lindsay, First Vice President-Steve Zeman, Second Vice President-Patsy Lawrence, Secretary-Sally Donohue, Treasurer-Jane LaBarr (Persbacker). Appointed Newsletter Editor-Sally Donohue                     |
| June 1995                                     | Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 3<br>Installation Dinner<br>Assistance to Mesa Explorers at Western Area Conference<br>Donation for Firebirds tickets for Explorers, DARE students and others in support of Community Policing Day                          |
| July 1995                                     | Presentation of MVP trophy at pre-National Night Out Police/Fire basketball game<br>Judging of essay and poster contests for National Night Out  |
| August 1995                                   | Participation in National Night September 1995<br>Assistance to CPA Class 13   |
| October 1995                                  | Participation in two "Bicycle Rodeos"<br>Participation in two "Bicycle Rodeos"<br>Purchase of ad in support of Red Ribbon Campaign<br>Assistance in selling The Club at Tri-City Mall for the Arizona Crime Prevention Association projects for Crime Free Housing and for Stop Auto Theft |
| <i>New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Gil Otanez</i> |  |
| November 1995                                 | Donation to FOP's Esteban Escobedo Memorial Rodeo<br>Assistance at CPA Class 13's graduation   |
| December 1995                                 | Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 4<br>Donation to Cops Ahead (unit that targets high-crime areas) for an Alma Park event<br>Holiday Party  |

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| January 1996   | Assistance to CPA Class 14<br>Assistance at Super Bowl XXX Mesa Sports Blitz for Mayor's office<br>Sale of pins in memory of Officer Steve Pollard as fund-raiser for the Mesa Police Association MPA  |
| March 1996     | Assistance at CPA Class 14's graduation<br>Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"  |
| April 1996     | Assistance to CPA Class 15<br>Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"<br>Preparation of tee bags for the Public Safety Foundation Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament<br>Donation to Victim Assistance Program   |
| May 1996       | Representation at Escobedo Health and Safety Fair (Cops Ahead project)<br>Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 5<br>Donation to Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics<br>Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Tom Lindsay, Second Vice President-Dan Bell, Secretary-Sally Donohue, Treasurer-Howard Guthrie. Appointed Newsletter Editor-Sally Donohue |
| June 1996      | Installation Dinner<br>Assistance at Class 15's graduation<br>Donation to Community Policing Day   |
| July 1996      | Judging of art contest for National Night Out<br>Presentations of MVP trophy at pre-National Night Out Police/Fire basketball game and plaque in recognition of support for National Night Out   |
| August 1996    | Participation in National Night Out  |
| September 1996 | Assistance to CPA Class 16<br>Sponsorship of foursome at Red Ribbon Golf Tourney (Elks Club) to support DARE and GREAT<br>Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"   |
| October 1996   | Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"<br>Attendance at Red Ribbon FD/PD football game   |
| November 1996  | Assistance at CPA Class 16's graduation<br>Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 6  |
| December 1996  | Holiday Party, with addition of first Shoebox Gifts for Kids collection, given to Save the Family<br>Participation in two "Bicycle Rodeos"   |
| January 1997   | Assistance to CPA Class 17<br>Initiation of fund-raiser, selling coupon decks  |
| February 1997  | Donation of clothing for kids to Center Against Family Violence  |
| March 1997     | Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"   |

- Assistance at CPA Class 17's graduation  
 Donation to Center Against Family Violence for beanbag chairs and videos
- April 1997 Assistance to CPA Class 18  
 Preparation of tee bags for Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament
- May 1997 Participation in two "Bicycle Rodeos"  
 Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"  
 Attendance at FOP Shift Change Blow Out (dance)  
 Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Tom Lindsay, Second Vice President-Carole Young and Larry Chandler, Secretary-Pat Carpenter, Treasurer-Bryan Hubbard. Appointed Newsletter Editor-Sally Donohue
- New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Fred Ruhland*
- June 1997 Assistance at CPA Class 18's graduation  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 7  
 Installation Dinner
- July 1997 Introduction of first MCPAAA official shirts (gray)  
 Representation at Citizens Police Academy Symposium in Texas by president Danny Williams, on-going
- August 1997 MVP trophy presentation at pre-National Night Out basketball game (this year, MPD against Chandler PD)  
 Donation for tee-box at Elks Club Golf Tournament fund-raiser for DARE
- September 1997 Donation to buy seat adjusters and helmets for "Bicycle Rodeos"  
 Assistance to CPA Class 19  
 Sponsorship of one individual membership in FOP
- October 1997 Donation for football jerseys for MPD Red Ribbon team  
 Assistance at Red Ribbon football game, manning booths  
 Assistance at opening of Superstition Substation, guiding tours  
 Donation to Victims Assistance Program
- November 1997 Change from Individual to Association Membership in FOP
- December 1997 Holiday Party and Shoebox collection for Save the Family  
 Assistance at CPA Class 19's graduation  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 8  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops (new project)
- January 1998 Assistance to CPA Class 20
- February 1998 Donation to Southwest Police Motorcycle Competition in support of Special Olympics
- March 1998 Donation to Victim Assistance program for T-shirts for volunteers
- April 1998 Assistance at Southwest Police Motorcycle Training and Competition, registration and cleaning up oil spills  
 Assistance at CPA Class 20's graduation

- Assistance at Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament  
Initiation of reporting volunteer hours
- May 1998 Election of Officers: President-Dan Bell, First Vice President-Danny Williams, Second Vice President-Steve Zeman, Treasurer-Bryan Hubbard, Secretary-Pat Carpenter.  
Note: Dan Bell resigned in January; Danny Williams served his remaining term until June 1999. Bryan Hubbard resigned as of March and was replaced pro-tem by Jane (LaBarr) Persbacher.  
Appointed Newsletter Editor-Sally Donohue
- New MPD Chief of Police-Chief Jan Strauss*  
*CPA Class Facilitator-Capt. (Commander) Ron Poulin*  
*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Mike Dvorak*
- June 1998 Installation Dinner  
Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 9  
Donation to Mesa Police Benevolent Fund
- July 1998 Development and distribution of survey to increase membership in MCPAAA
- September 1998 Assistance at FOP Golf Tournament  
Assistance to CPA Class 21  
Donation to MPD for Glo-Sticks for Halloween Safety Program
- October 1998 Attendance at Red Ribbon basketball game including MVP trophy presentation  
Completion of training for Sex Offender Notification program
- New Class Facilitator-Commander Sandra Driscoll*  
*Promotion of Cmdr. Ron Poulin to Assistant Chief*
- November 1998 Assistance at CPA Class 21's graduation
- December 1998 Holiday Party and Shoebox collection for Save the Family  
Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 10  
Distribution of Cookies for Cops to all sub-stations, adding Aviation and Central and Communications
- January 1999 Donation to Safe House  
FOP membership  
Donation to Public Safety Foundation for Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament
- February 1999 Assistance to Center Against Family Violence on Mikelle Biggs child abduction case  
Assistance to CPA Class 22  
Assistance with Sex Offender Notifications
- March 1999 Donation in memory of Tom Buis, MCPAAA's first president

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| April 1999     | Preparation of tee bags and monitoring at Cops 'n' Robbers Golf tournament<br>Assistance with distribution of fliers for Center Against Family Violence (Biggs case)<br>Participation in "Bicycle Rodeo"<br>Donations to families in memory of two Officers        |
| May 1999       | Assistance at CPA Class 22's graduation<br>Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Dieter Neumann, Second Vice President-Sally Donohue, Secretary-Penny Vickers, Treasurer-Jane Persbacher. Appointed Newsletter Editor-Sally Donohue |
| June 1999      | Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 11<br>Donation in memory of Officer<br>Installation Dinner  |
| July 1999      | Assistance with two Sex Offender Notifications<br>Assistance at Carwash and at Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers for medical expenses for MPD employee, including donation of case of spaghetti sauce plus monetary donation  |
| August 1999    | Donation for Block Watch Captains meeting, kickoff of Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) program that replaced National Night Out  |
| September 1999 | Additional training for volunteers in Sex Offender Notification program<br>Assistance to CPA Class 23<br>Donation for purchase of teddy bears  |
| October 1999   | Assistance with Sex Offender Notification<br>Appointment of MCPAAA member to Crime Prevention Advisory Board   |
| November 1999  | Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 12<br>Assistance at CPA Class 23's graduation   |
| December 1999  | Holiday Party and Shoebox collection for Save the Family<br>Distribution of 16 tins of Cookies for Cops  |
| January 2000   | Assistance to CPA Class 24<br>First Rummage Sale fund-raiser at home of Raymond Blais<br>FOP Membership<br><br><i>Filing of Articles of Incorporation, approval of up to \$500 for attorney fees for application to gain 501(c)(3) status for MCPAAA</i>           |
| February 2000  | Donation in memory of Page DPS Officer   |
| March 2000     | Assistance with two Sex Offender Notifications<br>Assistance at CPA Class 24's graduation  |
| April 2000     | Assistance to CPA Class 25<br>Assistance at Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament   |

May 2000 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 13  
 Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice  
 President-Dieter Neumann, Second Vice President-Sally Donohue,  
 Treasurer-Peggy Martin, Secretary-Penny Vickers. Appointed  
 Newsletter Editor-Peggy Martin

June 2000 Assistance at CPA Class 25's graduation  
 Installation Dinner

August 2000 Assistance with Sex Offender Notification  
 Participation in Mesa Police Benevolent Fund Bowl-a-thon fund-  
 raiser to assist Mesa officers  
 Donation for Peace Officer Memorial Fund

September 2000 Assistance at GAIN Night Kickoff  
 Assistance to CPA Class 26  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 14  
 Assistance with Sex Offender Notification

*Official status as 501(c)(3) non-profit organization granted*

October 2000 Assistance at and sponsorship of McGruff Run to benefit DARE  
 program  
 Assistance at Red Ribbon Police/Fire football game (rained out)  
 Assistance with two Sex Offender notifications

November 2000 Rummage Sale  
 Donation of Thanksgiving basket to adopted family through Save  
 the Family  
 Assistance at CPA Class 26's graduation  
 Participation in GAIN Night  
 Assistance at CAFV in organizing information for the Sex  
 Offender Notification program, no longer door-to-door method

December 2000 Assistance at Kops and Kowboys for Kids team roping rodeo to  
 benefit Child Crisis Center  
 Holiday party with some Shoebox donations and adoption of a  
 family from Save the Family  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops

January 2001 FOP membership  
 Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation for Cops 'n' Robbers  
 Golf Tournament  
 Assistance to CPA Class 27

March 2001 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 15  
 Assistance at CPA Class 27's graduation  
 Assistance at AZ Police Games 5k and 10k runs

April 2001 Donation to assist domestic violence victim with housing  
 Donation for Tee Sponsorship for Gilbert CPAAA Golf  
 Tournament

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| May 2001       | <p>Assistance to CPA Class 28<br/>         Assistance at Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament<br/>         Attendance at dedication of Peace Officer Memorial<br/>         Assistance with Special Olympics, security, first aid tent<br/>         By-laws suspended to allow officers to be re-elected after serving two terms if no other member accepts nomination to run for the office<br/>         Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Dieter Neumann, Second Vice President-Sally Donohue, Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr, Secretary-Penny Vickers. Appointed Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey, Assistant-Tammy Gafvert</p> |
| June 2001      | <p>Donation to officer's Memorial Fund<br/>         Booth at open house at Central Police Headquarters to distribute information about the CPA<br/>         Donation to Gilbert CPAAA golf tournament<br/>         Assistance at CPA Class 28's graduation<br/>         Installation Dinner</p>   |
| August 2001    | <p>Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 16<br/>         Donation to another officer's Memorial Fund<br/>         Donation to assist domestic violence victim with transportation to safe house</p>  |
| September 2001 | <p>Assistance to CPA Class 29<br/>         Planning of on-going project to produce a video of the MPD Police Recruit graduations and give a copy to graduates. Videos by MCPAAA member Jerry Lix, to start with next January graduation<br/>         Attendance at CAFV Open House honoring John Okerson who had recently passed away and Carol Okerson, active VIPS and MCPAAA members</p>   |
| October 2001   | <p>Assistance with Police and Fire Games (smaller attendance than usual due to events of 9-11)</p>  |
| November 2001  | <p>Rummage Sale at Sally Donohue's home plus donation to MCPAAA after the sale by JWP Holdings<br/>         Assistance with CPA Class 29's graduation</p>   |
| December 2001  | <p>Holiday party and donation of clothing items to East Valley Men's Center and food to United Food Bank<br/>         Donation (including some member collection) for Adopted Family project<br/>         Distribution of Cookies for Cops<br/>         Assistance in preparation of 6,100 pamphlets about the AZ Police Games to be held in March</p>  |
| January 2002   | <p>FOP Membership<br/>         Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation for Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament</p>   |

Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 17  
and videos given

February 2002 Assistance to CPA Class 30  
Donation to family of Scottsdale PD Officer

March 2002 Assistance at Disaster Drill at Desert Samaritan Hospital  
Rummage Sale  
Assistance with Police Games, registration and T-shirt sales  
Assistance at Mesa Quality Day, manning a table to distribute  
information about the CPA  
Assistance at CPA Class 30's graduation  
By-laws revision officially adopted: "No person shall serve in the  
same position more than two consecutive terms except if no other  
candidate agrees to run for the office when contacted by the  
nominating committee."

April 2002 Tee sponsorship for FOP golf tournament  
Donation of cargo trailer from Home Depot to MPD K9 unit

May 2002 Assistance at Special Olympics  
Assistance to CPA Class 31  
Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice  
President-Dieter Neumann, Second Vice President-Donna  
Hensley, Secretary-Vickie Coe, Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr.  
Appointed Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey, Time Keeper-Stan  
Miller

June 2002 Assistance at CPA Class 31's graduation  
Assistance with Neighborhood Survey  
Assistance at FOP Golf Tournament  
Installation Dinner

*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Todd Thomas*

August 2002 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Officer

September 2002 Assistance at GAIN Night Kickoff, information table for CPA  
Donation in memory of Phoenix PD Officer  
Assistance to CPA Class 32

October 2002 Assistance at Police and Fire Games, selling T-shirts, registration  
Assistance at Mesa Neighborhood Awards Conference  
Assistance as Disaster Drill at Veterans Adm. Hospital, Williams  
Gateway Airport  
New fundraiser, Bashas' Thanks a Million Program, on-going for  
several years

November 2002 Rummage Sale at Sally Donohue's home  
Donation to Kops and Kowboys for Kids  
Assistance at CPA Class 32's graduation

*New Chief of Police-Chief Dennis Donna*



December 2002 Assistance at W. Steven Martin Toy Drive distribution day  
 Gift wrapping at Elk's Club  
 Holiday party, donation of 131 pounds of food to United Food Bank and toys for Andrea's Closet at Desert Samaritan Hospital  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 19 and videos given

January 2003 FOP Membership  
 Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation for Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament  
 Assistance to CPA Class 33

March 2003 Start of practice of giving movie tickets as thank you to speakers at MCPAAA meetings  
 Donation to National CPAAA project to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital  
 Donation to MPD for care packages to MPD military serving overseas  
 Donation to MPD Officer Appreciation Day

April 2003 Assistance at CPA Class 33's graduation

May 2003 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 20  
 Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Vicki Coe, Secretary-Dorothy Nelson, Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr.  
 Appointed Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey

*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. John Meza*

September 2003 Donation for Kops and Kowboys for Kids

October 2003 Assistance with Arizona Police and Fire Games  
 Assistance to CPA Class 34

November 2003 Rummage Sale  
 Assistance at CPA Class 34's graduation

December 2003 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
 Holiday party  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops

January 2004 FOP membership  
 Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation for Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament



*Selling shirts at Police and Fire Games: Pat Carpenter, unidentified,  
Joe Poulin, Donna Hensley, Dieter Neumann, Sally Donohue,  
Bob Dahlheimer*

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| February 2004  | Assistance to CPA Class 35<br>Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 21   |
| March 2004     | Assistance at CPA Class 35's graduation   |
| April 2004     | Donation to MPD for military serving overseas<br>Donation to National CPAAA fund-raiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital  |
| May 2004       | Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Vickie Coe, Secretary-Dorothy Nelson, later Sally Donohue, Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr. Appointed Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey |
| June 2004      | Donation in memory of MPD Asst. Chief Ret. Ron Poulin<br>Installation Dinner  |
| July 2004      | Donation to an Officer's Memorial Scholarship Fund<br>Donation to Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association for Police K9 memorial to be built at Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix  |
| August 2004    | Donation to Victims Services Program<br>Receipt of designated donation from Mesa Public Safety Foundation for domestic violence victims' assistance<br>Donation through Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club to AZ Boys Club                 |
| September 2004 | Donation to Kops and Kowboys for Kids<br>Assistance to CPA Class 36   |

October 2004 Donation to MPD for Prosource Fitness for Dobson volunteer T-shirts  
 November 2004 Assistance at CPA Class 36's graduation  
 Donation to memorial for Officer  
 December 2004 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
 Holiday party and donation of 139 pounds of food to United Food Bank plus donation to Center for Hope  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops

*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Mike Bailey*

January 2005 FOP Membership  
 February 2005 Assistance at Skyway Village Block Party  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 23  
 Assistance to CPA Class 37  
 March 2005 Rummage Sale at Sharon Corea's home  
 April 2005 Distribution of information on CPA  
 Assistance at CPA Class 37's graduation  
 Participation in FBI Association training  
 Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation for tee sponsorship to Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament  
 May 2005 Assistance to Special Olympics Torch Run  
 Election of Officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Sharon Corea, Secretary-Lora Spear, Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr. Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey  
 June 2005 Installation Dinner  
 August 2005 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Officer  
 September 2005 Donation to Kops and Kowboys for Kids  
 Assistance at CPA Class 38  
 October 2005 Donations in memory of five other Officers  
 Assistance with financial matters for Victims Assistance Program  
 November 2005 Assistance at CPA Class 38's graduation  
 December 2005 Assistance at open house for new Red Mountain substation  
 Assistance with mailings for Police and Fire Games  
 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
 Holiday party and donation of 225 lbs. of food to United Food Bank plus clothing, diapers and toy donations to Center for Hope  
 Donation to Center for Hope  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops

*MPD Interim Chief-Chief G. T. Fowler*

*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Mark Wesselman*

January 2006      Donation to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix PD Officer  
FOP Membership  
Assistance to CPA Class 39

*Selection of six members to serve on MPD Use of Force Board*

February 2006      Donation in memory of Officer's daughter  
March 2006      Assistance at Red Mountain and Superstition substations and  
Central Community Meetings  
Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 25  
Rummage Sale fund-raiser at Mary Link's home  
Donation for Telecommunications Week activities  
Assistance at Police Games

April 2006      Assistance at CPA Class 39's graduation  
Assistance at Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament and  
Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation for tee sponsorship at  
Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament  
First participation in Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) VIN  
Etching event  
Booth at Mesa Neighborhood Conference, distributing CPA  
information brochures  
Participation in Disaster Drill at Banner Desert hospital  
Fund-raiser gun raffle for Western Regional Police and Fire Games  
to be hosted in October  
Fund-raiser sale of blue lights to honor fallen officers  
Attendance at Meet and Greet of new Chief candidates

May 2006      Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Election of officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice  
President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Suzy Harrelson,  
Secretary-Lora Spear, Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr. Newsletter  
Editor-Kim Leckey  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of Gilbert PD Officer

June 2006      Installation Dinner

July 2006      Donation to support Gilbert CPAAA Golf Tournament  
Donation for National Preparedness Day, Homeland Security event  
Attendance at Personal Safety Community Meetings regarding  
serial shooter

*New Chief of Police-Chief George Gascon*

September 2006      Attendance at press conference to introduce Operation Drive and  
Arrive  
Assistance at MPD and Fire Department Emergency Preparedness  
Fair (National Preparedness Day)

Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 26  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Tempe Motor Officer  
 Collection of used cell phones for Center Against Family Violence  
 Donation to Kops and Kowboys for Kids team roping event, fund-raiser for Child Crisis Center  
 Donation to benefit Phoenix Children's Hospital in honor of son of Mesa officer  
 Donation to help with funeral costs for child of Mesa detention officer  
 Assistance to CPA Class 40

October 2006 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Assistance at GAIN Night, driving Sparky  
 Invitation to sign up for Chief's Forums  
 Donation to Gilbert Public Safety Memorial Fund  
 Donation to 100 Club for Officer's Memorial Fund

November 2006 Participation in two HEAT VIN Etching events  
 Assistance at CPA Class 40's graduation  
 Donation to Center Against Family Violence for small items such as crayons and books

December 2006 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
 Holiday party with collection of 200 pounds of canned goods for United Food Bank, diapers for East Valley Diaper Bank, and toilet paper for the Men's Shelter, plus donation for personal products for men at the shelter  
 Donation for gift items to be sent to MPD officers in Afghanistan and Iraq  
 Distribution of flyers at Superstition Mall for Crime Prevention event

January 2007 Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation to sponsor table at Mesa PD Awards Banquet  
 Preparation for mailing of pamphlets for Police and Fire Games FOP membership  
 Assistance to CPA Class 41

February 2007 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Donation to Crime Prevention Association for door prizes at Superstition Springs Safety Day event  
 Donation for door prizes for Arizona Crime Prevention Association Golf Tournament  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Glendale Police Officer

March 2007 First attendance at annual MPD Volunteer Recognition Banquet  
 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event at Mesa Safety Day  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 27  
 Assistance at Williams Gateway Open House, manning booth  
 Donation to American Cancer Society

Funds given to MCPAAA by Mesa Police/Fire Athletic Association

April 2007 Assistance at CPA Class 41's graduation  
Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Donation for Mesa Public Safety Foundation Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament

May 2007 Donation to K9 Unit in memory of K9 Leon  
Assistance at City Hall at the Mall event  
Donation to AZ Crime Prevention Association  
Election of officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Suzy Harrelson (resigned in December, position not filled), Secretary-Lora Spear, Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr. Newsletter editor-Kim Leckey

June 2007 Installation Dinner

July 2007 Assistance at FBI National Associates Conference  
Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 28  
Participation in Rapid Deployment Training as actors  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix Police Officer

August 2007 Donation to AZ Concerns for Police Survivors  
Purchase of RememBears from Concerns of Police Survivors  
Donation for items for Mesa officers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan  
Donation to Crime Prevention for National Preparedness Day event

September 2007 Assistance to CPA Class 42  
Donation to family to help with medical expenses for injured MPD Officer  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix PD Officer  
Assistance at National Preparedness Day  
Donation to Kops and Kowboys for Kids

October 2007 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Assistance with preparations for Western States Police and Fire Games  
Assistance at Police and Fire Games including: gun raffle, sale of police and fire truck pins, and assistance with T-shirt sales  
Participation in GAIN Night event, accompanying officers

November 2007 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Assistance at CPA Class 42's graduation

December 2007 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 29  
Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin toy drive  
Holiday party and donation of 432 lbs. of food to United Food Bank and gifts for Center for Hope  
Donation to Center for Hope  
Distribution of Cookies for Cops

*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Bob Gervasi*

- January 2008 FOP Membership
- February 2008 Donation to sponsor table at MPD Awards Banquet  
Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Attendance by MCPAAA Board Members at MPD Awards Banquet
- March 2008 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet  
Gift of flowers for memorial for member Richard Heidenreich
- Due to budget cuts, the CPA was shortened by two weeks.*
- April 2008 Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation for MPD Family Appreciation Day
- May 2008 Attendance at Family Appreciation Day  
Assistance at Mesa Public Safety Foundation Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament and donation for tee sponsorship  
Move from sponsorship of one table to key sponsor and assistance in handling finances of Mesa Public Safety Foundation MPD Awards Banquet  
Selection by AZ Rattlers of MCPAAA to be one of the recipients of a donation for their Public Safety Appreciation Night game  
Election of officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Jeff Endean (until January 2009), Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr, Secretary-Lora Spear. Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey
- June 2008 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 30  
Installation Dinner  
Donation to support Officer's efforts to raise funds for Crohn's Disease research
- Phasing in of new patch design for MPD uniforms, therefore new patch designs for MCPAAA wear and blue color for volunteer shirts, to be completed by March of 2009.*
- September 2008 Assistance at National Preparedness Day  
Assistance to CPA Class 43  
Set-up of MCPAAA Web Site
- October 2008 Participation in GAIN Night, driving with officers  
Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Donation in memory of Officer
- November 2008 Assistance at CPA Class 43's graduation  
Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Donation to help Youngtown Officer with medical expenses

- Donation to Gang Task Force Barbeque  
 Donations to 100 Club in memory of DPS Officer and Phoenix Officer  
 December 2008 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 31  
 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
 Holiday party and donation to Center for Hope plus member donations to Sprinzl-Murphy food pantry  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops
- January 2009 FOP membership  
 Donation to Red Mountain Crime Prevention for Appreciation Breakfast for officers and families  
 Donation to Public Safety Foundation for Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament
- February 2009 Assistance at Officer Appreciation Breakfast through EVIT and sponsorship  
 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Assistance and attendance at Family Appreciation Day
- March 2009 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Assistance and attendance at Family Appreciation Day  
 Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet  
 Start of new fund-raiser, Forensic T-shirts  
 Assistance with arrangements for Police Awards Banquet  
 Note: next Awards Banquet to be postponed from March 2010 to October 2010
- April 2009 Assistance at Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament  
 Assistance to CPA Class 44
- May 2009 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Peoria Officer  
 Donations to help MPD Officer's family with medical expenses; another Officer's medical expenses; and third Officer's hospitalization  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Officer  
 Election of officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Carol McGuire, Secretary-Letitia Jordan (later Cheryl Crame), Treasurer-Mary Lou St. Cyr. Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey
- June 2009 Installation Dinner  
 Assistance to CPA Class 44's graduation  
 Donation to assist Officer after home fire  
 Donation to Crime Lab for picture framing  
 Due to budget cuts, there were no MPD Police Recruit Academies until 2012

*Chief of Police George Gascon resigned to go to new position in California*



*Interim Chief of Police-Chief Vickie Myers*

- July 2009      Donation to Gilbert CPAAA Golf Tournament  
Donation to fundraiser for Officer, including proceeds from sale of Forensic T-shirts at event
- August 2009      Donation to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation in memory of MCPAAA past president Tom Lindsay  
Donation for MPD Officer for medical costs
- September 2009      Assistance at National Emergency Preparedness Day  
Donation for tee sponsorship at Wings of Hope golf tournament to benefit Officer Assistance Fund of Mesa Police Association  
Donation for costs for shipping of rifles donated by military to Mesa Police Department Honor Guard  
Donation to Mesa Public Safety Foundation to help pay for flags/banners  
Assistance to CPA Class 45, special return engagement as Training Facilitator-Asst. Chief Mike Dvorak for newly expanded citizen academy
- October 2009      Assistance with GAIN Night activities  
Assistance at Halloween Safety Expo  
Fundraiser, participation in SRP Cleanup  
Revival of Explorers program
- November 2009      Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Assistance with stuffing hiring packets for new Police Chief search  
Donation to Kops and Kowboys for Kids  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix PD Officer  
New fundraiser, sale of keychains with MPD badge design
- December 2009      Holiday party and donations to Center for Hope plus 125 lbs. food to the United Food Bank  
Assistance at Class 45's graduation  
Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of DPS Officer
- January 2010      FOP Membership  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of Gilbert PD Officer  
Donations of items to FOP for families of two fallen officers
- February 2010      Assistance with Class 46's opening  
Assistance and attendance at Family Appreciation Day  
Start of assistance with handling of donations to MESA Program (on-going). Making Every Student Accountable is an MPD after school program for at-risk youth.

*New Chief of Police-Chief Frank Milstead*

- March 2010      Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet

- Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Rummage Sale at Mary Link's home  
 April 2010 Assistance with Community Crime Reduction Partnership, door-to-door dissemination of information  
 Donation for Telecommunications Week
- Completion of changeover to light blue shirts with patch using new badge design for MCPAAA volunteers.*
- May 2010 Assistance with arrangements for Police Awards Banquet  
 Assistance at Class 46's graduation  
 Election of officers: President-Danny Williams, First Vice President-Donna Hensley, Second Vice President-Carol McGuire, Secretary-Cheryl Crame, Treasurer-Dennis Langley.  
 Note: Danny Williams passed away in March of 2011. Donna Hensley covered the position the rest of the term.  
 Appointed Newsletter Editor-Kim Leckey  
 Assistance with Take 25 Child Safety Expo event  
 Donation in memory of Officer  
 Donation to Cops 'n' Robbers Golf Tournament fund-raiser, hole sponsorship  
 Donation for patches to be taken to and shared at FBI Academy by Officer
- June 2010 Installation Dinner
- July 2010 Donation to FOP Lodge #2 for Fallen Officers Memorial Wall  
 August 2010 Donation to Pinal County Justice Foundation for purchase of rifles for deputies  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Chandler PD Officer
- September 2010 Assistance to CPA Class 47  
 October 2010 Assistance with arrangements for Police Awards Banquet  
 Fall Rummage Sale at Mary Link's home  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix PD Officer
- November 2010 Assistance at GAIN Night  
 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Assistance at Class 47's graduation
- December 2010 Assistance at and sponsorship of fundraiser for former MPD Officer's medical expenses  
 Holiday party and donation of food to United Food Bank, items and cash from individual members for Center for Hope  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
 Gift wrapping at Shop with a Cop event  
 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive
- January 2011 Assistance at EVIT Child ID event

Donation to pay for booth at Ostrich Festival in March, Explorers to sell items including forensic T-shirts and keychains for MCPAAA  
 February 2011 Assistance at Explorers Team Challenge event  
 Assistance to CPA Class 48  
  
*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Tony Filler*  
  
 March 2011 Donation to Cops 'n' Robbers golf tournament  
 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet  
 Assistance and attendance at Family Appreciation Day  
 Donation of items for prizes at 100 Club fund-raiser  
 Donation for sponsorship of Police Unity Tour bike rider at fund-raiser for National Law Enforcement Memorial  
 Participation in CA Pizza Kitchen fund-raiser for MCPAAA  
 Donation to Humane Society in memory of past president Danny Williams  
 April 2011 Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
 May 2011 Assistance at CPA Class 48's graduation  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Officer  
 Election of officers: President-Cheryl Glass, First Vice-President-Robert Kuligowski (resigned, later- Heather Scantlebury), Second Vice-President-Tanya Dobler, Secretary-Ann Palmer, Treasurer-Dennis Langley. Appointed Newsletter Editor- Kathy Highland and Assistant Deanna Kenote  
 June 2011 Installation Dinner  
  
 July 2011 Assistance at Take 25 Child Safety Expo  
 Donations to 100 Club in memory of two Border Patrol agents  
 Donation to assist MPD volunteer  
 August 2011 Donation to assist Tempe Police Officer with medical expenses  
 Assistance in testing On-Line Police Reporting System  
 September 2011 Assistance to CPA Class 49  
 Donation of breakfast items to Center Against Family Violence for their 3-day training seminar for police officers from all over the Southwest  
 Donation to family in memory of Officer  
 October 2011 Fundraiser at TGI Friday's  
 Thank you gift for assistance with tax filing  
 November 2011 Assistance with GAIN Night, handing out fliers about CPA  
 Assistance at Class 49's graduation  
 Donation in memory of Officer  
  
 December 2011 Gift wrapping at Shop with a Cop event

Holiday party with donations of gifts to Center for Hope (from MCPAAA members directly as well as portion from MCPAAA treasury) and food to United Food Bank  
Distribution of Cookies for Cops

- January 2012      Donation for travel expenses for family to attend dedication of MPD Fusion Center to Officer's memory  
Assistance at Child ID event
- February 2012    Donation to 100 Club in memory of MCSO Officer  
Assistance to CPA Class 50  
Assistance at Explorer's Team Building event
- March 2012       Rummage Sale fund-raiser at Mary Link's home  
Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet  
Assistance and attendance at Family Appreciation Day  
Participation in HEAT VIN Etching event  
Participation in Bike Rodeo at Cardon Children's Hospital
- April 2012        Donation for Telecommunications Week  
Assistance at CPA Class 50's graduation  
Participation in CA Pizza Kitchen and TGI Friday's fundraisers  
Donation to MESA Program for at risk kids  
Participation in Bike Rodeo  
Assistance at Car Seat Installation event  
Donation to assist injured Motor Officer
- May 2012          Participation in Take 25 Child ID event  
Election of officers: President-Robert Kuligowski, First Vice President-Heather Scantlebury, Second Vice President-Judy Ford, later-Sally Donohue, Secretary-Kathy Highland, later-Cheryl Crame, Treasurer-Ann Palmer (until March).    Appointed Newsletter Editor-Tanya Dobler
- June 2012          Participation in EZ Child ID event for ACPA  
Installation Dinner
- New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Dana McBride*  
*Purchase of new banner with up-dated logo*
- July 2012           Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 32
- August 2012        Assistance with benefit yard sale held by Melinda Marino  
Assistance to CPA Class 51
- October 2012       Participation in GAIN Kickoff event plus donation of 2 Forensics T-shirts and 2 keychains for prizes
- November 2012     Gift card in appreciation for MPD's Linda Bailey  
Assistance at GAIN Night accompanying officers  
Assistance at CPA Class 51's graduation
- December 2012    Holiday party and diaper and formula drive for Center For Hope  
Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive



*Rummage Sale, 2013: Diane Cantile, Mary Lou St. Cyr, Sally Donohue, Robert Kuligowski, Sylvia Richard, Paggy Schulz, Donna Hensley, Monica Karels*

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| February 2013 | Rummage Sale fundraiser at Sally Donohue's home<br>Assistance at Family Appreciation Day, manning information table<br>Donation to Telecommunications Week<br>Note: no CPA class was scheduled for the spring   |
| March 2013    | Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet<br>Donation for injured Officer  |
| April 2013    | Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 33<br><b>Twentieth Anniversary of MCPAAA, pot-luck dinner meeting</b><br>Assistance at bone marrow drive<br>Donation in memory of Officer  |
| May 2013      | Assistance at Take 25 child ID event<br>Donations to 100 Club in memory of DPS Officer and Phoenix Officer<br>Election of officers: President-Robert Kuligowski, First Vice President-Heather Scantlebury, Second Vice President-Gloriana Olson, Secretary-no candidate (Sally Donohue from September on), Treasurer-no candidate. Appointed Newsletter Editor-Tanya Dobler |
| June 2013     | Assistance at Take 25 Child Safety Expo event<br>Installation Dinner<br>Donation for MPD families having difficulties   |
| July 2013     | Donation for expenses for MPD Honor Guard<br>Donation in memory of the Yarnell 19   |

*Change of name of facility from Center Against Family Violence to Mesa Family Advocacy Center*

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| August 2013    | Donation of keychains for National Forensic Science Week tour  |
| September 2013 | Assistance to CPA Class 52<br>Revision of By-laws adopted: omission of some unneeded words, change in filling Board vacancies to “A vacancy on the Executive Board prior to the end of his/her term shall be filled by a nominee of the Board.” And “The term of office shall be two years.” |
| October 2013   | Assistance at Safety Fair<br>Assistance at Fiesta Police Station opening<br>Gift wrapping for Councilman Kavanaugh’s project, toy drive for children staying at Cordon Children’s Hospital over the holidays   |
| November 2013  | Assistance at GAIN Night parties<br>Assistance at CPA Class 52’s graduation  |
| December 2013  | Donation to Crime Prevention holiday projects<br>Holiday party with donations of food for United Food Bank and money from members plus items to Center for Hope<br>Distribution of Cookies for Cops  |

*New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Ed Wessing*

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| January 2014  | Assistance at Bike Registration Program event<br>Donation to PLEA in honor of MCSO Desert Search Unit Posse member and Phoenix PD Officer  |
| February 2014 | Assistance at Explorers Team Building event<br>Assistance and attendance at MPD Family Day<br>Note: no CPA class records   |
| March 2014    | Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet, first participation in Presidential Volunteer Service Award program (100 hours of service in a year)<br>Rummage Sale at Glorianna Olson’s house<br>Donation to 100 Club  |
| April 2014    | Donation for MPD families having difficulties, gift cards to be distributed in December<br>Annual Membership in National Citizen Police Academy Association<br>Donation to Telecommunications Week<br>Donation to CLEA for Officer’s family  |
| May 2014      | Election of officers: Note: terms of office are now two years.<br>President-Robert Kuligowski, First Vice President-Monica Karels, Second Vice President-Sally Donohue, Secretary-Mary Lou St. Cyr, Treasurer-Sharon Corea (through February). Appointed Newsletter Editor-Diana Yarbrough |
| June 2014     | Donation in memory of MPD Officer for funeral expenses<br>Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 35  |

and gift of keychains to 28 graduating recruits  
Installation Dinner

- July 2014 Assistance at Child ID event  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of Salt River Maricopa  
Community Officer
- August 2014 Assistance at Flow-Rider event
- September 2014 Assistance to CPA Class 54
- October 2014 Donation for Center for Hope (approval for later disbursal)
- November 2014 Gift wrapping and donation of gift cards to Lindy Marino's project  
to help MPD families  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of two Chandler Officers  
Assistance at CPA Class 54's graduation
- December 2014 Holiday party collection of items and member donations for Center  
for Hope  
Donation to Lindy Marino's project to help MPD families, funds  
for pre-buying of items to be used next year  
Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 36  
and gift of keychains



*Blue Santa Event: Glorianna Olson, Lindy Marino (MPD), Blue Santa (MPD),  
Julie Blankenship*

- February 2015 Donation for VIPs for challenge coins to be given out at the  
Volunteer Recognition Banquet

- Mesa PD Family Appreciation Day postponed  
 Note: no CPA class in spring of 2015
- March 2015 Rummage Sale at Sally Donohue's house  
 Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Banquet
- April 2015 Assistance with Bike Registration at senior RV park event  
 MCPAAA member selected for Use of Force Board
- New Chief of Police-Chief John Meza*
- May 2015 No election of officers as positions are now for two years. No candidate for Treasurer  
 Renewal of Membership in National CPAAA
- June 2015 Donation to makeover of park in honor of Brandon Mendoza  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 37 and donation of keychains  
 June Dinner (No Installation of officers as all positions are now for two years)
- New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Ryan Russell*
- July 2015 Donation to family in memory of Officer
- August 2015 Donation to St. Louis Police Wives Association  
 Attendance at Training Center Comedy Show to support MPD officers who will take part in the "Tour de Force" and donation  
 Service on community group to aid in Lieutenant testing process
- September 2015 Assistance to CPA Class 55  
 Donation to Chief Meza's media day  
 Donation to project to help MPD families
- October 2015 Participation in Disaster Drill  
 Donation to Center for Hope  
 Donation to MPA Blue Santa project
- November 2015 Gift wrapping for MPD project to help families in difficulties and donation for Fry's gift cards  
 Participation in GAIN Night activities  
 Assistance at CPA Class 55's graduation
- December 2015 Holiday party and donation of items plus funds to Center for Hope  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
 Assistance at Winter Fest, Explorer project  
 Participation in Bicycle Registration for seniors at Brentwood West
- January 2016 Donation to Volunteer Banquet
- February 2016 Assistance and attendance at MPD Family Day  
 Assistance to CPA Class 56  
 Donation to event at Koko Palms



March 2016  
 Donation for mentoring program at Hawthorne Elementary School  
 Preparation of Beanie Babies toys for MPD  
 Rummage Sale at Sally Donohue's house  
 Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Banquet  
 Donation to bake sale to assist VIPS volunteer



April 2016  
 Donation towards purchase of K9 vest for Bram by Boy Scouts  
 Sale of Forensics T-shirts at CPA Range Day  
 Donation to Telecommunications  
 Donation for cost of additional K9 vest for Elvis  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of two Chandler Officers  
 Assistance at Koko Palms event and donation of water  
 Participation in Disaster Drill training at Phoenix/Mesa Gateway Airport

May 2016  
 Assistance at CPA Class 56's graduation  
 Election of officers: President-Robert Kuligowski, First Vice President-Monica Karels, Second Vice President-No candidate, Secretary-Mary Lou St. Cyr, Treasurer-Nancy Jo Walker.  
 Newsletter Editor-Diana Yarbrough  
 Donations to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix PD Officer and MCSO Officer

June 2016  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 38 and gift of keychains  
 Installation Dinner  
 Purchase of storage shed for Rummage Sale goods  
 Donation to 100 Club, Jason Schechterle Scholarship fund-raiser

July 2016  
 Participation in Celebration of Freedom event  
 Donation of items for Hawthorne School mentoring program and gift cards, to be repeated each semester  
 Receipt of donation from VOYA Investment Management Company, repeated annually most years  
 Donation to K9 unit towards vest for Ares

August 2016  
 New fund-raiser: Amazon Smile program, on-going  
 Assistance with Longfellow School mentoring program

September 2016  
 Assistance to CPA Class 57  
 Donation to Gilbert CPAAA golf tournament

- October 2016 Donation for raffle prize for Public Safety Night to benefit 100 Club
- November 2016 Meet and Greet with K9 Ares
- Assistance at CPA Class 57's graduation
- Gift wrapping for Lindy Marino's project



*Shop with a Cop: Dusti Ide, Carol Nolan, Bobcat, Tanya Dobler, Sally Donohue, Andy Dobler. Front—Diana Yarbrough, Robert Kuligowski*

- December 2016 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive
- Assistance with Shop with a Cop event
- Holiday party
- Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 39 and gift of keychains
- Assistance at Hawthorne Mentoring Program event with a visit from the Blue Santa and donation of home-baked cookies
- Distribution of Cookies for Cops

- January 2017 Donation to Volunteer Banquet
- Donation to 100 Club in memory of Officer
- Sympathy extended to Officer on passing of K9 Chico
- New fund-raiser: Fry's Community Rewards program, link to grocery card, on-going

*Chief of Police John Meza retires*  
*New Interim Chief of Police-Chief Mike Dvorak*

- February 2017 Assistance at Sun Life Bike Registration for seniors

- Donation to 100 Club in memory of DPS Officer
  - Donation to Telecommunications
  - Donation to help VIPS volunteer
  - Assistance to CPA Class 58
  - Assistance at Family Advocacy Center with flyer distribution
  - Booth at Falcon Field Open House
  - Attendance at Maricopa County Attorney's Office Citizen Safety Forum
  - Donation for and assistance at Hawthorne mentoring program
- March 2017
- Assistance and attendance at Volunteer Banquet
  - Assistance at Telecommunications Food Truck Day
  - Attendance at CPA Range Day
- April 2017
- Assistance at CPA Class 58's graduation
  - Assistance at ALECA K9 Trials, gate donations, raffle table, and T-shirt sales
- May 2017



*Robert Kuligowski, "You're a magnificent competitor, a first class police dog."  
K9, "Yes. I am."*

Approval of by-laws change adding to Article II-- "Section 3: The MCPAAA shall support, encourage, and assist local law enforcement to demonstrate community commitment to the well-being and morale of sworn and civilian staff protecting and serving our community."

- June 2017
- Dinner meeting
  - Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 40 and gift of keychains for graduating officers

- July 2017 Beginning of assistance with fund-raising for Police Officer Memorial Statue  
Donation towards Police Officer Memorial Statue
- New Police Chief-Chief Ramon Batista*
- August 2017 Assistance to CPA Class 59  
Donation towards memorial event in honor of Officer
- October 2017 Attendance at Maricopa County Attorney's Office Citizen Academy
- New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Gina Nesbit*
- November 2017 Assistance at CPA Class 59's graduation  
Assistance at East Valley Veterans Parade  
Assistance at Brandon Mendoza Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club  
Donation to Valencia (car wash)
- December 2017 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
Assistance with computer testing at Central  
Holiday Dinner  
Distribution of Cookies for Cops
- February 2018 Assistance to CPA Class 60  
Assistance with Mass Casualty Training as actors, on-going through September  
Participation in CERT, Fire Department citizen's academy  
Assistance with stuffing of plastic Easter eggs plus approval of donation for further candy purchase
- March 2018 Rummage Sale at Heather Scantlebury's house  
Booth at Falcon Field Open House  
Attendance at Volunteer Recognition Banquet, additional assistance, sponsorship of carving table in honor of MCPAAA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- New Training Lieutenant-Lt. Aaron Spicer*
- April 2018 Donation to Telecommunications Week  
Assistance at CPA Class 60's graduation  
Participation in SWAT Hostage Rescue Training in Tempe
- May 2018 Attendance at MPD Memorial at Central  
Assistance at ALECA K9 Trials  
Election of Officers: President Robert Kuligowski, First Vice President-Dana Pefferly, Second Vice President-Heather Scantlebury, Treasurer-Debbie Evans, Secretary-Carol Ann

- Piskoty, later Mary Lou St. Cyr. Appointed Newsletter Editor-  
Diana Yarbrough  
Participation in Mass Casualty Trainings extended through  
November
- June 2018 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 41  
Installation Dinner  
Donation for Officer's son, KIA in Somalia, Memorial Reception
- CPA and MCPAAA organizational move from Training to  
Community Engagement  
MCPAAA Dues raised to \$20 per year*
- July 2018 Assistance at Celebration of Freedom, information booth  
August 2018 Assistance with Memorial Statue project  
Donation to 100 Club in memory of DPS Trooper  
Assistance to CPA Class 61  
Approval of by-laws changes: wording of Article II, Section 1,  
adding the words "through community engagement" and Article  
IV, Section 1 making the Newsletter Editor an ex officio (non-  
voting) member of the Executive Board
- September 2018 On-going participation in Mass Casualty Training, session ending  
October 2018 Participation in Maricopa County Sheriff's Office class in Phoenix  
Participation in Border Patrol and Gilbert CPA classes  
Attendance at Missing in Arizona event  
Attendance at Memorial Statue dinner  
Assistance with testing Foundrup computer system  
Donation in memory of Officer



*Presentation of plaque thanking MCPAAA for assistance with handling finances for the Memorial Statue: Peggy Schulz, Rosemary Tully, Jasmine Burch, Rick Bodrero, Mary Mazzocco, Walt Lieber, Commander Peters, Carol Nolan, Mary Lou St. Cyr, Andy Dobler, Sally Donohue, Arlys Medlicott, Debbie Evans*

- November 2018 Assistance at CPA Class 61's graduation  
Participation in GAIN Night  
Assistance at East Valley Veterans' Day Parade  
Participation in Pollard Memorial Run

- December 2018 Assistance at Winter Fest, fund-raiser for Police Explorers (hereafter called Cadets), and donation of cookies  
 Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 42  
 Holiday party  
 Distribution of Cookies for Cops  
 Gift wrapping for two Shop with a Cop events  
 Gift wrapping for W. Steven Martin Toy Drive  
 Assistance at CPA Class 61's graduation
- After completion of last ten-week CPA Class 61, change to one-day Community Engagement Academies quarterly, with occasional offering of the longer seven-week CPA possible.*
- January 2019 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Salt River Officer  
 Participation as actors at Active Shooter and Mass Casualty trainings for Mesa PD and Fire Department, new cycle on-going through June
- February 2019 Donation for Telecommunications  
 Individual contributions to Build it with a Beard project, fund-raiser for Memorial Statue
- March 2019 Assistance at and donation to Red Mountain Community BBQ  
 Rummage Sale at Sally Donohue's house  
 Assistance stuffing plastic eggs for Fiesta Station's Easter Egg Hunt  
 Donation to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix Officer



*Stuffing Eggs for Fiesta Station Spring Event: Robert Kuligowski, Dusti Ide (back to camera), Richard Paulin, Karen Paulin, Norah Chidester, (back table) Arlys Medlicott, Diana Yarbrough, Monica Karels, front table—Mary Lou St. Cyr, Andy Dobler, (back table) Fiesta Volunteers*

- April 2019 In lieu of Volunteer Banquet, event involved going to Central HQ to receive gift bags, have pictures taken with PD personnel, and participate in drawings for prizes  
 Assistance at ALECA K9 Trials and donation  
 Donation to Telecommunications

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| May 2019       | <p>Attendance at pilot class for Community Engagement Academy</p> <p>Attendance at unveiling of Fallen Officer Memorial Statue</p> <p>Assistance at TSA explosives ID training of K9s at Sky Harbor as decoys, on-going through December, then extended</p> <p>Attendance at planning meeting for Community Engagement Academies and revisions to the CPA</p>  |
| June 2019      | <p>On-going Active Shooter training with Mesa PD and Fire Department ending</p> <p>Dinner meeting</p> <p>Approval of donation to MPA Officer Assistance Fund, bowling event, lane sponsorship. Note: not disbursed</p> <p>Donation to A New Leaf in memory of Asst. Chief Mike Whalen, retired. Note: donation check not cashed</p> <p>Attendance at planning meeting for CEA classes</p> <p>Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 43 and gift of keychains</p> |
| July 2019      | <p>Assistance at FBI NAA Conference</p> <p>Assistance at Celebration of Freedom</p> <p>Assistance at Active Shooter Training with Police/Fire</p> <p>Purchase of Pay Pal Scanner</p>   |
| August 2019    | <p>Assistance with mailing to seek grants for Shop with a Cop</p> <p><i>Chief of Police Batista resigns</i></p> <p><i>Interim Chief of Police- Chief Ken Cost</i></p>  |
| September 2019 | <p>Participation in Superstition Fire and Medical Training Center for Active Shooter Course in Apache Junction</p>   |
| October 2019   | <p>Donation to Blue Santa Scramble Golf Tournament for Officers' Assistance Fund</p> <p>Participation in TSA K9 trainings in explosives ID as decoys (on-going)</p>  |
| November 2019  | <p>Assistance at annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Boys and Girls Club</p> <p>Participation in GAIN Night events</p> <p>Donation to assist family of Officer</p> <p>Assistance at Blue Santa Scramble Golf Tournament fund-raiser for the Mesa Police Association Officers' Assistance Fund</p> <p>Assistance at East Valley Veterans Day Parade</p>   |
| December 2019  | <p>Assistance at Winter Fest, Cadet event</p> <p>Holiday party</p> <p>Program distribution at MPD Police Recruit graduation of Class 44 and gift of keychains</p> <p>Gift wrapping at Shop with a Cop event</p> <p>Distribution of Cookies for Cops</p>  |

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| January 2020   | Assistance to Citizen Police Academy Class 62, first six-week-long academy since start of Community Engagement Academy's one-day classes   |
| February 2020  | Assistance at Gilbert Police/Fire Active Shooter training<br>Donation to Telecommunications allocated. Note: unused as event planned for April was cancelled<br>Donation to ALECA for sponsorship of MPD team at K9 Trials to be held in April. Note: returned in April as event was cancelled.<br>Donation to PVSA Detention Officers Appreciation Week event to be held in May<br>Donation to Officer Assistance Fund<br><br><i>Official Appointment of Chief of Police Ken Cost</i> |
| March 2020     | Rummage Sale at Sally Donohue's house<br>Plus Sylvia Richards' follow-up sale<br>Assistance at CPA Class 62's graduation<br><br><b>Due to Corona Virus, all volunteer activities cancelled</b>   |
| April 2020     | Donation to 100 Club in memory of Phoenix PD Officer   |
| May 2020       | Election of officers: President-Dana Pefferly, First Vice President-Robert Williams, Second Vice President-Sally Donohue, Secretary-Debbie Evans, Treasurer-Robert Kuligowski.<br>Newsletter Editor-Arlys Medlicott, later Diana Yarbrough<br>Start of ZOOM Meetings of MCPAAA, new officers introduced  |
| June 2020      | Gift of keychains to MPD Police Recruit Class 46 graduation  |
| July 2020      | ZOOM Meeting<br>Condolences sent to Officer on passing of K9 Cash<br>Work begun on History of MCPAAA<br>Donation to 100 Club in memory of AZ Officer   |
| August 2020    | ZOOM Meeting with guest speaker Christina Vangorden, Detention Administrator<br>Donation to Mesa Police Association Officers Assistance Fund in memory of Officer  |
| September 2020 | Beginning of project to take snacks to sub-stations to show support and appreciation to MPD, on-going<br>Donation to 100 Club in memory of Cottonwood Officer  |
| October 2020   | ZOOM Meeting with guest speaker Kylie Clore<br>Gift of keychains to MPD Police Recruit graduates of Class 47   |
| November 2020  | Assistance with TSA explosives ID training for K9's renewed<br>Donation to Community Engagement for Pink Patch Breakfast   |
| December 2020  | Donation to Community Engagement for Covid masks for Shop with a Cop<br>Gift wrapping for Shop with a Cop<br>Distribution of Cookies for Cops  |