



## TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# INFORMATION RELEASE

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### New Explorer Program

On Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 the Paradise Valley Police Department will host a family night for the new Explorer Program from 6PM-8PM within the auditorium located at 6433 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253. Introductions, a presentation, and paperwork will be completed with refreshments provided for the inaugural meeting.

An Advisor from the Explorer Program, Officer Mike Unger, says, "Explorers will be able to meet other youth in the area and create memorable experiences like those shared during the last Public Safety Fair." In February of 2019, the Town of Paradise Valley hosted their Public Safety Fair with the presence of nearly 160 professionals from local, state, and federal capacities.

Many of the heroes who attended made contributions behind the scenes. Some of these heroes were from the local Boy Scouts Troop within the Town of Paradise Valley.



*Photograph of Chief Peter Wingert with Boy Scout Troop #644 during the commencement of the meeting.*

On March 5, 2019 Boy Scout Troop #644 was recognized for their dedication to the Town's Public Safety Fair with Certificates of Appreciation signed by the Mayor of the Town of Paradise Valley, Jerry Bien-Willner, and the Chief of Police, Peter Wingert. Chief Wingert also presented a specialty law enforcement pin to recognize the 14 young men.

In celebration of their success, an announcement was made to the

Boy Scout Troop on a formal partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. The Paradise Valley Police Department completed all steps to officially become Explorer Post 2900.

The Explorer Program is co-ed for young men and women ages 14 to 20.5 that have an interest in a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system. The Police Department seeks to find referrals from those with a connection to the Town of Paradise Valley for monthly meetings held every other Tuesday from 6PM-8PM.

For more information on the Explorer Program and to RSVP for the inaugural meeting, please contact Officer Mike Unger at 480-948-7410 or [munger@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:munger@paradisevalleyaz.gov)

**Remember to always close your garage when not in use, lock your doors and set your alarm. Motion and glass break sensors are an extremely important part of any alarm system. Marking property, and taking inventory of your property, also greatly increases the chance of recovery.** For a home security survey or tips on how to make your home safer, please contact Community Resource Officer Steven McGhee at [smcghee@paradisevalleyaz.gov](mailto:smcghee@paradisevalleyaz.gov)

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