



Paradise Valley Police Department **CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN**

April 2019

The Paradise Valley Police Department is providing this bulletin to keep residents informed on joint successes collaborating with our community.

OUR MISSION:

Provide high-quality police services to our community, reduce crime and the fear of crime, and by working with all citizens, to preserve life, protect property, promote individual responsibility and encourage community involvement.

Questions?

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What's Blossoming in Town?

Written by Steven McGhee (#194) - Paradise Valley Police Officer

Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona -- April 11th, 2019 – It's spring time and something new has blossomed in Town. The Paradise Valley Police Department today announced that it is joining the free Neighbors app by Ring to provide the Town of Paradise Valley community with real-time, local crime and safety information. The Neighbors network already has millions of users and has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries, and keeping neighborhoods safe.



Photograph courtesy of Council Member Julie Pace

Residents can text 'PVPD' to 555888 from their smartphone to download the Neighbors app for free on iOS and Android and use the app to; join

their neighborhood, share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from their neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team.

"This is the next step of creating a virtual block watch," said Chief of Police, Peter Wingert. "In our endeavors to find real-time solutions to real-time issues, the new application brings forth the ability to promote our residents communicating safety concerns with their

neighborhoods and with our law enforcement personnel regardless of the security system they choose to use. It's a platform tailored to our public safety needs and aligns with our goal of incorporating technology into the Department."

Jamie Siminoff, Chief Inventor and Founder of Ring, said: "We're excited to have the Paradise Valley Police Department join Neighbors to keep their community up-to-date on local crime

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and safety information. Over the past few years we have learned that, when neighbors, the Ring team and law enforcement all work together, we can create safer communities. Neighbors is meant to facilitate real-time communication between these groups, while maintaining neighbor privacy first and foremost. By bringing security to every neighbor with the free Neighbors app, the Town of Paradise Valley community can stay on top of crime and safety alerts as they happen.”

How It Works

- Download the Neighbors app on iOS and Android here: <https://download.ring.com/paradisevalley> or by texting ‘PVPD’ to 555888 from your

smartphone.

- Opt-in to join your neighborhood.
- Customize the geographic area you want to receive notifications for (users must verify where they are located and cannot participate in other neighborhoods).
- Receive real-time alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team that inform of crime and safety alerts as they happen.
- View local crime and safety posts via a live feed or interactive map.
- Share text updates, photos and videos taken on any device, including Ring’s home security devices.
- Work with your community to

make neighborhoods safer.

About Neighbors

Neighbors is a neighborhood watch app that provides real-time, local crime and safety information. Download the free Neighbors app (iOS/Android), join your neighborhood, and use the app to: view neighborhood activity; share crime and safety-related videos, photos and text-based posts; and receive real-time safety alerts from your neighbors, local law enforcement and the Ring team. For more information visit www.ring.com/neighbors.

Neighbors Media Contact

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Safety Shred:

PVPD is co-hosting the event with Paradise Valley Wealth Management, INC to assist public disposal of sensitive information by shredding paper and electronics.

Saturday, April 20th, 2019

8AM-Noon at our police station.

All your documents will be shredded for FREE on-site! We ask for a maximum of 5 boxes per person.

Donations will go to the Paradise Valley Public Safety Foundation.

Torch Run:

The community is invited to join a free 2.5 mile walk/run for Special Olympics on Thursday, May 2nd 2019. Waiver required.

Starting at about 4:30pm at Ascension Lutheran Church, a torch will be carried and passed off to Scottsdale PD at First Southern Baptist Church.

For further information contact:

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