



News Flash from the **BUCKEYE POLICE ASSOCIATION**

BPA'S WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

Everything you want to know, need to know, and wish you didn't know will be posted monthly on BPA's website. The website is secured; therefore, you will need to follow the steps below to initiate access to this site. Once you have initiated access, you will have continual access. As usual, any recommendations to make the site better is always appreciated.

HOW TO INITIATE BPA WEBSITE:

Go to the BPA website, buckeyepoliceassociation.com Under the menus click on JOIN US. From there click on MEMBERSHIP FORM. Fill this out and submit it online so your personal email can be linked. Each member will get a login and be able to access all of the information on the BPA site.

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ACHIEVEMENT CORNER

Congratulation to:

Kevin Rorke – promoted to Sergeant

NEW BPA MEMBERS

Welcome to our Family: Jacob Leiler, Nabil Mosher and Victor Bernal, Jonathan Calderon and Justin Adams.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rep. Training: August 10, 2017 - If interested contact Dena Bango.

Next Membership Meeting: August 10, 2017

BPA DONATIONS

As you are aware, Sgt. Jon Hannaman, who is currently on military leave was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in Florida, while reroute to his Army mobilization site. BPA has provided financial support

to assist him during his recovery. His stay will be lengthy in Florida and he faces many serious challenges for his recovery. Having his family stay by his side is incurring costs which they cannot sustain. Sgt. Hannaman's Army Reserve Unit Leadership Representative, Det. Robert Marshall from Phoenix Police Department, has started a GoFundMe page. The link is <https://www.gofundme.com/ssg-jon-hannaman-family-support> Please help us support Jon and his family on this difficult journey. Please remember to keep Jon in your prayers as he recovers.

BPA BOARD REPORTS

Bill Crotteau and Vince Butler have met with Chief Hall this month on their monthly meeting. BPA has discussed the membership issue of "take home" vehicles. Chief Hall has implemented a "take home vehicle" policy which BPA will be watching closely to see how successful the policy will run. If members have any recommendations or issues regarding how the "take home vehicle" policy is positively or negatively affecting their ability to perform their on or off duty responsibilities, please let BPA Board know immediately so we may address the matter with the chief.

MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

At our July monthly meeting we invited our new Arizona Police Association (APA) Executive Director, Joe Clure, to speak with the membership regarding his vision and proposals for the APA. Joe Clure will be taking Dr. Levi Bolton's place on August 1, 2017. Our dear friend Levi has decided to retire from his long standing, and dedicated role as APA Executive Director. Joe Clure is a long time friend and participant in the APA. Not only was he a Phoenix police officer for over 30 years, he has served as PLEA's president for many years as well as APA President prior to retiring from Phoenix PD fourteen months ago. We are excited to work with Joe Clure as he takes his new role as Executive Director.



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During our July meeting, we discussed the following; here are some of the highlights:

MOU News:

BPA is still in the process of negotiating the last issue of our MOU. As soon as the negotiations have closed, BPA will provide the proposed MOU to our membership for ratification. For those who have not been through a Meet and Confer process, a ratification is when the membership accepts or denies the proposed MOU. The ratification process takes place after negotiations and after both the City management and BPA negotiation board has come to an amicable proposed MOU. However, the MOU can only be "ratified" or accepted by a vote from the members for which the MOU governs. After the ratification process, if the membership accepts the terms of the MOU, the MOU is then scheduled to be heard before the Buckeye City Council for adoption.

2018 Negotiation Committee:

BPA will be preparing for 2018 Meet and Confer negotiations in September. We are looking for seven members who desire to participate and sit on the 2018 negotiation committee. The negotiation committee will consist of at least two members from the 2017 negotiations in order to maintain historical knowledge. If you are interested in participating on the 2018 negotiation committee, please contact a BPA board member via email, text or in person. We need you!

BYLAW REVISION BALLOT RESULTS

At our May meeting, a member motioned to amend the BPA Bylaws to remove the eligibility requirement of Article XIX, Section 3. Since 2008, BPA has had an eligibility requirement that Board positions could only be filled if the member had passed probation, was a member in good standing and had attended three meetings in the last 12 months. Unfortunately, since members do not attend membership meetings, only six members,

including the Board, were eligible to run for BPA Board. The first motion was to remove the three meeting requirement so any member could be elected to the BPA Board without ever attending a membership meeting. The second motion was to change the election date so that if the first motion passed, anyone would be eligible to run for any position without having to attend one membership meeting. The ballots were dispersed to every "voting" member and 30 days were allotted to cast votes. The proposition to change the election from "April" to "September" passed by 10 votes of the majority that returned a ballot. However, the majority of the members, that returned a ballot, voted "No" to changing the eligibility requirements, which resulted in Article XIX, Section 3 being unchanged. Due to the majority vote to retain the eligibility requirement, the same three individuals that were eligible in April, were still the only eligible members to run and hold a Board position due to their attendance. For a member to seek a Board position, they must have attended at least three membership meetings in the last 12 months. As a reminder, membership meetings are held monthly.

ByLaw Results Confusion. Pursuant to Article XIX, Section 3, and in belief that the ballots had been tallied correctly, the BPA Board immediately sent out the Bylaws with the revisions. Based on a member's challenge, the BPA Board was required to recount each and every ballot in accordance with Article XIX Section 3 and Robert's Rules of Order. After a recount and legal oversight, it was found that the the majority of the BPA "voting" membership as a whole was against the proposed Bylaw revisions. Therefore, Article XIX, Section 3 is unchanged as well as the date of the elections shall remain in "April" and the next election will be held April 2018 for the qualifying Board positions.



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STOP THE RUMOR MILL

Many rumors have “ebbed and flowed” regarding Assistant Chief Mark Mann. As you all know, Mann is not a member of the BPA, he is an at-will employee of the City and he is not covered under A.R.S. §38-1101 or BPA’s MOU. The City of Buckeye has launched an investigation which involves Mann. The extent of the investigation, the reason for the investigation or any information regarding the investigation is not known by any Board member of the BPA. As a recognized collective bargaining unit, the BPA has no standing or authority regarding the outcome, process or dealings with an at-will command staff employee who is not a member. During this process, Mann has never reached out to the BPA for assistance or for anything, nor did he become a BPA member. The matter regarding Mann and the City of Buckeye is a private matter, which the BPA can not get involved based on the aforementioned reasons. Every member has a right to his/her opinions and friendships; however, the BPA must focus its attention and resources on its members and/or those who are covered under A.R.S. §38-1101 and BPA MOU. Since this is an official City investigation, please refrain from spreading rumors or disclosing information that you may have regarding the investigation. The BPA implores its members to remain professional and vigilant on the sidelines as the process is being completed. Once the investigation is complete, we may know more; however, due to the rank of Mann, we may be kept in the dark.

LEGAL MINUTE

Motor Vehicle Accidents – You should seek legal counsel before you provide any statement to the adverse driver’s insurance. Napier, Coury & Baillie would be happy to speak with you regarding your accident, your loved one’s accident or your friend’s accident. Legal phone number is 602-248-9107, or call Kathryn Baillie.

Motor Insurance – Make sure you have adequate UIM coverage on your personal motor vehicle insurance. Adequate coverage is around \$90,000 - \$100,000. Today’s on-duty and off-duty accidents result in expensive medical bills and long term physical therapy sessions. Make sure you are covered.

Wills – Napier, Coury & Baillie provide free wills to all members, member’s spouses or partners and member’s parents. Call them today, 602-248-9107, or call Kathryn Baillie.

VERIZON PHONE SERVICE

Just a friendly reminder, every member must be current on their phone bill. If you are delinquent more than 30 days, you will lose your Verizon service.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

BPA Monthly Meeting Minutes may be found on our website. We have attached this complimentary copy for your review.

“Always Ready, Professional and Committed to the People We Serve”

BPA BOARD:

William Crotteau, President
Vince Butler, Vice President
Deana Bango, Secretary
Zach Smalley, Treasurer
Jason Weeks, Grievance Chair

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