

TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION SOUTH

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Captain's Corner

Captain John G. Strader

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Permits	791-5550
Code Enforcement	792-CITY
Trash Pick Up	791-3171
Street Maintenance	791-3154
Pima Animal Care	243-5900

Please save the date to come to our next Divisional Advisory Council (DAC) meeting Thursday 11/14/19 at 6:00 pm at our Santa Cruz substation at 4410 S. Park Ave. This coincides with our Community Open House as well so we're hoping to get a great turnout. This will be another great opportunity for us to hear your input on what areas and issues you'd like us to focus on for the next quarter.

I'd also like to take a moment and ask for your help with this recent spike in school-shooting threats from social media accounts. This is by no means just a Southside Neighborhood issue or even a Tucson issue. We've seen several of these recently across the state and even today I read an article about the trend in Florida as well. What we've seen is that a student makes a posting (whether in jest or to get a reaction) of them with a simulated weapon saying not to go X school tomorrow or more explicitly saying there's going to a shooting at the school. These posts are often shared to a friend who shows it to another friend and so on until someone finally calls us. You can help us by letting all of our neighborhood kids know that we take this extremely serious and regardless if they did it to be funny or not ; they will be arrested. Also, please ask the kids who don't send the messages but instead receive them to take a "screen capture" of the image to save it. Don't worry if you don't know how to "screen capture" it, I didn't either but I'm sure your kids do.

PROP 205 (Sanctuary City Initiative) -

By no means am I trying to advocate one way or the other on this as that would be inappropriate in my role as a public servant. However, since we've received a number of questions about this initiative and what it entails, I've included some responses developed by Chief Magnus in conjunction with the City Manager and the City Attorney.

"Question: Would the approval of Prop 205 prohibit TPD and its officers from collaborating with federal law enforcement agencies in public safety programs and operations that are unrelated to federal immigration enforcement? Would Prop 205 only limit TPD's ability to work with ICE and Border Patrol, or could it have a broader impact on public safety?"

Answer: If approved by the voters, Prop 205 would prohibit TPD and its individual officers from participating in any joint task force, operation "or similar endeavor" with any federal law enforcement agency, regardless of the purpose of that joint endeavor, unless that federal agency agrees to sign a "memorandum of understanding" (MOU) under which that federal agency agrees to give up some of its arrest authority... within the City limits. This provision in Prop 205 is not limited to just ICE and Border Patrol. It applies to joint endeavors with any federal law enforcement agency, including the FBI, DEA, ATF, HSS, the U.S. Marshals, and the U.S. Secret Service.

Moreover, this provision in Prop 205 is not limited to "joint endeavors" related to immigration enforcement. It applies to any type of joint law enforcement. "

I've attached the comprehensive Q & A document to this email as well for further questions.

Divisional Employee of the Quarter- Officer Roman Acosta

Ofc. Acosta is being recognized as our Team's employee of the quarter based on his resourcefulness and commitment to helping the Team even while injured. Unfortunately, Roman tore his hamstring and has been confined to light duty administrative assignments until healed up and cleared to return to duty by his doctor. Many of you know Roman from his work with your neighborhoods or local businesses and those that know him, know he's been chomping at the bit to get back in the field.

[Officer Roman Acosta](#)

What distinguishes Roman during this quarter is that in spite of being limited physically to what he can do, he has taken it upon himself to research local databases to track down wanted felons in our community and to share that information with his fellow officers so that they can go and apprehend these individuals for their day in court and to help prevent them from reoffending while remaining fugitives. For this initiative and dedication, Roman is deserving of this recognition as the ODS Employee of the Quarter. Crime is down across almost all of our Part I crime areas and it's this kind of effort and teamwork from the men and women serving in Operations Division South that is contributing to this being a safer community.

