

# Police Chief To Tackle Domestic Violence

## AJ's Monahan named chair of governor's review team

At the July meeting of the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, Apache Junction Police Chief Jerald Monahan, a commissioner since 2003, was named chairman of a work group that would address one portion of Gov. Janet Napolitano's State Plan on Domestic and Sexual Violence. Monahan's work group will look to encourage counties to develop domestic violence fatality review teams.

Pinal County has one of three teams reviewing such cases in Arizona. The other two review teams are located in Pima County and the City of Phoenix.

"By examining the circumstances that lead to a domestic violence related death, society may learn how to intervene to prevent future deaths," Monahan said.

The goal of Monahan's work group is to help establish review teams from four additional counties. The counties being considered are Coconino, Cochise, Mohave and Yuma. Reviews could start occurring in these areas by as early as January 2010. If each follows the model used in Pinal County, the County Board of Supervisors in each county would authorize by resolution the County Sheriff and County Attorney to establish such a team under the provisions of Arizona Revised Statute §41-198, Domestic violence fatality review teams.

Pinal County reviewed three separate cases in 2007 following the creation of its team in late 2006. These cases represented eight lives lost of which four were adult females, two were adult males who committed suicide and two were children younger than age 13.

While Pinal County's team is



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headed up by the county sheriff and county attorney, the actual review team members are

members of the Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition. This coalition is made up of 22 separate criminal justice and social agencies, including the Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFA) within Apache Junction and Pinal County. Those agencies are named in the 2007 Pinal County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Annual Report. Additional information can be obtained on the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative Web sites.

## Spot Open On City Board

The City of Apache Junction is seeking applicants from the community to fill a vacancy in its Municipal Property Corporation (MPC) Board. Applicants must be Apache Junction residents.

The primary duties of the MPC are related to city bond issues that are under consideration. The MPC reviews the city's Annual Report and Certificate of Disclosure at the end of each fiscal year. The group is required by the Arizona Corporation Com-

mission to file a Corporation Annual Report and Certificate of Disclosure along with the Listing of all Municipal Corporation Officers and Directors. This report must include the city's annual Assets and Liabilities.

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# Peralta Turn Lane Widening

## Project part of \$58 million in construction contracts

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski  
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GOLD CANYON— The Arizona State Transportation Board approved \$58 million in construction contracts July 18, including a project to enhance the U.S. 60 and Peralta Road area.

According to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the project consists of lengthening the existing left-turn lane and widening the median crossover on U.S. 60 at Peralta Road.

EME West Construction will begin work in September on the \$222,000 contract, which is scheduled for completion in late fall.

Pinal County Supervisor, District 2, Sandie Smith explained this project has been in the making for awhile.

"It's been a couple years that we have been petitioning the state," Smith said.

"They came out and they

saw the need so they're going to be adding length to the stacking lane. The importance of that is in the winter time, there won't be cars sticking out in the fast lane."

She said the ADOT district engineer, Tim Wolfe, recommended that the project be completed.

"We're really happy," she

said. Wolfe told Smith the 90-day project will begin Aug. 18 and run through Nov. 18.

The contract was granted during ADOT's monthly meeting in Prescott Valley. The other projects are slated for Coconino, Gila, Graham, far northwest Maricopa, Yavapai and Yuma counties.

## Register to Vote at VFW #7968

VFW Post and Auxiliary will be holding voter's registration for both Pinal County and Maricopa residents. To vote in the September election, you must be registered by Aug. 4. Registering now will also make you eligible to vote in the presidential election in November.

This is a very important year to get out and vote. So if you live in either Pinal or Maricopa counties, come to the

VFW #7968, located at 725 West Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ 85220, behind the Village Inn. Registration will be inside the VFW. It will be registering voters Thursday, July 24, from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, July 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. So if you're not a registered voter this is your chance to get your registration in before Aug. 4.

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dows. Nesser assured her that the city's dark sky ordinance would prevent that.

After the public spoke, the development lawyer for QuikTrip, Charles Huellmantel, tried to smooth over what is "obviously a tense situation." He said he understands that residents in the area favor the locally owned Chevron, however, he has faith that QuikTrip will build its own, loyal customer base.

Huellmantel also assured residents that the location will be safe and clean.

The current zoning of the subject site is C-3/PD (general commercial by planned development), according to Rudy Esquivias, the city's senior planner/zoning administrator. The Planned Development Overlay District was created in 1997 originally

allowing a restaurant and a motel to be developed. The following year, the Planned Development was amended to allow a gas station and convenience store to be developed instead of a restaurant. QuikTrip proposed to amend the current Planned Development in order to be allowed to construct a gas station and convenience store on the site.

The applicant conducted a neighborhood meeting as required on April 7, 2008.

"Based on reviewing the results, it appears there were a number of concerns discussed during that meeting," Esquivias said. "Staff has received numerous correspondence from surrounding property owners stating they are against the project.

"In addition, the applicant turned in a packet of docu-

ments with signatures of surrounding property owners who are in favor of this proposal."

During his presentation, Esquivias explained there were 12 recommended conditions of approval. For example: Geo-Technical and Environmental reports must be submitted to City Development Services Department prior to the issuance of a building permit; all lighting under the canopy shall be flush mounted; and any driveways off of South Ironwood Drive shall be limited to right in/right out only turning movements by means of a raised traffic control curb, otherwise known as a "pork chop."

The issue will now be scheduled to go before the city council at a future meeting.



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