

MAG UPDATE ON REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS ACTIVITIES



Homeless Outreach Team





Homeless Outreach Team

- Goodyear Police Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)
 - ▣ Formed in September 2018
 - ▣ Sergeant and officer
 - ▣ Works with homeless individuals
 - Welfare checks
 - Help connect with resources
 - Enforce statutes and city ordinances
 - Mental health/crisis intervention

Point In
Time
Counts

- 2021: 12 Individuals
- 2020: 23 Individuals



Homeless Outreach Team

- Why a homeless outreach team in the police department?
 - ▣ PD may be the first point of contact for homeless
 - ▣ Ensures community oriented, assistance & resources, not displacement
 - Not criminalizing homelessness
 - Enforcement when needed
 - ▣ Additional resource for Patrol
 - Management of incidents related to homeless persons and/or behavioral health
 - Liaisons between patrol and homeless
 - Beginning of resources



Homeless Outreach Team

- Goodyear Police Department Approach
 - ▣ Homeless Outreach Team
 - ▣ Partner with Phoenix Rescue Mission
 - ▣ No Trespassing signage
 - ▣ Trespass letter program
 - ▣ Focus on working with all members of our community
 - Enforcement action when appropriate
 - Build relationships with all members of the community
 - Not criminalizing homelessness

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Current signs: 4

Planned signs: 15

It's OK
to say **no to**
panhandlers.

**Give instead to
agencies that help
those in need.**

Goodyearaz.gov, search
"panhandling"





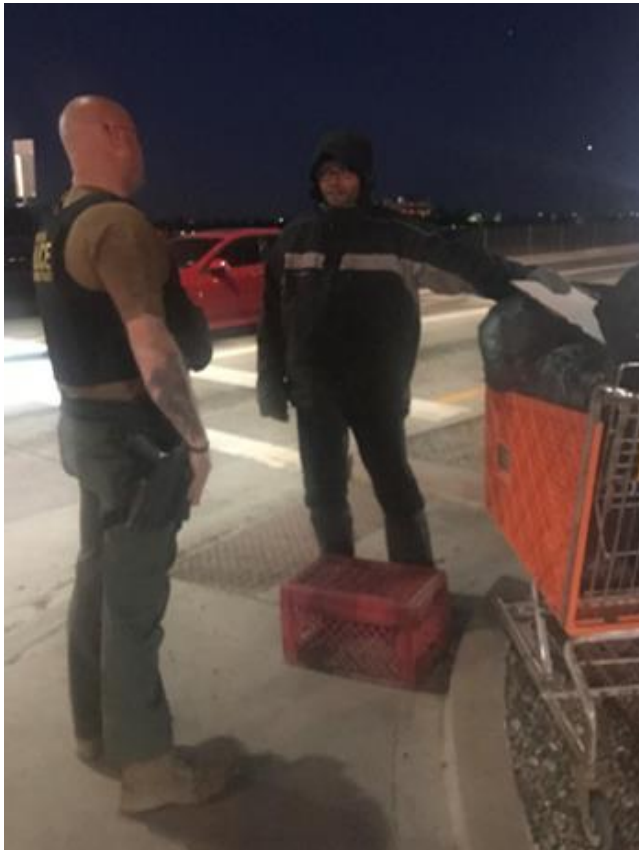
Resources

■ Partnerships

- Private citizens
- Local businesses
- Local non-profit and faith-based organizations
- Other departments within the city
- Outside cities and agencies
- Medical and mental health organizations
 - Organizations such as Phoenix Rescue Mission, A New Leaf, Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank, Community Bridges, Recovery Innovations, Care First, Angels On Patrol, Southwest Network



Why We Do It



FOX 10

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Valley organizations help homeless man back on his feet



By Marcy Jones

Posted Jun 25 2019 12:01PM MST

Video Posted Jun 25 2019 05:35PM MST



Homelessness Case Law

Martin v. City of Boise (9th Circuit 2018)

City ordinances that criminalize sleeping, sitting, or lying outside on public property when no alternative shelter beds are available violate the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution (cruel and unusual punishment).



Homelessness Case Law

- Martin v. City of Boise (9th Circuit 2018)
 - Boise Ordinances
 - Disorderly Conduct – prohibited sleeping outside without permission
 - Camping Ordinance - prohibited camping in public places
 - Court's Discussion:
 - Status v. Conduct – generally being homeless is caused by a person's involuntary status



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- Martin v. City of Boise (9th Circuit 2018)
 - The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a review of *Boise* (Dec. 2019).
 - The *Boise* rule applies to Arizona municipalities.