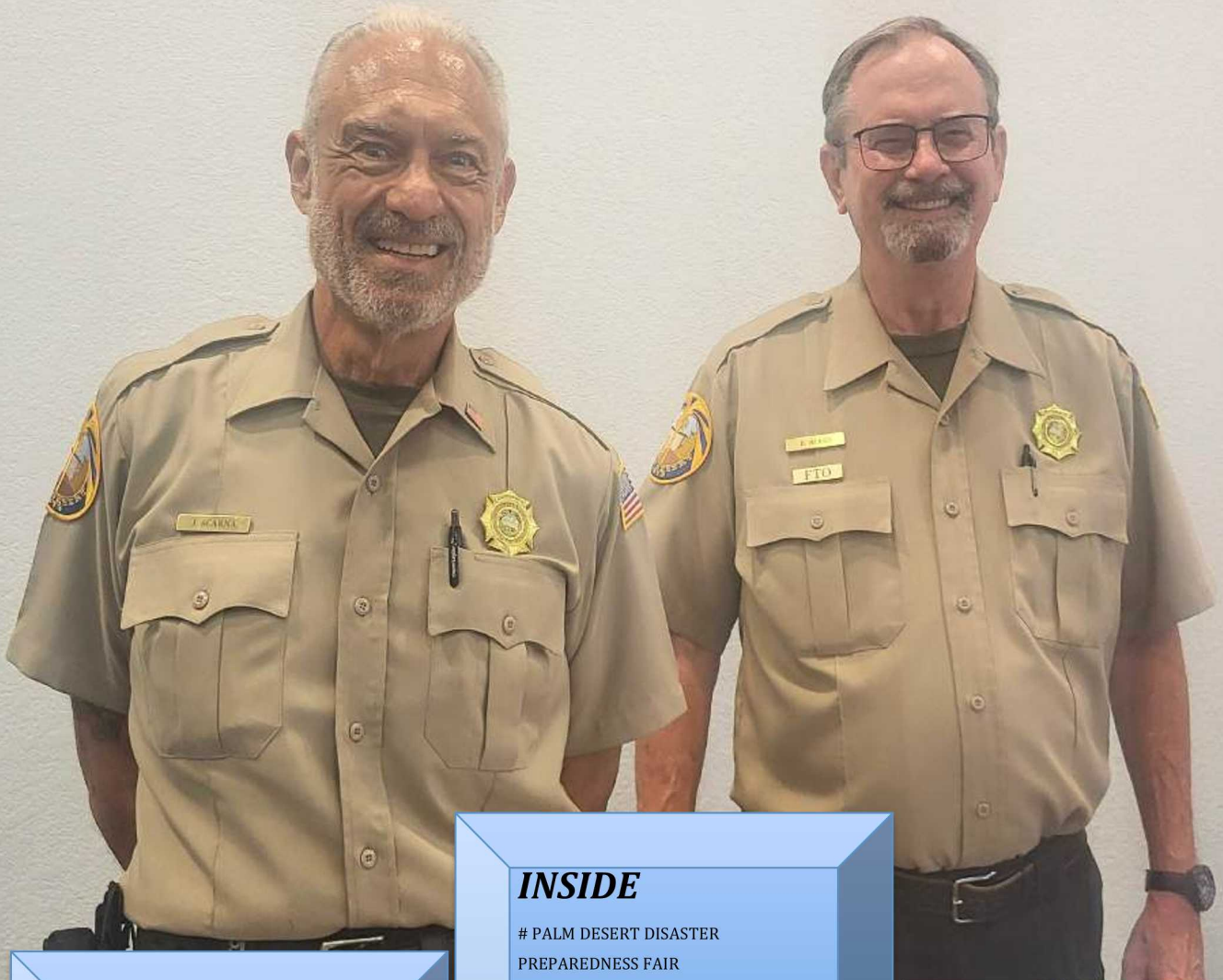


THE COPS CALLER



NEXT MEETINGS

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CONFERENCE ROOM

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PALM DESERT DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FAIR



The City of Palm Desert held its first-ever Palm Desert Disaster Preparedness Fair at the Palm Desert Library. The purpose of this expo is to prepare the community for potential disasters. Residents engaged with first responders and local nonprofits, who provided valuable insights, resources, and hands-on activities designed to equip the public with the knowledge and tools needed to handle emergencies like fires, earthquakes, and floods.

There were interactive displays, including a fire engine and a police car. The Palm Desert Citizens On Patrol had a booth there also, manned by Sgt. Lloyd Doolittle and members Dewey Berry and Joe Scarna. They passed out several applications, great job guys! This fair is part of “Palm Desert Discussions”, an educational and interactive lecture series presented by the City, designed to inform and engage our community on important local topics.

PALM SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

The Palm Springs Police Department Community Police Academy is a free interactive course designed to acquaint individuals who are not sworn police officers with the activities of the Police Department. The Community Police Academy is open to adults who live or work in the Greater Palm Springs community. The Community Police Academy does not certify you to become a police officer but it is a required step that Palm Desert Citizens On Patrol volunteers must attend as part of their training. This course offers our volunteers the opportunity to interact directly with professional law enforcement staff, increasing their understanding of police operations.



FALL COPS SOIREE



WHAT: An opportunity for COPs to gather and share their adventures on patrol, their ideas, and have convivial conversation with other COPs.

WHEN: September 19th, Thursday, 1600-1800 hours

WHERE: Dave's apartment, Avenida, 40445 Portola Avenue, #100

REFRESHMENTS: Light snacks and beverages provided

DRESS: Casual Attire



At our last member's meeting, Liz Martinez with Adult Protective Services' C.A.R.E. program (Curtailling Abuse Related to the Elderly and Dependent Adults) provided a presentation on some of the most frequently encountered scams. Some of those scams are:

Charity Grandparent Lottery and Sweepstakes Phishing I.R.S
Social Security and Medicare

You can protect yourself by not giving your personal or financial information out. If you are contacted by telephone by someone claiming to be from the IRS or other government agency, don't provide personal information and hang up. Government agencies will not contact you by phone, but by mail. Also do not click on links in e-mails you are unfamiliar with or were not expecting. Scammers will try and convince you to provide your personal information to avoid criminal or financial penalties. Some may claim to be with public utilities and threaten to discontinue service if you do not pay a fee. Others will try and convince victims that they won money and need to pay a certain amount to obtain the money. Many scammers will request payment in gift cards or gold.

Contact the Federal Trade Commission at [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov) or Department of Financial Protection & Innovation at [DFPI.ca.gov](https://www.dfpi.ca.gov) if you would like more information on fraud and fraud protection or to report a fraud.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The City of Palm Desert has multiple committees and commissions. The Public Safety Committee (PSC) reviews law enforcement and comprehensive public safety matters and makes recommendations to the City Council accordingly. It consists of 7 members and meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm. The committee meetings are open to the public. Items such as sheriff and fire staffing and budgets and public safety enhancements are discussed. These items can have direct relevance to Citizens on Patrol members. Captain Jeff Alley is a member of this committee and encourages all members of the COP program to attend the meeting, as observers, if possible.

COP ANNIVERSARIES

It is our members who make our program the success it is. A big thanks to the below members on their anniversaries with our program.

David Bendell 4 years

When we seek to discover the best in others we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.



A VISIT TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Contributed by Steve Berger



Being a nature lover and having photography as a hobby, I always wanted to visit the Galapagos Islands. I had the opportunity a few years ago to be on board a National Geographic Expedition Ship with Nat Geo photographers and naturalists. What a wonderful way to see these pristine islands. And the discussions on board regarding our itinerary were very fulfilling. And to get onto one of the many Galapagos Islands you must be with a licensed naturalist, who can only take 12 people max on an island at one time. I guess there's a reason these beautiful islands have remained pretty much untouched since Charles Darwin found this treasure. Although some of the island visits involved some strenuous hiking, everyone has the ability to sign up for "less" strenuous hikes, so don't let age hold you back from one of the greatest places we still have on this planet. Below are some of the great photos he took.





COPS Volunteer Hours Report for 2024

Month	Hours	Cum. Hours	# COPS
Jan - July	5005	5005	26
Aug	397	5402	26
5402 hours X \$61.82 hr. = \$328,549.64			

If you have any questions, suggestions, or photos that you would like included in a future newsletter, feel free to e-mail Jeff Alley at cops@adjustablebedmart.com or leave him the info in his mailbox at the office.