

DATE: September 27th, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Tom Whitmer, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: Acting City Manager's Report – Week Ending – 09/27/2024



"Inspiring a Vibrant Community"

Cottonwood Police Department This week, Commander Braxton-Johnson along with other members of the FBI National Academy Associates; Arizona Chapter Executive Board co-hosted a fall training event with the Scottsdale Police Department, featuring guest speaker, retired Deputy Chief AJ DeAndrea from the Arvada Colorado Police Department. Chief DeAndrea was one of the original responding SWAT Team Leaders to Columbine, and presented, "25 years since Columbine, when terror hits home." Chief DeAndrea gave a harrowing first-hand account to one of the most infamous school shootings in American history. He also spoke in his second of multiple school shooting responses in regard to the Platte Canyon Colorado hostage rescue shooting in 2006. Please see photo attached.

Cottonwood Public Library – On Thursday, Sept. 19th we had Riley and Dillon Park Rangers from AZ State Park service as guests for our Preschool Storytime here at Cottonwood Public Library. They shared about state parks as well as our little wilderness families. They shared track replications from them, and they also were able to make tracks of their favorite out of clay to take home. We also had visitors from Verde Valley Ambulance come to share and gifted each child with an ambulance goodie bag. The bag had stickers and coloring book regarding their work. Please see attached photos

Employee Vaccine Clinic – On October 10th from 9-11 the City of Cottonwood employees and their dependents are welcome to attend this year's vaccine clinic. It will be held at the Cottonwood Recreation Center in the Verde Room. Please view the attached flyer for details.

Verde River Day - Multiple departments from the City of Cottonwood will be present at this year's Verde River Day on Saturday, September 28, 2024. We look forward to a fun filled evening celebrating nature and community here in Cottonwood! We hope to see you there! Please see attached flyers.

Collaborative Shop Local Ad - The Tourism & Economic Development Department has partnered with the Cottonwood Old Town Association and the Greater Verde Valley Chamber of Commerce to launch a local ad in Money in the Mail to promote shopping local during the warmer months. It is a common occurrence for business to be slower with the increasing temperature, so many businesses in Old Town rely on the support of local residents during these times. The 2-page ad features all businesses in the Old Town area and also highlights our Halloween events. The Money in the Mail coupon books should be completely distributed throughout the Verde Valley by October 10th. Please see attached ad.

National Night Out – The Cottonwood Police Department invites the members of our community to National Night Out 2024! This year's event will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at the Cottonwood Kids Park from 4:30pm-7:00 pm. Several organizations will be present during the

event. If you have any questions, please contact the Cottonwood Police Department office at 928-634-4246. Please see the attached flyer.

Doubles Pickleball Tournament - Cottonwood Parks and Recreation Dept. is hosting a Doubles Pickleball Tournament on October 19-20, 2024 at the Cottonwood Recreation Center! This program will help raise funds to resurface the pickleball courts that are well-loved by our local community members! Registration is now open and you can sign up as an individual for \$50 or a team for \$100. To sign up, please visit <https://secure.recl.com/AZ/cottonwood-az/catalog> and register soon as spots are limited! Email twilson@cottonwoodaz.gov if you have any questions. Please see attached flyer.

Parents Night Off - Hey parents! Are you ready for a spooky night out? Look no further! Let us take care of your little ones while you enjoy a night on the town. Your child will have a hauntingly good time dressing up in costume, playing games, and making new friends. Our experienced staff will lead them in fun arts and crafts activities, and they'll enjoy pizza and a Halloween-themed movie. Don't miss out on this opportunity to give yourself the break you deserve while your child has a blast with us. Pre-registration required. Registration opens online today at noon! Sign up at <https://secure.recl.com/AZ/cottonwood-az/catalog>. Please see attached flyer.

Trunk or Treat - The Parks & Recreation Department invites all businesses, organizations, and individuals to sign up to participate in the City of Cottonwood's Annual Trunk or Treat! Sign up to reserve a spot for your decorated car trunk and pass out candy to trick-or-treaters on Halloween night! This year's theme is Tim Burton Films! Contact Travis at twilson@cottonwoodaz.gov or 928-639-3200 x 3210 to sign up! Thank you for helping us bring a safe & fun Halloween event to our community! Please see attached flyer.

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Attachments:

Photos – CPD

Photos – Storytime

Flyer – Verde River Day

Ad – Shop Local

Flyer – NNO

Flyer – Pickleball

Flyer – Parent Night Off

Flyer – Trunk or Treat



WHEN TERROR HITS HOME

25 YEARS AFTER COLUMBINE

In this training, Chief AJ Deandrea gives a harrowing, first-hand account and debrief to the most infamous school shooting incident in American history, Columbine. He also discusses how he helped devise and execute the tactical plan for the Hostage Rescue at Platte Canyon High School in September 2006.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

8 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND: OPEN TO SWORN LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND FBINAA MEMBERS**

**AJ DEANDREA DEPUTY
CHIEF OF POLICE (RET)
ARVADA POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



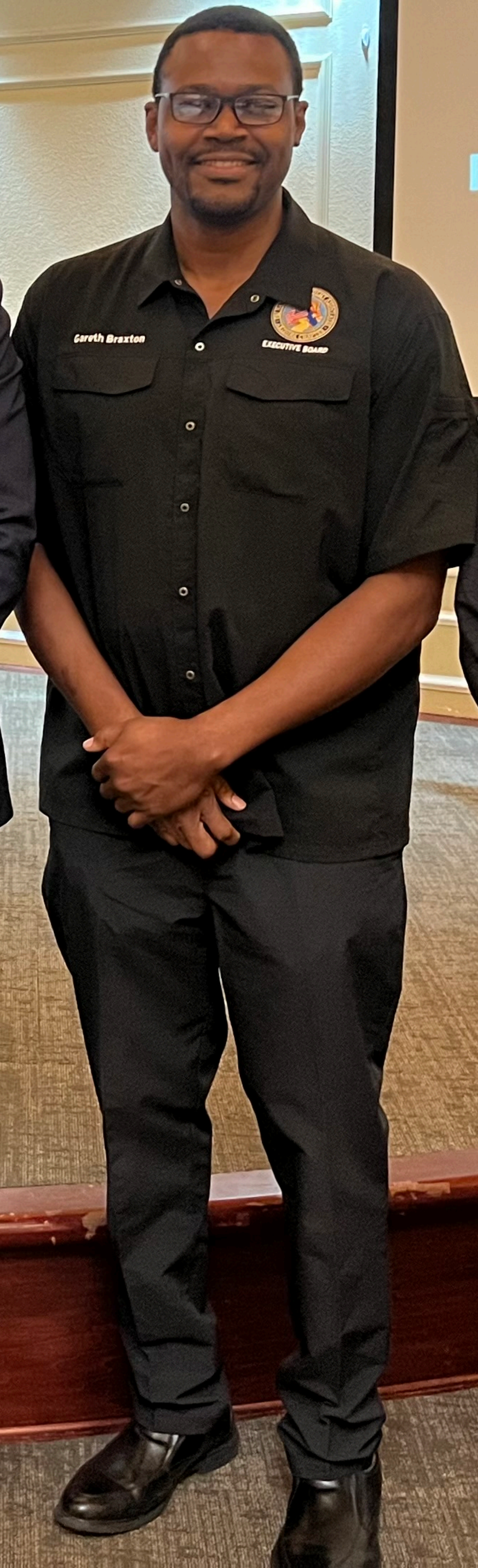
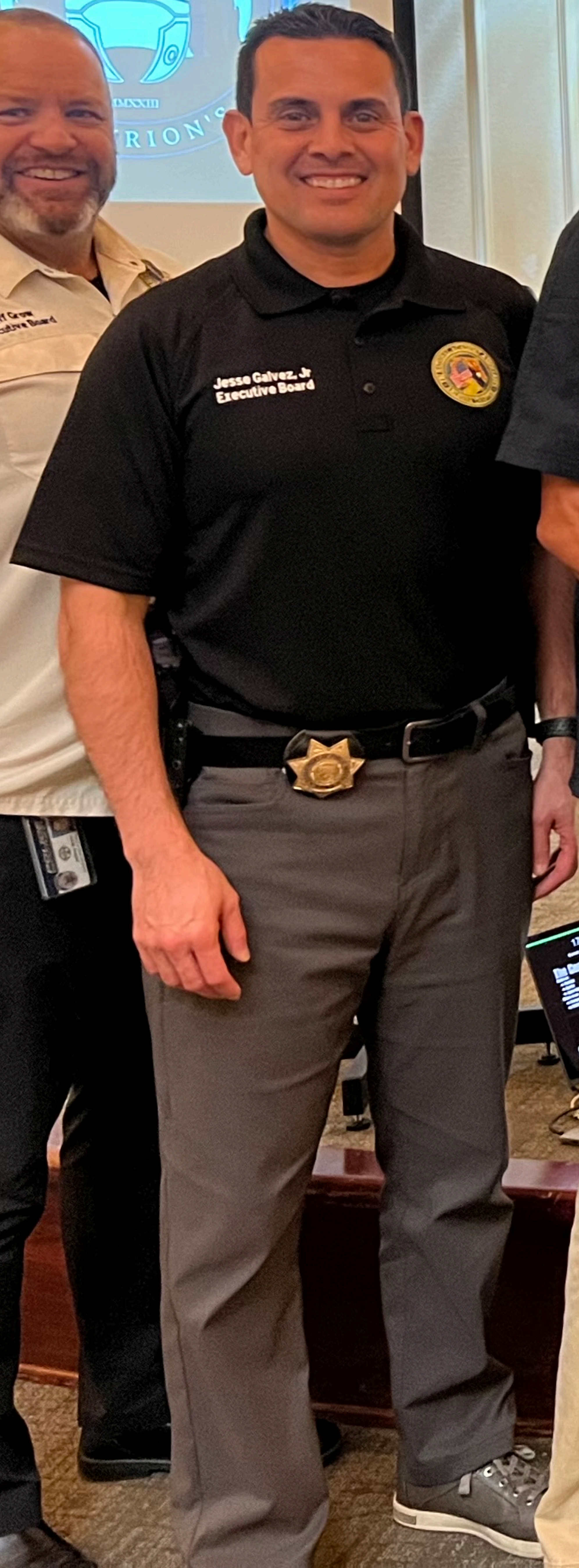
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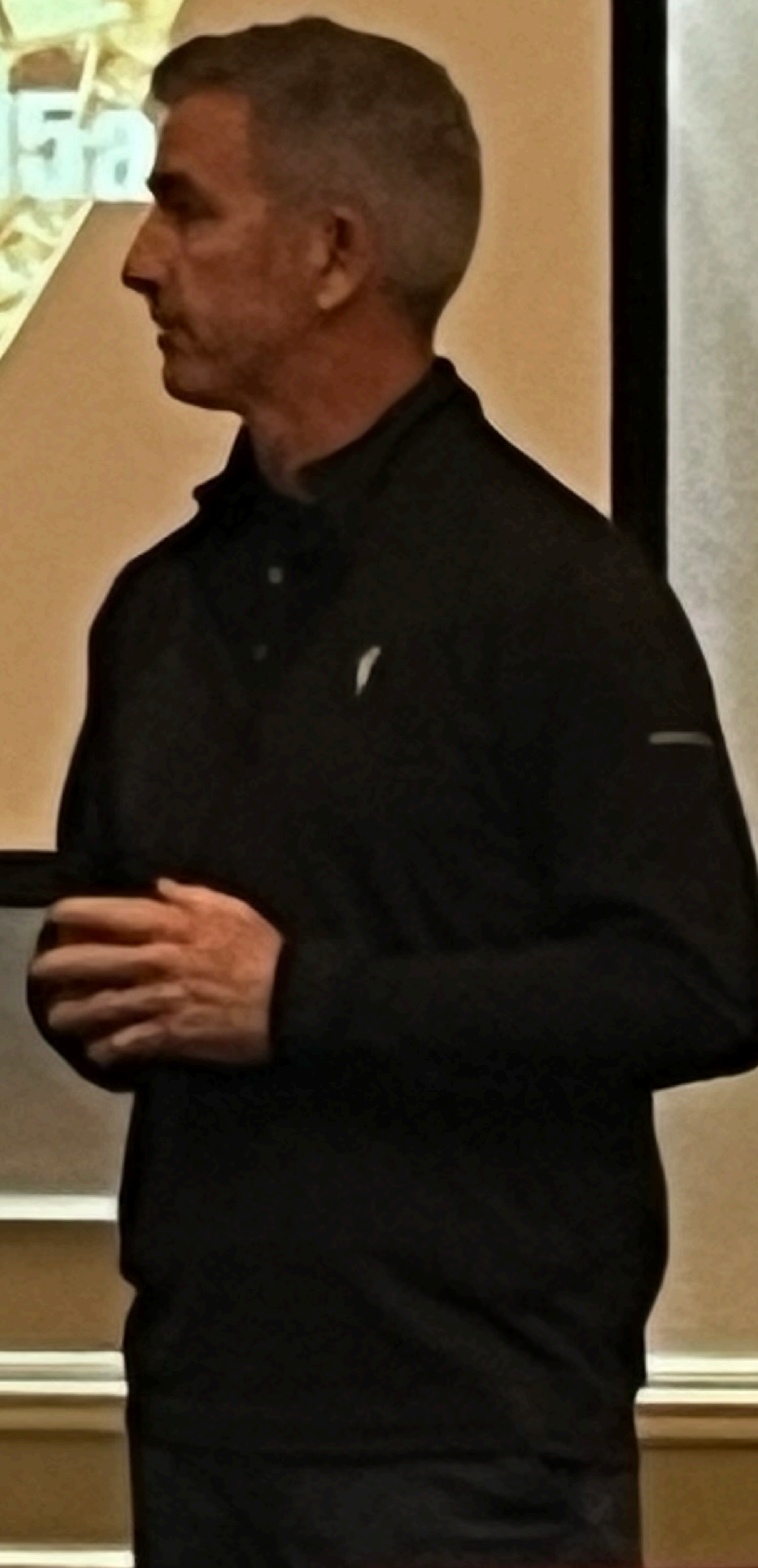
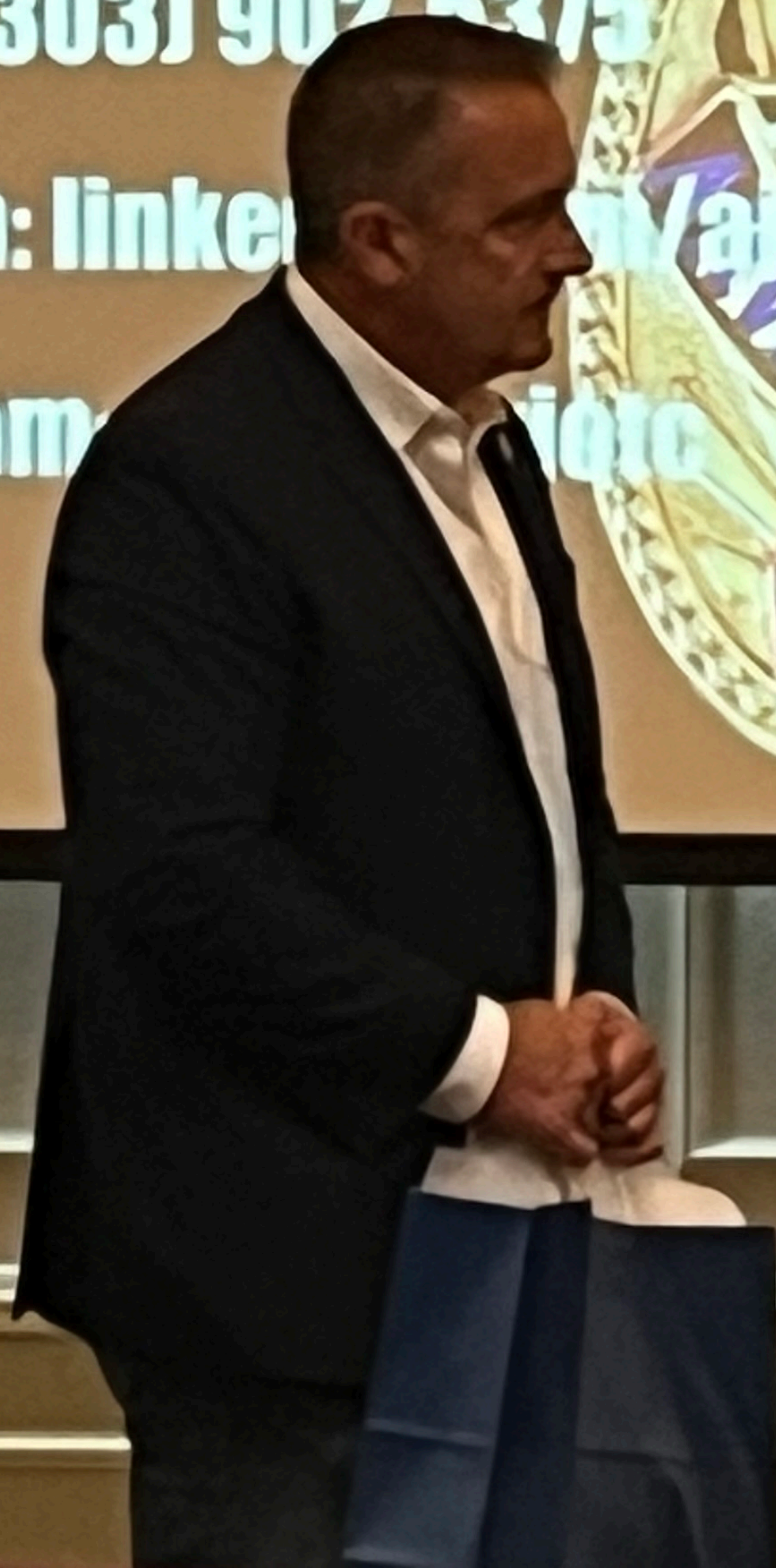
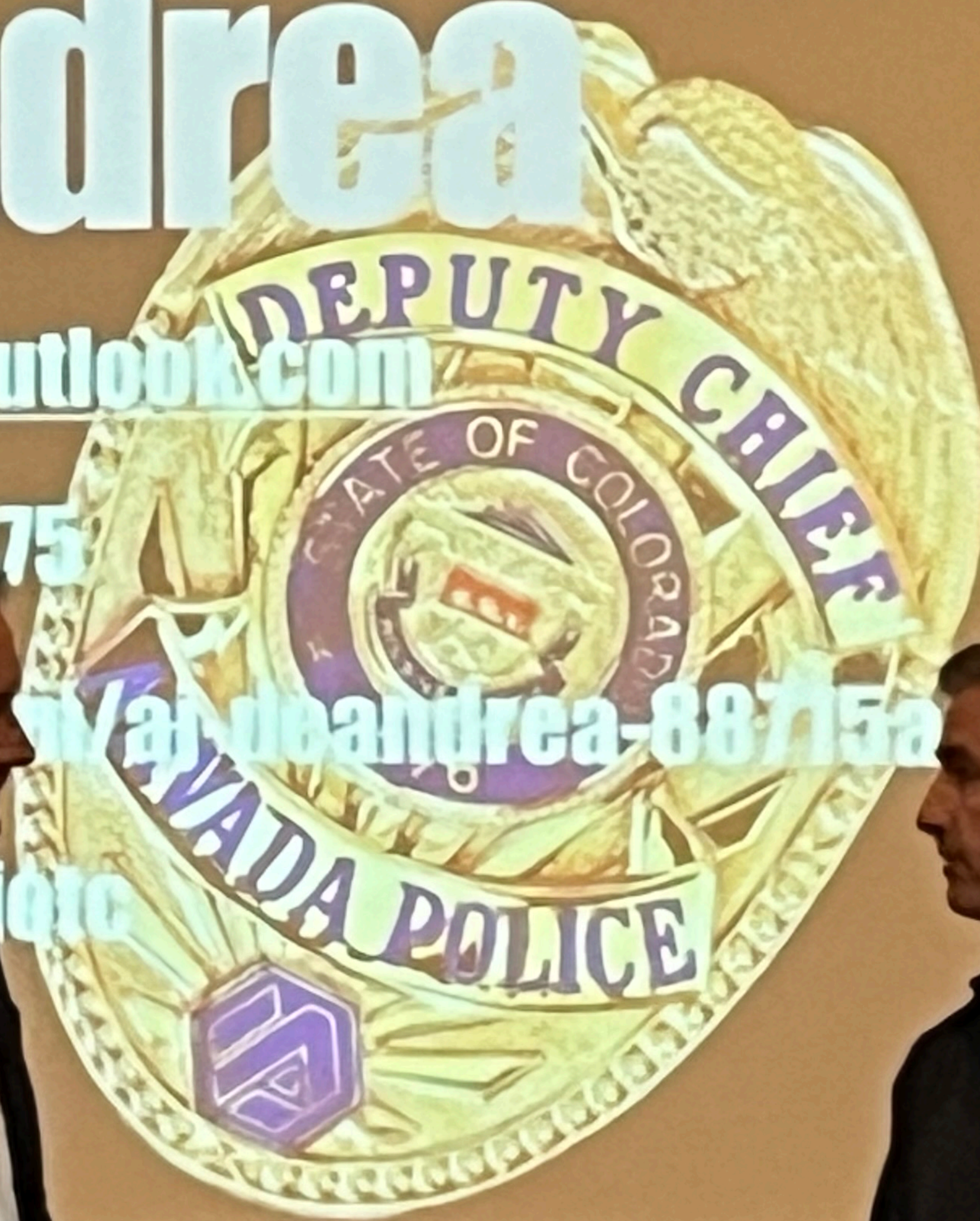
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SAVE THE DATE

CITY OF COTTONWOOD EMPLOYEE VACCINE CLINIC

Date: October 10, 2024
Time: 9-11 a.m.
Location: Rec Center –
Verde Room
(150 S. 6th Street)

This clinic is for City of Cottonwood employees and dependents on their medical insurance.



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

35TH ANNUAL

Verde River Day



GUIDED
NATURE
WALKS

Organized
Canoe Rides

Food

Sandcastle
Building

FUN!

ACTIVITIES
GALORE

Fishing

OVER 40 NONPROFIT
NATURE-BASED EXHIBITORS

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER '28

Dead Horse Ranch
State Park

9:00am - 3:00pm

free park admission
during the event

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

TO SPONSOR VISIT COTTONWOODCHAMBERAZ.ORG

GREATER VERDE VALLEY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE



COMMERCE | CULTURE | RECREATION | COMMUNITY

In Partnership With:

DEAD HORSE RANCH
STATE PARK

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THANK YOU SPONSORS!

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Thank you to our
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Verde NRCD

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**Western
National Parks
Association**



Thank you River
Supporters

Thank you for donating a
portion of your proceeds to help
fund this event!



TO SPONSOR VISIT COTTONWOODCHAMBERAZ.ORG

Let's celebrate
HALLOWEEN
 in Cottonwood, AZ



SHOP LOCAL & DINE LOCAL IN OLD TOWN COTTONWOOD!

SHOPPING

All Things Creative
 Art Glitter
 Bananas in Old Town
 Barter Inn
 Boho Soul
 Cartwheels
 Cat's Meow
 Crazy Tony's Market
 Ella
 Green Shed Antiques
 Hart of AZ Art Gallery
 Hippie Emporium
 J&J Antiques
 Junkhouse Charlie's
 Magenta Jewelry
 Main St. Mercantile
 Old Town Copper Co.

Old Town Rocks
 Old Town Souvenirs
 Papillon II
 Pawz On Main
 Petals & Pine
 Phoenix Rising Boutique
 Pink Rain Boutique
 Seeds Natural Fiber
 Clothing
 Shabby Chic Boutique
 Shadow's Hiss & Hearse
 Son Silver West
 The Dirty Hippie
 The Tiny Gourmet
 Verde Valley Olive Oil
 Traders
 Wine, Whiskey & Whatnot

DINING

Adriana's Mexican
 Restaurant
 Ay, Chihuahua!
 Belfry's Brew Pub
 Bing's Burger Station
 COLT Grill
 Crema Craft Kitchen & Bar
 Four 8 Fried Chicken
 Merkin Vineyards Hilltop
 Winery & Trattoria
 Nic's Italian Restaurant
 Old Town Cafe
 Pizzeria Bocce
 Red Rooster Café
 Sedonuts
 Strada @ Bocce
 Tavern Grille
 Thai Palace
 VODA Boba

TASTING ROOM

Arizona Stronghold
 Vineyards
 Caduceus Cellars Hilltop
 Cellar 433
 Copper Jackalope
 Da Vines Vineyard
 Four 8 Wineworks
 Cactus Kate's
 Rubrix Wines
 Small Batch
 Tantrum Wines
 Vino Zona Vintage

ARTS/CULTURE

Center of Universal Light
 Old Town Center for the Arts
 Studio B At OTCA

SERVICES

Adobe Group Realty
 Artery Tattoo
 AZ Movement Clinic
 Cate's Design Architecture &
 Studio Gallery
 Catholic Charities
 Community Services
 Chocolate Blonde Salon
 Cottonwood Old Town Plaza
 La Belle Social Media &
 Marketing LLC
 Ledbetter Law Firm
 Old Town Square
 Respyre Massage
 Rumors Hair Salon
 Salon Social
 Verde Valley Bicycle Co.

LODGING

Annabel Inn LLC
 Cactus Pad LLC
 Cottonwood Hotel
 Iron Horse Inn
 Lofts of Old Town
 Prickly Pear Guest House
 Tavern Hotel
 Tincamp Cottonwood
 Turquoise Casa

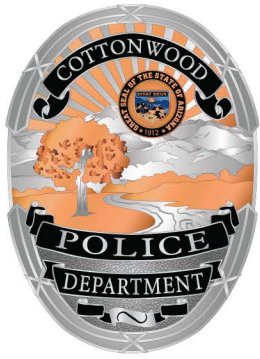


**PROUD SUPPORTERS OF OUR
 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY!**



Find more events at
visitcottonwoodaz.org





POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024 • 4:30 - 7 P.M.
COTTONWOOD KIDS PARK (350 S 12TH ST.)

HOTDOGS



LIVE DEMOS

HAMBURGERS



MEET LOCAL BUSINESSES

SODA



LEARN ABOUT LOCAL RESOURCES

POPCORN



ACTIVITIES

COTTON CANDY

FREE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Heighten crime & drug prevention awareness • Strengthen neighborhood spirit & police-community partnerships • Generate support & participation in local anticrime programs • Send a message that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back



DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

OCT. 19-20, 2024
COTTONWOOD RECREATION CENTER - 150 S 6TH ST.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Skill level 3.0 – Indoor Court

Skill level 3.5 – Outdoor Court

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Skill level 4.0 – Outdoor Court

Skill level 4.5 – Outdoor Court



**SCAN ME TO
SIGN UP!**

**LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE!**

Register as a team or as an individual (partners will be randomly assigned)

\$50/INDIVIDUAL \$100/TEAM

REGISTER ONLINE AT [COTTONWOODAZ.GOV/PARKS-RECREATION](https://cottonwoodaz.gov/parks-recreation)



CITY OF COTTONWOOD'S ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31, 2024 • 4-7PM

COTTONWOOD REC CENTER

150 S. 6TH STREET

TRICK OR TREATING

INFLATABLE GAMES

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

