



Press Release

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Dangers of Eloping in the Summer Heat

How to aid police in search of vulnerable adults, children, and pets.

On 06/15/2021, Ofc. Chavira received a welfare check where the caller advised that an elderly male on a scooter was in her driveway and appeared lost and confused. The temperature at the time of the call was 115 degrees. Ofc. Chavira arrived on the scene and immediately noticed the male was disoriented due to being in the heat and requested paramedics respond. The male was identified as a 74-year-old from Scottsdale. The elderly male was staying at a resort with his caretaker. The caretaker left the male in the room while running some errands, and the male decided to go for a scooter ride. However, due to the extreme temperature, he quickly became disoriented and overheated. The paramedics arrived on the scene, and once the male's core body temperature went down, the paramedic allowed the male back to his room. Officers from the Town of Paradise Valley along with Phoenix Fire, gave the male a complementary escort back to his room, lights and all. Once the male was back in his room, Ofc. Chavira made sure that the male had plenty of water and made contact with this caretaker, and told him what had happened. Ofc. Chavira showed an outstanding level of care and compassion.



If anyone within your household may be prone to wander, please assist the Paradise Valley Police Department in locating them should you dial 9-1-1 in an emergency by updating their Safety Profile in Alert PV with a photograph. You can even update Safety Profile information for your children and pets.

The summer weather is extremely dangerous for anyone who may get lost, especially if there are vulnerable needs involved. Your information is safe and only accessed if you initiate a 9-1-1 call.

Alzheimer's Association – Wandering: <https://alertpv.us/dsn>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Information on Wandering: <https://alertpv.us/vqu>



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Engage your neighbors and ask if they know about the #NineOClockWalk Campaign.

Making a nightly habit can help us change the face of crime prevention. Help keep your neighborhood crime-free. End crime by walking it out. Search #NineOClockWalk on social media for safety tips and schedule your annual Home Security Review by contacting Community Resource Officer Steven McGhee at smcghee@paradisevalleyaz.gov

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