

Pima County Sheriff's Department

# MEDIA RELEASE

Mark D. Napier, Sheriff

## Sheriff Napier's First 30 Days

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It is now February, which means Pima County Sheriff Mark D. Napier has just completed his first 30 days in office. Sheriff Napier is dedicated to the fiscal responsibility of the department and the strengthening of the already high levels of service this community has come to expect.

The new Sheriff and the department as a whole are working together to overcome the many challenges we face. We are proactively addressing fiscal, morale and organizational structure issues that existed in the department prior to Sheriff Napier taking office.

Upon taking office, Sheriff Napier inherited a nearly \$6 million budget deficit. Through a variety of reductions to on-call pay and executive staffing positions, as well as attrition, the Sheriff has cut that deficit by over \$2.5 million. That is an approximate 43% reduction in the budget deficit during the first month in office.

Not only is the Pima County Sheriff's Department on its way to being back on budget, Sheriff Napier has also made it clear he wants to develop and grow the department's involvement in the community. To achieve this goal, the Sheriff has been familiarizing himself with the day-to-day operations of the department, meeting with local, state and federal leaders, and growing partnerships with local law enforcement agencies. He is participating in crime control programs such as the Coalition Against Retail Theft (CART), which is a collaboration with the Tucson Chamber, the Pima County Attorney's Office and several law enforcement agencies. Extending his commitment to serving our County, Sheriff Napier has been elected as the Vice Chair of the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run Executive Committee, which works in support of the Special Olympics.

In the coming months, Sheriff Napier will continue to work proactively to confront challenges and make difficult changes to move us forward. We will be communicating our progress again at the 60 and 90-day mark of his administration.

For further information contact the Public Information Office at (520) 237-3740 or [pcsdpio@sheriff.pima.gov](mailto:pcsdpio@sheriff.pima.gov).

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