

# Tucson Crime Free Coalition (TCFC)

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*“The Tucson Crime Free Coalition’s mission is a safer community for all, through the enforcement of our laws. We are advocates for adequate staffing and resources for law enforcement, treatment for those in need, and prosecution for criminals that are unwilling to abide by our laws.”*

**We are non-partisan, and not associated with any candidate or elected official. Crime affects everyone! Our leadership team is:**

Kevin Daily - Engineering, Neighborhood and Schools leader  
Monica Carlson - Local Business Owner  
Josh Jacobsen - Local Business Owner

*“La misión de Tucson Crime Free Coalition es una comunidad más segura para todos, a través de la aplicación de nuestras leyes. Somos defensores de la dotación de personal y los recursos adecuados para la aplicación de la ley, el tratamiento de los necesitados y el enjuiciamiento de los delincuentes que no están dispuestos a cumplir con nuestras leyes”.*

No somos partidistas y no estamos asociados con ningún candidato o funcionario electo. ¡El crimen afecta a todos! Nuestro equipo de liderazgo es:

Kevin Daily - Líder de Ingeniería, vecindario y escuela  
Monica Carlson - Propietaria de negocio local  
Josh Jacobsen - Propietario de empresa local

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## WEEK #23 - January 22nd, 2023

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### MESSAGE from the TCFC Steering Leadership

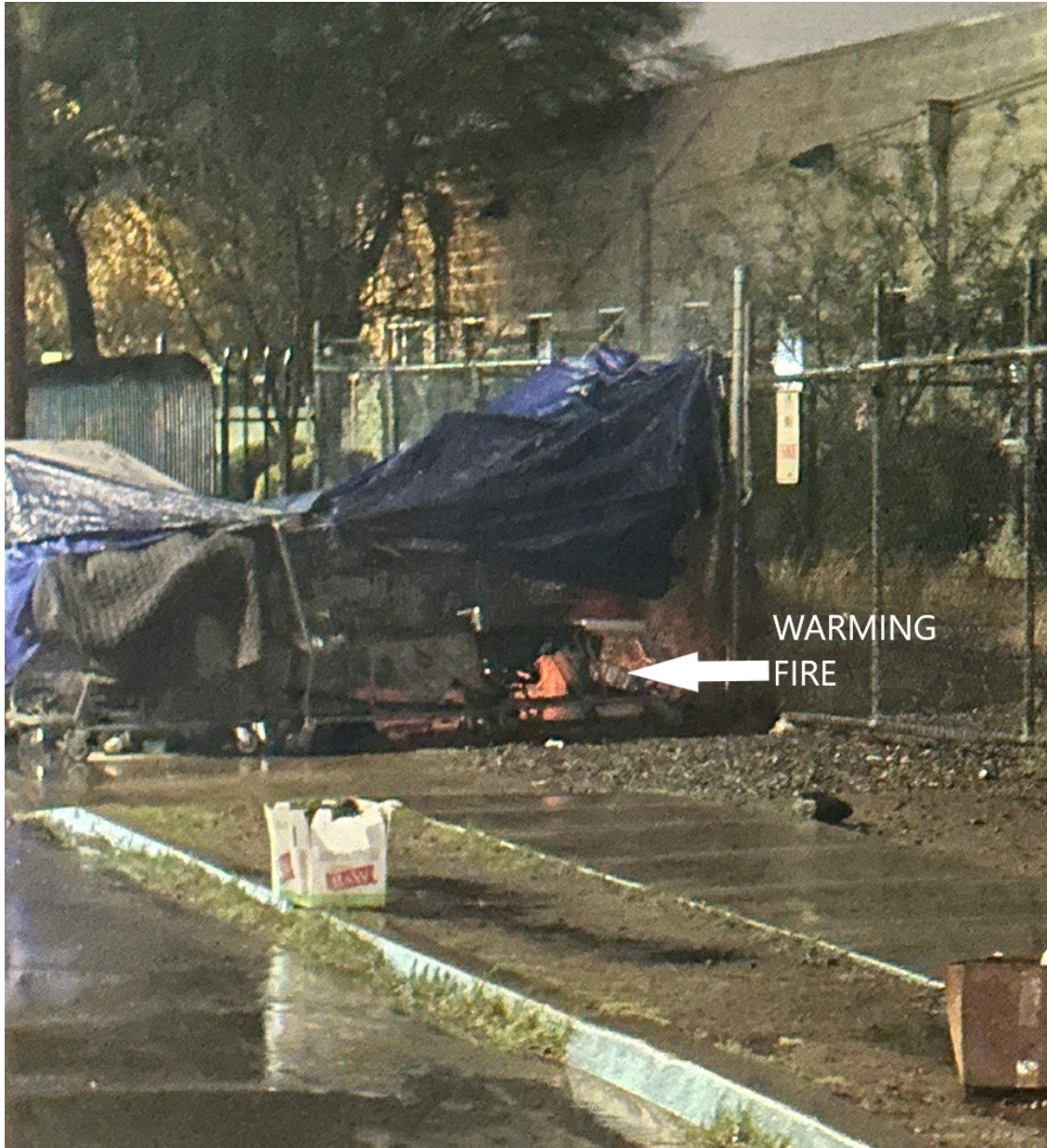
- We had another 100 people sign up through our website last week! Keep up the good work! This brings us to 2500 members! We know there are many more people reading the newsletter that are not registered so please sign up!

**WE DO NOT SHARE OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST!**

- **CALL TO ACTION!!! This week is membership week! This week each registered member is asked to recruit two people to sign up on our website and to join the Coalition!!!** [tucsoncrimefree.com](http://tucsoncrimefree.com)
- **Public Safety Summit!** Sponsored by Pima County, Tucson Crime Free and Pima County Supervisors Sharon Bronson, Steve Christy, Rex Scott and City of Tucson Ward 2 Councilmember Paul Cunningham. Invitations to other elected officials go out this week. The purpose of the summit is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding in regards to a regional approach to address crime in our

community. We will let you know next week who is attending indicating they are serious about addressing crime in Pima County.

- REPORT CRIME! Even though you know no one will come out, please report crime to 911 or TPD online reporting. TPD knows that crime is under reported, we need real data and your help. See our [links](#) at the top of the [tucsoncrimefree.com](http://tucsoncrimefree.com) webpage.
- Our schedule has been packed with meetings with business groups including Developers, Construction, Property Management, Rotary, Faith and many others. This is a great way for us to spread our message and build TCFC. Remember, we have been successful due to our very involved membership and grass-root movement.
- This week was not a good week in the City of Tucson for warming fires. The city is not enforcing the law.



**BEFORE** Picture taken 1/15/2023 near Oracle and Grant in front of COPE. Warming fire inside tarp structure allowed by Mayor and Council.



**AFTER - Next Day**, Picture taken 1/16/2023. burnt to the ground by a warning fire. This is an example of the unsafe happenings Tucson Crime Free Coalition is trying to prevent.



This week a warming fire destroyed the new play equipment at Estevan Park. The Splinter Collective was hired by the Mayor and Council for \$80,000+ to protect the park and specifically the playground for use by only children.



The City of Tucson just spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade Estevan park and its equipment. Estevan is in Ward 1 in the city.

WE ARE MAKING THINGS HAPPEN!!!

GET YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN UP!!!!!! **OUR NUMBERS INFLUENCE CHANGE!**

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**WEEK #22 - January 15th, 2023**

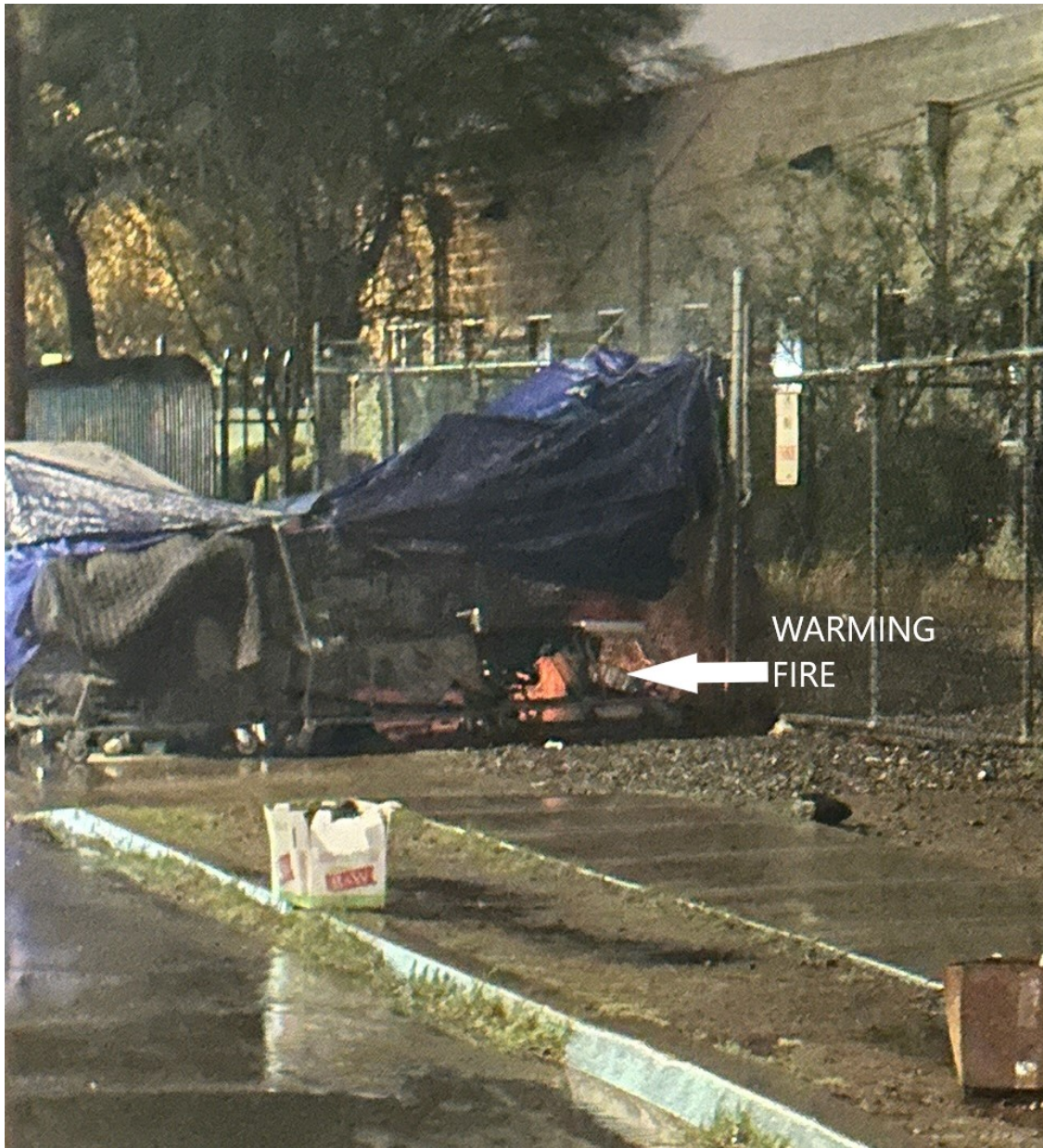
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## MESSAGE from the TCFC Steering Leadership

- We had another 100 people sign up through our website this week alone! Keep up the good work! This brings us to 2400 members that want solutions to our crime and fentanyl crisis that is occurring on the streets of our community. Please help TCFC continue to grow! Community support is why our voices are being heard!
- We have had many complaints from our members over the last few weeks about warming fires. Our members point out that law abiding citizens are not allowed to start fires in public without a permit but our City of Tucson elected officials turn the other way and are allowing it to happen. Below is a picture of a warming fire under a tarp near Oracle and Grant, taken today! Below is at a closed down gas station at the corner of Grant and Stone. These are examples of what is being allowed by Mayor and Council.



Picture taken today, 1/15/2023 near Oracle and Grant in front of COPE. Warming fire inside tarp structure allowed by Mayor and Council.



Photo by Chris DeSimone. This was allowed to happen for several days even after multiple 911 calls including by TCFC members. Our elected Mayor, Regina Romero and Council approve of this by letting it continue. This was at the old gas station at Grant and Stone.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!

## **WEEK #21 - January 8th, 2023**

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### **MESSAGE from the TCFC Steering Leadership**

- We added 101 members in the new year! Numbers mean influence and a seat at the table! We appreciate and are very interested in all the offers of help! We are trying our best to provide meaningful opportunity to engage. Your time will come but for now we build our support network and connect!
- This last week we spoke at the Old Pueblo Business Association. This was another opportunity to let more businesses in Tucson know that we are fighting so they can be heard! If you are part of a group, organization or coalition, please connect us!
- The transition center planned opening at the Pima County Jail Annex on mission road is on-schedule for opening on Feb 1st 2023. We will be announcing a press conference soon.
- Remember that **TPD is hiring and the Deadline to apply is MONDAY January 9, 2023**. See details in Week #19 below.
- This week we worked with Pima County drafting the plan for the upcoming Law Enforcement Summit. We plan to have an announcement this week to our members. We are drafting a proposal Memorandum of Understanding that will be presented for adoption by our elected officials outlining their commitment to fight crime.

- Listen to radio interview with 17 year veteran TPD Detective **Nate Foster** as he shares an officer's perspective on the department, his thoughts on The Tucson Crime Free Coalition as well as **improvements and solutions to issues Chief Kasmar has been able to accomplish.**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUj\\_fVngm8o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUj_fVngm8o)

Watch this week for an announcement!

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**WEEK #20 - January 1st, 2023**

***Happy New Year 2023 from TCFC!!!!***

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**MESSAGE from the TCFC Steering Leadership**

- Remember we represent you! Stay engaged and recruit your neighbors to address crime in Tucson in 2023. Your attention and signing up for our newsletter has made it possible for us to make the progress we have and get your voice heard. Some of our elected would love nothing more than for us to disappear so they can go back to sleep. Don't let that happen!
- We are working on creative ways for you you get involved in 2023. Stay tuned!
- Remember that **TPD is hiring and the Deadline to apply is January 9, 2023.** See details in Week #19 below.
- Planning is in full-push for the TCFC, Elected Leaders and Law Enforcement Summit planned for Early January. TCFC is facilitating with County Administrator Lesher, a **PIMA COUNTY (TUCSON, ORO VALLEY, MARANA, SAHUARITA, GREEN VALLEY)** to address CRIME. Stay tuned for details next week and on social media. This would be a good time to follow TCFC on Facebook and Instagram. This is an opportunity to discuss on a Regional Basis strategies we agree to undertake as a Region will tie back to reducing crime! All our elected leaders and law enforcement will be invited. **We will be SURE to let you know if any of our elected decide to skip this important event.**
- Next week we will give you an update on the Feb 1st opening of the Transition Center at the County Jail Annex on Mission Road. Jan Lesher and the County team will be meeting with County Attorney, Laura Conover and the courts this week to review plans in place for improving pre-trial services so we can reduce the time Deputies and TPD officers spend at the site when booking those accused of crime. Less time there means our officers will be back on patrol and serving the public fighting crime.

**ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT WEEK**

- Meet with Jan Lesher on Thursday to discuss progress meeting with Court System and continued prep for Transition Center.
- TCFC will speak at Old Pueblo Business Association to share our progress as well as hear business concerns about Crime!



## Fatalities Year to Date:

**For 2021 - 84**

**Pedestrian - 29**

**Bicycle - 7**

**Motorcycle - 10**

**Vehicle - 38**

**For 2022 - 99**

**Pedestrian- 49**

**Bicycle - 6**

**Motorcycle - 17**

**Vehicle - 27**

**CRIME STATISTIC OF THE WEEK:** Preliminary 2023 Final Count - City of Tucson Pedestrian Death!

TPD reported stats were on 12/30.

So update stat for 2022 is 49 Pedestrian Deaths in 2022 vs 29 in 2021.  
**54% Increase!**

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**WEEK #19 - December 25, 2022**

***Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from TCFC!!!!***

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**MESSAGE from the TCFC Steering Leadership**

- We wish everyone the happiest of Holidays! During this time of family and friends please keep in mind and share that **TPD is hiring and the Deadline to apply is January 9, 2023**. At the end of this message all the details will be provided with links. Members, lets use this time where we are seeing so much family and friends to get the word out to an amazing career opportunity with great pay, great benefits, great respect and so important to addressing our crime problem. TCFC's mission supports law enforcement advocates for adequate staffing!!!
- TCFC is facilitating, in Jan 2023 with County Administrator Leshner, a **PIMA COUNTY (TUCSON, ORO VALLEY, MARANA, SAHUARITA, GREEN VALLEY) Leadership Regional Summit** to address CRIME. This idea was floated by City of Tucson Councilmember Cunningham (Ward 2) and supported by Supervisor Bronson and Supervisor Christy. Stay tuned for details. This is an opportunity to discuss on a Regional Basis how strategies we undertake as a Region will tie back to reducing crime!
- A side note about TCFC funding. We are funded by **The Bank of Josh, Kevin, Monica**. Some have asked so we want to make sure our members understand this fact as we have not taken in any outside organization dollars. We have been asked by our members if we are going to have a "Donate" button on our website. We are talking about this but have not come to a conclusion yet. Thank you for

asking!!!!!! It means a lot for all that you offer. We wish we could take you all to every meeting physically, but we have you all with us in Spirit!!!

## THIS LAST WEEK's ACTIVITIES

- TCFC had a great conversation with Oro Valley Mayor Winfield and all committed to a team meeting in early 2023!
- Good meeting with City Manager and Councilmember Dahl (Ward 3). Discussed common concerns and we are happy to report we will be meeting frequently with the City Manager, Mike Ortega, like we do with County starting in Jan 2023. We are looking forward to developing strong collaboration.
- TCFC was requested/confirmed to speak at 3 more business groups early in the new year including Rotary.
- Lunch meetings with other interested partner organization including Goldwater Institute discussing common issues of concern.
- Weekly meeting with Jan Leshar with updates on good progress with courts system getting ready for Transition Center opening Feb 1, 2023.
- Working with County Staff on baseline data with measurements for success before and after metrics to be able to report how we are meeting our desired outcome which is reduced CRIME!

## ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Meet with Jan Leshar on Thursday to discuss progress meeting with Court System next week continued prep for Transition Center.

## CRIME STATISTIC OF THE WEEK: MORE and MORE Pedestrian Death!

TPD Reporting is behind and was last reported stats were on 12/16. We know of two more pedestrian deaths since then which we hear did involve pedestrian suspected of influence of Fentanyl.

So update stat for 2022 is 49 Pedestrian Deaths in 2022 vs 27 in 2021.

**74% Increase!**

### Fatalities Year to Date:

For 2021 - 81	For 2022 - 94
Pedestrian - 27	Pedestrian - 47
Bicycle - 7	Bicycle - 5
Motorcycle - 10	Motorcycle - 16
Vehicle - 37	Vehicle - 26

## TPD IS HIRING!!!! (DEADLINE Jan 9th, 2023)

**This is a call to action to help us fill the next TPD academy class.** The Police Officer Recruit application period is now open! Applications will be accepted until January 9th, 2023. This process is for Academy Class 23-2 (Starting in May of 2023).

Community safety is important to all of us and we have to work together to accomplish this top priority. Please do your part, be an active recruiter.

Currently TPD sits at around 742 sworn members (with another 60 currently in training), we average around 8 officers a month in attrition, be it retirements or resignations. TPD is authorized to hire up to 883, so as you can see, there is a lot of room to recruit.

TPD has been averaging around 300 applicants per process. That typically yields 20 to 25 recruits that start the academy. With your help we can blow this number out of the water!

## How do WE get there? Simple.... YOU.

YOU can help Chief Kasmar recruit! YOU know people that would make a good fit for TPD. YOU can be part of the solution to TPD staffing challenges.

Hopefully you have heard, our City has a competitive compensation package for the agency, which will hit paychecks in January. While you'll be seeing the benefits of this commitment soon, it should also help to attract new police candidates with a higher starting salary for officers.

**What can you do?** We are asking you all to talk up the police department and share information with your friends & family. Also, "Like" TPD recruiting social media pages. The team puts out content all the time, but they need help in building the audience. Help us by liking and sharing every post. The more engagement the better.

[TPD Recruiting on Twitter,](#)

[TPD Recruiting on Facebook,](#)

[TPD Recruiting on Instagram.](#)

Do you know someone who has customer service, great communication skills? If so, mention a future as a TPD team member (think CSO, Police Officer Recruit, Records Specialist, PSCD and more).

There are many great benefits to working for the police department. TPD offers a newly approved starting salary of \$28.04 an hour, a four day 10-hour work week with plenty of overtime opportunities, cutting edge training, generous vacation, sick and holiday leave allowances, a tuition reimbursement/ student loan repayment program (\$5250/year), excellent medical benefits, plus a fast paced-always exciting work environment.

If you want more information or if you know someone that would be great wearing the patch of the Tucson Police Department, send them to [www.JoinTucsonPD.org](http://www.JoinTucsonPD.org).

Thank you for your support.

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## WEEK #18 - December 18, 2022

We now have **2101 members** who are concerned about reducing CRIME in Tucson!

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## MESSAGE from the TCFC Steering Leadership

You send us so many emails with horrible stories of how you are victims of crime and fear for your safety. We try hard to channel you to resources as much as possible but we will not solve this until our electeds (in particular Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, Council and County Attorney) address crime. TPD is not the problem. If electeds really wanted to address crime they would direct TPD through policy directives and provide resources to enforce our laws. Instead, they leave the TPD Chief, who works for a living, hanging to

solve the problems that Mayor and Council are responsible. Even **Oro Valley Mayor Winfield has called out County Attorney Conover** for not prosecuting [Click: \(Oro Valley State of the Town - Nov 2022\)](#)

Most of you ask when you email, "How can I help?" Honestly, what gives us our power to represent 2100+ members is you and your fellow citizens and businesses signing up on our website. Representing so many businesses and citizens on this issue of crime in Pima County is what give us/and YOU a seat at the table. When you bring a friend along and have them sign up, that is what you can do! **WE HAVE THE ATTENTION OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS but they are dragging their feet, kicking and screaming. Some also may feel like we hurt their feelings asking them to do what they were elected.** We keep you informed of our progress each week through our newsletter, facebook and instagram. We need you to be ready when we ask you to do something when we send out a CALL TO ACTION.

## THIS WEEK ACTIVITIES

- Congratulations to TPD and Chief Kasmar welcoming 19 new CSO's - Community Service Officers - graduation Dec 16th!

 **Tucson Police Department** ✓  
December 16 at 4:50 PM · 🌐

Starting the weekend right! Yesterday, we welcomed 19 new Community Service Officer TPD Family!

Congrats to our newest CSOs! Have a great & safe weekend, Tucson!



- Jan Leshner, County Administrator sponsored a Tour for TCFC of the Jail Annex, site of the Transition Center. We found this to be the perfect site with room for many future services even after Feb 1, 2023. Electrical is currently being installed. Here is a picture of the entrance where the new pre-trial services will be located. There is room in this LARGE 50,000 sq ft building for detox and a whole bunch of other potential services to help get those committing crimes off the street.



- TCFC sponsored a meeting between City Council Member Cunningham, Supervisor Bronson and Supervisor Christy. This was a very productive meeting and the result was a common understanding and agreement that we will be working together on issues related to crime between Pima County and Ward2.

## ACTIVITIES

- The Transition Center continues to be prepared, on-schedule for opening Feb 1. 2023.
- **We will be meeting with Councilmember Dahl this week to discuss issues of common concern.**

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## WEEK #17 - December 11, 2022

**We have EXPLODED this week in membership!**

**We gained 406 Members in one week!! LET's crush it again this week!**

We now have **2006 members** who are concerned about reducing CRIME in Tucson! We are also starting to get more national members signing up!

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**GET THE WORD OUT** - All you need to join is to signup on our webpage:  
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## MESSAGE from the TCFC Steering Leadership

The creation of the Transition Center, will provide a secure location to take people that suffer from substance abuse issues that commit crimes. Here they will receive the humanitarian, life-saving help they need, possible diversion programs, or jail (where they

also can get well treated). This will provide no excuse for a lack of enforcement approach by Mayor Regina Romero, City Council and County Attorney Laura Conover. Last July, the TCFC told CP Conover, "you can tell us you are prosecuting, but we don't see the problem getting any better on the streets, it's getting worse, so your words and statistics don't match what we see with our eyes."

**With the exception of Steve Kozachik and Paul Cunningham who are starting to speak about solutions the TCFC supports,** The Tucson City Council continues not providing the direction and support to TPD to enforce our laws. Open air drug use, trespassing, organized retail theft, assault, property damage and shoplifting are destroying our city and the Mayor and Council are complicit by continually taking actions that only move the problem around. They are not addressing the cause which is people committing crime and need to be held accountable.

## NEXT WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Tucson Crime Free Coalition is sponsoring joint meetings this week between Board of Supervisors, Chair Bronson, Supervisor Christy and City Council members who are ready to join the solution that addresses treating the cause of CRIME instead of treating only the symptoms. Our solution will also provide help to those that want it and save lives. The TCFC is continually working to find open minded City Council members who will fulfill their oath to protect the public from crime.

Mission/Jail Annex Transition Center Concept (link) - **Work continues - Full-Steam** - by the Tucson Crime Free Coalition and Pima County for preparation of opening the Transition/Triage Center by **Feb 1, 2023**. This Center is the first step in the **regional solution we have been advocating for**. We are working with our partners, Jan Leshar, Supervisor Scott, Supervisor Christy and Chair Bronson to ensure the courts are ready to prosecute criminals instead of letting them out the backdoor with freedom to commit more crime, victimize other people and potentially be victimized themselves.

## HOW YOU GET INVOLVED & REPORT ALL CRIME (see what ward or district)

Our links have your wards, supervisors, mayor and county attorney  
<https://www.tucsoncrimefree.com/pages/links>

Even though you know the the Mayor and Council continue to support not sending officers and not having a plan to improve, **YOU NEED TO REPORT CRIME!!!!** Otherwise they think there are no problems and use the lack of reports as an excuse saying that crime is less.

1. Sign up on our website [tucsoncrimefree.com](http://tucsoncrimefree.com) for the newsletter
2. Follow our progress. Read the newsletter and forward to others
3. Call 911 if you are a victim of crime or are in danger even when you know no one is going to help you. 911 needs to record the numbers of requests for service as well as those not served
4. Report CRIME even if TPD is not going to respond. Use online reporting [Tucson Police Department Online Crime Reporting](#)
5. Use the City's [HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL & REPORTING TOOL](#) so all can see and report just how much our city leaders are ignoring
6. Stay tuned for Call to Action as we progress, email us anytime with any special talents or info you may offer to move us forward with solutions.

A Call to Action could include:

1. Emailing and or calling an elected official
2. Attending a City Council Meeting or Board of Supervisors Meeting
3. Speaking at a City Council Meeting or Board of Supervisors Meeting
4. others.

## MEDIA Past WEEK

Chris DeSimone WakeUP! KVOI.com Tucson  
Tuesday Dec 6th,  
**"EXPLAIN THE PAIN" - 3 hour show with 10 business owners.**  
Listen on podcast on [KVOI.com \(link\)](#)

Pima County Supervisor Steve Cristy (OPINION)  
Dec 8, 2022

**Christy: In or out? County attorney, city of Tucson must help anti-crime**

**efforts in dealing with homeless**

TucsonSentinel.com

Kevin Daily, Monica Carlson, Josh Jacobsen, and Oliver Swan spoke to the Tucson Association of Executives (link)

The members listened and shared great support to TCFC and many have pledged support with time and services!

**THANK YOU TAE!**

Josh Jacobsen on The Morning Ritual with Garret Lewis (KNST)  
Dec 9, 2022

[Josh Jacobsen on Garret Lewis \(link\)](#)

**TELL OTHERS!!!!!!!!!!!! ABOUT**

**[Tucsoncrimefree.com!!!](#)**

**WEEK #16 - December 4, 2022**

**We are going social! Look us up on Instagram and Facebook!**

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**TELL OTHERS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Six (6) More Pedestrian Deaths Since Nov 20, 2022 in City of Tucson!**

When is Mayor Romero and the City Council going to take this Fentanyl Problem Serious! 46 Deaths! Last year 25. We are almost double!!

**NEW DEATH TONIGHT @ 8PM**

**Fatalities Year to Date:**

<b>For 2021 - 76</b>	<b>For 2022 - 91</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Pedestrian - 25</b>	<b>Pedestrian - 46</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Bicycle - 7</b>	<b>Bicycle - 5</b>	
<b>Motorcycle - 10</b>	<b>Motorcycle - 16</b>	
<b>Vehicle - 34</b>	<b>Vehicle - 24</b>	

**LAST WEEK ACTIVITY**

- Productive Meeting with Chief Kasmar, Chief's and Lieutenants
- More specifics for the Transition Center to be placed at Pima County Jail Annex to deal with getting criminals off the street. This will be presented at the Pima County

Board of Supervisors Meeting on Dec 6th. See link below to see details.  
ITEM #11 on Dec 6th agenda:  
[Agenda ITEM #11](#)

## **MEDIA LAST WEEK**

1. KUAZ.org, 89.1 (NPR/AZPM) "The Buzz" with Christopher Conover [Listen Here AZPM "The Buzz"](#)
2. AZ Daily Star - Nicole Ludden - Dec 3, 2022: [Tucson Crime Free: Business group: Law enforcement must help address Tucson's homeless crisis](#)
3. Josh Jacobsen - Tucson Crime Free Coalition Steering Committee Leader Shares Estevan Park Problems [Estevan Park Video Documentary](#)
4. Our parks are dangerous for kids: [KOLD.com, Dec 1, 2022 - Baby playing in park overdoses on fentanyl](#)
5. Goldwater Institute Sends Letter to City of Tucson Mayor and Council [Citizens Force Arizona County to Take Action on Homelessness](#)

## **THIS WEEK ACTIVITIES**

- **Dec 6th, 3 hour Radio Show, Tucson Crime Free 6am-9am on WakeUP! TUCSON**

The Chris DeSimone Radio Show, WakeUP! Tucson, AM Radio Station 1030 or [live/archive](https://www.kvoi.com/) podcast via web at <https://www.kvoi.com/> will have ten business owners who will join the show to share how CRIME is hurting Tucson!

- Major Discussion/Action for Transition Center at Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting - Dec 6th, 9am. Agenda ITEM #11
- We will learn more about Mayor and Council willingness or unwillingness to address CRIME. Study Session - Dec 6th @12noon, Agenda Item #8 - [Update and Discussion on Community Safety and Strategic Initiatives for Unsheltered \(City Wide\) SS/DECo6-22-221](#)
- Tucson Crime Free Coalition will speak at the Meeting of Tucson Association of Executives

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## **WEEK #15 - November 27, 2022**

### **City of Tucson - More Pedestrian Death** on Thanksgiving Evening around 7pm

Two (2) more fentanyl under influence pedestrians hit on Thanksgiving. One killed outright and 1 now missing a limb and potentially become fatal. Our sources say Fentanyl was likely involved in both. Location of each were 1 mile apart on 1st Avenue in Ward 3.

### **The River Loop had to close restrooms because of damage by vandals**

See below but need to wait for parts probably indicates serious plumbing damage maybe for metal scrap to fuel drug use.



Based on overnight theft and vandalism the following restrooms are closed until further notice:

Ted Walker Park – Confluence of CDO and Santa Cruz River Park

Camino de la Tierra – Rillito River Park (south bank)

Rillito Racetrack – Rillito River Park (north bank)

Staff are working to restore these facilities as parts become available. Please contact local law enforcement if you see suspicious activity on the CHH Loop.



## THIS WEEK ACTIVITIES

This week we will be meeting high level with TPD, County and City leaders. We will be reviewing progress and looking to clear roadblocks. We are continuing to prepare for the transition center that will enable getting back to enforcing our laws.

## MEDIA UPCOMING and Past WEEK

**This Last Week:**

**Tim Stellar (AZ Daily Star) quoted us this week in his Column Today, Sunday, Nov 27, 2022. See here:**

[Tim Stellar's column: In Tucson, the bad keeps outflanking the good](#)

### Coming Up!

\* Watch for this week we will be on AZPM (NPR/PBS) KUAZ 89.1 (The Buzz) KUAZ.org

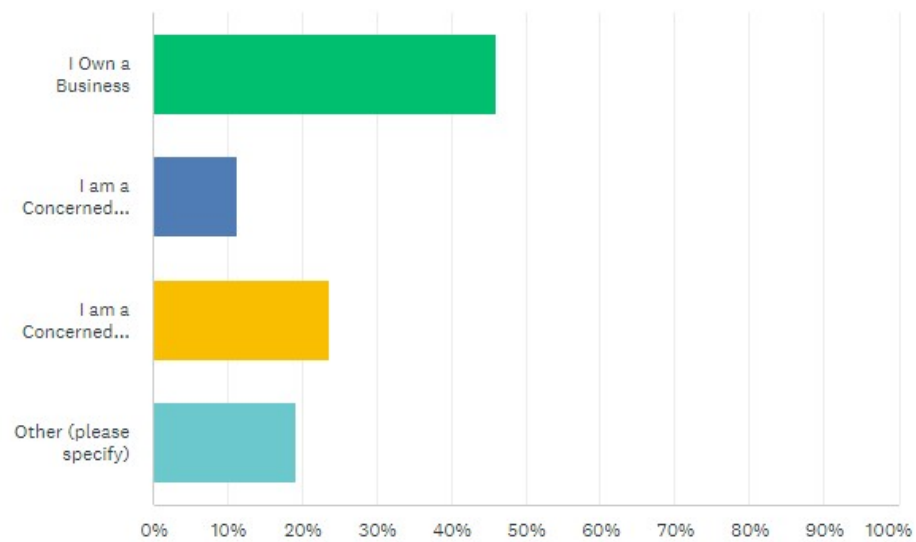
\* Another upcoming article in AZ Daily Star

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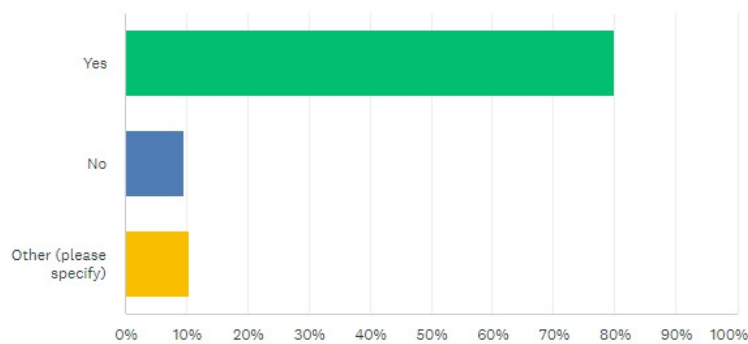
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**View the results of our Survey! Thank you all of you that took the time to respond. We had nearly 400 responses.**

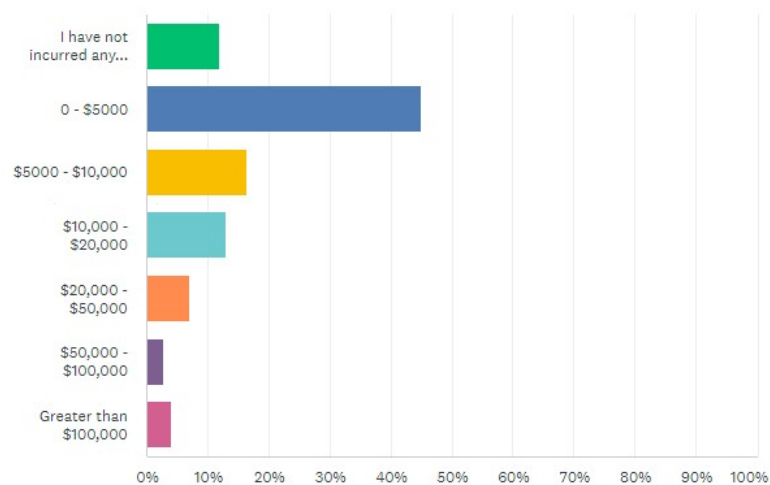
# What best describes you?



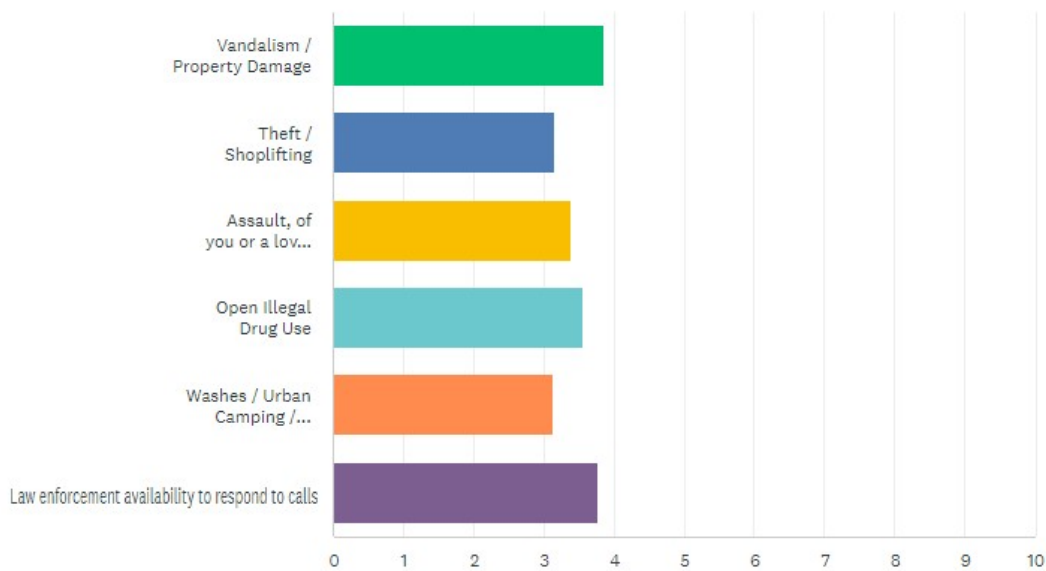
Do you, your coworkers and/or employees (if applicable) feel unsafe at home or work because of crime in our community?



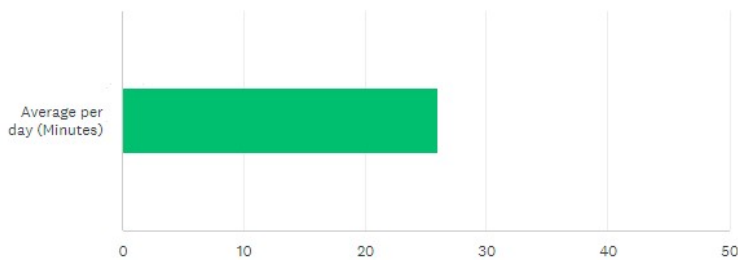
What dollar amount have you paid to replace items, repair damage, upgrade business or personal security with respect to crime concerns since 2019?



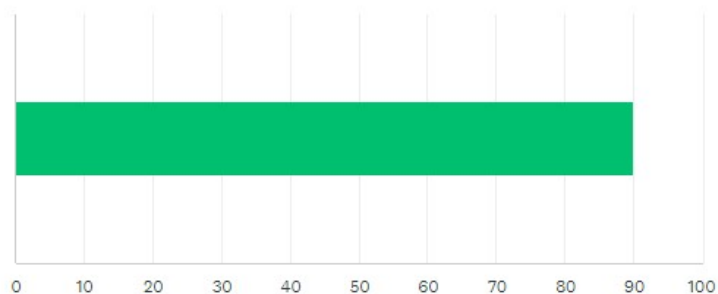
Please rank your concerns regarding crime in our City and County.



Pick one that best describes: How much time do you spend cleaning up after trespassers, illegal drug use, defecation on your business or personal property?



What is your level of frustration or concern with our elected leaders continuing to allow lawlessness in Tucson?



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**WEEK #14 - November 20, 2022**

**MAJOR PROGRESS THIS WEEK!**

Tucson Crime Free Coalition (TCFC) Dominated Call to the Audience on Tuesday

November 15 with 70 people and 26 speakers (including the Goldwater Institute in support of TCFC) telling their stories about how crime is killing their business, killing our community, and killing human beings. 90% of speakers were business owners. It took 3 hours of call to the audience to get through all the speakers.

***THANK YOU TO ALL THAT SPOKE and showed up wearing black!***

**Warning: Board of Supervisors are demonstrating recognition and support for addressing the CRIME problem. City of Tucson, Mayor Regina Romero and Council, have not shown that they understand or care about addressing CRIME, yet. Their answer to this so far is to do cleanups. They are only moving the problem from place to place and people continue to die.**

As the result of this overwhelming outcry, the Pima County Board of Supervisors voted (5-0) supporting 4 motions in support of the Tucson Crime Free Coalition and taking action (initial steps) about CRIME!

Here are the motions that passed (5-0) UNANIMOUS!

1. Given the prevalence of criminal behavior that causes great hardships for our residents and businesses, the Board of Supervisors states that anyone who violates laws in place to protect public health and safety should be arrested and prosecuted. Anything that prevents the enforcement of our laws should be identified and removed. The Board directs the county administration to work with the County Attorney, Sheriff, Courts and any other involved parties to identify any barriers or impediments to effective enforcement or prosecution and report back to us with plans for addressing them.
2. The Board directs county administration to devise a plan for making use of the Mission Annex (Pima County Jail site) as a site for the expansion of pre-trial and probation services.
3. There is a need for comprehensive "wraparound" services that seek to address the root causes of homelessness. The Board directs county administration to report to us on any current joint efforts being undertaken by county and City of Tucson staff to provide such services, any further opportunities for greater collaboration and ways that private sector agencies can join in support of these efforts.
4. The Board directs county administration to fully evaluate and report back to us on any options for reallocating unexpended American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for any expenses associated with any of the items addressed in these motions.

**THIS IS PROGRESS BUT BABY STEPS!** Supervisor Christy, has put this on the agenda for Dec 6th but we meet with county every week.

[READ ABOUT NOV 15 PIMA Board of Sups Meeting here:](https://www.gvnews.com/news/crime-free-coalition-wants-action-from-supervisors/article_36447f84-6532-11ed-ad56-d3e2d5fce234.html)

[https://www.gvnews.com/news/crime-free-coalition-wants-action-from-supervisors/article\\_36447f84-6532-11ed-ad56-d3e2d5fce234.html](https://www.gvnews.com/news/crime-free-coalition-wants-action-from-supervisors/article_36447f84-6532-11ed-ad56-d3e2d5fce234.html)

**Dec 6th, 3 hour Radio Show, Tucson Crime Free 6am-9am on WakeUP! TUCSON**

The Chris DeSimone Radio Show, WakeUP! Tucson, AM Radio Station 1030 or **live**/archive podcast via web at <https://www.kvoi.com/> will have ten business owners who will join the show to share how CRIME is hurting Tucson!

**STATISTIC OF THE WEEK:**

**41 PEDESTRIANS KILLED in CITY OF TUCSON!!  
RECORD HIGH in 2022 so far, 23 last year up to now.**

**Mayor Romero, and Councilmembers, when are you going to start being part of a real solution like the Board of Supervisors? How**

many more are going to die zombie walking into traffic while you ignore?

[https://www.kvoa.com/townnews/highway/pedestrian-fatalities-near-record-high/article\\_18f38e8c-66d8-11ed-8d84-d3871d192f6a.html?mibextid=07ACJ6](https://www.kvoa.com/townnews/highway/pedestrian-fatalities-near-record-high/article_18f38e8c-66d8-11ed-8d84-d3871d192f6a.html?mibextid=07ACJ6)

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WEEK #13 - November 13, 2022

**This is THE opportunity to make change!!!!**

**We have an agenda item at the Pima County Board  
of Supervisors Meeting THIS Tuesday  
130 W Congress Street  
Nov 15 @ 8:45 am**

**This is our moment to get our Elected Officials to Act!!**

*Three ways you can help!!!*

1. Please attend and you are encouraged to speak, at the meeting call to the audience. Fill out green speaker card, 8:45 am before meeting, 130 West Congress, 1st Floor, **WEAR BLACK**
2. Attend and bring a friend(s) to the meeting and wear black to support Tucson Crime Free Coalition. Fill the room!!!!
3. In addition to 1 and 2 above, write and send email comments to all of the following email addresses below by THIS Monday 4pm (copy addresses list from this email to the TO line in your email:

COB\_mail@pima.gov,  
district1@pima.gov,  
district2@pima.gov,  
district3@pima.gov,  
district4@pima.gov,  
district5@pima.gov,  
mayor.romero@tucsonaz.gov,  
ward1@tucsonaz.gov,  
ward2@tucsonaz.gov,  
ward3@tucsonaz.gov,  
ward4@tucsonaz.gov,  
ward5@tucsonaz.gov,  
ward6@tucsonaz.gov,  
citymanager@tucsonaz.gov,  
info@pcao.pima.gov

Suggested points to make (can be very short email focusing on 1-4:

1. You support The Tucson Crime Free Coalition
2. Thank Supervisor Bronson and Christy for their STRONG support
3. **Tell the other Supervisors: Grijalva, Heinz and Scott we need them to join the effort, and for them to ask Elected Mayor Regina Romero and Elected County Attorney Laura Conover to join the solution to getting crime off our streets and for the City to fix staffing issues at TPD! No more excuses!!**
4. Tell your story how crime is affecting your business, home, safety and quality of life.

## Listen to us on the Radio Monday Morning, 6am

Listen to the Tucson Crime Free Coalition team on the Chris DeSimone Radio Show, WakeUP! Tucson, THIS Monday Morning starting at 6am-9am, Nov 14. You can listen on AM Radio Station 1030 or **live/archive** podcast via web at <https://www.kvoi.com/>

## Optionally watch Tuesday Board of Supervisors Meeting on Web

If you can't attend the meeting on Tuesday, you can watch it live , 9am, at link: [http://pima.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=3](http://pima.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3)

**Please don't delay, THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE!!!!**

**Bring your employees, family and friends!**

**All are welcome and Needed!**

**WEAR BLACK**

**[tucsoncrimefree.com](http://tucsoncrimefree.com)**

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La versión en español de la semana #12 sigue a esta versión en inglés.

## **WEEK #12 - November 6, 2022**

### **Two items of Bad news!**

#### **One:**

We found out this last week that our fears have officially come true. Due to organized and rampant retail theft/shoplifting, **Walgreens at Oracle and Limberlost is closing on November 7th (tomorrow)**. We have other businesses we heard have already closed but this reason was confirmed by the store and by other sources just last week.

This is the direct result of the lawless behavior we have been reporting for 12 weeks. The Pima County Attorney, Laura Conover, Mayor Regina Romero and City Council have let this problem continue, unchecked, to the point where **we are officially losing our businesses**.

#### **Two:**

This week, the Pima County Board of Supervisors, recognizing that city and county employees feel unsafe walking to and from city and county buildings, voted to support city county plan to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to support special shuttles to be operated by the Downtown Partnership. What hypocrisy!! What about the rest of us? **(Thank you to Supervisor Bronson and Supervisor Christy for voting, "NO", against hypocrisy!)**. Supervisor Scott, Grijalva and Heinz know there is a crime problem and voted yes! Unbelievable! Again, what about the rest of us?

The response to crime and lawlessness from Mayor Romero is simply to do some cleanups and moving the problem from place to place **WASTING OUR MONEY and TIME. It does nothing to stop the DEATH, tragedy and destruction!**

**We will announce the business closings each week as we hear about them.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY** if you have not completed it, please do, so we know how you can best contribute. You can forward it to others. We will share the summary results next week.

**If you have not completed our 2 minute survey, please do so ASAP. See Link below!!!!!!**

link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NDPXFH>



### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS WEEK!**

- We are growing each week. Rate holds at about 100 per week. At 1200 now.
- We joined forces with a coalition of businesses on the southside of our city who are experiencing what the rest of our city is experiencing.

### **CRIME STATISTIC OF THE WEEK: CAR THEFT**

**So far in 2022 there have been 1918 car thefts in the City of Tucson!**

***PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SURVEY!!!! Thank you!***

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### **SEMANA #12 – 5 de noviembre de 2022 ¡Dos artículos de malas noticias!**

#### **Uno:**

Descubrimos esta última semana que nuestros temores se han hecho realidad oficialmente. Debido al continuo hurto organizado y constante de negocios pequeños y minoristas, **Walgreens en Oracle y Limberlost cerrará sus puertas el 7 de noviembre (mañana)**. Tenemos otros negocios que hemos sabido ya cerraron pero esta razón fue confirmada la semana pasada por la tienda y otras fuentes.

Este es el resultado directo del comportamiento ilegal que hemos estado reportando durante las últimas 12 semanas. La fiscal del Condado de Pima, Laura Conover, la alcaldesa Regina Romero y el Concejo Municipal han permitido que este **problema continúe, sin control, hasta el punto de perder a nuestros negocios oficialmente.**

#### **Dos:**

Esta semana, la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Pima, al reconocer que los empleados de la ciudad y el condado se sienten inseguros al caminar hacia y desde los edificios municipales y del condado, votaron a favor de una iniciativa del condado y la ciudad para gastar cientos de miles de dólares apoyando un plan que permite que transportes especiales sean operados por Downtown Partnership. ¡Qué hipocresía!! ¿Qué pasa con el resto de nosotros? (**¡Gracias al Supervisor Bronson y al Supervisor Christy por votar, "NO", contra la hipocresía!**). El supervisor Scott, Grijalva y Heinz saben que hay un problema delictivo y votaron sí ¡Increíble! ¿Qué pasa con el resto de nosotros, nuevamente?

La respuesta de la alcaldesa Romero al crimen y el desorden es simplemente hacer alguna limpieza y mover el problema de un lugar a otro **GASTANDO NUESTRO DINERO y TIEMPO**. ¡No hace nada para evitar las **MUERTES**, la tragedia y la destrucción!

Anunciaremos los cierres de negocios cada semana a medida que nos enteremos de ellos. ASEGÚRESE DE COMPLETAR LA ENCUESTA si no la ha completado. Hágalo, por favor, para que sepamos cómo puede contribuir mejor. Puede volver a enviárnoslo. La próxima semana compartiremos el resumen de los resultados.

**Si no ha completado nuestra encuesta de 2 minutos, hágalo lo más posible, ¡Véase el enlace a continuación!!! link:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NDPXFH>**



### **¡LOGROS DE LA SEMANA!**

Estamos creciendo todas las semanas. La tasa se mantiene como a 100 por semana a 1200 actualmente. Hemos unido nuestra causa a una coalición de negocios en el área sur de la ciudad que han experimentado lo que el resto de la ciudad está experimentando.

### **ESTADÍSTICAS DELICTIVAS DE LA SEMANA: ROBOS AUTOMOVILÍSTICOS**

¡Hasta ahora en el 2022, ha habido 1918 robos de auto en la ciudad de Tucsoón!

**¡POR FAVOR, COMPLETE NUESTRA ENCUESTA!!!! ¡Gracias!**

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La versión en español de la semana #11 sigue a esta versión en inglés.

**WEEK #11 - October 30, 2022**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS WEEK!**

- **We grew by another 101 members this week to 1106!**
- We launched our survey! **If you have not completed our 2 minute survey, please do so ASAP.** It is critical that we gather this information. Completing the survey tells us more about your story, concerns AND how you can help us all, coming up soon.

You can forward the survey link to anyone you know is concerned about the explosion of crime in Tucson. The survey is done via surveymonkey. Complete using the link below OR the QR Code.

link: **<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NDPXFH>**





- This week we are working with county leadership to complete the drug court piece of the plan that will allow those that need help, to get it. We are also continuing to help find the best site for the TRANSITION CENTER. Our goal, with the continued cooperation of Pima County, is to start service in November or early December. We will need your voices, very soon, to ensure this will happen.
- You may see some areas in the City getting cleaned from time-to-time. The city is currently wasting money and resources moving the problem around by cleaning up, moving people out but failing to address the root problems of drugs and crime in our community. It just moves and eventually comes back to the same spots. **The Mayor and City Council have not discussed a solution in regards to the issues that are negatively affecting our community on a daily basis like trespassing, open drug use, vandalism, pedestrian fatalities, assaults, fentanyl overdoses, organized retail theft or simply enforcing of our laws.** Pima County is the leader working with us to address the root problem. Our members are sharing with us their recognition that Mayor Regina Romero and City Council members are not discussing solutions.

## **SUMMARY OF MEDIA COVERAGE THIS WEEK!**

October 26, 2022 TucsonSentinel.com

[https://www.tucson sentinel.com/local/report/102622\\_pima\\_homeless\\_crime/pima-county-build-shelter-homeless-responding-biz-concerns-aggressive-panhandlers-drug-use/](https://www.tucson sentinel.com/local/report/102622_pima_homeless_crime/pima-county-build-shelter-homeless-responding-biz-concerns-aggressive-panhandlers-drug-use/)

## **CRIME STATISTIC OF THE WEEK: ARSON**

**So far in 2022 there have been 194 arsons! That's one arson every other day!**

***PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SURVEY!!!! Thank you!***

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**SEMANA #11 – 30 de octubre de 2022**

## **¡LOGROS DE LA SEMANA!**

- Esta semana crecimos otros 101 miembros para alcanzar 1106!
- ¡Publicamos nuestra primera encuesta! **Si no ha completado nuestra encuesta 2 minutos, hágalo lo más pronto posible.** Es crítico que obtengamos esta información. Completar la encuesta nos brinda más información sobre su historia, inquietudes Y cómo puede ayudarnos a todos en el futuro cercano.

Puede reenviar el enlace de la encuesta a cualquier persona que sepa que está preocupada por el explosión del crimen en Tucson. La encuesta se realiza a través de SurveyMonkey. Complete utilizando el enlace a continuación O el código QR.



- Esta semana estamos trabajando con los líderes del condado para completar la parte del tribunal de drogas del plan que permitirá que aquellos que necesitan ayuda la consigan. También seguimos ayudando a encontrar el mejor lugar para el CENTRO DE TRANSICIÓN. Nuestro objetivo, con la continua cooperación del condado de Pima, es comenzar el servicio en noviembre o principios de diciembre. Necesitaremos sus voces muy pronto para garantizar que esto suceda.
- Es posible que vea que algunas áreas de la ciudad se limpian de vez en cuando. La ciudad está actualmente desperdiciando dinero y recursos moviendo el problema de limpieza, sacando o cambiando gente, pero fallando en abordar los problemas de las drogas y el crimen en nuestra comunidad a fondo. Simplemente se mueve y eventualmente regresa a los mismos lugares. **La alcaldesa y el concejo municipal no han encontrado una solución con respecto a los problemas que afectan negativamente a nuestra comunidad diariamente, como allanamiento de morada, uso abierto de drogas, vandalismo, muertes de peatones, asaltos, sobredosis de fentanilo, robo organizado en tiendas minoristas, o simplemente hacer cumplir nuestras leyes.** El condado de Pima es el líder trabajando con nosotros para abordar el problema de raíz. Nuestros miembros comparten con nosotros su reconocimiento de que la alcaldesa Regina Romero y los miembros del Concejo Municipal no están ofreciendo soluciones.

### RESUMEN DE LA COBERTURA EN LOS FOROS DE ESTA SEMANA!

26 DE Octubre de 2022, TucsonSentinel.com

[https://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/102622\\_pima\\_homeless\\_crime/pimacounty-build-shelter-homeless-responding-biz-concerns-aggressive-panhandlers-druguse/](https://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/102622_pima_homeless_crime/pimacounty-build-shelter-homeless-responding-biz-concerns-aggressive-panhandlers-druguse/)

### ESTADÍSTICAS DE LA SEMANA: INCENDIO PROVOCADO

**¡Hasta ahora en el 2022, ha habido 194 incidentes de incendio provocado!  
¡Eso significa un incendio provocado cada dos días!**

***¡COMPLETE NUESTRA ENCUESTA!!!! ¡Gracias!***

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La versión en español de la semana #10 sigue a esta versión en inglés.

**WEEK #10 - October 23, 2022**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS WEEK!**

- **We grew by 185 this week to 1005 ! It's a weekly record!!!**

In 10 weeks, from 0 to 1005, we have come so far together and now have a proposed real solution to move us back to enforcing our laws! So many meetings. We are doing this working with the elected leaders who want to be part of a real, attainable solution, now!. No

more studies and listening sessions some use to justify to keep doing nothing.

- **We are providing Spanish translation of our newsletter.** There may be slight delay of the Spanish version at the start of the week, but we are proud to provide translations starting with week #9. Great job to [alacartetranslations.com](http://alacartetranslations.com) who is our vendor!
- Website Launched! [tucsoncrimefree.com](http://tucsoncrimefree.com) [Tucson Crime Free](http://Tucson Crime Free)  
Its easy now to sign up on our website and find out the latest updates. Check back often! Please tell everyone to sign up!!
- SEE BELOW: We had a lot of press this week. Pima Count Board of Supervisors Meeting, Chris DeSimone, Garret Lewis with Steve Christy, and a big KVOA Channel 4 Story about. Our 1000+ voices are being heard.
- Pima County Board of Supervisors on 10/18 moved the planning forward for a, near future, approval, for a TRANSITION CENTER and drug court where those in need can be evaluated and get help. **A transition center is the one thing that will allow TPD to start enforcing our laws because people in need, and those who are causing crime can be taken there, 24 hours a day, to be evaluated and transitioned to the appropriate destination.** Drug Court, Drug Treatment, Detox, Jail, Mental Health services, and/or temporary shelter.

We have the City and County moving forward with a joint Regional Coordinator to ensure the City and County are communicating, but the TRANSITION CENTER **with a drug court** is the remaining missing puzzle piece that has kept Mayor Romero and City Council members from allowing TPD to get many of the perpetrators of crime off the street.

**Thank you Supervisor, Sharon Bronson and Supervisor, Steve Christy for your strong support, of the TRANSITION CENTER PLAN.** This is the only real plan, that can start quickly, ever conceived, that provides a path for City Mayor and Council to finally stop preventing TPD from enforcing our laws since 2019. Supervisor Rex Scott has been out of the office this week, but has demonstrated strong support for enforcing our laws. We anticipate strong support from him when he returns.

We are still having conversations with other supervisors, mayor and, a small number of, city council members who are still not ready to support a plan to allow TPD get back to enforcing our laws. Some electeds use vague language, like, "we need a solution but I am not sure if this the right solution." This is a strategy to never do anything! This is why California, Oregon and Washington are the way they are because they are full of people like that.

This is what we are struggling. We are patiently working with them. A standard answer people like them give is "lets form a commission," "lets have a listening session," or "let's study this with law enforcement" OMG, we have had so many listening sessions and we don't need any more! We already understand the problem, ***its drugs and not holding people accountable!*** No more listening sessions and blue ribbon committees! Let's

get to work! NOW! People are dying!

## **Message from the Steering Committee Leaders:**

Two things to share this week:

**First**, because of our members willingness to show up, share their stories of financial and personal cost, personal tragedies, frustration and subscribing in record numbers to our newsletter, we have the attention of our elected leaders and we influenced the development of a real solution to get back to enforcing our laws. Now we have to see if our electeds city and county have the will to get to work or if they are really are just all talk and no action like before we started this 10 weeks ago.

We want you to know that we have had requests for another meeting of our membership. We are making so much progress by working with the County Administrator and our electeds that we want to use our limited time for meetings with them making sure they are focused and working on the right things instead of holding another update meeting. We keep you up-to-date via this newsletter each week including personal email responses and phone calls. We only need another meeting if our electeds stop working with us which is not the case, yet. Feel free to email Monica and Kevin if you have something you really want to share like a story we are going to share in the next item.

**Second**, Please support our TPD! TPD officers are our first responders and heroes! Remember, its not our officers fault they are not allowed to respond to your burglary call, theft call, and non-life threatening calls, its because our Mayor and City Council have neglected their duty to find real solutions to the staffing issues and sat on excuses for the last three-plus years. We don't want to hear excuses anymore. TPD officers never see your call for non-life threatening calls because 911 does not send it to them. It's not TPD's fault. Blame Mayor Romero and the City Council for continuing to not take action. We hear that TPD is averaging a net loss of 30 officers per year. If we don't stop this, we will someday have zero! We are down to 275 patrol officers for a city of 542,629 people.

TPD used to be the one place any candidate officer in Pima County wanted to go first! All the other jurisdictions were second, third and forth choice. Now, new recruits join TPD, get training and leave for somewhere else where the officers can see their employer supports them and enforces laws. The training costs Tucsonans pay is many \$10's of thousands for each officer. We lose them, and the new employer gains a full trained officer, free. Police officers join the force because they want to arrest bad guys! That's what they train for and that's what we need them to do.

**When it's safe to do so, if you see an officer please take a moment to thank them for their service and tell them you support them! We do!**

We are lucky to have our new TPD Chief, Chad Kasmar. We received an email this week from a resident and want to share how a resident tried to get help from electeds, and failed, but emailed Chief Kasmar directly and was served. Here is the text of the email:

***"Good morning Monica,***

***My neighbor [] sent me your group email. I'd love to join the group. Not long ago we had a homeless camp set up in the oleanders in our arroyo, directly in front of our house. We called Steve K's office, police, our neighborhood association, no one would do a thing. Finally, I decided to email Chief Kasmar, he was incredibly helpful.***

***Needless to say, we have a serious problem in our city and if I can get involved, I'd love to!"***

## **SUMMARY OF MEDIA COVERAGE THIS WEEK!**

### ONE

October 18, 2022

Two Parts

1. Kevin, Josh and Monica Call to Audience - Timestamp 0:18:30
2. Addendum Agenda item #1 - Timestamp - 2:06:20

[Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting - October 18, 2022](#)

### TWO

October 18, KVOA, Channel 4, Eric Fink

[Pima County leader look to new plan to address homeless crisis](#)

### THREE

October 19, 2022

Timestamp: 37:40

[The Morning Ritual with Garret Lewis- Garret Talks To Steve Christy About Pima Elections, Illegal Immigrants - The Morning Ritual with Garret Lewis | iHeart](#)

**Supervisor Christie called us "Heros." and is 100% behind people joining us! Thank you Supervisor Christie!**

### FOUR

October 19, 2022, KVOA Channel 4, Lupita Murillo

[Police Union says staffing is at an all time low](#)

### FIVE

KVOA Channel 4, Oct 20, 2022, Lupita Murillo

[A new crime-fighting coalition addresses crime across Tucson](#)

### SIX

Chris DeSimone

Oct 21, 2022, Hour 2, Timestamp 31:00

[WakeUp! Tucson - 1030 KVOI AM The Voice](#)

## **CRIME STATISTIC OF THE WEEK:**

### ***OPIOID DEATHS IN PIMA COUNTY so far in 2022:***

**356 OD Deaths so far. 67% involved fentanyl or other opiate**

**That's over 1 per day!!!**

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**SEMANA #10 – 23 de octubre de 2022**

### **¡LOGROS DE LA SEMANA!**

- **Crecimos 185 más esta semanas. ¡Ahora tenemos 1005! ¡Es un nuevo récord semanal!!!** En 10 semanas, de 0 a 1005. Hemos llegado tan lejos juntos, y ahora tenemos una propuesta para una solución real que nos pondrá en el camino donde se cumplen nuestras leyes. Hemos tenido tantas reuniones. Estamos trabajando con los líderes elegidos que quieren ser parte de una solución real y alcanzable, ¡ya! No más estudios y sesiones informativas que algunos uso para justificar seguir haciendo nada.
- **Estamos proporcionando traducción al español de nuestro boletín.** Puede haber un ligero atraso de la versión en español al inicio de la semana, pero estamos orgullosos de ofrecer la traducción al español a partir de la semana 9. ¡Muy buen trabajo gracias a [alacartetranslations.com](http://alacartetranslations.com), nuestro proveedor!
- ¡Lanzamos nuestro sitio web, [tucsoncrimefree.com](http://tucsoncrimefree.com) Tucson Crime Free Ahora es fácil registrarse en nuestro sitio web y enterarse de las últimas actualizaciones ¡Visite con frecuencia! ¡Por favor, dígalos a todos que se registren!
- VEA ABAJO: Tuvimos mucha prensa esta semana. **La Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Pima**, Chris DeSimone, Garret Lewis con Steve Christy, y una gran entrevista en el canal 4 KVOA sobre las más de 1000 voces que se están escuchando.
- El 18 de octubre, la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Pima el 18/10 aprobó la planificación para una aprobación en un futuro cercano, de un CENTRO DE TRANSICIÓN y tribunal de drogas donde los necesitados pueden ser evaluados y obtener ayuda. El centro de transición es lo único que permitirá que TPD comience a hacer cumplir nuestras leyes porque las personas en necesidad, y los que están cometiendo delitos pueden ser enviados ahí las 24 horas del día, para ser evaluados y trasladarlos al destino apropiado. Tribunal de drogas, tratamiento de drogas, desintoxicación, cárcel, servicios de salud mental y/o servicios temporales de albergue o refugio.

Tenemos a la Ciudad y al Condado procediendo con un coordinador regional en conjunto para garantizar que la ciudad y el condado se comuniquen, pero el CENTRO DE TRANSICIÓN con un tribunal de drogas es la pieza del rompecabezas que ha impedido que la alcalde Romero y los miembros del consejo municipal permitan que TPD saque de la calle a muchos de los que

cometen los delitos.

**Gracias Supervisora, Sharon Bronson y Supervisor, Steve Christy por su fuerte apoyo, del PLAN DEL CENTRO DE TRANSICIÓN.** Este es el único plan real jamás concebido, que puede comenzar rápidamente, que proporciona un camino para que la alcalde de la ciudad y el concejo finalmente dejen de impedir que TPD haga que se cumplan nuestras leyes desde el 2019. El supervisor Rex Scott ha estado fuera de la oficina esta semana, pero ha demostrado un fuerte apoyo para hacer cumplir nuestras leyes. Anticipamos un fuerte apoyo de su parte cuando regrese.

Todavía estamos teniendo conversaciones con otros supervisores, alcalde y, un pequeño número de concejales que todavía no están listos para apoyar un plan para permitir que TPD vuelva a hacer cumplir nuestras leyes. Algunos elegidos usan lenguaje como, "necesitamos una solución, pero no estoy seguro si esta es la correcta". ¡Esta es una estrategia para nunca hacer nada! Es por eso que California, Oregón y Washington son como son porque están llenos de gente como esa. Esto es por lo que estamos luchando. Estamos trabajando pacientemente con ellos. La respuesta común que da la gente como ellos es "formemos una comisión", "tengamos una sesión informativa" o "vamos a estudiar esto con las agencias del orden" ¡Dios mío, hemos tenemos tantas sesiones informativas y no necesitamos más! Nosotros ya entendemos el problema; son las drogas y no detener a la gente responsable! ¡No más sesiones informativas y comités de cinta azul! ¡Pongámonos a trabajar AHORA! ¡Hay gente muriendo!

## **Mensaje de Líderes del Comité Directivo:**

Dos cosas para compartir esta semana:

**Primero**, debido a la voluntad de nuestros miembros de presentarse, compartir sus historias de sus retos financieros y personales, sus tragedias personales, frustración y sus suscripciones en números récord a nuestro boletín, tenemos la atención de nuestros líderes elegidos e influimos en el desarrollo de una solución real para volver a hacer cumplir nuestras leyes. Ahora tenemos que ver si nuestros líderes elegidos por la ciudad y condado tienen la voluntad de irse a trabajar o si realmente son solo palabras y ninguna acción como antes de que empezáramos hace 10 semanas.

Queremos que sepa que hemos recibido solicitudes para otra reunión de nuestra afiliación. Estamos progresando mucho al trabajar con el administrador del condado y nuestros líderes elegidos que queremos usar nuestro tiempo limitado para reuniones con ellos para asegurarnos que estén enfocados y trabajando en los proyectos correctos en lugar de celebrar otra reunión de actualización. Los mantendremos actualizados a través de este boletín cada semana, e incluiremos las respuestas personales por medio de correos electrónicos y llamadas telefónicas. Solo necesitamos otra reunión si nuestros líderes elegidos dejan de trabajar con nosotros. que no es el caso, todavía. Si tiene algo que realmente quieras compartir como una historia personal, no dude en enviar un correo electrónico a Mónica y Kevin para compartirla en el próximo artículo.

**Segundo:** ¡Apoye nuestro TPD! Los oficiales de TPD son nuestros primeros

héroes en responder y recordar, no es culpa de nuestros oficiales que no puedan responder, a su llamada de robo, llamada de robo y llamadas de ofensas que no ponen a riesgo la vida, es porque nuestro alcalde y la municipalidad han descuidado su deber de encontrar soluciones reales a los problemas de personal y lo que han hecho es presentar excusas durante los últimos tres años. Ya no queremos escuchar excusas. Los oficiales de TPD nunca ven su llamada de ofensas leves porque el 911 no se las envía. no es culpa de TPD. Culpen al alcalde Romero y a la municipalidad de seguir sin tomar acción. Escuchamos que TPD está promediando una pérdida neta de 30 oficiales por año. Si nosotros no detenemos esto, un día tendremos cero! Hemos bajado a 275 patrullas de oficiales para una ciudad de 542,629 personas.

TPD solía ser el único lugar que cualquier candidato a oficial en el condado de Pima quería ir primero! Todas las demás jurisdicciones fueron de segunda, tercera y cuarta elección. Ahora, los nuevos reclutas se unen a TPD, se capacitan y se van a otro lugar donde los oficiales pueden ver que su empleador los apoya y hace cumplir las leyes. los costos de capacitación que pagan los residentes de Tucson, que son miles y miles de dólares por cada oficial. Nosotros los perdemos y el nuevo empleador obtiene un oficial completamente capacitado, gratis. ¡Los oficiales de la policía se unen a la fuerza porque quieren arrestar a los malos! Eso es para lo que ellos entrenar y eso es lo que necesitamos que hagan.

**¡Cuando sea seguro hacerlo, si ve a un oficial, tómese un momento para agradecerles por su servicio y díales que los apoya! ¡Los apreciamos!**

Tenemos suerte de tener a nuestro nuevo jefe de TPD, Chad Kasmar. Recibimos un correo electrónico esta semana de un residente y quiero compartir cómo un residente intentó obtener ayuda de los elegidos, y fracasó, pero envió un correo electrónico al Jefe Kasmar directamente y fue recibido. Este es el texto del correo electrónico:

**"Buenos días Mónica, Mi vecino [] me envió el correo electrónico de su grupo. Me encantaría unirme al grupo. No hace mucho tiempo tuvimos un campamento para personas sin hogar en las adelfas de nuestro arroyo, directamente en frente de nuestra casa. Llamamos a la oficina de Steve K, a la policía, a nuestra asociación de vecinos, nadie hizo nada. Finalmente, decidí enviarle un correo electrónico directamente al Jefe Kasmar, quien fue increíblemente útil. No resta decir que tenemos un problema grave en nuestra ciudad, y si me puedo unir, me encantaría hacerlo!"**

## **¡RESUMEN DE LA COBERTURA DE PRENSA ESTA SEMANA!**

UNO

18 de octubre de 2022

Dos partes

1. Kevin, Josh y Mónica llaman a la audiencia – Marca de tiempo 0:18:30
2. Adenda de la agenda, artículo #1 – Marca de tiempo 2:06:20

[Reunión de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Pima – 18 de octubre de 2022](#)



DOS

18 de, Canal 4 KVOA, Eric Fink

[El líder del condado de Pima examina el nuevo plan de enfrentar el problema de la crisis de personas indigentes](#)

TRES

19 de octubre de 2022

Marca de tiempo: 37:40

[The Morning Ritual con Garret Lewis- Garret habla con Steve Christy sobre las elecciones en Pima, los emigrantes indocumentados - The Morning Ritual con Garret Lewis |](#)

[iHeart](#)

El supervisor Christie nos llamó "Héroes" y está apoyándonos al 100%!

¡Gracias, supervisor Christie!

CUATRO

19 de octubre de 2022, Canal 4 KVOA, Lupita Murillo

[La unión de policías dice que el reclutamiento está más bajo que nunca](#)

CINCO

20 de octubre de 2022, Canal 4 KVOA, Lupita Murillo

[Una nueva coalición contra el crimen se enfrenta al crimen en Tucson](#)

SEIS

Chris DeSimone

21 de octubre de 2022, 2 horas, Marca de tiempo 31:00

[WakeUp! Tucson - 1030 KVOI AM The Voice](#)

## **ESTADISTICAS DE DELITOS DE LA SEMANA:**

**MUERTES POR CAUSE DE OPIOIDES EN EL CONDADO DE PIMA hasta el presente en el 2022:**

356 muertes por sobredosis hasta el presente. 67% relacionadas con Fentanilo y otros opioides

¡Eso es más de una al día!!!

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La versión en español de la semana #9 se publicará más adelante esta semana.

## **WEEK #9 - October 16, 2022**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS WEEK!**

#### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY

- We are now at over 820+ members! Up 118 over last week. This organic growth grows every day! Our membership is very diverse throughout Pima County and includes retail, restaurants, property management, construction, real-estate, real-estate development (including really big players), automotive, beauty, services, non-profit, education, law-enforcement, and government and many others.
- **KVOA Channel 4**, Digging Deeper investigative reporter, **Lupita Murillo** interviewed our steering committee about crime this week for an upcoming airing this coming week on Channel 4.
- Josh Jacobsen, one of our Tucson Crime Free Coalition steering committee leaders was quoted in AZ Daily Star 10/10/2022:

*Josh Jacobsen, a local restaurant owner, says that impact comes in the form of retail theft, property destruction and open-air drug use, for example.*

*"The urban camping, that's only a part of the issue. The bigger part of the issue is that a lot of people are having substance abuse issues, and it's causing them to live this type of lifestyle. In addition to the urban camping, there's a lot of destruction that's taking place at businesses," he said. "Staff is constantly having to clean up human feces as well as drug paraphernalia. And it's just a dangerous situation for everybody concerned."*

Here is the full article:

[https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/tucson-to-launch-new-way-for-public-to-report-homeless-encampments/article\\_9d4377b6-4436-11ed-ae5e-4361b06a70c3.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/tucson-to-launch-new-way-for-public-to-report-homeless-encampments/article_9d4377b6-4436-11ed-ae5e-4361b06a70c3.html)

- We, the Tucson Crime Free Coalition testified supporting our businesses and neighborhood with successful final action (permission from judge) in a 3 year effort by the City of Tucson Zoning Enforcement Department to allow demolition and remediation (with liens to be placed on the owner) of an abandoned gas station at Grant and I-10. There are a large number of trespassers living on the site that are involved in crime in the area on Grant Road. Business owners all along Grant described theft, damage, shoplifting and property damage. The owner has been absent from any contact from City. We are a partner helping the city and businesses.
- We were invited and joined Arizona Organized Retail Crime Association (AZORCA). This is a group sharing information among large retailers and law enforcement, <https://www.arizonaorca.org/>

### **Message from the Steering Committee Leaders:**

We cannot fail in our mission to getting back to enforcing our laws. **This is Tucson.** Our citizens will not tolerate turning Tucson into a climate like the other pacific states that have allowed lawlessness to run rampant. The destruction of human lives, and our community, crime associated with Fentanyl, the cheapest, highest potency street drug in history, cannot be ignored any longer. The underreporting of theft and property damage over the last three years has become so real to everyone. We have real stories from valued businesses who don't report property crimes and shoplifting because there is no prosecution. They have absorbed the losses but this is not sustainable and will result in loss of jobs for people as well as tax revenue for our city.

We are encouraged that our engagement with County and City elected leaders is resulting in the beginning steps of progress with plans being worked that will result in enforcement of our laws. But, we have so much more work to do before we can get there. County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bronson, Rex Scott, Steve Christy, Matt Heinz and Adelita Grijalva are really stepping up. City leaders have identified this as the #1 problem in our region and acted to approve our recommendation for the Regional City and County funded coordinator position. Now mayor and council need to continue on a REGIONAL approach in all their actions because this affects all of us. The Mayor specifically said at the 9/13/2022 council meeting that she supports this Regional approach "because of the magnitude of these issues, we cannot do it alone." Mayor Romero then said she reached out to Supervisor Bronson. This is for a the regional approach. Subsequently, Mayor and City council approved our recommended Regional coordinator position on Oct 5th, 2022.

Since the mayor and city council hire and direct the priority of the city manager, and the city manager directs the priority of TPD, our elected leaders need to finally show us a real, concrete plan to build up TPD to be able to enforce our laws. Innovate. As an analogy, If a **restaurant** used the same excuses, for the last 3 years for not properly staffing TPD, "we don't have and can't find enough officers (analogy)," and only opened the **restaurant** for 2 hours a day, the restaurant would go out of business. Our city is going to go out of business! Mayor and city council need to stop giving excuses. We were understanding when previous TPD Chief Magnus announced that officers will not

respond to many calls for service, BUT THAT WAS THREE YEARS AGO! Recruitment is low and retention of TPD officers going negative. Our elected **Mayor and council** are accountable for this! Please show some leadership Mayor and Council.

The stories we hear from our businesses, especially our small businesses, are heartbreaking. Our jobs depend on our businesses as they provide the fuel. So many stories we have heard of small business owners either have closed, considering closing or seriously thinking of moving out of the City of Tucson into the County, Oro Valley, Marana or Sahuarita.

Thorough enforcement of our laws, we send a message to anyone that thinks that Tucson is a place to commit crimes against our city and county is wrong! We will help people that want help but if you commit crime, you will be held accountable.

## UPCOMING

1. Our website is still under construction but we are trying to get it up early this week.  
tucsoncrimefree.com
2. Watch for the spot on KVOA Channel 4 with Lupita Murillo.
3. Keep sending members! **Monica: mcarlsonaz@gmail.com**  
**Kevin: kevincdaily@yahoo.com**  
**Marie: mldailyme@yahoo.com**
4. We continue to work with City and County leaders on initiatives in work to get back to enforcing our laws.
5. We will attending meeting with TPD and retailers confronting shoplifting.

### FOCUS OF THE WEEK: PROPERTY CRIME (Windows, Doors, Break-ins)

**The following pictures were taken just in the last 1 week.** There are so many more. We have heard stories from our business members with 10s of thousands of inventory theft as well as thousands to replace windows and door glass. Some owners have reported the specialty glass can be \$2500 or more. We had a story this week of a small local business, employer with 30+ employees in Tucson who had thousands of stolen tools, equipment and supplies, called TPD, was asked to leave crime scene untouched. The business owner gave up after TPD did not show up after a full day due to the ongoing resourcing and its priority by Mayor and Council of TPD. The owner did note that there were many TPD cars and officers 3 blocks away helping with the construction of Grant Road. May have reported to us they have not bothered to report because no one comes and have given up. Why is this ok with our Mayor and council?

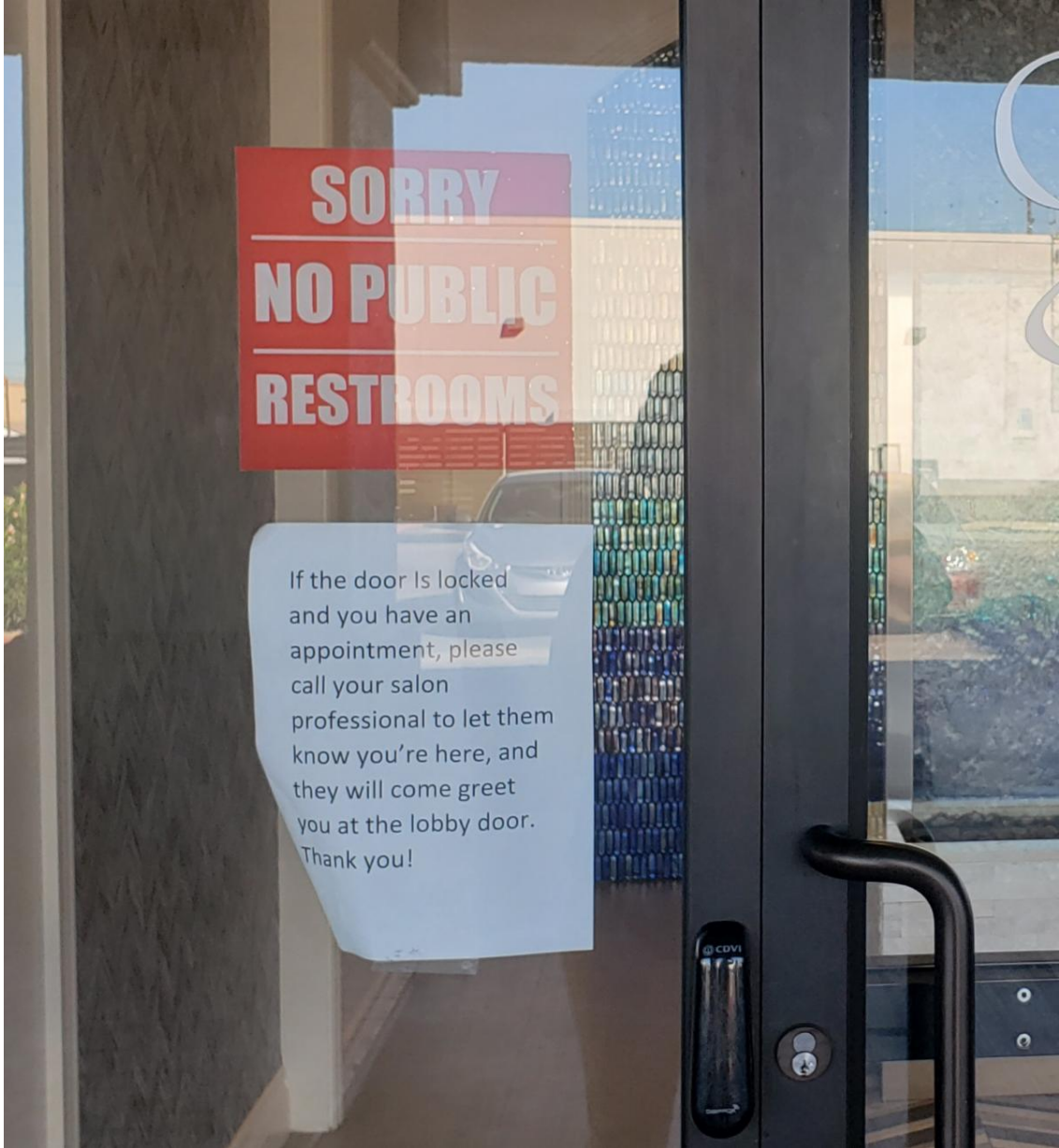
Anybody who watches nextdoor.com, will see more and more instances of rumors of big retail (none confirmed) thinking of closing stores in Pima County and Tucson. It is not much of a leap for the average citizen to think this is a possible outcome of all the retail theft. Also more and more neighbors reporting defecating on doorsteps and alleys as well as theft and car break-ins.





**SORRY**  
**NO PUBLIC**  
**RESTROOMS**

If the door is locked and you have an appointment, please call your salon professional to let them know you're here, and they will come greet you at the lobby door. Thank you!





**Shopping Center owner had to remove a beautiful Tree because of the OPEN AIR DRUG market in the parking lot.**

El propietario del centro comercial tuvo que quitar un hermoso árbol debido al mercado de drogas al aire libre en el estacionamiento. (Google traducido)

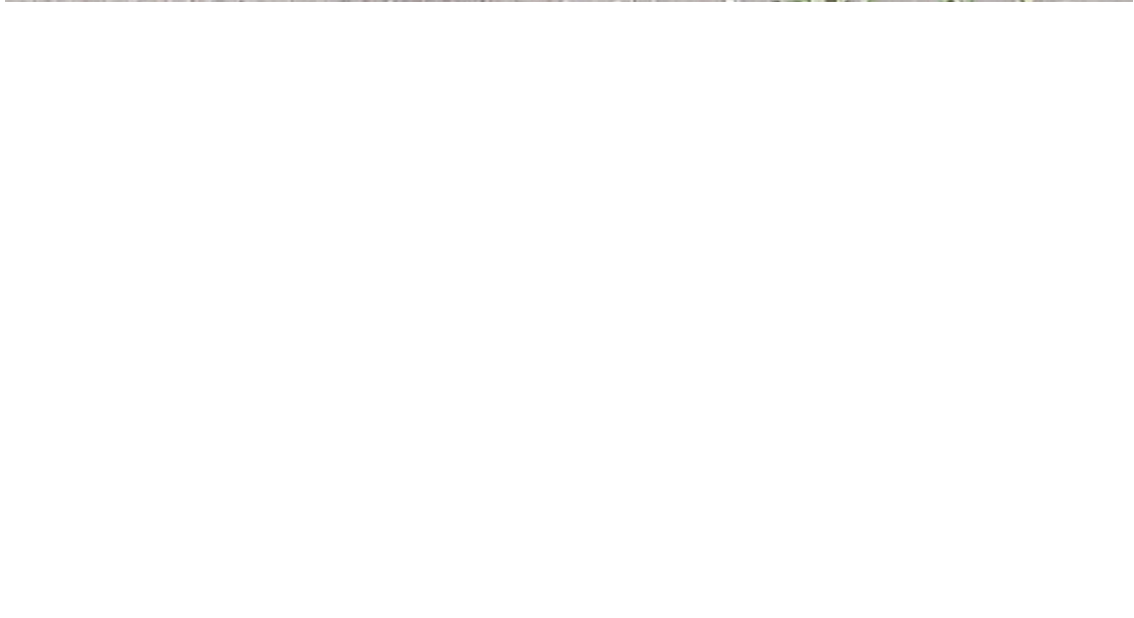


















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## SEMANA #9 – 16 de octubre de 2022

### ¡LOGROS DE LA SEMANA!

#### ACTIVIDAD SEMANAL

- ¡Ahora ya contamos con más de 820 miembros, 118 más que la semana pasada! ¡Nuestro crecimiento es diario! Nuestra membresía es muy diversa en todo el condado de Pima e incluye los siguientes sectores: tiendas, restaurantes, manejo de propiedades, construcción, bienes raíces, desarrollo inmobiliario (incluso grandes desarrolladores), automotriz, belleza, servicios, organizaciones sin fines de lucro, educación, fuerzas policiales y agencias de seguridad pública, gobierno y muchos otros.
- Lupita Murillo, la reportera de investigaciones del segmento *Digging Deeper* del canal 4 KVOA, entrevistó a nuestro comité directivo sobre el crimen para un segmento que se presentará esta próxima semana por el Canal 4.
- Josh Jacobsen, uno de los líderes de nuestro comité directivo de *Tucson Crime Free Coalition*<sup>[1]</sup> informó lo siguiente al *AZ Daily Star* 10/10/2022:

*Josh Jacobsen, propietario de un restaurante local, dice que el impacto se está manifestando, por ejemplo, en robos, destrucción de propiedades y uso de drogas al aire libre. “Los campamentos urbanos son solo una parte del problema; lo más importante es que muchas personas están teniendo problemas con el abuso de sustancias, y eso está causando que tengan que vivir en ese tipo de estilo de vida. Además de los campamentos urbanos, hay mucha destrucción que está ocurriendo en los negocios”, declaró. “Los empleados tienen que limpiar constantemente excremento humano, al igual que instrumentos para el uso de drogas. Es una situación peligrosa para todos los involucrados”.*

Aquí puede leer el artículo completo:

[https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/tucson-to-launch-new-way-for-public-to-report-homeless-encampments/article\\_9d4377b6-4436-11ed-ae5e-4361b06a70c3.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/subscriber/tucson-to-launch-new-way-for-public-to-report-homeless-encampments/article_9d4377b6-4436-11ed-ae5e-4361b06a70c3.html)

- Nosotros, *Tucson Crime Free Coalition*<sup>1</sup>, dimos testimonio en apoyo a nuestras empresas y vecindarios con una exitosa acción final (permiso del juez) en un esfuerzo de 3 años por parte de la oficina de la Autoridad de Zonificación de la ciudad de Tucson para permitir la demolición y remediación (con gravámenes contra los propietarios) de una estación de gasolina abandonada en la esquina de

Grant y la Interestatal 10. Existe gran cantidad de intrusos que viven en ese lugar y están cometiendo delitos en el área de Grant Road. Los propietarios de negocios a lo largo de Grant describieron robos, daños, robos en tiendas y daños a las propiedades. El propietario no ha tenido contacto con el municipio. Somos una organización que desea ayudar a la ciudad, a sus negociantes y empresarios.

- Fuimos invitados y nos hemos unido a la Arizona Organized Retail Crime Association (AZORCA). Este es un grupo que comparte información entre los grandes empresarios y las autoridades policiales, <https://www.arizonaorca.org/>

### **Mensaje de los líderes del comité directivo:**

No podemos fallar en nuestra misión de volver a hacer cumplir nuestras leyes. ¡Esto es Tucson! Nuestros ciudadanos no tolerarán convertir a Tucson en un ambiente como el de otros estados del Pacífico que han permitido que la anarquía se desate. La destrucción de vidas humanas y de nuestra comunidad, los delitos relacionados con el fentanilo, la droga callejera más barata y potente de la historia, no puede ignorarse por más tiempo. Los bajos índices de denuncias de robos y daños a las propiedades en los últimos tres años se han convertido en algo muy real para todos. Tenemos historias de empresas valiosas que no denuncian los delitos contra las propiedades ni los hurtos porque no hay procesamiento. Han absorbido las pérdidas, pero esto no es sostenible y resultará en la pérdida de puestos de trabajo para muchas personas, así como la pérdida de ingresos fiscales para nuestra ciudad.

Nos alienta que nuestro compromiso con los líderes electos del condado y la ciudad esté dando como resultado los primeros pasos de progreso con la creación de planes que darán como resultado la aplicación de nuestras leyes. Pero antes de alcanzar esa meta, tenemos mucho más trabajo por hacer. La Junta de Supervisores del Condado, Sharon Bronson, Rex Scott, Steve Christy, Matt Heinz y Adelita Grijalva, realmente están dando un paso al frente. Los líderes de la ciudad identificaron este como el principal problema de nuestra región y aprobaron nuestra recomendación para el puesto de coordinador regional financiado por la ciudad y el condado. Ahora la alcaldesa y el consejo deben continuar con un enfoque REGIONAL en todas sus acciones porque esto nos afecta a todos. La alcaldesa dijo específicamente en la reunión del consejo del 13 de septiembre de 2022 que apoya este enfoque regional "debido a que, por la magnitud de estos problemas, no podemos hacerlo solos". La alcaldesa Romero luego dijo que se acercó al supervisor Bronson; esto es para un enfoque regional. Posteriormente, la alcaldesa y el consejo municipal aprobaron nuestro puesto de coordinador regional recomendado el 5 de octubre de 2022.

Dado que la alcaldesa y el ayuntamiento contratan al administrador de la ciudad y dirigen sus prioridades, y el administrador de la ciudad dirige las prioridades del TPD[2], nuestros líderes electos deben finalmente mostrarnos un plan real y concreto para poder hacer cumplir nuestras leyes. Innovar. Como analogía, si un restaurante usara las mismas excusas durante los últimos 3 años para no contar con el personal adecuado de TPD, "no tenemos y no podemos encontrar suficientes oficiales (analogía)", y solo abriera durante 2 horas al día, el restaurante cerraría. ¡Nuestra ciudad va a cerrar! La alcaldesa y el ayuntamiento deben dejar de dar excusas. Fuimos comprensivos cuando Magnus, el anterior jefe del TPD, anunció que los oficiales no responderán a muchas llamadas de servicio ¡pero eso fue hace tres años! Los números de reclutamiento son bajos y la retención de oficiales en el TPD es negativa. ¡Nuestra alcaldesa y ayuntamiento electos son responsables de esto! Muestren algo de liderazgo, Alcaldesa y Ayuntamiento.

Las historias que escuchamos de nuestras empresas, especialmente de nuestros pequeños negocios, son desgarradoras. Nuestros empleos dependen de nuestros negocios, ya que son ellos los que los generan. Son tantas las historias que hemos escuchado de propietarios de pequeñas empresas que han cerrado, que están considerando cerrar o que están pensando seriamente en mudarse de la ciudad de Tucson al condado, a Oro Valley, Marana o Sahuarita.

¡Al aplicar rigurosamente nuestras leyes, enviamos un mensaje claro a cualquiera que piense que Tucson es un lugar donde cometer delitos es fácil. Quien piense de esa

manera está equivocado! Ayudaremos a quienes necesiten ayuda, pero si usted comete un delito, tendrá que rendir cuentas.

## PRÓXIMOS ACONTECIMIENTOS

1. Nuestra página todavía está bajo construcción, pero estamos tratando de tenerla lista esta semana. [www.tucsoncrimefree.com](http://www.tucsoncrimefree.com)
2. No se pierda nuestra entrevista por el Canal 4 KVOA con Lupita Murillo.
3. ¡Sigán enviándonos miembros!h

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4. Continuamos trabajando con la ciudad y los líderes de Tucson y del Condado en iniciativas para poder mantener las leyes.
5. Estaremos asistiendo a juntas con el departamento de policía y los empresarios de Tucson sobre cómo enfrentar el robo en las tiendas.

## ENFOQUE DE LA SEMANA: DAÑOS A LA PROPIEDAD (ventanas, puertas, entradas forzadas)

Las siguientes fotos fueron tomadas en la última semana. Hay muchas más. Hemos escuchado historias de nuestros miembros comerciales con decenas de miles de dólares en robos de inventario, así como miles para reemplazar ventanas y vidrios de puertas. Algunos propietarios han reportado que el vidrio especial puede costar \$2,500 o más. Esta semana tuvimos una historia de un pequeño negocio local, un empleador de Tucson con más de 30 empleados a quien le robaron miles de dólares en herramientas, equipos y suministros. Llamó a la policía, y le pidieron que dejara intacto el lugar de los hechos. El propietario de la empresa se dio por vencido, ya que después de transcurrido un día completo la policía no se presentó debido a los problemas por falta de recursos y a las prioridades de la alcaldesa y del ayuntamiento. El propietario notó que había muchos autos y oficiales de la policía a tres cuerdas de distancia ayudando con la construcción de Grant Road. Nos han dicho que ya no se molestan en denunciar porque no llega nadie y se han dado por vencidos. ¿Por qué nuestra alcaldesa y ayuntamiento toleran esto?

Cualquiera que mire [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) verá cada vez más ejemplos de rumores de grandes minoristas (ninguno confirmado) que están pensando en cerrar tiendas en el condado de Pima y Tucón. No es muy sorprendente para el ciudadano promedio pensar que este es un posible resultado a causa de todos los robos a minoristas. Además, cada vez hay más informes de personas que defecan en las puertas y callejones, así como del aumento de robos en casas y automóviles.

[1] Definición: Coalición en pro de un Tucón Libre de Crimen

[2] Tucson Police Department [Dpto. de Policía de Tucón]

Por favor, vea la secuencia de imágenes al final de la versión en inglés de la semana #9 (traducido por google)

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**WEEK #8 - October 9, 2022**

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS WEEK!

***We are now at 702 members in 8 weeks! We want to get to at least 1000! Please help us by continuing to contact your colleagues and fellow businesses, sending them to sign up!***



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**October is going to be a big month for real action!**

**Our member numbers has made it possible to raise this crime issue to #1 for our elected leaders to finally address. They can't ignore it anymore.**

\*\*\*\* On Tuesday, October 4, at the County Board of Supervisors Meeting, County Administrator, Jan Leshar, gave an update and recognized us, Tucson Crime Free Coalition, as well as the work we and many partners are doing with her office and the city. \*\*\*\*

**We are working toward a solution that will result in enforcement of our laws and provide help for those that need and want help. It is really important that we not lose momentum. We need to have our action in-place for winter so the problem does not get even worse. You will see some cleanup activity from time-to-time but this is only a band-aid. Until we have a solution that allows us to enforce our laws, in place, we will continue to be in a re-active mode of operation where the problem will go away in the area cleaned and come right back.**

Stay engaged!!!

We feel we now have have partners in: our elected leaders, Jan Leshar, County Administrator and Mike Ortega, City Manager who are listening and working hard on this very tough issue that affects all of us. We are optimistic, but we will continue to hold everyone accountable on the road back to enforcing our laws.

Our web page: [tucsoncrimefree.com](http://tucsoncrimefree.com) is still under construction. We are working to have it active this week! Stay tuned.

### **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY**

We have a meeting with the County Administrator to review updates on specific items that will lead to enforcement of our laws.

We will be reaching out this week to key members of our Coalition as a follow-up to our questionnaire last week about making phone calls, sending emails, attending a board of supervisors meeting or city council meeting.

### **STATISTIC OF THE WEEK: FATAL OVERDOSES**

**Pima County, So far in 2022: 354 (over 1 per day).**

**In 2021 it was 497**

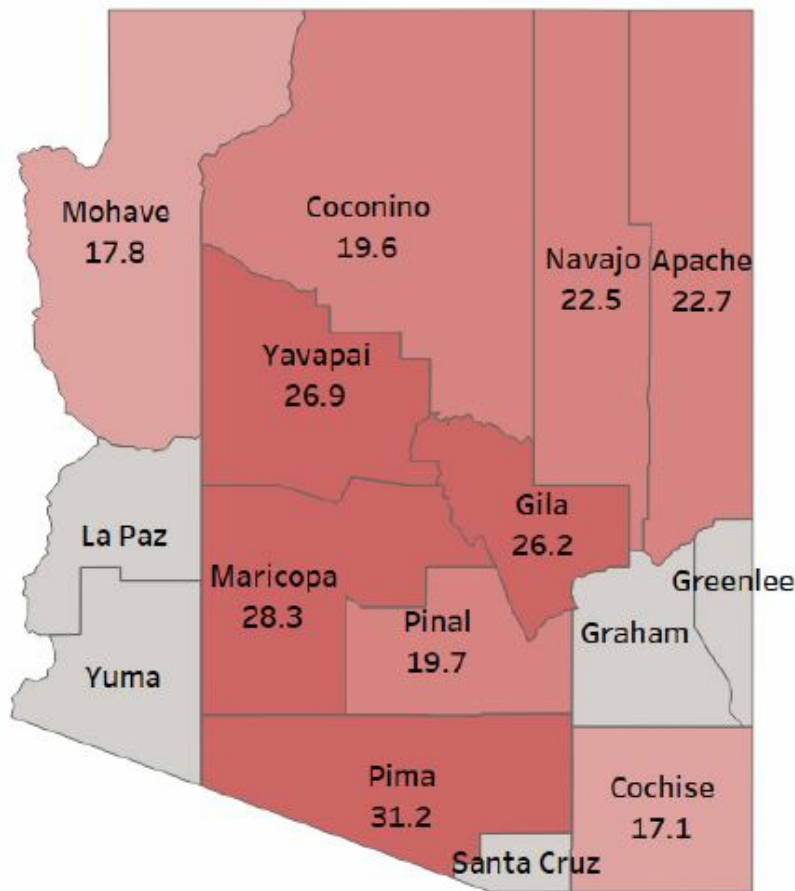
**In 2020 it was 445**

**Pima County has the highest opioid related fatality rate in Arizona of 2020-2021: 31.2**

## County

The Arizona combined average annual opioid-related fatality rate (2020-2021) was 26.4 per 100,000. The rate of opioid overdose deaths was highest (and higher than the state combined annual rate) in Pima, Maricopa, Yavapai, and Gila Counties.

**Figure 20. Opioid Fatality Rate per 100,000 Population by County, Arizona, 2020-2021, (n=3,888)**



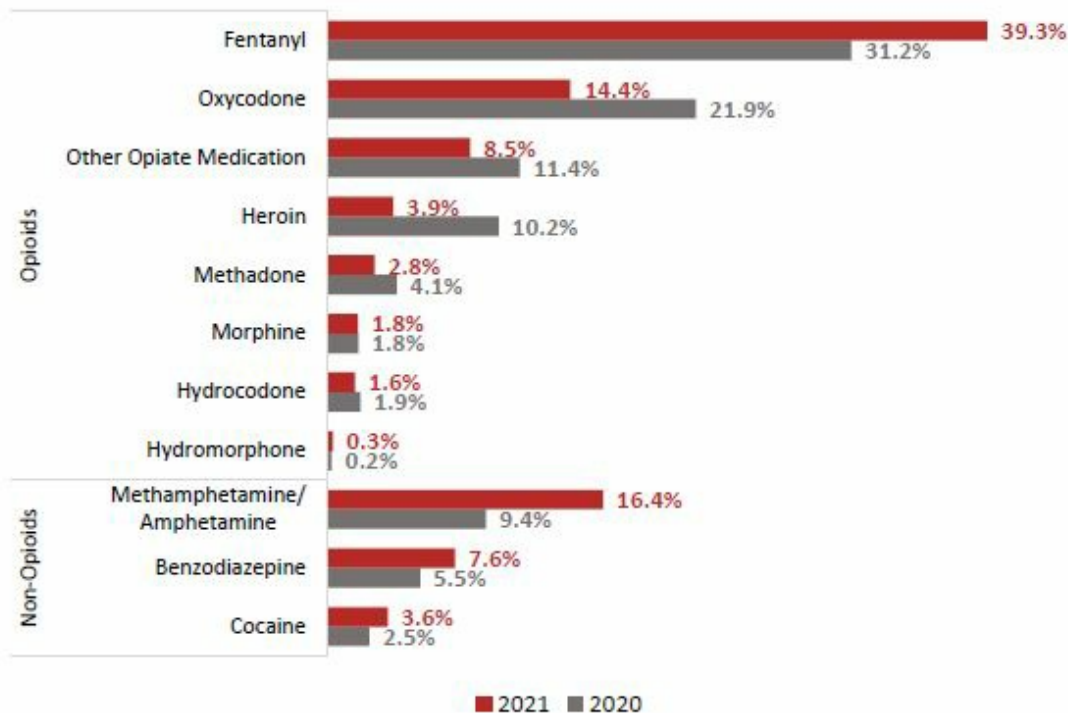
Data Source: Arizona Vital Statistics, Death Certificates; Notes: To prevent the public disclosure of personally identifying information, data points based on fewer than 10 counts are not displayed (indicated in gray). Detailed charts are available in Appendix; County reflects person place of residence.

## Drugs, 2020-2021 Involved in Non-Fatal Opioid Overdose Events:

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Fentanyl was the most common drug reported that was involved in non-fatal opioid overdose events during 2020-2021. Polysubstance (typically defined as the consumption of more than one drug at once) was reported in about a third of non-fatal opioid overdose events during 2020-2021.

**Figure 10. Percent of Non-Fatal Opioid Overdose Events Involving Selected Drugs, Arizona, 2020 vs. 2021, (n=9,297)**



Data Source: MEDSIS. Notes – Non-opioid drugs are included because they were identified along with an opioid. ADHS does not have a requirement for reporting any drug overdoses other than opioids (e.g., all methamphetamine overdoses that are happening in Arizona are not identified nor represented).

## Sobering Statistics!

### WEEK #7 - October 2, 2022

We have a new name: **Tucson Crime Free Coalition**

We are also creating a new website, and will announce it next week.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS WEEK!

#### City Council and Mayor approve REGIONAL COORDINATOR

After our meeting with the Mayor in week 6, during Study Session on Sept 27th, Mayor and Council voted 7-0 to direct Mike Ortega, City Manager, to coordinate with Pima County in the creation of the Regional Coordinator position we asked, in 50%-50% cooperation with Pima County! This person will coordinate a REGIONAL APPROACH and activities between City and County on this issue. This is a huge accomplishment but it is only the start. WE ARE BARELY GETTING STARTED so stay engaged. It does show that the message is being heard that the lack of enforcement of our laws and subsequent crime is the #1 problem in Pima County.

## Progress Meeting with County

We had a meeting with County Administrator again last week laying the groundwork for strategies for addressing crime we are all worried about.

Keep sending us new members!

Monica: mcarlsonaz@gmail.com

Kevin: kevincdaily@yahoo.com

Marie: mldailyme@yahoo.com

**This week we grew 149 Members!!!!**

**Keep it going!!! We are up to 615 Members.**

## UPCOMING

1. We are starting to plan for filming a documentary. Please email us if you are willing to tell your story. First purpose is to share your stories on video to share with our elected leaders so we can show them the toll the lawlessness and criminal damage to your business has taken on you and our neighborhoods.
2. October is important where we will be asking you soon to be part of a CALL FOR ACTION.

**For those willing to go the extra mile (the only way we are going to encourage our elected officials to start enforcing our laws) and get us to enforcement of our laws, please send an email to Monica, Marie or Kevin indicating:**

(We will provide you with information and indicate when, what, where)

Copy the below text and indicate if you will be willing to do **one or more** of the following:

1. Make phone calls to Mayor, Council, Board of Supervisors? YES / NO
2. Send email to Mayor, Council, Board of Supervisors? YES / NO
3. Attend a City Council Meeting? YES / NO
4. Attend a Board of Supervisors Meeting? YES/ NO
5. Speak at Call To Audience? YES / NO
6. Appear in a documentary? YES / NO
7. Provide/Confirm your best email and phone/text

**LET'S KEEP GOING!!!!!!**

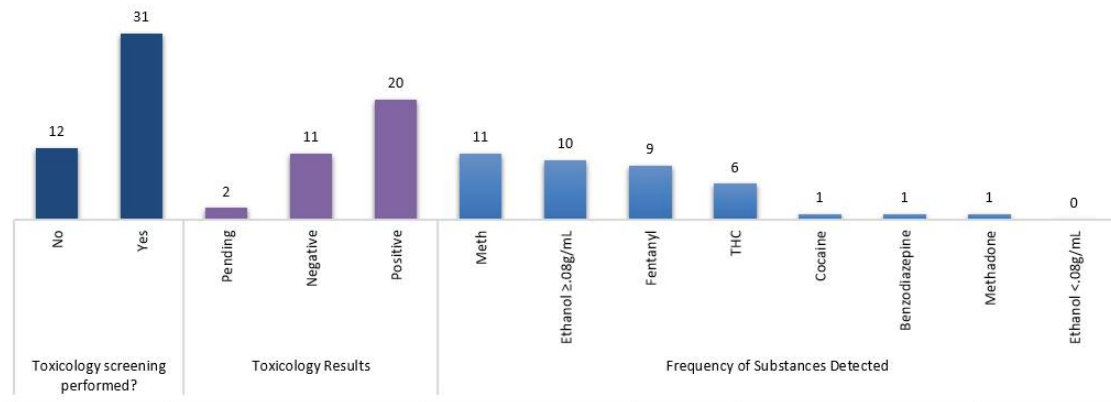
## STATISTIC OF THE WEEK: PEDESTRIAN DEATHS

**The following pictures taken by us, can be taken any day, all day in all Pima County.**

45 pedestrian deaths in Pima County in 2022, so far

- ~50% crossed the street outside of a crosswalk (half of these folks had a positive toxic substance in their bloodstream)
- 72% of cases had a tox screening
  - Of those who had tox screening, 65% had a positive tox result and drug counts are in the graphic below:
  - For pedestrians who died and toxicology was performed, about a third each tested positive for meth, ethanol, or fentanyl. The numbers below will add up to more than the total deaths because a substantial portion had more than one substance on board.

### Toxicology Results of Pima County Pedestrian Deaths, 2022



This guy is 26 years old, smoking fentanyl in ANZA Park (Stone and Speedway) with children and families playing on the swing-set 60 feet away.



Danger for walking into street after becoming conscious



Grant and Oracle - Danger for walking into street after becoming conscious (last Thursday)



Potential Death ahead for this person at Roger and Flowing Wells Road, Stop and starts, frozen, ready to walk into traffic - Today, Sunday Approx 9:30am

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## WEEK #6 - September 25, 2022

Keep sending us new members!

(mcarlsonaz@gmail.com, kevincdaily@yahoo.com)

**This week we grew a record 166 Members!!!!**

**Keep it going!!! We are up to 466.**

This week we joined with larger retailers who are suffering from unchecked shoplifting and other crimes. We are now bridging small business and large business in our City and County.

Two significant happenings this week are:

**Ward 6 Council Member, KOZACHIK** recognized and shared after our first business and neighborhood coalition public meeting held Sept 15:

1. Crime associated with drug addiction and its effects is the #1 issue we face in Pima County. **KOZACHIK** says that 30% of his office staff's time is dedicated to dealing with this out-of-control issue.
2. Our group filled the room on Sept 15, and online zoom with 244 businesses and participants demonstrating the concern of our community.
3. **KOZACHIK** recognized all our city and county elected officials that attended. All others were represented by their office staff at the meeting even if not present.

**It is that important!**

Our group met with Mayor Romero last Thursday. At our meeting, Mayor Romero confirmed and shared:

1. The city, under **MAYOR ROMERO'S** leadership has been working on this issue for the last 2 years. (we shared that the problem has steadily become worse in last two years)

2. This problem is bigger than all of us and we need to work together.
3. We need a Regional Approach.

We are encouraged after these meetings that **Mayor ROMERO** and at least **Council Member KOZACHIK** so far, are able to set aside egos and posturing to admit that the policies they have had over the last three years are only allowing the problem to increase. We are providing a path for change which will allow TPD to start enforcing our laws and we need Mayor **ROMERO** and the Council to continue to work as partners on a Regional Approach.

### **NEXT STEPS**

1. We have accumulated such a large membership list we are going to focus in the coming week reaching out to our businesses and neighborhood associations setting up our CALL TO ACTION teams.
2. Working this week with County Administrator and City Manager to formalize a strategy that will enable TPD to start enforcing our laws.

**PICTURE OF THE WEEK: "Can you spot the drug deal" (We can get these all day, everyday) - Great place to wait or get off the Bus!**



### **CRIME STATISTIC OF THE WEEK: LARCENY**

11,375 larcenies reported in 2022 or approximately 43 per day, representing a severe undercount since most larcenies can only be reported online only. A larceny is a theft, most commonly shoplifting. Many, Many of our businesses tell us they don't bother to report since they have lost faith.

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### **WEEK #5 - September 18, 2022**

**Summary: Record turnout (244 people)! Showers for "campers" in our community parks. Future call to action. Keep sending us new members! (mcarlsonaz@gmail.com, kevincdaily@yahoo.com)**

We had an amazing turnout by our members and leaders this last Thursday, Sept 15. Thank you to our host, the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community



Coalition sharing this community issue. As you can see it was **standing room only!**

**We had all elected offices present or listening on zoom that night!**

**Our coalition member count went up this week by 52 more members and we are now at 303!!**

**Final Count Attending Thursday: 244** (176 In person, 68 on Zoom)  
We had 36 speakers.



Photo above provided by Chris DeSimone



The purpose of this meeting was achieved. Finally, the people who are on the front-lines, affected the most, our businesses and neighbors spoke directly to our elected leaders, how the crime and lawlessness is affecting every part of our community!!! Before we organized, they weren't listening.

We were featured on Chris DeSimone, KVOI 1030 WakeUp! Tucson on Tuesday, Sept 13th and Sept 16th.

**OUR END GOALS THAT DRIVE ALL WE ARE DOING NOW:**

1. Start enforcing our Laws and the societal norms that have been ignored since 2019.
2. Clear the barriers our publicly elected officials are using to prevent enforcement. Open doors for partners that provide immediate triage, services and shelter for those in crisis.
3. Hold our elected leaders accountable to work together and solve this with a Regional Approach. Pima County, Cities and Towns.

## Do you want the City to Install Showers for campers in our neighborhood family parks?

We attended a meeting held by Ward 1 Council Member Lane Santa Cruz on Thursday advocating for showers in Estevan Park (Main and Speedway). The voters voted to invest over \$576,468 in that park for the community to use as a park. Right now it is a homeless camp with violence occurring and now Council member Santa Cruz wants to add a shower facilities paid for by the city for the campers. If you are interested in giving your opinion, give her office a call: [ward1@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:ward1@tucsonaz.gov), (520) 791-4040. Remember city council members in Tucson are elected citywide. Call from any Ward.

### Our Agenda this week:

1. Watch for coverage from the AZ Daily Star on this issue. We have a reporter who attended our meeting and expect coverage soon.
2. The Mayor finally reached out to us and we agreed to meet and listen to her. Better, **way late**, than never.
3. We continue to talk with City and County leaders about Regional Approach and clear roadblocks to enforcement of our laws.

### REQUEST TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS

At the Thursday meeting Josh discussed the crime tax that has been imposed on our business owners. Please over the next week total what you have had to spend in 2020-2022 to secure your property, fix damage, increased insurance, time for your labor, as well as the daily cost of cleaning up everyday. We will be sending survey soon for your to respond.

### FUTURE CALL TO ACTION

Keep in mind that in the future there may be a "Call to Action" request to our membership. If necessary, we will let you know who and how to contact. Also, if you hear of something we should know about or attend please let us know so we can stay ahead.

### CRIME STAT OF THE WEEK: MURDER

City Of Phoenix:

198 murders in 2021 with a population of 1.608M= per capita homicide rate of 12.3

City of Tucson:

93 murders in 2021- population of 545k= per capita homicide rate of 17

If Tucson were a big city- it would be among the top 10 by murder rate per capita.

## WEEK #4 - September 11, 2022

Hello and welcome to week #4

We have a lot to report today! We grew by 50 members this week (even more than last week) and are now at over 205+ and growing everyday.

We met with City Manager, Mike Ortega, this week, and have stayed in contact with many others continuing to discuss the important details of what a **Regional City, County Strategy** would look like and what are important measures for success.

We discussed the important points we also shared with the County Attorney Laura Conover back in July:

1. Start enforcing our existing, long held laws, like we did before 2020. Deal

with the bad actors making our city and county dangerous. Stop ignoring the problem. Tell us what the city, specifically, as well as the county is going to do to hire more, and retain law enforcement resources. Stop the mantra that we don't have enough officers as another excuse and tell us your plan! **We want our police to answer calls that may not be violent (like before 2020), but are not "victimless crimes."** Argue it if you want, we feel victimized. Examples of our victimization: open drug use, dealing drugs at bus stops, vandalism, unchecked shoplifting, trespassing, sex in public, public nudity, living in, trashing, defecating, urinating, leaving needles in our washes, rivers and stealing from inside our cars, off our front door steps and panhandling on our medians.

2. We need to make sure we have enough drug treatment, shelter and mental health services available outside of jail and in jail if that is what a person needs to get better.
3. Through community involvement and your support, we will hold our elected leaders accountable. STAY INVOLVED!

We arranged through your loud voices for important people who want to be part of the solution to attend the a meeting this coming week, Thursday, Sept 15th @ 6pm, 1660 W Ruthrauff Road, Flowing Wells Community Center.

There is much work to do and it is critical that you do three (3) things:

1. Continue to call 911 for emergency situations. Continue to report to your Ward office or Pima County Supervisor any issues you are having because we have not solved anything yet. You need to continue to complain!
2. **COME TO THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15th @ 6pm**, 1660 W Ruthrauff Road, Flowing Wells Community Center
3. Please keep giving our contact info and encourage your frustrated colleagues to come to the Sept 15th Meeting. Have them contact us to put them on our list.

Public officials who responded to us early and continue to listen on this issue who are attending the 15th meeting:

Sheriff Chris Nanos  
Supervisor Steve Christy  
Supervisor Rex Scott  
County Attorney Laura Conover  
Councilmember Steve Kozachik  
TPD Police Chief Kasmar  
Pima County Administrator Jan Leshner  
City Manager Mike Ortega

**We are the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition. They have a Potluck at this meeting which if you wish to participate please bring a dish to share!!**

This is your opportunity show with your presence how important this is to you and the future of Tucson and Pima County. Our public officials will be there to listen to how this problem has impacted you so they can understand how important it is that they use the combined resources of our city and county to address what is concerning all of us!

See you on THIS Thursday!!!!

### **WEEK #3 - September 4, 2022**

Hello everyone. Welcome to Week #3

We had a breakthrough this week! The Pima-Tucson-Flowing Wells Business and Neighborhood Coalition steering committee working with County Administrator Jan

Leshner and the City, considering a possible framework to base a **REGIONAL STRATEGY** where City of Tucson and the **ENTIRE of Pima County city's and towns** can work as a team to address the near, mid and long term issues we are worried about pertaining to crime, personal safety and homeless issues.

We grew by another 40 members this week! Thank you for continuing to contact your frustrated businesses and neighbors! Keep sending them to us.

Keep up the pressure!

We are communicating closely with high interest, so far, by Pima County Supervisors, Scott, Bronson, Christy and Sheriff Nanos. They are listening intently. We are communicating closely with high interest by City Council Member, Ward 6 Kozachick and other council members to be discussed soon. Mayor Romero has not shown any interest in communicating.

We will be spending this week educating and helping Tucson City Council Members (Mayor Romero is not interested) to embrace a REGIONAL STRATEGY and framework. Each Council Member will be told again, as we have before, that the reason we created this coalition, is because City and County Elected Leaders have proven the inability to come together to address this human tragedy and it the crisis has mushroomed under their current policies. Crime and our fear for our personal safety are increasing, what we see as exponentially, in the last 3 years. We shared that our research found there is no plan in City and County other than uncoordinated pieces addressing symptoms, not causes, with no consumable data on accountability or data driving policy and actions.

We are here to bring everyone together, provide the sense of urgency and drive accountability that has not been in place.

There is much work to do and it is critical that you do two (3) things:

1. Continue to call 911 for emergency situations. Continue to report to your Ward office or Pima County Supervisor any issues you are having because we have not solved anything yet. You need to continue to complain!
2. **COME TO THE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15th @ 6pm**, 1660 W Ruthrauff Road, Flowing Wells Community Center
3. Please keep giving our contact info and encourage your frustrated colleagues to come to the Sept 15th Meeting. Have them contact us to put them on our list.

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520 850 0176

or

kevincdaily@yahoo.com

520 661 4603

At the meeting we are going to share with you some background (most you already know because we are all very frustrated and angry over all the same issues), show you more about this proposed REGIONAL APPROACH, **let you speak**, and have some important people there who care and want to be part of the solution. So far confirmed are :

Sheriff Chris Nanos  
Supervisor Steve Christy  
Supervisor Rex Scott  
County Attorney Laura Conover  
Councilmember Steve Kozachik  
TPD Police Chief Kasmar  
Pima County Administrator Jan Leshner  
City Manager Mike Ortega

We are getting through our elected leaders. Some of our elected leaders are listening but we need to turn that into action that will make us more safe! Please keep the faith that the adults have come to the room and are working to break the paralysis and ask everyone as respectfully as reasonably possible to address the issues that are crime, our personal safety, and homeless issues. Unfortunately some elected leaders need more of an intervention approach to see the seriousness and have willingness to change which means listening to constituents.

Stay tuned for our next update.

## WEEK #2

Hello everyone. Welcome to Week #2.

This has been a busy week. We added 40 new businesses. Now we have 111 businesses up from 70 at beginning of last week. We met last week with the County Administrator, Jan Leshner. Ms Leshner, listened intently with genuine concern about our concerns and our position that the County would be best to hear our case for a Regional Approach to the Public Safety problem associated with rampant drug use, lawlessness, open nudity, sex in parking lots and on sidewalks, aggressive panhandling and unhoused persons needing attention and resources. We are continuing discussions to see if there is a viable path to working with our current elected leaders and determining if we can help them develop a sense of urgency that they don't have now. We are growing to provide help so they can focus and come together as a regional team, city and county and address these issues.

Our **city** elected leaders are slow to respond to any communications on the topic. If they respond at all. We have acknowledgement of possible future discussion from Ward6, Kozachik, Ward2, Cunningham and Ward3, Dahl only. Mayor is not reachable by anyone on any concern.

It's so fitting that Monica saw this (**SEE Picture**) in the parking garage at Scott St and Pennington as she got out of her car, Downtown before our meeting with Ms. Leshner on Tuesday. While it is tragic, it also is one of the Nth pictures and videos we have of why citizens feel unsafe. How do you explain this to your children if they are with you? Similarly, how do you explain the sex in the parking lot at your dentist, to your kids when you drive up? One of our members was informed last Friday at her dentist at 12:30 in afternoon, she had just missed persons in a sex act in the parking lot.

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We are getting attention and moving forward but we need you to continue to contact 911 if an emergency, your Ward Office, or County Supervisor if you see something that needs attention. We are working to amplify your concerns but keep reporting while we progress!!!

**We plan to have a large meeting you can attend in-person or Zoom at 6pm on Thursday, September 15th @ 6pm at The Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W Ruthrauff Road.** You will need to send me or Monica a request for zoom to attend remotely. At this meeting we will provide updated information and also hear any additional concerns you want to share.

mcarlsonaz@gmail.com  
520 850 0176  
or  
kevincdaily@yahoo.com  
520 661 4603

To attend by Zoom, we need to know your Name, business, email and phone number. If you are a neighbor who is not a business, please also contact us as everyone is welcome.

The meeting on Sept 15th is a Potluck. This is the main topic at the regular monthly meeting of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition. You are all welcome. If you want to participate in the potluck, bring a dish to share. FWNACC will provide cups, drinks and plates.

We hope that by next week we are going to be able to report some kinds of initiative that will indicate that we are getting our leaders to step up and lead. Stay tuned.

Please keep contacting your business Colleagues and send them to us as you have been doing. **Send us more of your business colleagues who are concerned!! Send us your pictures and video.**

Please check your SPAM folder if you are not getting these messages on Sunday evening.

**More Soon!!!**  
**Kevin Daily and Steering Committee**  
**Pima-Tucson-Flowing Wells Business and Neighborhood Coalition**

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## WEEK #1

### Hello concerned businesses and neighbors:

You indicated you wanted to join or receive updates of our newly created group called the **Pima-Tucson-Flowing Wells Business and Neighborhood Coalition**. Covering all of Pima County.

You also may be those we have talked and might just want to have updated info.

My name is Kevin Daily. I am a native Tucsonan. I wear many hats. For my day job I am an Electrical/Software Engineer. I serve on the Flowing Wells School Board for the last 22 years. I am the President of the Flowing Wells Neighborhood Association and Community Coalition that I founded with my wife in 1995. My wife and I wrote and published the History of Flowing Wells in 2018 for Arcadia Publishing.

Monica Carlson below is an owner of Carlson Company - Heating and Cooling in business here in Tucson for decades.

Our group was founded out of total frustration of months of complaints, and requests for service, mostly from City of Tucson and being ignored this Spring, to educate our elected leaders how drug related crime is killing our city. What we see on the streets does not correlate with what some in the City are claiming as progress.

After you read this introduction email, we need you to do one thing: **Please share this email and encourage your concerned fellow businesses to contact us by email with Name and email, and we will add them to our group. We are powerful in numbers to make sure our elected officials pay attention to the Human Tragedy happening in our City and County. So far we are 70+ strong and growing rapidly.**

We will speak for you and provide a way to channel your message to our elected local leaders because so many of us all report we are not being served or listened. We will also provide a opportunities to share in a zoom format and in-person with our group.

We are currently a steering committee that is adding members to our membership. Our mission is: as constituents of elected leaders, facilitate the sharing of our concerns to our elected leaders (County Attorney, Tucson City Council and Mayor, Pima County Supervisors and Sheriff) about this massive issue that is affecting us all. Our business, economic future, personal safety, quality of life, City and County is dying through inaction and paralysis. Employees feel unsafe to enter/exit buildings, walk to/from their cars, customers are way of entering businesses for normal commerce and use of parks and restrooms. Shoplifting is in large part is not being prosecuted, so many businesses are not bothering to report. All crime is underreported due to loss of faith. At the same time, drug users and sellers are not being prosecuted so arrests are not happening. This is not good for the drug users who's use is a cry for help and are missing out on that contact with police that could get them into drug treatment or drug treatment in jail. We can't solve this problem without more attention and resources for everything. We live in a society and I think we all agree that we can't just ignore away what is going on out there. This is costing us money now, and our leaders need to work together for a change. Out of the frustration of inaction of our leaders, citizens are getting into more and more violent confrontations that is going to result in death or injury.

Our city and county leadership need to implement and support policies that fight Crime that is affecting our businesses and neighborhoods as well as in parallel work together on solutions to address homelessness. **Homelessness is not a crime, but there are behaviors that are a crime that are being ignored.** Right now City and County **are not** working together to solve this as a Regional Issue. The problem exists in both City and County. The Pima County, (Elected County Supervisors) control and manage Mental Health Services (which homeless and drug users frequently need) for the entire county. The (Elected County Attorney) decides what will or will not be prosecuted. The (Elected Mayor and Council) give direction to the City Manager who control TPD as well as the City Attorney's office. The (Elected Sheriff) enforces crime in all of Pima County outside Tucson, Marana and Oro Valley) and the Pima County Jail. Police and Sheriff, can arrest



but if the County Attorney won't prosecute because of the current social experiment, with no clear parameters of "deflection" in place since 2019, what's the point? City of Tucson implemented a "Housing First" approach to homelessness and then used that as an excuse not to arrest anyone committing open drug use and other illegal activity anymore because there was not enough housing. The City started with a good idea. The Wildcat House, a "housing first" approach converting a motel to house 69 homeless. Great! But then in the next breath they say we need 2000 more with no plan. They are using "housing first" as the excuse for stopping arresting of crime especially drug related. This was a failed, irresponsible and poorly executed social experiment. Housing First is a great idea but don't stop and pat yourself on the back when you solved less than 1/10th of the problem. We need more of everything including drug treatment. Maybe one solution is to hold accountable drug users. Arrest drug users, give them an opportunity for treatment and maybe the arrest can be expunged. If they won't finish treatment, go to jail, and treat them in jail to protect them from continued dangers of their out of control habit causing them to be on the street being victimized and victimizing. Ignoring them and having them die on the street of overdose or getting hit by cars because they are high, is not humane in a civil society. Each one of them is one Fentanyl hit away from death. Some, many, are not homeless because of drugs but instead other circumstances. We need to provide more services and address this national tragedy.

We as citizens deserve to see data from our our leaders and service providers, non-profits and other agencies working with and being paid by the city and county. How effective are they? With no data how can we know? We need our leaders to demand accountability from those that provide services. We need to work with partners that produce results.

With the appointment of new TPD Police Chief Kasmar, we have an opportunity to expect our elected leaders (City Council and Mayor) to back TPD and our patrol officers to do what they were trained and want to do, fight crime. Pima County Sheriff Nanos, TPD Chief of Police Kasmar and Marana Chief Nunez demonstrated an unprecedented level of cooperation (Multi City/Town and County law enforcement) coming to our Flowing Wells School Board Governing board meeting in July, as a TEAM, and shared the high level of cooperation between their agencies and commitment to school safety. They sat with our Flowing Wells School Board for 2 hours on a Tuesday night and conversed with our Board as a team. This was inspirational!

**We demand the City of Tucson and Pima County work together on a Regional Approach like Sheriff Nanos, TPD Chief Kasmar and Marana Chief Nunez as an example!!!**

Both the city and county are working on projects within their own space with only tiny coordinated pockets of cooperation. I am sad to report that no one in City and County can provide data from the last 3 years that tells us that what they have been doing and the results of "deflection." There is no data on the success/failure "Crisis Teams" and "deflection" They can provide today. Our elected leaders are letting this happen and are accountable. Shouldn't they be? From our eyes of what is happening on the street, we have only seen the problem get worse and worse. There are small bright spots in their individual approaches to more focused issues, but all of them are underfunded, under-resourced and uncoordinated. The fact that each of you has reported a **dramatic increase** in Crime behavior starting since 2019 when the County Attorney's Office stopped prosecuting many drug offences, homeless persons have increased and within the last two years TPD street officers have been prevented from evicting people from living in washes (which are loaded with furniture, trash, human waste and drug remnants), which is contrary to city code 26-11, and indicates that current strategies (or their execution) are not working. Washes are dangerous and a bunch of the contents of our city washes ultimately end up in the Santa Cruz. We have videos. Continuing to do the same thing and expect different results is the definition of **insanity**. The problem is too big. City and County need to combine resources to address this increasingly growing problem. Our leaders are overwhelmed and not willing to see they are in over their heads. We are trying to motivate them to work together, combine resources and work the problem TOGETHER.

Our steering committee made of local businesses and me as a neighborhood representative from Flowing Wells, met with County Attorney, Laura Conover, this last

Tuesday (8/16/2022). It was a productive, spirited discussion but no clear outcomes other than listening and acknowledging our concerns.

We meet this week with the County Administrator and give updates to Supervisors Rex Scott, Sharon Bronson, and Sheriff Nanos as we progress. Supervisor District 1, Rex Scott, was gracious enough to host a meeting back in June and listen with great concern about the human tragedy bringing together us, Ward 3, Constable Bennett Bernal and a representative of county attorney's office to hear more.

We have an upcoming meeting scheduled with the City Manager and have opened invitations for discussion with City Council members. The Tucson Mayor has not been answering requests.

We will work to give you an update each week as we progress. Feel free to share pictures with us. Also please spread the word and send Names and Email address of your fellow concerned business owners who want to stay informed and involved.

Please feel free to contact Monica Carlson or me (Kevin Daily), email is best first, unless urgent.

I will be sending another email soon with some links to useful information related to this issue.

Sincerely,

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