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Bee Safety

Whether the Africanized honey bee turns out to be a minor problem or a major threat to the United States, there is no question that some individuals are going to experience the pain, and perhaps even the tragedy, of an encounter with them. Safety depends on knowing what to do long before the moment of crisis comes.

Bee Alert!

The best safety advice is to avoid an encounter with unfriendly honey bees. Be alert for danger. Remember that honey bees sting to defend their colony, so be on the look out for honey bee swarms and colonies. Be alert for bees coming in and out of an opening such as a crack in a wall, or the hole in a water meter box. Listen for the hum of an active bee colony. Look for bees in holes in the ground, holes in trees or cacti, and in sheds. Be extra careful when moving junk that has been lying around.

Be alert for bees that are acting strangely. Quite often bees will display some preliminary defensive behavior before going into a full-fledged attack. They may fly at your face or buzz around over your head. These warning signs should be heeded, since the bees may be telling you that you have come into their area and are too close to their colony for comfort both theirs and yours!

When you are outdoors, in a rural area, a park or wilderness reserve, be aware of your surroundings and keep an eye out for bees the way you would watch out for snakes and other natural dangers. But don't panic at the sight of a few bees foraging in the flowers. Bees are generally very docile as they go about their work. Unless you do something really outrageous, such as step on them, they will generally not bother you.

Bee Prepared!

There are a few things you can do to be prepared. One is to wear light-colored clothing. Experience has shown that bees tend to attack dark things. Dark clothing, dark hair, any thing dark in color could draw the bees. A USDA entomologist says that when he inspected apiaries he could often tell that they were Africanized by the number of stings he got in his black leather camera case.

Avoid wearing floral or citrus aftershaves or perfumes when hiking. Bees are sensitive to odors, both pleasant and unpleasant. The smell of newly cut grass has been shown to rile honey bees.

Check around your house and yard at least once a month to see if there are any signs of bees taking up residence. If you do find a swarm or colony, leave it alone and keep your family and pets away. Look in the Yellow Pages for a pest control company or a local beekeeper to deal with the bees.

To help prevent honey bees from building a colony in your house or yard, fill all



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cracks and crevices in walls with steel wool and caulk. Remove piles of junk, honey bees will nest in an old soda can or an overturned flower pot. Fill holes in the ground, and cover the hole in your water valve box.

Bee Attack!

Obviously, it is best to avoid contact with honey bees. But sometimes contact can not be avoided. In that case, it is important to know what to do when stung.

Almost all cases of Africanized honey bee attacks can be traced back to some provocation, such as a kid tossing a stone at the hive, or some noise or vibration, such as that of a lawn mower, weed eater or tractor. Once disturbed by something, Africanized honey bees can range quite far from the source of irritation, attacking anything that looks threatening.

Once the bees get riled up, the most important thing to do is RUN away as fast as possible. Do not try to retrieve belongings nearby. Do not try to stand still in an attempt to fool the bees. That may work with a snake under certain circumstances, but honey bees won't be impressed. Do not try to fight the bees they have the advantage of numbers and the gift of flight. The more you flail your arms, the madder they will get. Just run indoors as fast as possible.



A bee can obtain speeds of from 12 to 15 miles per hour, but most healthy humans can outrun them. So, RUN! And when you run Keep Running ! Africanized honey bees have been known to follow people for more than a quarter mile.

Any covering for your body, and especially for your head and face will help you escape. While outdoor enthusiasts can hardly be expected to go around in bee suits, a small hand kerchief or mosquito net device that fits over the head could easily be carried in a pocket. People who have been attacked say the worst part is having the bees sting your face and eyes.

Any impairment of your vision will also make it more difficult to escape. So even though a net over your head may leave the rest of your body exposed, it will allow you to see where you are going as you run away from the colony or source of the bees.

If you do not happen to have a net with you, grab a blanket, a coat, a towel, anything that will give you momentary relief while you look for an avenue of escape. But the covering device is not going to protect you for long. The idea is to use it to help you get away.

If you have nothing else, pull your shirt up over your face. The stings you may get on your chest and abdomen are far less serious than those to the facial area.

Try to find shelter as soon as possible. Take refuge in a house, tent or a car with the windows and doors closed. Some bees are bound to enter with you, but it will be darker and probably cooler inside which will confuse the bees and you should be able to swat them or vacuum them up easily enough. Even if you do get stung a few times, remember that each bee can only sting once. As long as the number inside the shelter with you is small, you have the advantage.

Although it may be tempting, DO NOT JUMP INTO WATER! The bees will wait for you to come up for air.

Once you are away from the bees, take a second and evaluate the situation. If you have been stung more than 15 times, or if you are having any symptoms other than local pain and swelling, seek medical attention immediately. If you see someone else being stung or think others are in danger, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Many of the safety measures we have just reviewed would be difficult to apply under the excitement of an emergency situation if you have not mentally prepared yourself ahead of time. Most people taking part in normal outdoor activities do not have to go to any extraordinary lengths to be prepared, just keep in mind where you would go to escape honey bees, and be on the look out for danger.

Source: <http://ag.arizona.edu/pubs/insects/ahb/inf18.html>

Burglary Prevention

Each year in the U.S. there are more than five million home burglaries. Nine out of ten of these crimes are preventable. The risk of being burglarized can be greatly reduced by taking simple steps to make your home more difficult to enter and less enticing to would-be burglars. Remember the greatest weapons in the fight to prevent burglaries are light, time and noise .

Light

- Make sure that exterior lights are mounted out of reach, so that burglars can't easily unscrew bulbs.
- Consider buying motion-sensitive lights, which are now available at relatively low prices.
- Use a variable light timer to activate lights inside your home.
- Trim trees and shrubs near doors and windows so burglars can't hide in the shadows

Time

Make it time-consuming for a burglar to break into your home by :

- Installing deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- Installing double key locks in doors which contain glass. This will keep a burglar from being able to open the door simply by breaking the glass and reaching through. (Note: so that everyone in the house can get out in the event of a fire, be sure to keep the key in designated place).
- Placing additional locks on all windows and patio doors.

Noise

- Get a dog. You don't need a large attack dog; even a small dog creates a disturbance that burglars would prefer to avoid. Remember to License and Vaccinate it.
- Consider having someone care for your dogs in your home while you're away, instead of boarding them.
- If you can afford it, install an alarm system that will alert neighbors of a burglar's presence. Most systems can even summon local police directly. Don't forget to check the Alarm Code.

Other tips to prevent break-ins:

- Think like a burglar. "Case" your home the way a burglar would and look for easy ways to enter your home.
- Be sure valuables such as guns, electronic devices and artwork are not visible from the street.
- Be sure to lock up ladders and tools which could be used to break into your home.
- Work together with your neighbors. Organize a Neighborhood Watch and let your neighbors know when you will be away for an extended period.
- While on vacation, have someone pick up your newspapers and mail, so that they do not accumulate and alert burglars of your absence.
- Display your house number conspicuously and have it well illuminated. This will help police and emergency personnel find your home quickly.



Just in Case...

- Sometimes, all your efforts won't stop a determined burglar. It's wise to take some precautions that will help you get your property back should a criminal successfully break into your home:
- Make a list of your belongings (be sure to keep receipts, especially for expensive items like stereos and computers). Be sure to update this list periodically.
- Keep copies of your inventory list and receipts in a safe deposit box or with a friend. (This is also important in the event of a house fire.)
- Photographing and/or videotaping your possessions is a convenient way to keep a record of what you own.
- Engrave your valuables with an identification or mark to deter burglary and to prove ownership should the article be stolen and recovered by the police.
- Be sure you have the right coverage. You may need to purchase additional coverage to protect special items like expensive jewelry or rare antiques.

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- If you don't own your home, seriously consider buying a renter's policy. Your landlord will generally not be responsible for your possessions. Rental coverage is available at competitive rates and these policies also offer important protection against liability and losses due to fire or storm damage.

Source: http://www.jcsd.org/burglary_prevention.htm

Finally, if you are going out of town for an extended period of time, please visit <http://www.orovalleyaz.gov/police/darkhouse> to find out more information about our Darkhouse program.

Protect the Ones You Love

DROWNINGS

The Reality

We all want to keep our children safe and secure and help them live to their full potential. Knowing how to prevent leading causes of child injury, like drowning, is a step toward this goal.

When most of us are enjoying time at the pool or beach, injuries aren't the first thing on our minds. Yet, drownings are the leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 4, and three children die every day as a result of drowning.

Thankfully, parents can play a key role in protecting the children they love from drowning.

Prevention Tips

Fence it off. Install a four-sided isolation fence, with self-closing and self-latching gates, around backyard swimming pools. This can help keep children away from the area when a parent cannot supervise them. Pool fences should completely separate the house and play area from the pool.

Make life jackets a "must." Make sure kids wear life jackets in and around natural bodies of water, such as lakes or the ocean, even if they know how to swim.

Learn CPR. Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and get recertified every two years. CPR can help a child stay alive with little or no brain damage.

Be on the look out. Supervise young children at all times around bathtubs, swimming pools, and natural bodies of water. Adults watching kids near water should avoid distracting activities like playing cards, reading books, or talking on the phone.

Please visit www.cdc.gov/safekid for podcasts, tip sheets, and other information on the leading causes of child injury and steps you can take to protect the children you love.

Source: http://www.cdc.gov/safekid/Fact_Sheets/Drowning-Fact-Sheet-a.pdf

DIGITAL CHILD IDENTIFICATION

OVPD will be providing digital child identification "Bio-Docs" for Oro Valley residents. Bio-Docs provide law enforcement with vital information should your child be kidnapped, run away or is lost. The Bio-Doc includes a digital photograph, digital fingerprints, personal descriptors, parent(s) information and emergency phone numbers, all printed on a handy, single sheet of cardstock. This service is free of charge.

Reservations are required. Space is limited. Check out <http://orovalleyaz.gov/police/calendar> for upcoming events.

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For more information, or to register, contact Ofc. Woodward at (520) 229-5085 of the Community Resources Unit.



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RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE

A FREE WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Oro Valley Police Department personnel will be teaching this self-defense class for females. This training will empower you to fight back against crime with awareness, prevention and risk avoidance. The paradox of self-defense is that the more prepared you are, the less likely you are to need it. When you can recognize and respond to potentially dangerous situations, you are less likely to become a target of crime.

Attendees should wear comfortable workout attire, as this is a physical class consisting of punching and kicking. Water will be provided, and participants may bring healthy, energy-packed snacks. The class is limited to 20 people. The minimum age is 15. Participants must attend *all three sessions.*



Date Tuesdays, January 6, 13 & 20

Time 5 - 9 p.m.

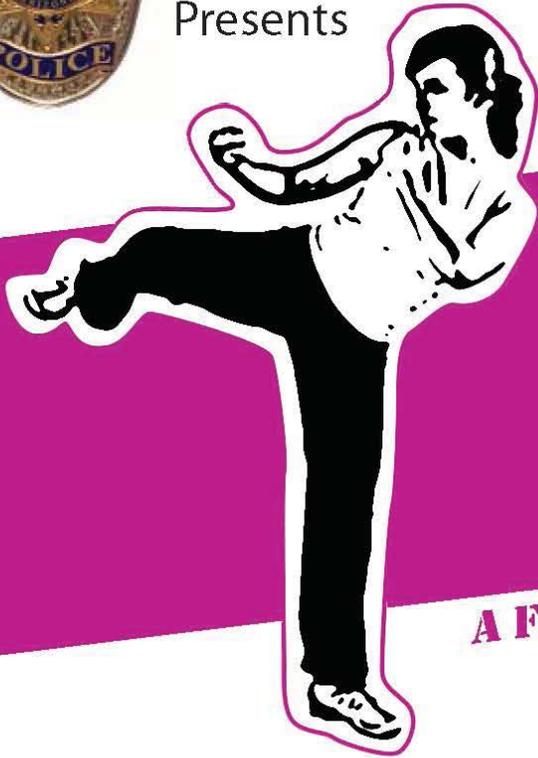
Location.... Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene
500 W. Calle Concordia

For more information—or to sign up—contact Sgt. Amy Graham at (520) 229-5080 or agraham@orovalleyaz.gov



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Date Thursdays, January 8, 15 & 22

Time 5 - 9 p.m.

Location.... Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene

East Campus

440 W. Calle Concordia

For more information—or to sign up—contact Sgt. Amy Graham at (520) 229-5080 or agraham@orovalleyaz.gov



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Citizen Academy

Understanding Through Education

The Oro Valley Police Citizen Academy is a 36-hour block of instruction designed to give the public knowledge of the OVPD. It consists of twelve classes, taught by sworn police personnel and civilian staff who work in the different divisions. The instruction is comprehensive and each week a different area of the department is covered, including many activities:

- Experience a ride-along
- See a S.W.A.T. demo
- Watch the K-9 in action
- Hear about criminal investigations
- Meet Oro Valley officers and understand their work

The goal is to provide the citizens enough information to dispel suspicions and misconceptions and to increase rapport through an educational process. The citizens, in turn, enable the officers and civilian staff to learn of their feelings and concerns. The hope is that the graduates of each Citizen Academy will take their new knowledge out into the community, educate others when the opportunity arises and make good decisions, which affect the Police Department and the Town with heightened awareness and better information. Together we can build a safer, stronger community.

When: Every Tuesday, February 10 - April 28, 2015

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

Where: Oro Valley Police Tangerine Substation, 1920 E. Tangerine Road

- There is limited seating available, so sign up today
- Make a commitment to attend the majority of classes
- Free of charge
- CVAP personnel are encouraged to attend
- Must be at least 18 years of age

For more information, or to register, contact Ofc. Rick Rendon,
at (520) 229-2900 or rrendon@orovalleyaz.gov

Mark Your Calendar

Dispose-A-Med

Target, 10555 North Oracle Road

February 7 10 am - 2 pm
April 25 10 am - 2 pm
June 6 8 am - noon
August 1 8 am - noon
October 10 10 am - 2 pm
December 5 10 am - 2 pm

Sun City Social Hall

March 10 10 am - noon
May 12 10 am - noon
November 10 9 - 11 am

Shred-A-Thon

Hosted by Pima County Sheriff

January 24 9 am - noon
Casas Church
10801 N. La Cholla Blvd.

VIN Etching

Oro Valley Marketplace
March 28 9 am - noon



Fun Facts!

Canyon Del Oro High School has had some notable alumni, including:

- Mark Udall (Class of '68): US Senator
- Chris Duncan (Class of '99): Professional baseball player with St. Louis Cardinals
- Ed Hochuli (Class of '69): NFL Referee
- George Roop (Class of '00): Professional MMA fighter
- Jonathan Rothschild (Class of '73): Current mayor of Tucson



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