



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Date/Time: November 10th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Phoenix Police Desert Horizon Precinct
16030 N 56th St
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Who: Phoenix Police Department
St. Mary's Food Bank

What: Kickoff to the Desert Horizon Precinct Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

The most successful law enforcement turkey drive in Phoenix is back to break its own record of 1151 turkeys in 2021. The community came out by the hundreds to support the cause last Thanksgiving, and this year we are hoping for an even bigger turnout. With the price of Thanksgiving dinner expected to reach an all-time high, members of the Phoenix Police Department's Desert Horizon Precinct want to make sure every family has all the traditional foods at their feast.

We are once again partnering with St. Mary's Food Bank in its effort to feed those in need. "Because of the Phoenix Police Department, we are going to be able to provide a turkey for every single family who gets in line," Lisa Notaro, the Chief Development and Marketing officer at St. Mary's Food Bank said during 2021's collection. The goal is to collect turkeys this November and donate them to St. Mary's Food Bank for their annual Thanksgiving food drive. Desert Horizon Precinct Commander Brian Issitt is leading the fundraising effort with some of the same tactics which made the drive successful in 2021. "We posted a lot on Nextdoor. All of our community groups came out in droves. Even my neighbors, I live in the precinct, so they all knew what was happening and I got a text or call every day," Commander Issitt said.

On Thursday November 10th, 2022 the Phoenix Police Department will begin collecting turkeys from the community to place in a freezer truck at the Desert Horizon Precinct. There will be video and sound opportunities (in English and Spanish) for members of the media wishing to cover this event.

Please email me at ryan.cody@phoenix.gov if you are planning to attend.