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## 2012 Victim Services Week honors ADC

In honor of crime victims and in celebration of the progress in advancing their rights, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer proclaimed April 22-28 to be Arizona Crime Victims' Rights Week, joining a nationwide effort to recognize individuals in communities throughout the country who advocate on behalf of crime victims and their families.

The Governor's proclamation was delivered at a luncheon ceremony held

April 23 at the State Capitol. "With this proclamation, I continue to ensure as one of my missions that Arizona has a criminal justice system that is focused on justice, public safety and the rights of crime victims. I remain daily inspired to extend that vision to reach every victim throughout Arizona," said Governor Brewer in remarks prepared for today's event.

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ADC Victim Services Administrator Jan Blaser-Upchurch receives her Distinguished Service Award in recognition of outstanding public policy on behalf of victims of crime from Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne during the 2012 Victim Services Week award luncheon held on the Capitol lawn on April 23.

## ADC runs in LETR Opening Ceremonies

ADC Southern Region Operations Director Ernie Trujillo and athlete Mike Tom both hold the Special Olympics torch as they run it into the stadium at Mesa Community College to light the flame that signified the start of the 2012 Special Olympics Arizona Summer Games.



The 2012 Special Olympics Summer Games opening ceremonies took place on April 27, and the Arizona Department of Corrections was there to ensure the event was a rousing success. In the weeks leading up to the Summer Games, ADC staff from around Arizona had participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, helping carry the Special Olympics Torch around the state

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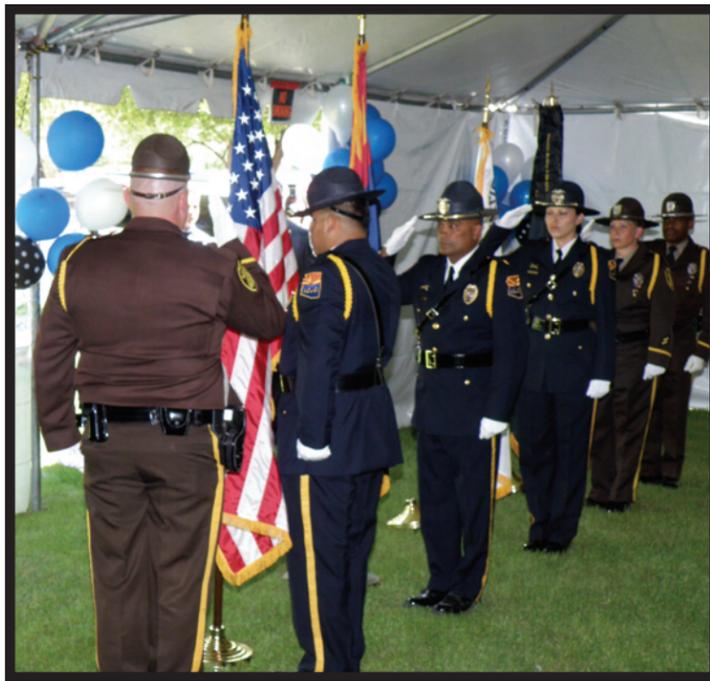
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this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim." During the luncheon, Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne, Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Arizona Department of Corrections Director Charles Ryan and Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections Director Charles Flanagan honored outstanding individuals and programs dedicated to serving crime victims within their respective agencies.

Honored with the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of outstanding public policy on behalf of victims of crime was Jan (Blaser) Upchurch, ADC Victim Services Administrator. Mrs. Upchurch has been a steadfast advocate for the rights of victims for over 20 years. She has provided services and support to thousands of

victims and has been instrumental in shaping laws and enhancing the rights of crime victims. Jan has worked diligently to educate the public and victim advocates throughout the state and the nation and has dedicated countless hours and leadership to numerous organizations over the years. In her position at ADC she has been able to maintain a high level of service to crime victims of the incarcerated inmates.

The victims' rights movement began over 30 years ago to help crime victims address physical and emotional wounds, costly financial burdens, and hostility they frequently endured throughout the criminal justice process. Since that time, victims' rights laws have been enacted in every state. Thirty-two states, including Arizona, now have constitutional amendments guaranteeing victims' rights.



Clockwise from top left: There were a number of award recipients during the 2012 Victim Services Week luncheon on April 23.

Members of both the Arizona Department of Corrections and Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections Honor Guards were on hand to post the colors to officially open the award ceremony.

The 2012 Crime Victims Week luncheon and award ceremony took place under a tent set up on the Capitol lawn, where several hundred law enforcement officials from around the state were in attendance.

The Maricopa County Attorney's office hosted a Victims Rights support poster and attendees were invited to show their support by adding their signature to the poster.

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to it's final run into Mesa Community College, where the opening ceremonies took place.

As part of the event, Special Olympics Arizona CEO/President Tim Martin accepted a check from ADC Director Charles Ryan and his daughter, Madison Ryan, for \$503,000.00, the amount the LETR has raised for Special Olympics Arizona in the last fiscal year.

The honor of escorting one of the athletes into the stadium and helping carry the torch is reserved for the Law Enforcement participant who is credited for raising the most money for LETR and Special Olympics Arizona. In the past few years, the honor has been given to someone in the Arizona Department of Corrections and this year was no different.

CO IV Wendy Eccles, from ASPC-Eyman earned the right to run this year, but unfortunately, an injury prevented her from participating so she asked Southern Regional Operations Director Ernie Trujillo to take her place and he was honored to do so.

As night fell and the stands filled with participating athletes, a police motorcycle escort rode onto the track, followed by SROD Trujillo and Athlete Mike Tom holding the Special Olympics Torch. Following close behind were dozens of law enforcement personnel from around Arizona, including ADC staff. The procession made their way around the track and Trujillo and Tom stepped up and lit the Special Olympics Cauldron, signifying the start of the Summer Games.



**Clockwise from top right: CO IV Wendy Eccles, from ASPC-Eyman was originally supposed to help run the Special Olympics Torch into the stadium, but an injury prevented her from making the run. Top Center: SROD Ernie Trujillo and athlete Mike Tom hold the torch up after lighting the Special Olympic Cauldron. Top left: Director Ryan and his daughter Madison present Arizona Special Olympics CEO/President Tim Martin a check representing just over half million dollars the LETR has raised for Special Olympics. Bottom center: Back row - Sgt. Krystal Hutchinson, Equal Opportunity Officer Eric Abt, CO IV Wendy Eccles, Athlete Carla, CO II John Risch and wearing the white shirt, CCO Lisbet Jones. Bottom row - SROD Ernie Trujillo, CO II Saul Miller, Athlete Madison, Director Charles Ryan and Sgt. Valentine Valenzuela.**



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The flag design was conceived by members of the Honor Guard and Sgt. Vallas made the prototypes and the adjustments. Over a year's period several changes were made before Director Ryan gave his final approval for this flag to be produced.

The colors are to mirror our Department Patch (Black and Gold). The seal in the center is the ADC seal and selected by Director Ryan. Gracing the bottom of the flag is "Protecting Arizona's Communities since 1875". We believe it to be important that our Agency has such a rich History reaching back to the Yuma Territorial Prison in 1875. Not many Departments can say they pre-date the State of Arizona.

The last thing to be placed is the Officer's Streamers that will hang off the top of the flag. They represent the physical spirit and memory of each Fallen Officer. They have the names of fallen and the end of watch date. Normally they are placed at the time of the funeral by a family member. The family will receive one and one is placed on the Honor Guard flag. We Honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This flag will be utilized at most official events and any "in the line of duty death" funerals of law enforcement Officers with in the State of Arizona.

# The new ADC flag



**This rendition of the ADC flag shows the colors are Black and Gold. The seal in the center is the ADC seal and was selected by Director Ryan. At the bottom of the flag are the words "Protecting Arizona's Communities since 1875".**



**The ADC Honor Guard have had the new flag since February and have already used it several times for official events around the state.**



**The ADC Honor Guard has brought the department flag to events like the Peace Officer Memorial, above, and the SECC Award Luncheon, on the right.**

