

## **PATROL**

The Patrol Division is responsible for the protection of life and/or property through enforcement of laws. Their main responsibilities include: patrolling areas of the county in a vehicle to preserve law and order, to prevent and discover the commission of crime, and enforce motor vehicle and parking regulations and correct traffic hazards. They answer calls and complaints received by radio, telephone, or in person involving emergency, disorder, and crime.

## **FOREST PATROL**

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Forest Patrol Unit is responsible for Search & Rescue operations, in addition to Patrol operations for rural areas within Yavapai County.

## **PARTNERS AGAINST NAROTICS TRAFFICKING (PANT)**

PANT is a multi-agency drug task force that operates throughout Yavapai County and is made of several partner agencies to include YCSO, PVPD, PPD, CVPD, Camp Verde Marshal's Office, Cottonwood PD and Sedona PD as well as the YCSO K9 interdiction team. Their primary purpose is to investigate and make arrests in drug sales, distribution, manufacture and transportation cases as well as assist our Law Enforcement partners in investigations with a significant drug nexus. PANT also takes an active role in community education and drug prevention through cooperation with MATFORCE as well as various presentations for the community, private entities and the Adult Probation Department.

## **SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)/NEGOTIATORS**

The primary purpose of SWAT is to respond to high risk situations that patrol officers are not equipped nor trained to handle. The SWAT team is comprised of 20 full-time Sheriff's Office personnel as well as our volunteer medics. The negotiations team is a critical element of the SWAT team as our focused goal is to end situations as peacefully as possible.

## **DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE)**

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program is an International program for which Deputies and Detention Officers are specifically selected and recruited. Their training includes more than 80 hours of both classroom instruction, practical training and testing to become fully certified as a Drug Recognition Expert. DRE's are utilized to assist patrol personnel in the detection of a driver who may or may not be impaired to operate a vehicle safely in the State of Arizona. DRE's are taught to recognize the difference between medical conditions or impairment caused by alcohol, drugs or a combination of both. This program requires consistent and regular participation and training to remain certified. In addition, the DRE program is utilized to assist with severe injury and fatality crashes within Yavapai County.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Animal Control section consists of 7 officers and an animal control sergeant. Animal control officers handle calls for service involving animals, principally dogs for animal noise, leash violations, and Arizona statute required annual licenses. Additional areas of service are animal poisonings, rabies control involving animal bites to humans, aggressive animals, and animal welfare, with regard to neglect and cruelty. Loose dogs are impounded and sheltered at one of the Humane Society locations, and include dogs or cats being held for safekeeping for a limited time. A pet that has been impounded or quarantined may be reclaimed by paying all appropriate fees to the shelter.