



### Drivers Reminded to 'Pull Aside, Stay Alive' During Monsoon Season

June 2014

For the third year, ADOT continues its efforts to educate drivers about the threat of dust storms as monsoon season officially began in Arizona on June 15.

The new public-education announcement focuses on a recent dust-related fatal crash along Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Tucson. The "911 Call" announcement illustrates what can happen to drivers who do not heed the "Pull Aside, Stay Alive" message. Audio of 911 calls from the crash are heard against visuals of emergency personnel moving among crushed vehicles and semi-trucks surrounded by blowing dust.

ADOT's mission is to provide valuable information to drivers before they get caught in a low-visibility dust storm. The agency's top recommendation is to avoid driving into a wall of dust at all costs.

"Driving into a dust storm is very dangerous, but the key is that oftentimes it can be avoided," said ADOT Director John Halikowski. "Drivers must be ready to alter their plans if there is a threat of a dust storm. It's better to change plans than try to power through dangerous conditions. But if you're on the road and a dust storm suddenly appears near you, pull off the highway as quickly and safely as possible. Never drive through a dust storm. It's not a risk worth taking."

Because dust storms can develop very quickly, particularly along the Interstate 10 corridor between Phoenix and Tucson, ADOT uses several methods to get information to drivers. These include electronic highway message boards, social and traditional media, communication with ADOT staff and law enforcement officers in the field, television and radio advertising, and close coordination with partnering agencies.

Please visit [PullAsideStayAlive.org](http://PullAsideStayAlive.org) for the new public-education video along with videos from past years. The website also includes a tip sheet, which ADOT encourages drivers to print and keep handy in their vehicle.

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### Arizona Science Center Comes to the Gila Bend Care 1st Resource Center

July 2014

The Arizona Science Center will be making an appearance at the Gila Bend Care 1st Resource Center on Friday, July 18th from 11:00am to 12:00 noon.

The Science Center will be showing kids how and helping them to make their own home-made ice cream. All kids wishing to participate in making their own ice cream **must have** a parent with them at the Resource Center.

Call Flor Olivas at the **Gila Bend Care 1st Resource Center** at **928-683-6502** with any questions you have or if you would like more information.

### July 4th Celebration

July 2014



The Annual 4th of July celebration hosted by the Town of Gila Bend is fast approaching. The activities planned for Friday, July 4th are:

**11:00am – 7:00pm:** Free Swimming at the Community Pool

**2:00pm – 8:00pm:** Water Park at McMahon Field

**7:00pm:** Hot Dog Eating Contest at McMahon Field

**9:00pm:** Fireworks

Wear your Red, White and Blue and join us in celebrating our nation's independence day!



Gila Bend fireworks from previous years

## July Community Calendar



- 07/03 – Farmers Market: Care 1st Resource Center
- 07/04 – 4th of July Celebration
- **07/08 – Council Meeting: 6:00**
- 07/10 – Youth Baseball Ends
- 07/18 – AZ Science Center at Resource Center: 11:00 - Noon
- **07/22 – Council Meeting: 6:00pm**
- **07/28 – VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES**



## Town Manager Fredrick Buss Elected As Vice Chair to the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)

June 2014



Last week Gila Bend Town Manager Fredrick Buss was elected as the Vice Chair to the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Management Committee. He will serve as Vice Chair for the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 and then move up as committee Chair for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year.

## Clerks Corner - Election 2014

July 2014



- July 28 – Voter Registration Closes**
- August 26 – Primary Election**
- November 4th – General Election**



Haven't registered to vote yet? If not, you have **until July 28th** to register if you want to vote in the upcoming Primary Election to be held on August 26th.

Need information or have questions on the upcoming Primary Election? **Call Town Clerk Beverly Turner, MMC at the Town Office at 928-683-2255, Monday through Thursday between 7:00am and 6:00pm.**



More photos of Gila Bend fireworks in previous years set off by the GBVFD.



**The Gila Bend Town Council  
Management & Staff  
Wish you a Safe and Happy  
4th of July!**



## New Sign Installed at Fire Station

June 2014



The Gila Bend Fire Department has a newly installed sign on the corner of Papago Street and Johnny Street. The Town has received several compliments on this sign and the sign at the 9/11 Memorial Park on Pima Street since they have been installed by the Public Works Department.

## Town Council Meeting Place Changed

September 2014

The Town of Gila Bend will officially change the meeting place of Town Council meetings **beginning in September**. The first council meeting in September (September 9th) will be held in the **Media Center at the Gila Bend High School** located at **308 North Martin Street**. The Town Council decided to officially change the Council's meeting place to the schools Media Center since it can comfortably accommodate more people, has better presentation capabilities and has a sound system that allows attendees to hear and be heard better and more clearly.

**Meeting days and times will remain the same as usual** with Council Meetings being held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

## UK Army Crimson Eagle Exercise Assembles With 1st MEF to Dispel the Enemy

by Lance Cpl. James Marchetti  
News Excerpt June 2014



GILA BEND, Ariz. - The United States and coalition forces have battled against terrorism in the Middle East for more than a decade – upgrading their tactics, techniques and procedures to dispose of an evasive and unpredictable enemy.

In order to take advantage of the vital knowledge gained in the War on Terror, and to prepare for future joint conflicts, the United Kingdom Army conducts their Crimson Eagle exercise at Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field, Ariz., during the months of April and May.

Major Jason Edholm explained how this training is advantageous. "It's good for the JTACs from 11th Marine Regiment, because there are not a lot of opportunities to get live aircraft with live ranges, live ordnance and realistic target sets like we have here," said Edholm, who operated as a JTAC during Crimson Eagle.

To read the full article, access the link below. Retrieved May 29, 2014 from the world-wide web at: <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/129029/uk-army-crimson-eagle-exercise-assembles-with-1st-mef-dispelenemy#U2wmsfidU40#ixzz31Avhqw00>