



# Block Watch News

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Well, I did it again. Before I knew it, I lost a month and you didn't get a newsletter for January. I've attached the stats, however, for December and January.

## New Commander on board



This is Captain Thomas Kelly, a former DEA agent from Minnesota. Capt. Kelly has taken over the Investigations Division.

On February 26 two more captains will be starting employment with our department. Captain Robert Birdsall Jr. will be at the helm of the Support Services Division and Captain Michael Reddick will be over the Patrol Division.

Now if we could just fill all of our empty patrol officer positions, we would be in great shape. Actually all agencies are looking for officers, which is one reason why recruiting is hard to do. If you know any officers from out of state that would like to transfer to Apache Junction, let me know. We will also be testing applicants every two months for entrance into the Police Academy until our roster is filled.

## Upcoming events:

**Child ID** on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Police Department.

## Auto Theft Prevention and Awareness Day:

The police department will be holding a VIN etching event in the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, **March 3**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. VIN etching involves etching your VIN

number to each of your vehicle's windows in order to deter a would-be thief as the thief would have to replace all your windows that have your VIN number on them, not just your VIN plate.

There will also be Auto Theft Prevention information and Watch Your Car applications. The Fire Department has also advised that they may be available to do car seat checks and give away backless booster seats to those children over 40 pounds that could use one.

## Five Things You Should NOT Do to Obtain Your Free Credit Report:

1. Never follow an email link offering a free credit report.
2. Never utilize a search engine to find a free credit reporting company. (Imposters utilize website names that are extremely similar to the real companies.)
3. Never give a credit card number for a 'free' credit report.
4. Never purchase anything so that you can receive your free credit report.
5. Never click on a pop-up ad for a free credit report.

## What Should You Do to Obtain Your Free Credit Report?

There is only one website that is recommended by the FTC to give free credit reports:

<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>

You can also order your free credit report by phone by calling 877-322-8228. Mail orders can be sent to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105821, Atlanta GA 30348-5281.

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And the story below is really scary!

### **'Candy' Meth Emerges In Bay Area**



*(CBS 5) SAN FRANCISCO*  
Authorities say the flavoring and coloring of methamphetamine is a new and dangerous

strategy that drug dealers are using to enhance the drug's appeal among younger teenagers.

A drug bust Saturday in Carson City, Nev., revealed the new look of meth.

Tinted slightly red, the meth had been cooked and then flavored to resemble candy.

"This would be the stuff that they're calling, 'strawberry quick,'" said Carson City Sheriff Sgt. Darrin Sloan. "When they consume it, they don't get that bad taste from the meth."

In San Francisco, the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics reported some of their teenage patients have recently begun to use meth flavored with chocolate.

San Francisco police told CBS 5 that they had confiscated some off-colored meth just last week.

"We asked them why it's a different color, and they said they're cooking it now with Coca-Cola, different flavors of soda," said San Francisco police officer John Andrews.

Dr. Alex Stalcup is a nationally renowned drug counselor who has just started seeing teenage patients at the New Leaf Treatment Center who have suffered the ill effects of flavored meth.

"Strawberry meth -- near as we know -- has been only been around since the beginning of the year. We're talking a couple of weeks," Stalcup said.

"This is clearly a drug designed to be introduced to children," he said.

Experts believe people between ages 18 to 25 are the most likely the highly addictive drug.

The usual concern with meth is long-term addiction, but Stalcup said the problem with flavored meth is much more urgent: young users are much more likely to overdose, which means they could quickly end up in the emergency room. "Just a pinch could be a fatal dose," Stalcup said.