Chief's Update
December 9, 2013

Dear Tempe Police Employees,

This past weekend, we were put to the test. All hands were on deck as our great city played host to no less than six large special events – our 2nd Annual 'Run from the Cops' 5k, the ASU/Stanford football game, the annual Mill Avenue Arts Festival, a collegiate women's basketball tournament, a swim festival, and two performances at the ASU Gammage Auditorium.

No doubt a weekend full of public safety challenges, without fail, Tempe Police employees 'stepped up' to make sure traffic flowed, guests were able to make it to their event(s), and everyone was afforded to the ability to enjoy themselves in a safe and festive atmosphere.

As Chief, I want to thank each and every employee who got up early - and stayed late - to make sure both our city, and our police department, shined. Despite the long hours, cold weather, and disappointing loss to Stanford, we came together as a true team and once again, exceeded expectations.

Our next challenge will be the New Year's Eve Block Party. This past weekend was a great opportunity for us to practice our skills and make necessary adjustments; based upon my observations on Saturday, we will most certainly be ready.

Thank you for your continued hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our community.

Tom Ryff
Chief of Police