

Serving the People of Gila County!



The Gila County Sheriff's Posse Building
Located on S. McLane in Payson served as the Jail between the years of 1935 and 1965.



The Gila County Sheriff's Posse
The Sheriffs Posse assists the Sheriff in many law enforcement duties. Among these are included patrol, crime scene security, prisoner transport and security, traffic control, and other ancillary services during disasters. The Posse also provides logistical support to search and rescue missions.



Sheriff John R. Armer was elected by the citizens of Gila County during the 2008 general election. He has spent his entire adult life in law enforcement. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute. He retired from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office as a Major following a 21-year career and then spent five years as Chief of Police of Globe. He is the descendant of a pioneer Gila County family and follows a long family history of public service. His father and grandfather were Gila County Supervisors, and his great-uncle was Gila County Sheriff. John is the father of two children, Ben and Heather, and his son is continuing the tradition as a Deputy Sheriff with Maricopa County. John still owns the original Armer Homestead south of Young. John and his wife Claudia Sue presently make their home in Globe.

Gila County Sheriff's Office



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www.PaysonPosse.org



John R. Armer
Sheriff

The Gila County Sheriff's Posse - Payson

The Gila County Sheriff's Posse was formed back in 1967 to assist the Sheriff and the people of Gila County. The Posse is a nonprofit volunteer organization.



The Posse participates in the following types of activities:

- Secure crime scenes
- Assist Detectives
- Assist Sheriff's Deputies and the Department of Public Safety with traffic control
- Assist the Forest Service
- Assist the Payson Police Department
- Assist rural Fire Departments
- Maintain road blocks for snow, flood, or fire emergencies
- Work in Detention (Gila County Jail facilities)
- Provide Jail transports
- Provide control over civil events, security and traffic
- Provide personnel for emergency command posts
- Assist in Search and Rescue operations
- Represent the Sheriff's Office in parades
- Provide assistance to the Sheriff's Communications Center
- Any other support to the Sheriff and Deputies as requested

Requirements for membership:

Application to the Gila County Sheriff's Posse is open to any resident of Northern Gila County (GCSO District 3) who are 18 years of age or older. Must be of good moral character and who are loyal citizens of the United States of America.

Applicants shall apply for membership in writing by completing the "State of Arizona, Sheriff's Office Employment Voluntary Service Application."

Applications will be reviewed individually by a review team consisting of three (3) Sheriff Posse Board Members. The applicant will be contacted for a time and place for this interview.

Upon the return of an acceptable application and NCIC background check, the applicant shall also attend three (3) meetings before being sworn in. A one time initiation fee of \$50.00, plus the first year's dues of \$25.00 must be collected in advance before the applicant can be sworn in.

New members are on a probationary status for one year.

All details of membership can be found in the Bylaws of the Gila County Sheriff's Office handbook.



How to contact the Gila County Sheriff's Posse - Payson

Call the Sheriff's Office for a recorded message on meeting locations and times, or to leave a message for the Posse, call:

(928) 474-2208 ext. 8978

Or visit our Website at:

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