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Passing of Sheriff Ralph E. Ogden

Location of Incident: Yuma County, AZ

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we report the passing of retired Yuma County Sheriff Ralph E. Ogden. Ralph was a long time member of the law enforcement community and longtime friend to many in Yuma County.

Ralph began his law enforcement career with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office in 1970 after completing four years of service in the United States Marine Corps. His 42 year career began as a dispatcher and jailer in Parker. He was promoted to Deputy one year later and transferred to Wellton to become the area Sergeant.

In November 1980, Ralph became Chief Deputy for the Yuma County Sheriff's Office and served in that position until December 1992. He successfully campaigned for the office of Sheriff of Yuma County in 1992 and took the oath of office in January 1993. He served 5 terms (20 years) as Sheriff—the longest in Yuma's history.

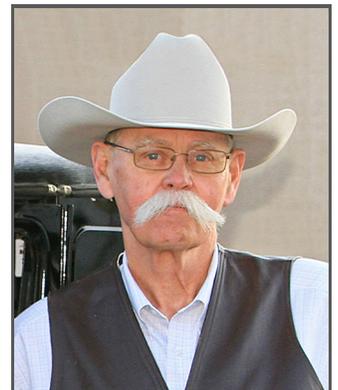
Ralph left a legacy with this agency that will live on forever. "He was one the finest men and mentors that I have ever known. It was truly an honor for us all to know and work side by side with such an extraordinary leader. His loyalty and intense dedication to his work, personal sacrifice, and uncompromising standards of conduct provided the growth and development of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office. He was truly 'dedicated to service'", said Sheriff Wilmot.

Please keep his wife Patty, their family and friends in your prayers.

Sheriff Ralph E. Ogden is 97 on his final assignment in heaven and will be 10-7 forever. Ralph, you will be missed by all. We will take it from here.

A celebration of life is pending coordination with family.

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