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Yuma County Sheriff's Office Partners with Nextdoor, the Private Social Network for Neighborhoods

Partnership Will Enable the YCSO to Communicate with Residents and Facilitate
Virtual Neighborhood Watch

Location of Incident: Yuma, AZ

Sheriff Leon Wilmot announced today a partnership between the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) and Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the free and private social network for neighborhoods, to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents.

This integration with Nextdoor will enable the YCSO to communicate online with Yuma County neighborhoods. Residents and YCSO officials will be able to work together to increase safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch.

"Having the ability to easily communicate with residents is extremely vital to not only maintaining, but also increasing safety and reducing crime within our Yuma County communities," said YCSO Public Information Officer Alfonso Zavala. "With Nextdoor, we can help empower neighbors to keep their communities safe and connected and give them the ability to collaborate on virtual neighborhood watch efforts."

"This partnership with Nextdoor gives neighbors an easy way to not only get to know each other, but develop stronger relationships with their local Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff Wilmot. "We believe that building trust and constant communication channels will lead to stronger and safer neighborhoods."

Nextdoor has proven to be an essential and well-adopted tool nationally, with one-in-four neighborhoods using Nextdoor across the country.

With Nextdoor, Yuma County residents can create private neighborhood websites to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets.

The YCSO will be able to share helpful information with Nextdoor members, such as important crime alerts, emergency notifications, safety precautions and tips, details for events and crime watch meetings, and updates on activity affecting the local area to Nextdoor websites within Yuma County. However, the YCSO will not be able to access residents' websites, contact information, or content.

Nextdoor is **free** for residents and the YCSO. Each Yuma County neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood before joining Nextdoor. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by Google or other search engines.

Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, please visit help.nextdoor.com.

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