



COTTONWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

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“Safe Shopper” Program – Media Release

The Cottonwood Police Department is launching a program intended to reduce the incidents that adversely impact the safety of local businesses and their customers. This is primarily accomplished through an agreement with private property or business owners which gives officers the authority to trespass individuals engaged behaviors the owner or manager does not permit on their property; primarily loitering and solicitation. Such agreements have been proven to reduce the need for police enforcement and promote safe environments on private property while equally respecting our citizen’s rights as well as the rights of the property owners or managers.

When observed, violators can be contacted by officers and subsequently trespassed from the owner’s property. In such incidents an arrest for trespass generally would not occur unless there is a second violation. The owner/designee authorizes the Cottonwood Police Department authority to trespass persons engaging in business solicitation or solicitation for money or other goods on private property without the express written consent of the owner, to include pan handling, hand bills, and/or providing a service.

Officers will be contacting managers of properties that have experienced disproportional police response or citizen concerns regarding safety. Interested business owners can obtain an agreement online at www.CottonwoodAZ.GOV or at the Cottonwood Police Department 199 S. 6 Street. For more information contact Commander Jody Makuch or any on duty Supervisor.