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**PIMA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
HONORED WITH TWO PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS**

(Tucson, Arizona) – Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, is pleased to announce that the Pima County Attorney's Office is the recipient of two awards from the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council (LECC) of the United States Attorney's Office. The Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee was established in 1987 by the Department of Justice to foster a comprehensive cooperative atmosphere among law enforcement agencies in Arizona and to aid these agencies in the delivery of the most effective law enforcement services to individuals in the state of Arizona.

Bruce Chalk, Supervisor of the Vehicular Offenses Unit received the Individual Leadership Award for exemplifying the spirit of cooperation that is the cornerstone of effective law enforcement. He is recognized for his skill and leadership, and for consistently demonstrating a sustained commitment to interagency cooperation.

The On-Line Predator Sting Operation, *Summer of Safety*, received the Excellence in Cooperative Law Enforcement Award. This award recognizes a multi-agency group that best exemplifies the goals of the LECC, whose mission is to cultivate a cooperative atmosphere among law enforcement agencies in Arizona. In the summer of 2008, investigators from the Tucson Police Department and the Pima County Attorney's Office joined forces in an effort to protect our youth by identifying and arresting individuals who troll chat rooms seeking vulnerable youngsters for illicit purposes. The efforts of the *Summer of Safety* sting resulted in a number of arrests and indictments. All of the arrests resulted in felony convictions, and the perpetrators were required to register as sex offenders.

The *Summer of Safety* group consists of law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and support staff from the Pima County Attorney's Office, including Ken Janes, Chief of Detectives; Susan Eazer, Deputy County Attorney; Shawn Jensvold, Deputy County Attorney; Pete Nares, Computer Forensic Examiner; Keith St. John, Detective Supervisor; Dennis Appleby, Detective Supervisor, Detectives John Taylor, Jeff Fields, Irene Hazard, and Jennifer Saigla; Rob Peck, IT Director; and Tom Murray, Investigative Support.

LaWall said: “I am pleased that individuals from the Pima County Attorney’s Office have been recognized by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council for their efforts. I am especially pleased to be associated with the dedicated, hard-working, and accomplished individuals of the Pima County Attorney’s Office who are being honored by the LECC. The work they do for the citizens of Pima County is phenomenal and reflects a commitment to excellence.”

The awards were presented July 22, 2009 at the 29th Annual Law Enforcement Pow Wow Award Ceremony in Flagstaff, Arizona.

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