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Jeanine Guy
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Dear Jeanine Guy,

On 2-18-08 at approximately 1421 hours Goodyear Police responded to the area of 490 N. Dysart Road for an armed robbery in progress. During the apprehension of the suspect, K9 Handler Officer R. Melrose was shot twice and his service dog "ZIP" was also injured from a bullet. Goodyear Police Officers returned fire which ultimately fatally injured the suspect.

Without hesitation, the Buckeye Police Department sent officers to our assistance. While the Goodyear Police Department dealt with the critical incident at hand, the Buckeye Police Department responded to the calls for service in the City of Goodyear so our citizens were unaffected.

At the conclusion of the shooting incident, the Buckeye Police Officers were still present while they expressed their continued willingness to help. However, the assistance didn't stop there, as members of the Buckeye Police Department took the time to visit Ricky at the hospital and help his family at his home.

Chief Dan Saban and his organization personify the most desired characteristics of a professional organization. The Goodyear Police Officers Association would like to thank Chief Saban and the men and women of the Buckeye Police Department for their help.

As the Town of Buckeye and City of Goodyear continue to grow at rapid rates, we can only hope that this type of professionalism and friendship continue to exist.

Respectfully,

Jeff Rogers
President, GYPOA

"To promote the positive role of the police profession. To protect and secure members' rights and benefits through effective representation and professional relationships with the community and local, state and national governments."