



# PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**Chris Nanos, Sheriff**

1750 East Benson Highway, Tucson, Arizona 85714-1758

Phone: (520) 351-4600 • Fax: (520) 351-4622 • [www.pimasheriff.org](http://www.pimasheriff.org)

---

May 24, 2021

Dear Constituents of Pima County:

Since 1949, the Pima County Sheriff's Department and law enforcement agencies across our nation, along with behavioral health organizations, have observed May as Mental Health month. The message for 2021 is "You are NOT alone." This year's message is especially significant as the COVID-19 pandemic has truly had a profound impact on the mental health of people of all ages in our community.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department has greatly progressed with the implementation of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) in 2003, ongoing training, and the ability to work with partners experienced in behavioral health.

Our agency was a pioneer with the introduction of a Mental Health Support Team (MHST). The MHST Team works directly with those impacted with daily behavioral health issues daily to ensure most appropriate services are provided. The MHST Team routinely collaborates closely with our partners from behavioral health agencies, hospitals, housing organizations and our community to ensure those with mental health issues are offered services appropriate to their needs.

Law enforcement relies on its partners to work together for a healthier community. With all these critical components working together you can be assured we are working to be our very best for our community.

There are many reasons to celebrate the month of May. Please join the Pima County Sheriff's Department in its support of our behavioral health community and the 2021 message, "You are NOT alone."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Nanos".

Chris Nanos  
Sheriff of Pima County