

2014 4th Quarter Public Affairs Programming. All programs air at 10:00 am Sundays

Date: 10-05-14 (repeat from 09-28-2014)

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Luz Galarza, Port Director US Customs And Border Protection

Topic: US Customs And Border Protection

The US Customs And Border Protection Agency is in the Department of Homeland Security. It is the largest and most complex part of DHS. Their primary mission are to keep terrorists and their weapons out of the United States. They also have the responsibility of securing and facilitating trade and travel while enforcing hundreds of US laws that include immigration and drug laws.

Date: 10-12-2014

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Lisa McCullah, Artist

Topic: Citrus art exhibition in Terminal 4, 4th floor, west end.

The seven C's of Arizona include citrus. The artist grew up in north-central Phoenix which was a citrus grove at the time. The show is called "All Grown Up." There is wallpaper made out of the original art and a dress made from the paper. Most of the artist's paintings deal with nature. After the airport the exhibition will not be shown again composed as it is.

Date: 10-19-2014 (Repeat from 10-12-2014)

Date: 10-26-2014

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: John Myers, Executive Director for ARC of Arizona

Topic: Wings for Autism event.

Children with autism and their families board an airplane. The ARC champions for people with intellectual disabilities. They advocate for all people with disabilities. Their website is www.arcofarizona.org. John is connected with the state program and deals more with policy and legislative issues. This event introduced autistic children to the airport and the process of getting into the airplane. TSA staff was very accommodating. ARC used to be known in the 1970's as the Association for Retarded Children. They involve the children in activities that may help in the future.

Date: 11-2-2014 (repeat from 10-26-2014)

Date: 11-9-2014

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Nico Melendez, TSA

Topic: TSA Precheck

TSA Precheck Center expedites boarding for some passengers who qualify. Background checks are performed on people who apply for Precheck. This will expedite boarding. Not everyone needs to be screened the same. They need to be US citizens who apply online and provide basic information provide ID and pay \$85.00. The identification lasts for 5 years. When you buy your ticket you provide your Precheck number and you are in!. Approximately, 1300 people have enrolled at Sky Harbor already at Terminal 4 level 2. There is a center in Gilbert which also verifies eligibility for employment.

Date: 11-16-2014

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Tara Logan USO Phoenix Director

Topic: Holiday traveling for military. USO.

The center is open 24/7 during the Holiday Season. Regular hours are 8 am to 8pm. They are collecting toys for USO members and local bases. New unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the center. They are located in Terminal 4 Level 2. People need only show their military identification to enter and can stay as long as they need to. There are 250 volunteers at the center. It is a non-profit corporation. They are looking for more partners. The Phoenix center is one of the nicest in the states.

Date: 11-23-2014

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Rachel Brannon, Public Relations at Sky Harbor

Topic: Holiday Travel at the airport.

The 44th St Sky Train terminal is a great place to be dropped off for travel. There is early bag check at the train station. It is located on the second floor at the station. They need to check in 90 minutes before their flight. Hours are Monday to Saturday 8am to 5pm. There is a cell phone waiting lot at the station. It is a 5 minutes ride to the airport. Passengers should arrive at the airport 2 hours ahead of their flight. It is always a good idea to check and make sure your flight is on time. Help with airport navigation is provided by the Navigators who assist people and help people find what they need. They wear purple so they are easy to find. The Sky Train station is open 24/7.

Date: 12-21-2014

Host: Mel Young

Guest: Ted Taylor, Executive Director of Family Promise

Topic: Homelessness

Family Promise is a non-profit organization founded in New York. Churches began opening their doors to homeless families. Here in Arizona the network began slowly. In 2000 the first congregation offered sheltered. Family Promise is small. Only about 12 families at a time. It is very cost effective. Children who are homeless have behavioral problems later in life and learning problems. The ones helped by Family Promise quickly learn to trust others. Family pets are allowed in the family shelter. The families love being able to take care of their pets. The congregations pay for the food but the homeless families feed their pets. Familypromiseaz.org is their website which will explain more.

Date: 12-28-2014 (repeat from 12-21-2014)