



**15th Anniversary
PINAL COUNTY
TOWN HALL**



April 24-26, 2002

Holiday Inn

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PINAL COUNTY TOWN HALL

BEING VIGILANT, BEING NORMAL -

A CALL TO SERVICE

**OFFICIAL
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DEDICATION

The 15th Anniversary Pinal County Town Hall is dedicated to the victims, families, friends and rescuers who were a part of the tragedy of September 11 and beyond.

Special appreciation and recognition is further extended to those police officers and firefighters in our own state, county and communities who lay their lives on the line daily for our safety and security.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY PINAL COUNTY TOWN HALL

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I. Overview

The Pinal County Town Hall convened April 24th - 26th at the Casa Grande Holiday Inn to focus on the topic, **"Being Vigilant, Being Normal – A Call to Service"**. It is noted in passing that the first Pinal County Town Hall was held at the then recently opened Holiday Inn in the Spring of 1988. A total of one hundred thirty two delegates from throughout Pinal County attended this 15th anniversary Town Hall.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Javier Gonzalez, President of the National Association of Counties. His topic was **"Call to Action – Prepare, Prevent, Minimize"**. Mr. Gonzales is from Santa Fe, New Mexico where he operates a radio station and serves as County Supervisor. His theme for his National Association term of office is "Homeland Security". One of the additional features of the Town Hall was the presentation made by Phil Yeager and Scott Krushak from the Phoenix Fire Department and Connie Lane from the United States Forest Service. Together with Jim McDonald, Director of Public Relations for Arizona Public Service, they addressed the subject **"Overcoming Tragedy for a Safer Tomorrow"**.

In recognition of the many volunteer opportunities that exist and that have received increased visibility through the President's, "Call to Service" a special panel discussion was featured on **"Mobilizing Citizens to Action"**. Participants included Bill Ludeke Pinal County United Way, Lt. Jerald Monahan, Arizona Police Corp., Janet Beronio, Harrah's Ak-Chin Resort, Michael Sledge, student, San Manuel High School, Lailani Capozzi, Volunteer Center of Pinal County, and Adam Glaser of the Mediation Program of the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

The fourth annual **Pinal County Outstanding Youth of the Year** program recognized seven outstanding youth nominated by their respective high schools. The students recognized from the participating high schools as their local **Youth of the Year** included: Candice Celaya, Florence; Adam Free, Kearny (Ray High School); Margaret Ivins, Casa Grande; Joe Madrid, Superior; Taylor Umlah, Apache Junction; Amanda Trejo, San Manuel, and Bernadette Vasquez, Coolidge. **Judges selected Taylor Umlah as the 2002 Pinal County Outstanding Youth of the Year.** All honorees received a medallion and engraved pen, while Taylor Umlah also received a \$500 scholarship to be applied to future education and training. Assisting Dave Collingwood in the presentation of the awards was Michael Sledge, the **2001 Pinal County Outstanding Youth of the Year.**

The sixth annual **Constellations Awards** were presented to three recipients from Pinal County. Each honoree received from Janet Beronio, General Manager of Harrah's Ak Chin Casino and Terry Enos, Chairman Ak-Chin Indian Community, a limited edition crystal star and a check for \$2,500 in charitable donations made in their honor. The winners and categories included:

- **Round the Clock Day Care Center** which was honored for its contribution to the community through new business development, entrepreneurship, workforce training and creation of new jobs. Tracy Jones accepted the \$2,500 on behalf of the **Muscular Dystrophy Association**.
- **Horizon Home Care** which was honored as a non-profit organization that has made a significant contribution to the quality of life in the community. Bill Ludeke accepted the \$2,500 on behalf of the **United Way of Pinal County**.
- **Connie Lane** from Apache Junction received the award for an individual who has demonstrated through volunteerism that one person can make a difference. Laura Dean Lytle accepted the check on behalf of the **Boys and Girls Club of Apache Junction**.

The Constellation Awards are sponsored by Harrah's Ak -Chin Casino Resort, Casa Grande Valley Newspapers Inc. and Pinal County Town Hall.

The Pinal County Town Hall Advisory Committee presented a **special recognition** plaque to Dr. William Buttery for his long-standing contribution and service to the committee and Town Hall. Dr. Buttery resides in San Manuel and retired from the committee this past year.

Central Arizona Association of Governments sponsored an **open house and workshop** in conjunction with Pinal County Town Hall on the newly approved "**Regional Tourism Marketing Strategy for Pinal and Gila Counties**".

II. Background Information

In determining the 15th Anniversary Town Hall topic, the Advisory Committee consulted with a number of key individuals and organizations throughout Pinal County. It was clear from these discussions that the issue of "**Homeland Security**" was considered the highest priority and should therefore receive strong consideration for the 2002 Town Hall topic. With that in mind, the "Advisory Committee:" selected the theme of "**Being Vigilant, Being Normal – A Call to Service**". It was agreed from the start that the focus of the Town Hall would not only be on security and emergency planning matters, but would also underscore the importance of the President's call to service for all Americans. Further, it was important to recognize our country **and** the many contributions to our safety and security made by our state and local emergency personnel. **The 2002 Town Hall, as noted in both the program and report, is therefore dedicated to those very important individuals and organizations.**

In an effort to identify the appropriate program focus and issues to be considered, the "committee" enlisted the assistance and support of a number of experts in the field to help guide the process. **Especially helpful in the various stages of program development were the following individuals and organizations:**

Pinal County Sheriff's Office

- *Roger Vanderpool*, Sheriff
- *Hal Campbell*, Chief Deputy
- *Chris Vasquez*, Bureau Commander

Pinal County Public Health Department

- *Susie Straussner*, Director
- *Reg Gloss*, Environmental Health Administrator

Pinal County Emergency Services Department

- *Pete Weaver*, Coordinator

Casa Grande Regional Medical Center

- *Sherry Beem*, Director of Volunteer Services
- *Dale Gladden*, Director of Occupational Services

Pinal Chapter of the American Red Cross

- *Pat Hutchinson*, Chapter Manager

Local Police and Fire Department Officials

- *Coy Amerson*, Chief, Eloy Fire Department and President of the Pinal County Fire Chiefs Association
- *Robert Huddleston*, Chief, Casa Grande Police Department
- *Scott Miller*, Chief, Casa Grande Fire Department
- *Jim Palmer*, Chief, Coolidge Police Department

City Officials

- *Ken Buchanan*, City Manager, Casa Grande
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Central Arizona Association of Governments

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The Town Hall Advisory Committee extends its appreciation and thanks to the above individuals, as well as all others who shared their thoughts and ideas throughout the planning process.

III. Report of Findings

A. Process

Town Hall participants were divided into five (5) discussion groups. Each group was led by a facilitator and recorder, who were currently serving in an “emergency service” role in Pinal County. The facilitator conducted the session and the recorder compiled summary notes during each breakout period. **The listing of the respective facilitators and recorders is included at the end of this report.** In some instances the individual groups split into small sub-groups in order to focus their time more efficiently in dealing with specific objectives.

Each group utilized the same written discussion guide with specific objectives identified for each allotted segment of time during the day. **The specific objectives under discussion are listed below.**

- (1) To identify the strengths and issues relevant to crisis preparedness and/or management by all Pinal County constituencies (from individual/family to city/county government)**
- (2) To identify and prioritize strategies and recommendations to ensure crises preparedness/management by all Pinal County constituencies (individual/family/city/county government)**
- (3) To understand what the needs are for volunteerism in Pinal County. To**

explain how to match needs with commitment and funding activities.

Following the close of discussions on Thursday, the facilitators and recorders met to compare notes and to prepare individual mini reports for the concluding general session on Friday morning. That morning, each facilitator presented a brief audio-visual overview of their group's findings and recommendations.

The report that follows is a compilation of the respective discussion group reports as summarized by the Town Hall Advisory Committee facilitator. Individual items or lists that have been prioritized by one or more groups, will be identified by an asterisk.

B. Objective: To identify the strengths and issues relevant to crisis preparedness and/or management by all Pinal County constituencies (from individual/family to city/county governments).

1. Strengths (not prioritized)

- The existing emergency/disaster services work well together
- Pinal County has an Emergency Planning Director currently in place
- There seems to be good communication and collaboration between city and city, & city and county (existing network in place)
- Already have a head start on the integration of a county response with direction being focused on future growth needs (regional efforts also)
- Various county agencies, cities, hospital, Red Cross, are working on or have developed emergency response plans
- Already have a working Incident Command System (although remains largely untested)
- There is existing support for volunteerism county-wide
- Schools have the tools to provide early response, and communication at early grades
- There is a sense of unity, community and pride at both the community and family level
- There is a county-wide commitment to crisis preparedness
- Firefighters have action plans and work well together
- There is a willingness on the part of youth to get involved
- Resource availability in the respective Native American communities in Pinal County
- The location being rural in nature and centered between Phoenix and Tucson
- There is raised awareness of the issues and a groundswell of public support for related activities
- The various agencies have learned how to maximize limited resources
- Casa Grande Regional Medical Center provides disaster training and trained staff
- Information sharing and networking occurs through a variety of methods, including Pinal County Town Hall

2. Issues (including gaps)

- The lack of an adequate, county-wide communication system*
- The lack of funding for needed upgrades*
- Unclear current financing process: who pays and for what*
- The lack of necessary resources and equipment*
- The need for a clear, integrated, master response plan*
- The lack of locally accessible health care facilities within many Pinal County communities*
- The need for county-wide education on emergency/disaster management*
- The need for a comprehensive evaluation to assess the current response plan
- At all levels there isn't enough coordinated practice and training in preparing for an emergency
- Communication and education of the general public needs to be expanded (how to keep the issues out in front of the public)
- Increased coordination with Native American communities, INS, Border Patrol and other Federal Agencies
- The need for family plans, including supplies for self-sufficiency
- The need for education and training relevant to mental health issues (law enforcement, etc.)
- The ability to coordinate the distribution of food, clothing and other victim assistance
- How to coordinate efforts to get emergency response and domestic preparedness information out to everyone in a multi-lingual format
- The need for adequate transportation in the case of an emergency in a city, town, or unincorporated areas
- How to coordinate shortwave and HAM radio operators in the county

3. Emergency Events: The groups identified a partial list of situations that could occur in Pinal County that we should be prepared for:

- Train derailments resulting in the release of toxic and hazardous chemicals
- Floods
- Power outages
- Heat exhaustion and sunburn
- Interstate accidents involving chemical spills
- Rural airport security issues
- Brush fires and dust storms
- Mass influx of people trying to get away from an incident in Phoenix, Tucson, or California

C. Objective: To identify and prioritize strategies and recommendation to ensure preparedness/management by all Pinal County constituencies (from individual/family to city/county government).

Strategies and Recommendations

1. Individuals

- Develop a plan for your family and practice the plan on a regular basis
- Take responsibility for those in your neighborhood to the extent possible, looking out for the elderly and the infirm, and doing what you can to assist
- Volunteer your talents and expertise
- Participate in neighborhood watch groups – get to know your neighbors
- Learn CPR
- Donate blood
- Participate in Red Cross disaster training
- Keep your family members informed of your whereabouts
- Home to home solicitation for donations and to educate the community (via fliers and person to person) about funding needs regarding disaster preparedness by high school students
- Talk about potential anxiety and stress
- Parents need to be a role model

2. Families

- Establish a program to procure donated goods or services (church and civic groups)
- Put together a 72 hour survival kit to help carry the family through an emergency. The kit should contain food, water, first-aid supplies, etc.
- Establish and know your **Home Safety Plan**. Where to go, where to meet, etc.
- Develop and participate in neighborhood activities to better get to know your neighbors, neighborhood resources, etc.
- Communicate community needs within our children and empower/encourage them to become involved (fund raising activities, dispersal of printed materials for awareness)

3. Cities

- Every city should develop or update their disaster/emergency plan to include an EOC, ICC system, address mass shelter, mass feeding, and mass transportation issues, water and sanitary facility issues, coordination, drills and training
- Every city should promote emergency preparedness to its citizens through education, outreach, newsletters, the media, coordination of activities with other agencies and sponsorship of community events like “July 4, 2002” that not only promote preparedness, but also act as a reminder to all of what happened on 9/11 lest we forget.
- Hold health fairs to increase community awareness of county-wide needs
- Establish a resource center for the accumulation of donated goods & services
- Establish a communication tree within the community for when normal means are inoperative. Could work hand in hand with community block watch programs
- County Tier II Report information should be used in community education

for plan development by each individual business in the county

- Develop a website (with links) to raise community awareness - coordinate and integrate with county emergency services
- Facilitate health care with better availability to emergency services/urgent care via ambulance services or by creating a Paramedic facility with proper communication equipment to maintain contact with larger emergency service systems. During slow times the facility could focus on blood pressure testing, immunizations, etc.
- Work with the county and other cities in the sharing of equipment or costs for equipment maintenance

4. County

- The county should expand or update its emergency response plan to ensure that the county's plan is integrated and coordinated with the various county departmental plans, municipal plans, and other organization and agency plans.
- A common communication system that cuts across the county and all emergency response elements within the county and municipalities should be developed and employed
- County officials should be empowered to allocate funds appropriately and to those areas where most needed
- The county should act as the recognized liaison between all emergency response entities
- The county should identify key positions and persons involved in any aspect of domestic preparedness and emergency response in Pinal County and bring those individuals to the table on a regular basis to discuss and prepare
- The county should, through the above liaison, create and maintain a database of crises management and emergency response contacts
- Establish a list of available equipment county and statewide... develop agreements for their use
- Require a contribution from telecommunications companies when permitting newly installed towers. (place an additional tower fee exclusively for county disaster, or flat charge that could be utilized for upgrades)
- Ensure county-wide support for a specific grant written to help with funding for needed communication upgrades (including utilization of community resources)
- Establish a task force to identify and prioritize a needs list for upgrade (equipment and technology)
- Establish a terror tax
- Establish an annual drill to insure all aspects of the emergency response plan has been covered and is working
- Investigate avenues of federal assistance for additional healthcare facilities via a task force
- County coordinated education similar to the H-bomb education of old for

- schools, businesses, families, and individuals (Civil Defense mode)
- Establish a matrix of organizations
- Create bilingual brochures for distribution to schools, colleges, & senior centers....utilize mass mailing (mail enclosed in utility bills, etc)
- Perform table top discussions involving county-wide representatives...they must be workable scenarios and should include debriefing
- Establish universal symbol to work shelters and evacuation rights
- Create a county homeland security position

D. Objective: To understand what the needs are for volunteerism in Pinal County. To explore how to match needs with commitment and funding activities.

1. The needs for volunteerism in Pinal County

- Comprehensive business plan for a county-wide volunteer program (including promotion)
- A phone bank and transportation needs
- Utilize ham radio operators in the county
- Utilize businesses/volunteers to address flier distribution
- Utilize volunteers to fax information to businesses/residences
- To create fliers to request information on the availability of equipment and other resources county and statewide
- Promote local schools to volunteer for the distribution of fliers to businesses and residences
- Encourage volunteerism in homeland security agencies
- Utilize volunteers for crowd control and additional presence/visibility at public events
- To assist with a volunteer clearing house and various "Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)
- To provide assistance with "crisis intervention" situations
- **To provide assistance with the following organizations and/or programs (among others):**

Nursing facilities	Health Care Clinics
Respite care homes	Ad Hoc Committees
Training Centers	Block Watch
Cultural events	Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Senior Citizens Centers	Boys & Girls clubs
Red Cross	Mediation Services
Town Hall Commissions	Court Appointed Advocates
Police & Fire Departments	Sheriffs' Posse
State, County & City Governments	United Way
Libraries	St. Vincent dePaul
City & County Board & Commissions	Salvation Army
Food banks & food kitchens	Civic Groups
Schools	Church Groups
Rural Housing Projects	Silent Witness

Public Health Departments

2. Special Considerations Relative to Volunteerism

- Rural areas have the least number of available volunteers
- Burnout is a consideration among those who volunteer frequently
- There is a serious need for a “hub” where there is a central registry for organizations to call in and request volunteers. This could be done online.
- School-based programs involving student participation
- Stipends are needed for cost of transportation and meals to encourage volunteers
- It is important to provide recognition for the work and service of volunteers
- Recognition that volunteerism can be structured or spontaneous (stopping to help an elderly person change a flat tire)
- Recognition that family values and instilling the desire to want to volunteer begins at home
- Provide a purpose and special training for volunteers
- Provide feedback to volunteers and include opportunities for some fun
- Clarify the issue of liability insurance in the utilization of volunteers

3. Matching needs with commitment and finding activities

- Create a 501-C (with legal oversight) for fund raising activities
- Lobby at the state and federal levels for volunteer funding
- Identify current volunteer resources (county-wide and regionally)
- Create a “**Citizens Academy**” to train and match volunteers for “best fit” with various entities
- Utilize Central Arizona College for training of volunteers (including certification)
- Form a cooperative with the **Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP)** for volunteer recruitment activities
- Form partnerships with other agencies, such as the Red Cross
- Get businesses to allow one day/month (or established number of hours/month) with pay to volunteer
- Allow contributions (similar to Clean Elections contributions) toward volunteer funding (it could be put on the tax form for Homeland Security)
- City/county government could lead the way and provide model support for employees to use time with pay to volunteer. Good documentation for this would have to be provided and an end of the year report to be sent to Washington. Media support would also be needed to publicize the efforts of the sponsoring organization as well as the volunteer.
- County needs to actively support volunteerism of its employees. There are 1400 county employees and many of them already volunteer.
- Those groups needing volunteers need to do more communicating & networking (reduce the territorialism & competition for scarce resources)
- Challenge corporations & businesses, and special groups to support volunteer efforts of their employees

- Encourage small businesses to adopt special volunteerism projects. Create assignment (example APS, uses volunteerism as an annual evaluation component, tied to merit review (Southwest Gas and SRP, do also)
- Commitment through team building volunteerism activities.... adopt a highway, 4-H build camaraderie, BBQ's or pot lucks at the conclusion of the volunteerism activity
- Cost out volunteer time that is to be contributed to put monetary value on volunteer efforts for all to see what the efforts are worth
- Consider tax deductions for hours volunteered
- Must garner and hold the support of elected leaders and officials for volunteerism
- There must be recognition of what is already being done, and this must be publicized
- **Community kick-offs for volunteerisminitiate a 4000 hours of service kick-off on July 4th in conjunction with 9/11 remembrances.**
- Continue to involve local churches

IV. Conclusion

Delegates to the 15th anniversary Town Hall are to be commended for the giving of their energy, time and **serious attention** to the important topic of **“Being Vigilant, Being Normal – A Call to Service”**. It is clear from the deliberations, that while delegates found many strengths to build on, there exist also some serious issues and limitations, that require our specific attention in the months ahead. **A number of these are currently being addressed through a variety of entities and processes; however, these and all others will need the individual, family, and organizational efforts stressed in the report.**

Throughout the discussions, there were three reoccurring themes that one group kept returning to. **The first was that preparedness starts at home.** The individual has to take initial responsibility for emergency preparedness and it builds from there. **The second theme revolved around the need to have a plan, know the plan and relate the plan to others, family, city, or county. The third theme involved the importance of and ideas on how to keep the momentum going with respect to domestic preparedness and homeland security issues. There was concern that the events of 9/11 are already fading in the minds of Americans.**

While the report is not intended to be a blue print or cook book, it should provide the basis for further action and attention to the homeland security issue in Pinal County. **The “key players”, including emergency response personnel, hopefully can draw on the recommendations and ideas in the report for future action and implementation.** All of us as citizens are called on to provide support and our own personal commitment to meet the challenge of increasing volunteerism.

In an effort to monitor the results of the 2002 Town Hall, the Town Hall Advisory Committee has established the following follow-up efforts:

- A. Present a follow-up report at the 2003 Pinal County Town Hall in late April
- B. Schedule an Advisory Committee meeting in late 2002 or early 2003 in conjunction with key emergency response personnel to discuss progress to date
- C. Seek periodic brief updates from the various organizations and agencies that are activity involved in “emergency response” activities
- D. Distribute the annual Pinal County Town Hall Report **as is customary**, to delegates, partners, libraries, and the various entities and agencies involved in Homeland Security in our county
- E. **Encourage individual delegates and citizens to get involved locally and to contact Town Hall committee members and/or facilitator with updates as to their follow-up efforts**

The challenge for the future continues to be remaining vigilant while carrying on our daily lives in as normal way as possible. **In doing so, let’s not forget to thank and show appreciation to those “emergency services” personnel and groups who make it possible for all of us to meet the above challenge.**

**To do great important tasks,
two things are necessary:
a plan and not quite enough time.**

Anonymous

DISCUSSION GROUPS

The Pinal County Town Hall Advisory Committee extends its appreciation and thanks to the following individuals who served in the capacity of discussion group facilitator or recorders.

Group 1

Facilitator: *Chris Vasquez*, Chief Deputy, Pinal County Sheriffs Office

Recorder: *Robert Huddleston*, Chief, Casa Grande Police Department

Group 2

Facilitator: *Coy Amerson*, Chief, Eloy Fire Department

Recorder: *Scott Miller*, Chief, Casa Grande Fire Department

Group 3

Facilitator: *Ken Buchanan*, City Manager, Casa Grande

Recorder: *Pete Weaver*, Coordinator Emergency Management, Pinal County

Group 4

Facilitator: *Reg Glos*, Environmental Health Administrator, Pinal Division of Public Health

Recorder: *Pat Hutchinson*, Chapter Manager, Pinal Chapter of American Red Cross

Group 5

Facilitator: *Dale Gladden*, Director of Occupational Health Services, Casa Grande Regional Medical Center

Recorder: *Gary Zeno*, Corporate Director Facilities and Safety, Casa Grande Regional Medical Center

Partners in Economic Progress

**“The counties and communities like you
have here in Pinal County, have been drafted
by the President to become Homeland
Security providers.”**

Javier Gonzales, President
of the National Association of
Counties

PARTNERS IN ECONOMIC PROGRESS

It is through the collective efforts of both the public sector and the private sector that the Pinal County Town Hall has been made possible. The Town Hall Advisory Committee expresses appreciation to the following organizations for their financial support of the 15th Annual Pinal County Town Hall as well as their participation and interest in this county-wide endeavor.

PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Special appreciation is extended to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors** for its continuing commitment to and financial support for the Pinal County Town Hall.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

MAJOR:

City of Apache Junction*
City of Casa Grande*
City of Coolidge*
City of Eloy*
Town of Florence*
Town of Queen Creek

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Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce*
Arizona City Chamber of Commerce*
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Appreciation is extended to the following organizations and individuals for providing this year's delegate door prizes.

Abbott Laboratories, Ross Products Division

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Gold Canyon Golf Resort

Dr. Stan Griffis

Laura Dean-Lytle

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SaddleBrooke Resort Community

SunWest Educational Associates, Inc.

the Dolly Steamboat

Village at Copper Basin

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**“Whenever ideas are shared, the
result is always greater than
the sum of its parts.”**

Rich Willis

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Pinal County Town Hall

The Pinal County Town Hall began in 1988 due to the interest of a number of individuals and organizations to bring together a cross-section of Pinal County leaders in a town hall framework to study and discuss issues of importance to Pinal County and its citizens. From the beginning, the Town Hall has focused on issues relating to economic development. The annual Town Hall is planned by a county-wide advisory committee which meets monthly throughout the year. The Town Hall receives financial support from the Pinal County Board of Supervisors along with delegate fees and corporate/community support. **The supporters in this public-private partnership are identified as "Partners In Economic Progress".**

Each spring, approximately 130-150 delegates come together for two days to deal with a specific topic that impacts the county as a whole and its respective communities and citizens. Topics over the fifteen years include:

- 1988 A Symposium on Economic Development
- 1989 Pinal County Futures: Tomorrow's Vision - Today's Plan
- 1990 Horizon 2000: Strategies For Action
- 1991 An Inside Look at Pinal County Government: Taxes Vs. Services - A Delicate Balance
- 1992 The Year For Action: Implementing a County-wide Economic Development Plan
- 1993 The Changing Workplace: Education's Challenge
- 1994 Today's Crisis: Confronting Juvenile Crime In Our Communities
- 1995 Pinal Tomorrow: Building Healthier Communities
- 1996 Volunteers in Service to Communities: People Making A Difference
- 1997 Environment and Growth: The Delicate Balance
- 1998 Aging of the Population: A Public and Private Challenge
- 1999 Pinal's Commitment To The Future: Meeting The Needs Of Our Youth
- 2000 Charting Our Future
- 2001 Intellectual Capital - Tomorrow's Dividend: Education for the 21st Century
- 2002 Being Vigilant, Being Normal - A Call to Service

An annual report, which includes recommendations and/or suggestions, is prepared after each Town Hall, and distributed to delegates and partners and is monitored during the year for progress and action by members of the advisory committee. While the Town Hall possesses no official power or authority, it is significant to note that many of the delegate recommendations and/or ideas have been implemented over the fifteen year history of Town Hall.

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PINAL COUNTY TOWN HALL
Mission Statement

Pinal County Town Hall is an assembly of annually convened delegates that identifies critical issues facing Pinal County, creates the forum for education and exploration of the topic, and fosters networking and collaboration among its participants. By drawing upon Pinal County's diversity of citizens, the Town Hall process promotes public consideration of these issues, builds consensus, and supports implementation of the resulting outcomes.

