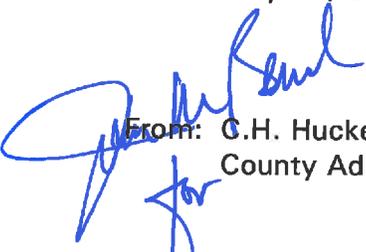




MEMORANDUM

Date: May 14, 2015

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors


From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **Sanitary Sewer System Manhole Covers and Roadway Spikes**

Attached is a recent media piece pertaining to roadway spikes that have been installed without authorization in manhole covers. Obviously, these instances are causing damage to passing vehicles and present a public safety hazard. The Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department is cooperating with the Sheriff's Department and law enforcement authorities in the region to address this matter in whatever manner is necessary for installations involving sewer system manholes. Please be aware that we have approximately 75,000 such covers in our system.

We will inform you of any further developments pertaining to this illegal activity pertaining to assets of the wastewater collection and conveyance system.

CHH/dr

Attachment

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Jackson Jenkins, Director, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Thomas Weaver, Civil Chief Deputy County Attorney



Video by kgun9.com

Police warn of spikes in manhole covers

By **Ina Ronquillo**. CREATED Apr 30, 2015

TUCSON (KGUN9-TV) - Police are urging Tucson drivers to use caution on the east side after metal spikes were found sticking out of several manhole covers.

Sgt. Pete Dugan with Tucson Police tells KGUN9 the latest incident was reported at Sleepy Hollow and Pantano Parkway, between 22nd and Golf Links. Dugan says this type of crime is troubling because it can cause a lot of damage.

"It can cause a vehicle to run into oncoming traffic or hit a pedestrian," Dugan said. "These are in residential areas."

Earlier in January, the spikes were also reported in manhole covers near Golf Links and Harrison and Golf Links and Pantano Parkway. Dugan says at least 5 people reported tire damage from them.

Lucille Hoxie lives in the area, and says there is always traffic. She was very concerned about the spikes, and since January has been driving extra carefully.

"I'm just concerned for people, for people with children," Hoxie said. "This person needs to be caught."

Anyone with information about these incident is urged to contact 911 or 88-CRIME.