



# THE REVIEW

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### Quote of the Week

"The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."— Thomas Paine

Ours should be extremely glorious!! Me 😊

**Don't Forget the Car Show  
 this Saturday!!**

May 19, 2018 **GEAR UP 2018** 1:00 - 6:00 PM  
 The Prescott Club @ StoneRidge

**CAR SHOW ON THE GRASS**

**AUCTION ITEMS:**

- Hand painted firefighter axes
- Professionally air brushed fire truck
- River rafting trip on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon
- One night stay at the Hassayampa Inn @ Prescott
- **DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO GET ONE OF THESE ITEMS AND MANY MORE!**

**Live Performances by:**

**FOOD** **DRINKS**

BBQ Chicken Soda  
 Street Tacos Water  
 Cheeseburgers Adult Beverages  
 Hotdogs

**CHILDREN'S EVENTS:**

- Bounce House
- Face Painting
- Dress up like a firefighter
- Arts and crafts

**T-Shirts**

Entry/Registration Contact: Cody Rose (938) 533-3341  
 Car Entry Fee = \$25  
 Vendor Fee = \$50  
 Registration forms on website

Sponsored by: **PRESCOTT CLUB** **STONERIDGE**

Additional Info Contact: Edgar Rocha (938) 533-6595

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## The Chief's Desk

### Good Luck vs. Bad Luck:

"Greatness is not primarily a matter of circumstance; greatness is first and foremost a matter of conscious choice and discipline." Jim Collins

This was the Quote of the Week in the last edition however rather than expanding on the thought or discussing an overarching philosophy, I went a different direction. You thought you were spared from my ramblings, but not so much 😊

In life things happen. Whether they are by a grand design, or because you positioned yourself for something is always a question, but sometimes stuff just happens. Individuals, organizations, companies, etc. deal with what Jim Collins refers to as luck – both good and bad. Some are able to recognize and capitalize on good luck, and others miss the opportunity. Some are able to recognize and capitalize on bad luck while others succumb to their circumstances. The difference between those that thrive and those that don't is not the type of luck they encounter; it's the choices they make in how to respond to what they are presented.

Luck for the purposes of Collin's writing refers to things for which we have no real control. To illustrate, I'll share a little personal story. In June 2013 while on vacation in Colorado, I participated in phone interviews for two Fire Chief Positions. I remember receiving both phone calls as we arrived in Colorado on a Sunday afternoon. Jen, my wife, was a bit surprised as she had made it clear that she was not interested in moving. I understood her position, but also knew that the working conditions at my then employer were not something with which I felt comfortable. *Continued Page 3*

### Upcoming Events:

May 21 – Update Annual Goals and Objectives Meeting, New Apparatus Ceremony  
May 22 – Statewide Aid Meeting Phoenix, Chief's Meeting, Chino Council Meeting  
May 23 – Northern AZ Fire Marshals Meeting  
May 24 – AFCA Video Conference Meeting, Board Meetings

### Board Meetings

May 24th  
Admin Building  
1600 CVFD  
1630 Joint Budget  
1700 CAFMA  
1800 CYFD

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## High School Athlete Riley Quinn Inspires Teammates with His Perseverance

By: Susan Young (from People.com)



It's a storybook ending to a phenomenal season: Riley Quinn makes the final tackle of the championship game, thwarting a potential winning touchdown by the opposition.

Impressive for any high school varsity player, but even more so for the San Francisco Bay Area native Quinn, 18, who was born without a hand and forearm as a result of an amniotic band breaking free and wrapping around the developing arm

early in the pregnancy.

“Riley’s an athlete, he’s a football player,” his coach Greg Calcagno tells PEOPLE. “He isn’t a kid with a handicap who is on our team, he’s a two-year starter and a captain. He’s one of our best football players.”

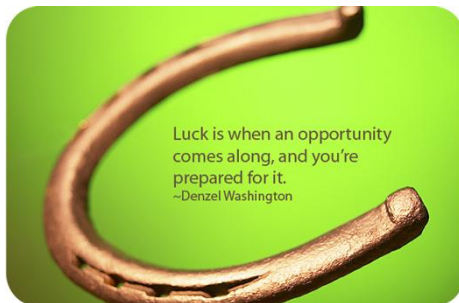
Sporting a varsity letterman’s jacket that spells out his unique triple-threat status in football, basketball and baseball, the honors student carries himself with confidence and smiles easily and often.

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## Chiefs Desk Continued

Upon returning home, my Chief called a meeting with senior staff. He had decided to re-title and restructure staff positions. The only position really impacted was mine i.e. there would no longer be an operations position; it was shifted to facilities and fleet maintenance. After 8.5 years working to help turn an organization around, it had started to head a direction with which I was not comfortable and I had made my concerns known.



Jen met me in the driveway when I arrived home that night and asked me how the meeting went. After I explained she told me I should look for another job. To that I responded that I had reached out to my Uncle about a career with Accenture which would mean a lot of travel. I vividly remember the conversation because for the most of the day I felt I had been kicked in the gut – she said, “You don’t want to travel that much,” and I said, “You don’t want to move.” She then told me that if I found another position she would move. In that moment I had an

epiphany! What happened that day, in the philosophical sense, was not about me rather it was about making the situation clear to her. Since that evening in the driveway my approach to life has changed. In most situations I can evaluate and make sound decisions because I know there is a plan bigger than me. Nobody’s perfect, but I try to be disciplined in my approach and remember the lessons I’ve learned over the years. This does require me to stop, take it in, realize the opportunity hidden within, and capitalize on it.

Within a couple weeks Chino Valley called and offered me an opportunity to interview in person, but I’d have to pay my own way. Before that night in the driveway, Jen likely would not have been as accepting of that idea. However, because of what happened she said absolutely. You see, the change my Chief made, as angry as I was initially, ended up actually being a stroke of *good* luck for my family and me – it just took the conversation with Jen for me to realize that a world of opportunity had opened up.

By August of 2013, less than three months after our Colorado vacation, we had moved to Arizona. Who would have thought that accepting the job in Chino Valley would lead in short order to the creation of CAFMA? So many things, whether by grand design or luck, had to line up at the right time for all of what we’ve accomplished to happen. In addition, I had to appropriately respond to those things impacting me and make the best out of what seemed like a bad situation to create something positive for me and my

family. What Collins talks about in his writing related to luck is that good or bad is not a relevant, rather it's what you do with it that counts. Some overcome, and some don't. Either way, the outcome is based on what you choose.

Chief Scott Miller with Casa Grande serves as another example of someone who capitalized on a seemingly bad situation, but by choice was able to turn it around and turn it into a really good opportunity. Downsized from Rural Metro he spent a year searching for the right position while selling fire apparatus. He utilized some of his time off to obtain his Master's Degree. Ultimately, he landed the job as Fire Chief for the City of Casa Grande Fire Department and has been there over 18 years. He didn't wallow in the loss of his Rural Metro job; instead he chose to capitalize on the opportunity created through downsizing.

Chief Paul Adams moved from Missouri to Arizona. He was getting ready to start training for an airline job when the City of Avondale called. Ultimately, he was offered the position of Fire Chief and has been there for over 21 years. It was just a stroke of good timing that Avondale called the day he was going to start his training for a new career in a completely different job sector.



Mark Buerhle, a family friend and world renowned left handed pitcher for the White Socks was cut by his High School team. Undaunted, he played baseball throughout his youth in other leagues. He's now retired, but is still revered in Chicago for what he did for the Sox including pitching a perfect game, and hitting a home run to help his team during a World Series. He could have given up when he was cut by his High School coach, but instead he worked even harder and followed his passion for the game – he became even more disciplined. Getting cut from the High School team was a shot of bad luck that he capitalized on, and turned it into a drive that ultimately led to an amazingly successful career.

Circumstance certainly plays a role in our lives. We can squander good fortune or we can capitalize on it. We can allow bad luck to act upon us, or we can choose to turn it into something good. Even if we can't necessarily turn it into something better at the time, we have to have the patience and foresight not to let it derail us. The bottom line is that *you* get to choose. First, you must understand that you have a choice. Second, you must choose to respond and not react. Finally, adjust, remain disciplined and capitalize.

Ultimately, you are responsible for you so don't despair those things that seem bad, and don't squander your opportunities. If you want to do or be something great for you and your family, just do it! (This last part was not endorsed by Nike or their subsidiaries).

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## **Stuff That's Happening**

I had the opportunity this week to attend the Western Fire Chief's Forum in Coeur d'Alene Idaho as part of the Arizona Fire Chief's Association. First and foremost what an amazing area! It was good to interact with our counter parts from the western states and discuss both the challenges and opportunities that we all face. Ultimately, the Western Chiefs, which we are a part of, is using the content from the

discussions to craft messages for the IAFC as well as for elected officials so that we have one common voice.

I arrived back in Phoenix yesterday morning in time to be late for the Baggers meeting. Chief Brunacini had been the moderator for the group since its inception – he was one of the founders. The Baggers group holds meetings once or twice a year for Chief Officers from around the country; participation is by invitation only. The format is a round table discussion where peers can assist one another with fire service related challenges that we all face. It is truly an honor to be in the room with icons of the fire service bringing 100's of years of experience together to support and help one another continue to move our profession forward.

I'd like to thank everyone that took part in the Viewpoint fire. Our on duty crews did outstanding upon arrival, and the response related to the general recall was astounding. People in the community have reached out to me expressing their gratitude for the work you all did in saving so many properties!

It's early in the season that never really ended from last year, if that makes sense. Things are dry and the wind has been crazy. There is a lot of concern that what we saw last Friday is only the first of many fires we will see over the summer. Despite the warnings, people continue to do stupid things. I've said it before and I'll say it again, maintain your situational awareness and be prepared.

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