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# AZ ROC Patrols Valley for Damage

PHOENIX, Ariz., (September 2, 2015) – On Tues. afternoon, Investigators with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) found multiple valley residences with roof damage during a patrol in the North Encanto Historic District – between W. Osborn and W. Thomas Roads near 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. – in Phoenix.

In general, damage in the area consisted of uprooted trees and minor roof damage, with a few asphalt shingles missing. The Investigator, however, observed a section between 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Verde Ln. to Mulberry Dr., where several houses appeared to have experienced more intense damage.

The Investigator observed and attempted to make contact with seven residents, whose homes appeared to experience significant roof, car port or awning damage, in order to educate them on the importance of working with licensed contracting professionals when hiring for repairs.

Of the seven homes, at which the Investigator attempted to make contact, three residents were home and noted their appreciation of knowing AZ ROC was proactively working to ensure the public is protected from unlicensed scams and “storm chasers.” Investigators left contact information for the remaining four homeowners.

While patrolling, the Investigator also encountered an employee of a professional licensed roofing contractor. The Investigator explained what AZ ROC was doing in the area and the employee was described as grateful for AZ ROC’s work to prevent “storm chasers.” The Investigator ran a license check on the contractor’s license; it is current.

AZ ROC Investigators patrol areas effected by natural disasters to warn homeowners against falling prey to scams and the potential of a second disaster by choosing to hire ‘storm chasers,’ who are typically unlicensed individuals, attempting take advantage of homeowners looking to quickly hire someone to make repairs to their damaged property.

In coming weeks, Investigators will return to damage impacted areas to determine what, if any, activity is occurring with regards to repair work.

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