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**ELECTRICAL POWER RESTORED IN AJO**  
**Majority of Residents Have Electricity**

Tucson, Az – Tuesday, July 21, 2009 – The Pima County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has confirmed electrical power has been restored to a majority of residents in Ajo. Residents had been without power since Sunday evening when a monsoon storm brought down approximately 47 power poles providing electricity to the tiny community.

“Because this community is over hundred miles away from Pima County’s urban core, it was our responsibility to move quickly to assist Ajo residents,” said Sharon Bronson, Pima County Supervisor for District 3. “I am pleased with the quick actions taken by all those involved in the response,” Bronson said.

A shelter, which was opened at the Ajo High School gymnasium, offered a comfortable place for residents to escape the heat, as well as providing food and water. Approximately 100 people entered the shelter where members of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Red Cross provided assistance. Response efforts were coordinated through the Pima County Office of Emergency management and Homeland Security.

An alert, using mysafetyalertgpc, was sent to Ajo residents advising them of the shelter’s opening. Of the more than 1,900 calls placed, approximately half received this important information.

Available county-wide, anyone wishing to receive alerts by voice, text and e-mail for emergency situations that immediately threaten lives and property can sign up by logging onto [www.safetyalertgpc.com](http://www.safetyalertgpc.com).

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