

ROCKLIN PD NEWS



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Rocklin Police Department

Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

Something New, Someone Old

Several years ago, we added two Senior Public Safety Dispatchers as a step toward a full-time supervisor. As you know the Senior PSDs still work the console and rarely have time to dedicate toward supervision. Unfortunately, our growth stopped and the next step of adding a supervisor to dispatch did not materialize.

In my meetings with dispatch staff earlier this year, the #1 issue on their wish list was a full-time supervisor. With the outlook for near-term growth dim, we have looked at our current staffing levels and determined that we may be able to promote a supervisor from our current non-sworn ranks and improve the operation. Since we are just in the process of hiring a replacement for the vacant Records-Communication Manager, we intend to appoint an acting communications supervisor initially.

Captain Lawrence worked with

Human Resources to develop a job description. Management and RPOA have come to terms regarding the job description and pay issues. The City Council will see the position for approval about the time you read this article. Now all that is left is the selection process, which Captain Lawrence is developing. We are looking at the timing of the selection at this time and should have the schedule out by the last week in August.

suitable for framing of course, or patrolling our parks and green space on an off-road bike.

This is a real asset to the department and we appreciate Bob's commitment to policing.

Someone Old

Not to say that he is old, but he is not new.. Retired Sergeant Bob Martin decided that he still needed to have some fresh air in his face while atop a police motorcycle. So a year after retirement and the day his part-time sergeant tour was over, Bob traded his sergeant badge for a reserve police officer badge. Bob will be spending a few days a month either greeting speeders with an autographed summons,



Captains Corner by Captain(s) Dan Ruden and Ron Lawrence

Department members paid tribute to fallen Rocklin Police Officer Matt Redding on the occasion of his birthday. Members met at the Rocklin Cemetery at 7:00 AM to witness the Rocklin PD Honor Guard as they laid a wreath at Matt's final resting place. After the Honor Guard salute, Officer Dan Groff read a poem titled *The Police Officers Prayer*, and Chaplain Witt Woodard provided a benediction. Both Chief Mark Siemens and John Redding spoke to those in attendance, which included members of the Redding family. We will always remember Officer Matt Redding in

our hearts as a brother officer and friend.



Matthew John Redding
"Matt"
August 4, 1976
March 2004
October 9, 2005

FBI National Academy by Lieutenant Lon Milka

I recently attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy and thought that I'd let you know what it is all about.

The physical grounds of the FBI National Academy, in which the FBI Training Academy is located, are within boundaries of the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Virginia. The academy is made up of a maze of intertwined buildings that are seemingly perpetually under renovation. A series of "gerbil tubes" connect the dorms, library, auditorium, gymnasium, chow hall, and class rooms.

The academic foundation of the FBINA consists of courses accredited by the University of Virginia. These fall within distinct disciplines of study such as, Behavioral Science, Leadership Development, Law, and Forensic Science. For 10 weeks students attend 5 undergraduate and graduate courses in various locations throughout the facility. The instructors are active special agents, retired law enforcement, or military officers.

The physical training component includes instruction on nutrition, aerobic and anaerobic exercise regimens, and, of course, actual physical training with your "section" (or regular group) of about 42 other classmates. This includes the path to "yellow brick road" which includes Wednesday physical challenges in which the entire class participates

together.

The social networking part of the FBINA is perhaps its cornerstone. Class #241 consisted of 260 participants from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 25 foreign countries. We had time to learn from each other and to learn about different parts of the world.

One of the most memorable and consistent experiences of any FBINA class was the food in the cafeteria. The ambitious workers in the cafeteria make several hundred meals at just about each setting; that's 3 meals a day, 365 days a year. They make meals for the National Academy students, the FBI new agent trainees, FBI analyst trainees, those participating in in-service training, and staff. I mentioned that the food was consistent. I will leave your imaginations run wild on that statement!

Some personal notes:

- I very much enjoyed seeing a part of the country that I had never been to. I visited NYC, Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and Annapolis to name a few places.
- I had a great roommate who is from

Elizabethtown, Kentucky. My suite-mates (yes, 4 of us shared a bathroom) were from West Virginia and Tennessee. So, it wasn't long before I said my first, "Y'all," during a normal sentence.

- I eventually could understand what my classmates from New England area were saying.
- Facebook is a fun way to keep in touch with my entire class including the foreign students.

If y'all would like to see my yellow brick or hear some great stories, come by and see me. I'd love to tell you all about it. Go #241!



Rocklin Police and Sierra College Security Join Forces to Manage a Student Intern Program by Sergeant Chad Butler

For several years, Sierra College and the Administration of Justice program have been entertaining the idea of offering a Law Enforcement Internship to their students. After we were contracted to provide law enforcement services, Sierra College approached us and asked if we were interested in participating in this program along with Sierra College Security. We jumped at the idea and began putting the plans in motion.

Beginning with the Fall of the 2010 semester, Administration of Justice majors with a minimum of 20 semester units are invited to apply for the program. Student participants will be re-

quired to submit an application, pass an oral board and submit to a thorough background investigation.

Successful candidates will have the opportunity to learn, from our employees, the full spectrum of law enforcement to include: Records Management, Property and Evidence maintenance, Public Safety Dispatching, Crime Scene Investigation, Detective/Investigations, and general Patrol policing. In addition, student interns will also be exposed to security procedures by assisting Sierra College Security staff with parking citations, safety escorts and traffic

control to name a few examples.

I have personal knowledge of several at the Rocklin Police Department that are interested in imparting some of their knowledge on the participating students of this exciting program.

If you have not already contacted me to advise me of your willingness to participate, please contact me via my regular city email and we will make every effort to include you in this great program and give you the opportunity to make a difference in the careers of these young and ambitious individuals.



National Night Out 2010 by Michael Nottoli

On Tuesday, August 3, a large team of City of Rocklin staff members spent the evening visiting 28 Neighborhood Watch block parties in celebration of National Night Out. This annual celebration featured barbecues, ice cream socials, jump houses for the kids, and other enjoyable activities. The block parties ranged in size from about a dozen attendees to more than 120 at the Gables in Springfield!

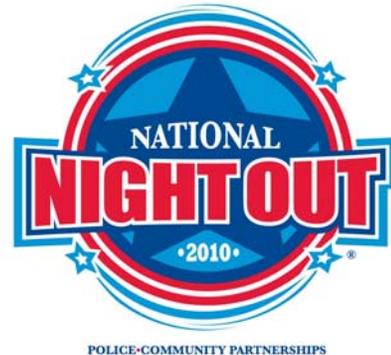
Our staff members gathered at the Police Department for a 6:30 p.m. briefing, divided into teams of 3 or 4 per vehicle, and left the station in time to make it to their first event at 7:00 p.m. Each staff team visited 3 parties over a 90 minute time period.

Special thanks to the following neighborhoods for hosting National Night Out events:

Big Sky Drive, Birdie Court, Cameo Drive, Cleveland Court, Clubhouse Drive, Collet Quarry Drive, Denton Court, Ford Road, Hannah Way, Hawkhaven Court, Hidden Court, High Street, Hillside Drive, Morning Dove Lane, Pembroke Way, Pine Street, Plumbago Place, Rocklin Estates, Rockmoor Drive, Snow Heaven Court, Southwind Circle, Springfield Association, Taft Drive, Vicara Condominiums, Wild Plains Circle, Winstead Apartments, Wisp Court, and Zion Court.

I would also like to thank and commend our team members for their participation in making this event successful! Our team members included Mayor Scott Yuill, Vice Mayor George Magnuson, Councilmember Peter Hill, Councilmember Kathy Lund, City management personnel Mark Siemens, Bill Mikesell, Jim Summers, Ron Lawrence, Dan Ruden, Terry Roide, Mark Riemer, Kent Foster, Justin Nartker, Russell Hildebrand, Colleen Laubinger, Recreation Commissioner Diane Ruslin, Recreation Commissioner/Police Volunteer Kisar Singh, Police Motorcycle Officers Casey Finney, Steve Ortmann, and Jeff Amado, School Resource Officer Jay Newton, Police Reserve Officers Greg Gaughan, Mike Phlegar, and Robert Martin, Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplain Bill Bibbins, and Rocklin Police Volunteers Danielle Bergmooser, Violet Daraitis, Luis Gallego, Margaret Gallego, Dennis Grayson, Dave Kemp, Ed Knappe, Stu Lehman, Debra Leonard, Kathy Magnuson, Jeannette Norman, Norma Snyder, Gary Steinshouer, Greg Thorsen, and Whit Woodard.

I would also like to thank the on-duty firefighters and police officers who visited parties during their shifts. The citizens sure enjoyed checking out the fire trucks and police cars!



Professional Standards ramps up for CALEA reaccreditation by Sergeant Jamie Knox

We are getting closer and closer to our onsite assessment by CALEA staff for our reaccreditation. When we started this endeavor several years ago, there was a lot of skepticism surrounding the accreditation process and the end result. Having been exposed to the inner workings of this organization for over a year now, I can say with utmost certainty that accreditation is important, and it is one of the reasons behind our organizational success today.

During the file maintenance process of CALEA we are constantly holding ourselves accountable. We do what we say we will do and we scrutinize our policies and procedures. We check and double check that our equipment is up to date, functional, and operationally ready. Would we really do this without the file maintenance system that is the backbone of accreditation? I would like to think so. The accreditation process has really become how we do business everyday. We are light years ahead of where we would have been without this process.

A police officer's job is not easy. In fact, it is one of the most difficult jobs in the world. What other profession needs to

wear so many hats? Police officers must be walking law encyclopedias. They must be highly trained in their craft of keeping the streets safe. They must be counselors, teachers, emergency responders, warriors, and role models. With all of this responsibility, however, comes accountability. How do we know we are current on our case law? How do we know we are following nationally recognized procedures? While there are some organizations that do not have answers to these questions, we do. Accreditation is a combination of self-evaluation, preparedness, and progressive policing. Our organizational culture has shifted from "routine police work" to "forward looking and forward thinking." That, coupled with the fine men and women who work the front lines of this police department, are what distinguishes us from being routine, ordinary, or mediocre.

I am very fortunate to work with such motivated and talented professionals here at the Rocklin Police Department. Many of you have put your best foot forward and have been instrumental in our reaccreditation process. Ronee Robertson, Pat O'Brien, Natalie Constable, and Melissa Murphy all deserve kudos for their commit-

ment to excellence and dedication to our mission. I think we all owe them a debt of gratitude for their hard work, attention to detail, and professional knowledge. There are too many people to list in this article, but many of you have gone out of your way to help me, Ronee, Pat, Natalie, and Melissa in the pursuit of our goals. For that, we sincerely thank all of you.

The official onsite assessment is scheduled for December. I will keep you all in the loop as it draws nearer. For now, you will probably see Ronee, Melissa, and I with our heads buried in different colored files as we gear up for three days of scrutiny, with success sure to follow.



The police department received this 'thank you' letter from a citizen who was recently assisted by a Rocklin police officer. As you can see from the note below, she appreciated the officer's help very much. Until then, she was obviously having a very bad day. Ms. Blaine also pointed out that she's been telling other people about her great experience with Rocklin PD (unfortunately, the complainants do this too), and she has heard nothing but good things back. Each of you can take credit for the excellent reputation we have with the public, and we thank you for that. And a big thank you goes out to the mystery officer who helped this woman (Janice Blaine) get to her destination. You obviously made an impression.

Rocklin Police Department,

Two weeks ago, I drove from the Redding area to Sacramento. I was trying to get to a hotel in Roseville. I'd had a very stressful morning dealing with some personal business in the morning. I drove several towns past Roseville before I realized I must have missed it. I turned around, drove back to Roseville, took an exit and couldn't get back over the freeway to the hotel. I was lost for over 10 miles. I was exhausted, stressed out, and HOT. I stopped and asked a Rocklin policeman how to get to the hotel. He was so nice...he led me to a point where I could get to the hotel (straight ahead). I'm so grateful to that policeman (although I didn't get his name). I'll always remember how kind he was to me. I've told several people about the policeman helping me and, based on their responses, it appears that the Rocklin Police Department already has a great reputation and I merely added to it.

Thank you so much for being kind to lost strangers,

-Janice Blaine