

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS

Rocklin Police Department

## Chief's Chatter by Chief Ron Lawrence

Going for the gold; a word on promotions. Promoting to a position of formal leadership isn't for everyone, and I respect individuals in any profession who recognize their skill-set and/or understand their personal desire in choosing not to promote up the ladder. Supervision and management aren't for everyone, and we can all find our successes, regardless of what positions or stations in life we hold. Being the best at where we are and preparing ourselves for where we want to be is key to success, and success for many doesn't include promotion. I have had many respected friends and acquaintances in my life who had stellar careers providing outstanding public safety. For those who don't have a desire to be a supervisor or manager, I respect your willingness to be successful in supporting the mission of our organization and for finding your successes throughout your career. We are fortunate to have many informal leaders in our organization who understand that leadership doesn't require a formal rank or title.

For those who recently participated in our promotional process, I admire

your courage and willingness to reach for the brass ring, even if you were not chosen to promote this time. As Theodore Roosevelt once said, "[It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.](#)" - [Theodore Roosevelt](#). Although, I do not consider not being selected to promote as a failure, but rather an opportunity to grow to become better for the next promotions, and you all have my attention, so today is the first day of your next promotional process.

I want to congratulate those who I recently promoted and task you with some awesome responsibilities. I learned long ago that being in a position of authority or holding rank doesn't equate to power, it equates to accountability and responsibility. I now hold you each accountable for your responsibilities and I expect you will strive to make Rocklin P.D. the absolute most professional, creative and effective law enforcement organization possible. To your leadership we all depend, and I expect nothing less than you're very best. To you, I entrust



Chief Ron Lawrence

with my authority to do the right things, as well as do things right. We provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year safety for nearly 60,000 people, and I depend on your leadership in the middle of the night, on holidays, weekends, during storms and calm weather, during crisis and during times of peace. I have every confidence you won't let me down. Congratulations and good luck each of you. Now your work begins...

Captain Chad Butler  
Lieutenant Forrest Richardson  
Sergeant Rich Cabana  
Corporal Joyce Metzger

## New Paths and Change by Captain Lon Milka



Captain Lon Milka

*"Around here we don't look backwards for very long... We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us*

*down new paths.*" - Walt Disney

The principle behind Uncle Walt's quote could be applied to any business entity that has survived the long term or to any business entity that wants to "make it" in today's world. It also applies to government bodies like ours.

How is our department "making

it"? Our department is moving forward, at a rapid pace: Recent promotions, new organizational structure, added code enforcement responsibilities, additional Property/Evidence functionality with SIU. These are just a few of the many different matters that have been part of our forward thinking as of late.

As with any *organization*, change is an integral part of development. The attitude of acceptance of change can be a bit difficult to embrace: The uncertainty of what lies ahead can be somewhat frightening. Our organization has accepted the standard of change and realizes that we must grow

into what our city council expects from us and grow into what our citizenry expects from us.

As with any *organism*, change is an integral part of development. Each one, if wanting to be nourished or be fulfilled, should look at positive change as an opportunity to grow. Do you need to adjust and look down a new path? Do you have any grudges that you can put behind you? Can you accept additional responsibilities for the good of the department and the city?

Congratulations to all department members who tested for detective, corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant. Way to go!

"The best executive is one who has sense enough to pick good people to do what he wants them to do, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it." - Theodore Roosevelt

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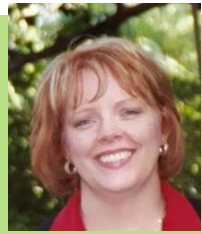
10th Annual Run Rocklin -  
Team Ryan



Every 15 Minutes Sends Powerful Message



## Reaching for the Stars at Rocklin PD by Police Services Administrator Sandi Bumpus



Police Administrator Sandi Bumpus

In his later years, my father, a retired aerospace engineer, speaks often of the heady days of the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo missions that ultimately landed man on the moon. Every day brought challenges never faced before. A formula for solid rocket fuel that was painstakingly developed for months could be scrapped overnight in favor of a different formula. Long-planned launch dates would be advanced on a moment's notice to avoid a hurricane at Cape Canaveral, or delayed for a last-minute systems failure.

Enduring the constant starts, stops, and disappointments had to have been nearly unbearable at times. This team prevailed, however, in dramatic fashion. In just nine years, following a very public directive from President John F.

Kennedy, the mission was achieved as the lunar module touched down on the surface of the moon. In this case, success was not only measured by the moon landing itself, but in the legacy of technology each of us uses every day.

It occurs to me that law enforcement in general, and our department specifically, has been faced with our own seemingly insurmountable challenges during the economic recession that began in 2007. We have lost positions, re-tooled, and tightened our belts out of necessity. The result has been a resilient organization that takes stewardship of the tax-payer dollar very seriously. It is clear that attaining our mission has become the top job at every level of our department.

While our goals may not be as dramatic as shedding the bounds of earth, they are no less critical or important to us or our community. Despite the negative impacts of the

recession, our team continues to move forward with great purpose. Our dispatchers have reduced average call receipt to dispatch times to 60 seconds or less 100% of the time. Officers consistently arrive on priority incidents within an average of four minutes. We care about our community's quality of life, removing blight and bad guys with equal fervor. All of these efforts and more have resulted in the lowest crime rate in our city in over five years.

As we continue to navigate our course, it's important to remember that challenges and changes are inevitable, and in the long run, critical to our good health. The measure of our success is not only that we reach the stars, but that the journey is one we learn from, can be proud of, and offers significant benefit into the future.

## National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week April 8-14, 2013 by Captain Chad Butler



Captain Chad Butler

The week of April 8th to the 14th is "Animal Control Officers Appreciation Week". Our Animal Control Officers at Rocklin PD provide quality animal control and rescue services 7 days a week.

Each day our animal control officers go out into the field to protect the lives of residents and animals in the City of Rocklin. These dedicated officers patrol the streets, conduct humane investigations when animal cruelty is suspected, and find shelter for hundreds of homeless or lost animals each year. They also enforce all state and local animal control laws, and educate the public about responsible pet ownership through outreach and intervention.

Animal control officers across this Nation are faced with difficult decisions and put in harms way on a daily basis. Our animal control officers in Rocklin are no different. They respond on average to over 225 animal related incidents per month. From abused animals to ones that are sick or injured our animal control officers are out there responding to calls and standing up for those without a voice and working diligently to improve the lives of the animals they come in contact with. If you see an



Animal Control officer in the hall or in your neighborhood, please take a moment to thank them for a job well done.

Animal Control Officers Mahlberg and Riley have been working tirelessly to help Dr. Basra and the City of Rocklin be successful in the local operation of our newly relocated Animal Facility. This new location has tripled the space of the previous facility and provides for a much nicer temporary home for those animals that are unfortunate enough to have to spend time there before being reunited with their families. Please join me in thanking them for their contribution and assistance to the Rocklin Animal Facility.



## Run Rocklin 2013—Team Ryan by Lieutenant Forrest Richardson



Lt. Forrest Richardson

Congratulations to all those who participated in Run Rocklin 2013! Many of our Rocklin Police Department members as well as our "extended family" members throughout the

city participated in this outstanding event. Chief Lawrence and family (including canine companions Rocky and Jackson), Chris Osborne and family, Scott and Liz Horrillo, Bart Paduveris, Adrian Passadore, Jason Maschmeyer, Greg Jensen and Desiree Pickert were all seen burning up the asphalt this year. In total, 1,364 people participated in Run Rocklin 2013 which benefits the Matt Redding Memorial Foundation as well as our local and regional schools.

For 2013, the Rocklin PD team name was "Team Ryan" in support of our own Ryan Paduveris and his family.

Special thanks to Jamie Knox, Mike Nottoli, Steve Ortmann, Jeff Amado, Braden Shaw, the 30 plus Rocklin PD/Fire volunteers and the countless others who planned and worked this event and helped make this another successful Run Rocklin.

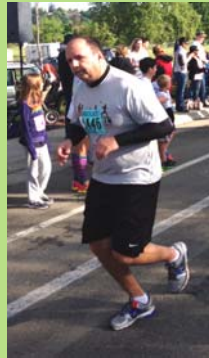
Special recognition goes out to David Long from Rocklin Public Services who took first place in his division this year- Congratulations David!



Bart Paduveris



Liz & Scott Horrillo



Adrian Passadore



Chris, Lorie and Wyatt Osborne

### ROCKLIN POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MATT REDDING MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Matt became a Rocklin Police Officer in 2001. He was dedicated to keeping our community a safer place for all of us to live. Matt was a firearms instructor for our department and a member of The Rocklin/Roseville SWAT Team. He specialized in drug and alcohol detection.



Matt was the recipient of the MADD Award, Life Saving Award and the Bronze Medal of Honor.

## Employee Commendations



A citizen wrote a letter thanking those involved in the "Etch and Catch" event on March 2, 2013. She

reported that all those involved in the event were very professional and helpful and took care of her car extremely quickly. Thanks Mikes Nottoli and Alway!



A letter was received expressing gratitude and formally recognizing members of the Rocklin Police Department, for assisting the CA Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in its training endeavors. Nice work Lieutenant Jamie Knox, Evidence/Property Technician Sharon Whitaker,

Communications and Records Manager Sandi Bumpus and Officer Mueller and Shaw.



A letter was received from a Social Worker at SRMC expressing his gratitude to Officer Osborne for the way he handled a 5150 and his swift and professional police work."



ACO Stephanie Mahlberg was commended by a citizen for finding her dog that had run away.

## Every 15 Minutes Program Sends Powerful Message by Manager Mike Nottoli



Mgr. Mike Nottoli

On April 2 and April 3, several Rocklin Police Officers, Reserve Officers, and Volunteers took part in Whitney High School's Every 15 Minutes Drug Driving Awareness Program. This program was a joint effort between Whitney High School, California Highway Patrol, Placer County Sheriff Department, Placer County Chaplaincy Program, Rocklin Fire Department, Sutter Roseville Medical Center, California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CALSTAR Helicopter), American Medical Response (AMR Ambulance), and multiple community business sponsors.

On the first day of the event, several Whitney High School students and one instructor were removed from their classrooms. The removal was done by a school administrator, a police officer and a law enforcement chaplain. As each student was removed, an obituary was read to the rest of the class explaining that the student was killed in an alcohol-related traffic accident. Tombstones were placed on campus for each student with a photograph and a posted obituary. At the same time this was occurring, police officers and chaplains delivered mock death notifications to parents at their homes or places of business.

At 11:00 a.m. the entire school watched a short video showing some students drinking alcohol, getting into a vehicle and then

crashing their car into another vehicle driven by other students. All of the juniors and seniors then gathered and sat in bleachers on Ranch View Drive to view a mock crash scene. The crash scene was as real as we could make it including two badly damaged cars and students wearing professional make-up to look like actual crash victims. There was one deceased passenger lying on the hood of the drunk driver's vehicle. She had been ejected through the front windshield. Two passengers in the other vehicle had to be extricated by Rocklin fire fighters using the "jaws of life" equipment. One student was transported to Sutter Roseville Medical Center via ambulance and the other was taken by helicopter. Both students would later "die" at the hospital while their parents were present. The deceased person at the accident scene was bagged by the coroner and taken to the Placer County Morgue in Auburn. The drunk driver was arrested and was booked into the Placer County Jail. All students involved in the program also visited the jail, the morgue, and were sequestered all night away from their family and friends in a secret location to simulate being dead.

The next day, an assembly was held in the gymnasium. All of the junior and seniors were present along with the students involved in the program and their parents. The assembly was set up as a funeral. There was a casket

brought into the gymnasium and a funeral vehicle was parked on the sidewalk at the entrance to the gym for all to see. The assembly was emotional and hard-hitting. There were several guest speakers including Chief Lawrence and the father of a former Whitney High School student who was killed in a drunk-driving crash. Parents and students also read good-bye letters they had written to each other the night before.

As you can imagine, this program was very effective and vividly illustrated the results of drinking and driving and making poor decisions. This program definitely had a profound impact on students, faculty and parents.

I would like to personally thank everyone at the police department who helped to make this program successful.



## National Telecommunicator's Week April 14-20, 2013 by Police Services Administrator Sandi Bumpus



Police Administrator  
Sandi Bumpus

In 2012, Rocklin's public safety dispatchers (PSDs) processed 84,485 calls for service ranging from requests for directions, advice on how to handle troubled teens, and mediating civil disputes, to providing life-saving CPR instructions or reassurance and comfort to victims of violent crime.

365 days a year, this talented team assesses incidents, prioritizes them, and sends help, often in under a minute from call initiation to dispatch. After hours, Rocklin's PSDs field calls regarding power outages, clogged drains, and barking dogs. These men and women are truly utility players, often serving as ad hoc crime analysts and prevention ex-

perts, social workers, and human Global Positioning Systems.

In 1994, then President Bill Clinton proclaimed that from that day forward, the second week of April would be designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in an effort to recognize the contribution and sacrifice of the nation's public safety dispatchers.

President Clinton declared, "America's public safety telecommunicators serve our citizens daily in countless ways. The work of these "unseen first responders" is invaluable in emergency situations, and each of these dedicated men and women deserves our heartfelt appreciation. . . . This week is a time for a grateful Nation to show its appreciation and to recognize that our health, safety, and

well-being are often dependent on the commitment and steadfast devotion of public safety telecommunicators."



## Rocklin PD Reserve Officers Pitch In by Corporal Adrian Passadore



Corp. Adrian Passadore

The City of Rocklin is a safe community and our schools are a safe place for children to grow and learn. Part of police work is not only dealing with today's threats but trying to prevent tomorrow's. In February of this year the Rocklin Police Department

formed a committee to devise a plan to provide more security for the city's elementary schools.

A variety of measures were presented and have been put into action to make our schools a safer place. One aspect of this operation was

using our reserve officer program to increase school safety by monitoring traffic and providing a visible police presence. Reserve officers are men and women who are learning the craft of police work and who want to make police work their profession.

Reserve Officers Shaw and Adams have made a big impact patrolling our schools and making them a safer place for our children. Both of these officers have visited all of our elementary schools in an effort to increase school safety and promote a secure environment for the children to learn. The children have really appreciated these visits and Officer Shaw was given a special award from one class (see photo). It is dedication like these

two officers have shown that should make all our citizens proud to live in Rocklin.



*Reserve Officer Braden Shaw received a special thanks from local school children*

## There's No Place Like Home by Captain Chad Butler



Captain Chad Butler

After 12 weeks away from the office, I am sure glad to be home. So where was I and what was I really doing anyway? For 10 of the 12 weeks that I was gone, I was temporarily reassigned to

Quantico Va, attending the 252<sup>nd</sup> session of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy. The FBINA is a law enforcement executive leadership development course where participants are selected from all over the world to attend.

The first day reminded me of the basic academy all over again. I was greeted at the door to the academy by an FBI agent who gave me an ID card, an informational packet and a room number. He then escorted me through three buildings and up to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor to the place I would call home for the next 10 weeks with my assigned roommate (Lt. Mike Connelly from the Cleveland Ohio Police Department).

Day one began with a fresh new uniform consisting of a green polo style shirt and khaki pants. I also had a same colored green jacket (it was freezing in Virginia,

consistently hovering around 20 degrees all day). Other than when I was at the gym, this would be the uniform I would wear 5 days a week for the next 10 weeks.

I had the pleasure to learn from some of the foremost experts in their fields. Classes taught by FBI Agents, PhD's and adjunct professors from the University of Virginia. The classes I attended were Forensic Science, Violent Street and Prison Gangs, Statement Analysis, Leadership, and Physical Fitness. Classes are attended Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

So what did I do on Wednesdays? Wednesdays were the days I earned my yellow brick. All students are given an opportunity to earn the coveted National Academy Yellow Brick (named after the final 6.2 mile obstacle course) Each Wednesday morning, I met with my section and completed a fitness challenge along with the rest of my class. The challenges started out painless but became increasingly more difficult ending with, "The Yellow Brick Road" Marine Core Officer Candidate confidence course.

On my weekends off, my new lifelong friends and I explored the east coast. We visited many places including New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Washington DC, and Arlington National Cemetery.

All and all this was an excellent opportunity for me and one I was proud to accomplish. The time away from my family and all of you was difficult but the knowledge I gained and the lifelong friends and contacts I made were incredible. But, with all that said, there's no place like home.

