

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS

## Rocklin Police Department

### Chief's Chatter by Chief Ron Lawrence

I have always been amazed by the high-caliber of professional people we employ at Rocklin PD. The high standards we set and maintain has established us as a premiere law enforcement agency throughout our region. I'm not only referring to being recognized as part of less than 5% of law enforcement agencies that are nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), but more specifically I'm referring to our most important asset - our people! Here at Rocklin PD, we don't just enforce the law, apprehend criminals and collect evidence to successfully prosecute violators; we do much more than that. Rocklin PD is filled with intelligent, compassionate, fair employees who commit themselves to serve, protect and promote a safe community for the citizens of Rocklin. I am proud of our employees, who they are, the values they represent and the dedication they have to our community and profession. We have

a few employees currently pursuing higher education, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels of study. I was honored to be invited to attend a recent graduation ceremony of five of our employees who had earned their Masters Degrees through National University. This was no easy feat, especially while working 12-hour shifts in a *more* than full-time job! These five employees recognized the importance of self-improvement and growth, committing themselves to pursuing academic advancement. I had a chief of police once tell me, "*An education won't make a good cop, but an education will make a good cop better.*" - Chief Gary Leonard (Ret.). Chief Leonard was correct, an education won't make the person, but the person can put their education to work for them. I am proud of these individuals for their accomplishment and I am proud of the many oth-



Chief Ron Lawrence

ers who continue to pursue higher education. I offer my sincere congratulations to these high-caliber employees who help make Rocklin PD the premiere police department that we have become today!

Congratulations to these Graduates who earned your Masters Degree in Leadership!

Wendy Smith, CSO  
Tina Mueller, Officer  
Dan Groff, Motor-Officer  
Chris Spurgeon, Corporal  
Jamie Knox, Lieutenant

### RPD Says Goodbye to a True Friend by Captain Chad Butler



Captain Chad Butler

In 2005 we began an exhausting quest to obtain CALEA accreditation. At that time very few agencies in California were accredited so finding local assistance

with the process was very difficult.

As luck would have it, Lieutenant Mike Freeman (retired) and I had the great fortune to be introduced to Linda Kaus from the Modesto Police Department. Linda was assigned to their CALEA full time and was very familiar with the process. Linda assisted us in beginning our quest and became a great resource to us along the process, always avail-

able with advice or assistance when necessary and continued working with us through our initial accreditation and beyond. In 2008 Linda became the CALEA CALPAC President and was just as instrumental in helping other agencies achieve success with CALEA as she was with us.

On Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> we were notified that Linda Kaus (retired) had passed away from complications related to an existing condition. Linda served with Modesto PD for 41 years and just retired 14 short months ago, I know I speak for Captain Milka, Lt. Knox and everyone else involved in the CALEA process when I say thank you and goodbye to a true friend to our

agency "Linda. you will be missed."



Linda Kaus, Modesto Police Department



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Police Administrator Sandi Bumpus

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi*

### Communications: Thriving Through Change

#### Innovation at Work!

Retirement, dispatchers seeking new career opportunities, and other life changes for our staff

have resulted in a continuous recruitment effort to hire lateral dispatchers. We have also embarked on an innovative staffing program where a cadre of "on-call" dispatchers will be hired to assist in maintaining and enhancing staffing levels.

Our first on-call dispatcher, Erin Renshaw, was hired in April, 2013. Erin is a veteran dispatcher currently working full-time for the Roseville Police Department. Erin also worked for Rocklin PD some years ago, and was familiar with our systems, protocols, and city geography. She successfully completed our on-call training program in record time, and can now be heard on the air-waves in both cities.

Welcome back Desiree Miller, a former Rocklin public safety dispatcher who begins working as an on-call dispatcher in mid-June.

#### Farewell

Farewell to Public Safety Dispatcher Pam Henley, a 27-year law enforcement veteran.

Pam will be honored at a City Council Meeting in July with a resolution and plaque thanking her for her years of dedication and service.

Farewell also to Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor, Sara Boccoleri. Sara has accepted a full-time position in the financial services industry. We wish her great success in her new endeavor.

#### Congratulations

Michelle Buckland was promoted to Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor on May 22, 2013. Congratulations to Michelle on her appointment.

In addition to her regular duties as a public safety dispatcher, Myra Salazar has accepted the responsibility of serving as the EMDQA Team Coordinator, and will serve as Acting Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor as needed.

#### Welcome

Public Safety Dispatchers Jodie Sutera and Marcie Jones-Glenn were hired in mid-May, 2013. Jodie served as a Public Safety Dispatcher for Yolo Emergency Communications Agency, and Marcie worked for Modoc County Sheriff's Office and El Dorado County Sheriff's Office prior to being hired by Rocklin PD.

#### **Records: RAISING THE BAR AGAIN!**

*"Strive not to be successful; but rather to be of value." - Albert Einstein*

In April, 2013, the Rocklin Police Department

became the first agency in Placer County to submit mandated crime statistics to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) using DOJ's Electronic Crime and Arrest Reporting System (E-CARS).

The use of E-CARS not only streamlines our processes, but also positively influences the workflow at DOJ.

#### **Technology: THE REAL ROBO COP**

Rocklin PD has been asked to serve as the host agency for a grant-funded Placer County pilot program to test the usage of mobile identification equipment. Patrol officers will be provided high resolution wireless devices capable of iris, facial, and fingerprint capture to assist in verifying the identity of those contacted in the field. Kudos to Matt Diridoni, our Technical Services "go-to-guy" for coordinating the installation of hard and software with both Placer County and Rocklin IT departments.

Members of the department's CAD/Technology Committee have been working on researching and vetting additional technologies. Commendatory remarks are in order for Dan Groff, Zack Krempin, and Joe Dargie for their extensive research and ultimate recommendation of updated patrol car audio/video system.

## Community Policing Comes in Various Forms by Captain Lon Milka



Captain Lon Milka

Reaching out to the public can be in the form of anything from neighborhood gatherings to directly assisting victims of property crimes and going above and beyond the call of duty.

In April, the department recently launched its new Coffee with a Cop series and continued it in May. The Coffee with a Cop started with a heads up from one of our loyal volunteers, Becky Kanowsky, who spotted a magazine article about what other police departments were doing. The program is designed to get an officer to meet with members of the community in an informal setting within the city. The members are invited to ask any question on

their mind.



Famous Mo's Coffee House hosted the first event and Case de Santa Fe Senior Living the second.

Topics covered were our volunteer program, crime statistics, percentage of arrestees who reside outside of Placer County, Part I and Part II crimes, neighborhood watch, solicitors, new business impact on our police force, collaboration with other law enforcement jurisdictions with investigations, tax bases, prison realignment, officer-to-population ratio, 2013-2014 budget, gangs, and youth programs. We hope to sustain the Coffee with a Cop program and to move the event to different

parts of the city.

After a patrol officer recently arrested two individuals for stealing catalytic converters, Fleet Mechanic Clarence Sperling reunited victims with their converters. Observant patrol officer Jay Newton discovered four catalytic converters within a vehicle that he had stopped for a traffic infraction. Within hours, three victims reported their converters as stolen. Upon coming to the department and claiming what was rightfully theirs, Clarence reattached the converters and our residents went on with their regular work day. Thank you, Jay and thank you, Clarence!



## Volunteer Highlights by Lieutenant Jamie Knox



Lt. Jamie Knox

Since becoming members in 2005, Rocklin Police Volunteers Stu Lehman and Alan Wing have been vigilantly patrolling the streets of Rocklin as partners in crime fighting.

They act as the officers' second (and third) set of eyes and ears in the field and they have no intention of slowing down on their quest to help keep Rocklin safe.

Alan Wing grew up in Seattle, WA and is a graduate of Renton High School. He attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA and holds a BA degree in Sociology. One of Alan's favorite memories from his youth is camping along the Washington coast with his four siblings and parents in their pink station wagon. Alan continues that tradition, absent the pink station wagon, with his wife and their two girls. Alan is in his 25<sup>th</sup> year with State Farm Insurance as an auto claim representative. His hobbies include yard work and sewing. Alan and his family raise guide dogs for the blind. They have successfully graduated three dogs so far, and those dogs now serve in California, Minnesota, and Connecticut.

Stu Lehman was born in New Jersey, but grew up in Long Beach, CA. After

servicing in the Navy, Stu found a career in sales and eventually promoted up the ranks to Western Regional Sales Manager of Sales and Marketing for a greeting card company. After 22 years with the company, Stu retired only to find more work as a National Sales Manager for a company in the wine country. Stu says he has officially retired from work as of June 1, 2013. Stu collects Wile E. Coyote and Road Runner memorabilia and is an avid traveler—having been to over 453 cities in 21 countries so far. His favorite places visited are Hong Kong, Venice, Paris, and Berlin. Stu currently serves as the Branch Director of Outside Special Events for the volunteer program.

When asked if they had any funny stories to tell about each other Alan said, "You would have to be there to appreciate it." Alan said that even though they have been working together for eight years, he and Stu never run out of topics to talk about in the car.

Stu did not have any funny stories to divulge about Alan, but he said he has a personal philosophy about teamwork. "Being a team player is not just a phrase, it is a passion," Stu said. He also said, "Rocklin is one of the finest places to live and raise a family. That is made possible by the fine men and women of the police and fire departments." Since Stu has been to over 453 cities in his travels, we will take that not only as a compliment, but as an expert opinion. Thanks Stu!

Stu and Alan both said they really enjoy being the extra eyes and ears for our police department. Alan said he really enjoys helping out the officers with ancillary duties, such as towing a vehicle, so they can go back in service

to handle emergencies. Stu said he feels a sense of accomplishment even after a slow patrol evening—knowing he and Alan have probably deterred crime at some point during the evening. Crime deterrence is a difficult thing to measure, but his intuition could be right on point.

Under the tutelage of Police Services Manager Mike Nottoli, our Volunteer Program has received numerous awards including the 2010 Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Science Applications International Corporation. The tireless efforts of our police and fire volunteers have made this city one of the safest in the region, and we are grateful for their service.

So, when you see Alan Wing and Stu Lehman fulfilling their civic duty while on patrol in a volunteer vehicle, be sure to wave and say hello. Just remember, we have over 115 more volunteers just like them and they are watching over our community alongside the police—whether on duty or not.



Volunteer Patrol Partners for Eight Years and Counting!

## Employee Commendations by Lieutenant Forrest Richardson



On April 14, 2013, Officers Alford and Roemmich responded to a suspicious female on

Sunset Blvd and they conducted a thorough investigation to determine the female and another male were involved in several recent thefts from vehicles. Property was also recovered from thefts that were not even reported yet.



On May 9, 2013, the owners of Dan and DaWayne's Laundromat wrote a letter of appreciation about Natalie

Constable and Jason Westgate. There had been several coin box thefts from the laundromat over a two week period. Both officers were described as "exceptional in their approach and made us feel reassured they were actively investigating." Both officers were reported as being a "positive reflection on the Department."



## Hands-Only CPR and Buckle-Up Baby Programs are Catching Fire by Manager Mike Nottoli



Mgr. Mike Nottoli

As usual, Rocklin Police and Fire Volunteers have been very busy promoting safety throughout our community. The new "Hands-Only" CPR classes have been very well attended and received. Volunteers recently conducted 6 events and trained more

than 300 people in the new "hands-only" CPR method. The presentations are informative, fast-paced, and even a bit entertaining. Any disco fans will enjoy practicing hands-only CPR to the theme of the Bee Gees song "Staying Alive" during these training classes. If you are interested in scheduling a class, contact JoAnn Mart at (916) 261-6404.



Another team of Volunteers recently installed 47 child safety seats at 4 "Buckle-Up Baby" events. At first glance, installing a child safety seat may look simple, but it is actually a very complex process. It is extremely important that the proper seat be used for the age and size of the child, and to make sure the seat is properly attached to the vehicle. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please contact Mary Bretting at (916) 806-1563.



## Three Rocklin Officers Recognized by MADD by Lieutenant Jamie Knox



Lt. Jamie Knox

On April 25, 2013, three of Rocklin's finest were recognized at the annual Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) awards banquet. Officers Greg Jensen and Jason Maschmeyer received special recognition awards for their contribution to stop the crime of DUI.

Sergeant Eric Dollar also received a special award that is reserved for supervisors who lead the charge in the fight against DUI. Sergeant Dollar has arrested 15 offenders for DUI since being promoted to sergeant and continually trains his officers on the detection and apprehension of offenders. This is no small feat due to a patrol sergeant's demanding schedule and workload. This is Officer Maschmeyer's first DUI award while employed with Rocklin, and this is Officer Jensen's third DUI award. We are extremely proud of these very talented professionals.

It is no surprise that these officers received MADD awards. They all work together and have made DUI enforcement a top priority;

due in part to how close to home this crime hits. The City of Rocklin has lost several of its citizens, and one of our police department's own officers to this senseless crime over the years. In 2005, Rocklin Police Officer Matthew Redding was struck and killed by a DUI driver while conducting traffic control on Highway 65. These tragedies are indelible reminders of how DUI can impact the lives of a small community like Rocklin.

According to MADD, every 53 minutes on average, someone is killed in a drunk driving crash in this country. Every 90 seconds, someone is injured. Since MADD's inception in 1980, law enforcement and MADD have worked together to reduce the crime of DUI. In three decades, we have reduced the death-toll by half in this country, but the fact remains that future deaths are preventable.

With summer upon us, citizens will undoubtedly be celebrating holidays and attending summer events and festivals. The Rocklin Police Department would like to remind everyone to drink responsibly, designate a sober driver, and avoid

driving when taking certain medications. In the last decade, Rocklin Police have arrested over 2,000 DUI drivers in this city. Just imagine how many drivers are undetected. This is why motorists need to be extra vigilant when driving. Check your surroundings often and avoid becoming distracted by the radio and cell phones. Pedestrians and bicyclists should also be very cautious and obey all of the rules of the road.



## Sierra College Career Day 2013 by Lieutenant Forrest Richardson



Lt. Forrest Richardson

On April 19<sup>th</sup> 2013, Sierra College hosted their annual Career and Technical Education (CTE) Open House. The following CTE programs were represented:

- Agriculture
- Administration of Justice
- Applied Art & Design
- Automotive Technology
- Business
- Computer Information Systems
- Construction Technology
- Design Engineering Support
- Engineering
- Early Childhood Education
- EMT
- Fashion Design & Merchandising
- Fire Technology
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Mechatronics
- Nursing
- Nutrition & Fitness Trainer



In furthering our partnership with Sierra College and its Administration of Justice program, the Rocklin Police Department participated in the Open House.

For 2013, the Rocklin Police Department provided a police information booth, K-9 demonstration, TRV (tactical response vehicle) familiarization, bomb robot display/demonstration and a RPD Volunteer booth. The booths were visited by hundreds of our local youth, with many of them expressing a strong interest in pursuing law enforcement as a career.

Thank you to Sgt. Horrillo, Sgt. Cabana, Officer Jantz, Officer Lewis (and K-9 IMMO) and RPD Volunteers Robin Sisto and Marilyn DeCillis for representing the Rocklin Police Department. Local high school students attend this event annually in an effort to find out more about the CTE programs at Sierra College.

The Sierra College Administration of Justice program offers three areas of concentration that include Police Activities, Courts and Corrections.

