

ROCKLIN PD NEWS

Rocklin Police Department

Chief's Chatter by Chief Ron Lawrence



Chief Ron Lawrence

February 18, 1914, was a day Rocklin would experience its' first police officer killed in the line of duty. That evening, at about 11:00PM,

Rocklin City Marshal Sam Renaldi was shot and killed by saloon owner Uledi Holmes, owner of Holmes Saloon located on Railroad Avenue, across the street from the Rocklin railroad depot, over a disagreement about town curfew. Residents near the commercial district of Rocklin often complained about late noise from Rocklin's seven saloons, so Rocklin's Board of Trustees ordered Marshal Renaldi to enforce Rocklin's 12-midnight saloon curfew. They also told Renaldi to ensure that saloons were keeping empty beer kegs off the sidewalk. Marshal

Renaldi had cited the saloon owner earlier in the month. On February 18th, 1914, after the same saloon owner had threatened an employee by gun point to return to work, he challenged the Marshal to a showdown. The Marshal, his deputy, and the deputy's son were trying to decide how to deal with the situation at the town stable on Front Street when the saloon owner, who had been drinking for most of the afternoon, appeared at 11 PM. Deputy Marshal Willard's son, Alfred, met the saloon owner at the entry to try to calm him down and Marshal Renaldi ordered the saloon owner to surrender. At this point the owner reached back for his pistol and Marshal Renaldi fired hitting the owner in the stomach. The owner fired, hitting Marshal Renaldi. Both men slumped to the ground mortally wounded. Both

men were taken to Sacramento hospitals for treatment, but they died the next day, on February 19, 1914. While there are a few slightly different variations of this story, these are the generally accepted facts.

On February 19, 2014, at 5:30PM, 100-years after the fatal shooting of our first police officer, the Rocklin Police Department will honor the memory of Marshal Renaldi, as well unveil our memorial located at the front of the police department. We hope you will attend by RSVPing to Lisa Holden at



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Highlighted Employee,
Officer Jason Maschmeyer

Customer Service by Captain Lon Milka



Captain Lon Milka

Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning. - Bill Gates

OUCH! Right? But a fact. What does customer service mean in a police service dimension? All of us actually know the answer. It's assisting the public in their moment of need, in their moment of distress, in their moment of unexpectedness. That's why we are here. The vast majority of times we answer the call with wonderful satisfaction. Occasionally, we trip up. And we usually know it at the very moment it happens. The next time, though, when faced with the same circumstances, we improve on our

performance and improve on our customer service.

That's why we have a field training program: to teach new officers how to properly handle calls for service and officer initiated activities. That's why we are mandated by state law to accept complaints: to see if we were not correct and to make corrections if we were not. That's why we constantly review our policies to ensure that we can stave off mistakes before they occur. We are here to serve the public and do the best that we can. And boy do we do it.

We can proudly say that the Rocklin Police Department is exemplary in the field of cus-

tommer service. In our line of work we end up with a few unhappy customers, but with each complaint we learn our mistakes, we fine tune our delivery, and we strive to "do the right thing". In 2013 we handled tens of thousands of incidents and phone calls. Unbelievably we had only 13 informal and formal complaints. The number of complaints received for delivering the type of service that we bring is phenomenally small. We can all proudly say that our police department team is performing extremely well for the public.

It is not the employer who pays the wages. Employers only handle the money. It is the customer who pays the wage - Henry Ford



Pipeline Emergencies—Early Recognition Can Save Lives by Police Services Administrator Sandi Bumpus



Police Administrator
Sandi Bumpus

In the coming weeks, Rocklin's Public Safety Dispatchers will participate in advanced fire dispatch training which will include circumstances dictating upgraded levels of response to residential and commercial structure fires, as well as

recognition and response criteria for gas pipeline emergencies.

This is valuable information for both public safety responders and community members. The following circumstances may indicate a hazardous situation which requires immediate response and mitigation:

- An odor like rotten eggs or a burnt match
- A loud roaring sound like a jet engine
- A white vapor cloud that may look

like smoke

- A hissing or whistling noise
- The pooling of liquid on the ground
- An odor like petroleum liquids or gasoline
- Fire coming out of the ground
- Dirt blowing from a hole in the ground
- An oily sheen on the surface of water that is normally clear
- An area of frozen ground in the summer
- An area of dead vegetation
- Bubbling in pools of water
- An irritating and pungent odor

Any of these conditions may be caused by the release of natural gas, petroleum liquids or gas, anhydrous ammonia, carbon dioxide, or ethanol. The hazards of release include explosion, asphyxiation, burns, and corrosive injuries.

If any of these circumstances are discovered, witnesses should avoid ANY action that may cause a spark, including refrain from starting vehicles, switching on lights, or even hanging up phones. The area should be evacuated on foot in an upwind and uphill direction, and 9-1-1 should be called as quickly as the witness is in a safer location. Pipeline repair should only be made by the experts.

Recognizing and reporting these dangers requires partnerships between the community, public safety responders, and pipeline operators. In this case, knowledge and early activation of emergency responders means enhanced safety for everyone.



San Bruno, California gas pipeline explosion

Rocklin Police Department to Place Fallen Officer Memorial at Police Station by Captain Chad Butler



Captain Chad Butler

On February 19, 2014 we will remember and honor our fallen officers on the 100th year anniversary of the first Rocklin law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty, Rocklin City Marshall Sam Renaldi. The following

is a brief history of how our fallen heroes lost their lives while serving the residents of Rocklin.

On February 18th, 1914 Marshall Renaldi, as directed by the City's Board of Trustee's, was enforcing Rocklin's midnight saloon curfew. Marshall Renaldi, his Deputy and the Deputy's son were meeting at the town stable on Front St to come up with a plan for a defiant saloon owner who had earlier threatened an employee with a gun.

Around 11:00 p.m. the intoxicated saloon owner appeared at the stable. City Marshall Renaldi ordered the saloon owner to surrender. The saloon owner was defiant and pulled out a pistol. Marshall Renaldi fired his pistol striking the saloon owner who in turn fired his pistol striking Marshall Renaldi in his side. Both Marshall Renaldi

and the saloon owner were transported to Sacramento hospitals where they both succumbed to their injuries on February 19, 2014.

On October 9th, 2005 Rocklin Police Officer Matthew Redding was closing off a portion of Highway 65 near the Stanford Ranch exit as other officers were conducting a high risk vehicle stop. As he finished laying out a cone pattern, a pick up truck drove at Officer Redding who tried to jump out of the way but was struck by the pick up truck. The driver of the pick up truck fled the scene but was taken into custody. Officer Redding was transported to Sutter Roseville Hospital where he died as a result of his injuries. The driver of the pick up truck was charged and convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison.

Remembering and honoring our heroes is an important part of our culture and one that reminds us daily that each and every shift we work could be our last one serving others. A special thank you to Chief Lawrence for searching through our history archives and helping spread the word of

our fallen brother Marshall Sam Renaldi.

To ensure that all of our Rocklin Police Department family and the community we serve never forget our fallen heroes, we will be commissioning a memorial next to the front entrance of the police building. This memorial is being made possible with generous donations from the public. To date we have received donations from Unique Backyards, Ruhkala Granite, The Matthew Redding Foundation, Walmart Neighborhood Market, The Rocklin Police Officers Association, Walmart and the Rocklin Public Safety Volunteers. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Rocklin Police Department Captain Chad Butler at 916-625-5490.



Shred Day Event by Manager Mike Nottoli



Mgr. Mike Nottoli

On Saturday, January 25, 2014, the Rocklin Police Department, Cintas Corporation and the Department of Motor Vehicles teamed up to host a free document shredding event in the DMV parking lot on South Grove Street. The event was a huge success and provided a great way for residents to clean out their garages and filing cabinets and avoid becoming victims of identity theft. In previous years, Cintas Corporation supplied one portable shredding truck for this event and collected about 10,000 pounds of paper. This year, Cintas supplied two shredding trucks and had to drive back to Sacra-

mento to get a third truck because there were so many participants. When it was all said and done, approximately 300 residents took advantage of this event and recycled more than 25,000 pounds of paper! A great team of Rocklin Police and Fire Volunteers directed traffic, handed out literature and crime prevention information, and transferred all of the paper from citizens' vehicles into the three shredding trucks. I would like to thank the Volunteers and Cintas representatives for their hard work, organization and excellent customer ser-



vice. We will be sure to schedule another shredding event later this year.



Traffic Unit Welcomes Newest Member by Lieutenant Jamie Knox



Lieutenant Knox

The Rocklin Police Department's Traffic Unit has been in existence for just over a decade now. From its inception, the highest priority of our Traffic Unit has been to reduce accidents and increase safety. In fact, our mission statement is:

The Traffic Unit is devoted to providing safe travel in our community through education and enforcement.

Our Traffic Unit, also sometimes referred to as our Motor Unit, is comprised of three full-time police officers who work different areas of our city depending on accident data and complaints about traffic issues. These officers ride police motorcycles to navigate congested traffic conditions while responding to accidents or pursuing traffic violators. Our newest motor officer is Jason Maschmeyer, who recently graduated from police motorcycle training. Jason said, "The best thing about motor school was the wealth of experience that the instructors offered. It helped me to gain confidence in my riding skills that were taught by our motor training team."

Prior to attending motorcycle training school, Officer Maschmeyer went through a rigorous in-house training program led by Officer Jeff Amado, who is our department motorcycle instructor. Officer Amado was assisted by Officer Steve Ortmann, a seven year veteran of the Motor Unit, and Officer Dan Groff, who is also a relatively new member to the team. Our in-house training program lasts about two weeks and every department member who completed the program in the past, went on to pass their Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) course with flying colors.

Since the year 2000, there have been approximately 5,500 traffic accidents in Rocklin. Injuries were involved in 24% of all reported accidents between 2000 and 2013. Driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs was the primary cause of 6% of the collisions. Speeding, or driving at a speed unsafe for the conditions, was the primary cause of 25% of those collisions.

Rocklin Motor Officers continue to see distracted driving as a real issue in our community. In 2013, 603 citations were issued for using a cell phone without a hands-free device, or texting while driving. According to the Department of Transportation, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent-at 55 MPH of driving the length of an entire football field—blind.

Officer Maschmeyer said that all drivers should understand that driving is your first priority; not grooming, drinking your coffee, or checking your electronic device. To be a safe driver, you should always be aware of your surroundings so that you are prepared for the unaware drivers.

