



*City Of Rocklin*

## Chief's Chatter by Chief Ron Lawrence



Chief Ron Lawrence

Congratulations to all of the members of the Rocklin Police Department for achieving our third CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accredi-

tation! safety services by ensuring we maintain professional standards, continually assess and update our policies and procedures, and ensure a wide range of up-to-date public safety practices. The CALEA Commission establishes and administers the accreditation process and recognizes professional excellence for those agencies that achieve the high standards of excellence demanded by accreditation. CALEA's goals are to strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities;

and excellent service delivery. It provides us an opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate that we meet established professional standards and remain a cutting-edge police department. While it took many individuals' hard-work to achieve, special recognition goes to the Accreditation Manager for the past three-year period, Captain Lon Milka, and CALEA Records Clerk Ronee Robertson for their extraordinary efforts in managing our Accreditation. PSU Lieutenant Richardson officially became the new CALEA Accreditation Manager, and we wish him well for the next three-year period!

- Formalize essential management procedures;
- Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices;
- Improve service delivery; Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination; and
- Increase community and staff confidence in the agency

Accreditation provides the Chief of Police with a blueprint that promotes efficient use of resources



Mayor Scott Yuill, Chief Ron Lawrence, Lieutenant Forrest Richardson and Captain Lon Milka

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Captain Milka, Lieutenant Richardson and I were accompanied by Mayor Scott Yuill and City Manager Ricky Horst at the formal CALEA Commission hearings held in Garden Grove, California. At the hearing, we testified on behalf of the Police Department and answered various questions related to the on-site assessors inspection of our department. At the conclusion of the formal hearing, the Commission voted unanimously for Rocklin PD to achieve Reaccreditation. At a banquet that evening, we officially received our Reaccreditation for another three-year period, 2014-2016. Law Enforcement Accreditation is a voluntary process that improves delivery of public

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Highlighted Employee, Manager Mike Nottoli



Captain Lon Milka

When officers go to their law enforcement academies, I suspect they do not get specific training in dealing with mountain lions. At least I didn't. Of

course, that was some time ago. We were trained in the workings of the legal system, the difference between prison and jail, court room testimony, firearms, weaponless defense, high speed driving, and domestic violence, to name a few areas. But mountain lions? Not!

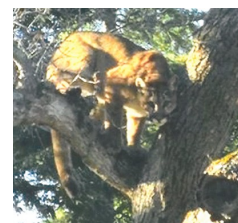
However, our profession is a dynamic one and we are used to dealing with unusual circumstances. In a short period of time, strategies must be formulated to handle situations properly.

With the recent sightings of a mountain lion by Rocklin residents, our department has taken several steps to implement a plan. We created and distributed alerts to citizens about the sightings, distributed press releases, answered broadcast media requests for statements, advised folks of safety tips, contacted the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and disseminated information about

mountain lions to our teams.

Upon the future reporting of mountain lion sightings, we are even better prepared to deal with the circumstances and request the assistance of Department of Fish and Wildlife when appropriate.

While we didn't receive specific training regarding mountain lions in the academy, we did what we do best: adapt, plan, and protect lives and property.



## Support Services Division News by Police Services Administrator Sandi Bumpus



Police Administrator  
Sandi Bumpus

### Mike Nottoli Retires

As you may know, Michael "Mike" Nottoli, the Police Services Manager in charge of Rocklin PD's Crime Prevention program and its award-winning Volunteer Program is retiring on May 15,

2014, after over thirty years in law enforcement. Mike has been a tremendous asset to our department, our community, and he is a cherished colleague. Ever humble, I cajoled Mike into telling me some interesting things about his life and career.

Mike was born in San Jose, California, and moved to the house his mother still owns when just two years old. Mike's father, Lidio Nottoli, worked until he was 80 years old. He was a plumber for the first 36 years of his career, and spent an additional 22 years in retail. His mom, Gloria, also worked until she was 80 years old as an elementary schoolteacher's aid. If you know Mike Nottoli's work ethic, it is no surprise where his drive and commitment come from!

Mike did not have human siblings, but he described his childhood companion, a Cocker Spaniel/Poodle-mix named Coco as his canine "brother," joking that they looked just alike. Mike attended elementary and high school in San Jose. Inspired by a high school class called "Law and Courts," he became interested in a career in law enforcement. In the late 70's and early 80's, he attended West Valley College, and later, San Jose State, where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and ultimately, his Master's degree in Public Administration.

Mike was hired by the San Jose Police Department in 1983 as a police officer, and then as an officer for the West Valley College Police Department the next year. In the later '80's Mike accepted a job as a

Code Enforcement CSO with the City of Saratoga, and then moved on to become the Crime Prevention Officer for Fremont Police Department, serving in that capacity for 12 years.

In 1999, Mike met a beautiful young lady named Janet who was sitting in front of him at St. Lucy's Catholic Church. After striking up a conversation, they learned they had family friends in common, and that their mothers actually knew one another. Never one to let grass grow under his feet, and knowing that Janet was "the one," Mike and Janet were married in July, 2000.

In 2002, Mike and Janet began looking to relocate. They traded the congestion of Santa Clara County for the beauty of Placer County, and as fate would have it, Rocklin PD just happened to be in the market for a Crime Prevention Coordinator. On May 6, 2002, Mike was hired by the City of Rocklin. Shortly after arriving in Rocklin, Mike and Janet were blessed with the news that a bouncing baby Nottoli was on the way. Nicholas was born in November, 2004.

Mike's drive and talent was immediately recognized by then Police Chief, Mark Siemens, who challenged him to develop a vibrant volunteer program. Since its inception, Mike has leveraged what he calls a "great community" and supportive staff, and developed a program without equal. Of all the awards the program has received, Mike is proudest of the 2010 International Association of Chiefs of Police Excellence in Volunteering Award.

Never one to be called a "slacker," Mike has not only been an amazing manager for our department, but is also accomplished in martial arts, and is an instructor for the Koga Institute. During his police academy days, Mike met and was mentored by Robert "Bob" Koga, a former Los Angeles Police Officer who developed unique arrest control methods involving both body and mind. Mike also teaches both college and university-level courses at Sierra College,

the Institute of Technology, and William Jessup University, where he will be teaching a course called "Law and Society."

When asked what he sees as his legacy, Mike said he is proud of the volunteer program and its benefit to the safety of the community, as well as the relationships forged between the community and the police department that will provide lasting benefits for many years to come.

Mike's contributions to this department and community are legion. Honoring him means emulating him and carrying on his mission of doing the right thing; demonstrating that people far outweigh programs; and that dedication and commitment have not gone out of style. When asked about his post-retirement "bucket list," Mike indicated a commitment to becoming a better husband and father and investing quality time in his family as his top priorities. And then our humble friend, said, "Oh, and maybe a cruise every couple of years."

Congratulations are in order to Mike Nottoli for leaving Rocklin PD a legacy of service, selflessness, and dedication. Thanks are due his family for allowing us the privilege of learning from and being inspired by him



Police Services Manager,  
Mike Nottoli

### National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week—April 13-19, 2014

Rocklin's City Council members have joined hundreds of other communities nationwide in designating April 13-19, 2014 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. This week honors our public safety dispatchers who are often the unseen "first" responder in law, fire, and emergency medical incidents. Congratulations to Rocklin's Public Safety Dispatchers!

## St. Baldrick's 2014 by Corporal Gil Farrulla



Cpl Gil Farrulla

On March 15, 2014 numerous members of the Police Department lost their hair for a wonderful and meaningful cause. For the past six years the Police Department has participated in the St. Baldrick's charity event. The St. Baldrick's charity began way back in 1999 out of a need and desire to help children that have been diagnosed with cancer. Worldwide, 175,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. And in the U.S., more children die of childhood cancer than any other disease—more than AIDS, asthma, cystic fibrosis, congenital anomalies and diabetes combined.

As their St. Baldrick's pins say, "Ask me why I'm bald." Because kids with cancer often lose their hair during treatment, "shavees" for the St. Baldrick's Foundation show their support by shaving their heads voluntarily, and inspiring friends and family to donate money to support childhood cancer

research. In 2003, firefighters, police officers, and military troops began to be involved and show their support by raising money to get their heads shaved. Even military bases in Iraq and Germany have held head shaving events, like the one our department participated in.

Our department usually gets involved in December and continues to participate right up until our team members get their heads shaved. During this time, department members are allowed to grow (or attempt to grow) facial hair. This year Officer Maschmeyer even ransomed his goat-ee to help raise additional money. The charity shaving event has taken place everywhere from the Galleria mall to opening day little league out at the ball park. It really is a great event to be a part of and it's amazing to see the support from all of our local first responders. This year's event at the Roseville Galleria raised over \$141,000! Our Police Department team raised about \$2,410, with Sgt Paduveris being the top fundraiser at about \$650. Sgt Dollar was a close second with about

\$645.

Worldwide 8,111 shaving events are held annually in over 20 countries. Amazingly, there have been about 435,000 participants since the St. Baldrick's charity was formed, and since its inception St. Baldrick's has raised more than \$127,600,000 for childhood cancer research grants!

For those of you that still wish to participate or donate money, it is not too late. You can still make donations to our team, or to the charity directly. For more information please visit, [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org).



Officer(s) Law, Black, Chief Lawrence, Cpl. Farrulla, Sgt. Dollar, Officer Maschmeyer

## Rocklin Police Department Welcomes Explorer Post 1893 by Captain Chad Butler



Captain Chad Butler

After several years in hiatus, the Rocklin Police Departments Youth Services Unit proudly reinstated the Rocklin Police Department's Explorer Program, Post 1893 (numbered after the incorporation date of the City). YSU Officers Kyle Hollis and Elizabeth Davis have been working hard over the past six months rebuilding the program with the assistance of Sergeant Trent Jewell.

In the Fall of 2013, interested Explorer candidates (and their parents) from our local high schools were invited to an informational meeting at the Police Department. The response was outstanding with over 50 in attendance. Those students, who remained interested after the meeting, filled out applications and were eventually invited to an oral board process. Successful candidates in the oral board process had background checks conducted by Youth Services Officers. Ultimately, 8 exceptional candidates were selected for their leadership to help rebuild our program. They are E. Shelly, M. Lang, De Lucchi, S. Williams, B. Parent, C. Sheppard, Z. Giltner and E. Lemos.

On April 7, 2014 our new Explorer recruits attended their first meeting. They were greeted by Chief Ron Lawrence who congratulated them and discussed integrity, ethics and the high expectations placed upon them as Explorers of the Rocklin Police Department.

Chief Lawrence then administered the Oath of Honor swearing them in as Rocklin Police Explorers, Post 1893.

Congratulations to each and every one of you for your successful accomplishment thus far, we look forward to showing each of you what a career in law enforcement looks like in the City of Rocklin.

For those not selected this go around or for those newly interested in Exploring, the Youth Services Unit desires to increase the overall size of the Explorer program after our initial 8 Explorer recruits are trained over the next 3 to 6 months. Interested applicants can contact Youth Services Officer(s) Elizabeth Davis or Kyle Hollis for more information at (916) 625-5400.



Explorers pictured as follows: E. Shelly, M. Lang, DeLucchi, S. Williams, B. Parent, C. Sheppard, Z. Giltner and E. Lemos



### Tip A Cop by Lieutenant Jamie Knox



Lt. Jamie Knox

On April 3rd, the Claim Jumper Restaurant in Roseville hosted a Tip-a-Cop event to raise funds for Special Olympics. Corporal Joyce Metzger, Officer Dan Groff, and Officer Randy Law all donated their time to take part in the event alongside

about 10 other offices from around the region. The officers tried their hand in the food service business by waiting tables, refilling beverages, and delivering food. Diners at the restaurant placed tips for the officers inside envelopes placed on their table.

To raise additional funds, some guests were "arrested" and thrown into a mock jail inside the restaurant. To post bail, someone would have to donate money to the cause.

Special Olympians were in attendance to show off their medals and also wait tables.

Claim Jumper Restaurant reported raising approximately \$2,700 that evening in support of the Special Olympics.



**Special Olympics**  
*Northern California*



Officer Randy Law serving the Giddings

### Inspiration by Officer Jensen



Officer Greg Jensen

As the Olympics come and go we all now have to wait another 2 years to witness our best represent the USA. I personally am not passionate about sports, but there is one thing I do love about the Olympics. That one thing is passion! Each time one is selected to represent their country, there is honor and passion that is apparent in each person's face and displayed in each of their individual emotions. This passion is why I love the Olympics! Working 4 years to accomplish a goal demonstrates

tremendous passion and drive. Passion can be seen all around Rocklin PD, however there is one employee who stands out above all and displays passion in everything he does. Corporal Gil Farrulla. Corporal Farrulla's life evolves around Rocklin PD. He has spent much of his on and off duty time working to make Rocklin a better place to live. Corporal Farrulla has more auxiliary assignments than any other officer. He completed Leadership Rocklin, his master's degree, and is an instructor at a local college just to name a few. Unlike the Olympics, Corporal Farrulla's previously listed qualifications have taken much more than four years to accomplish. Passion is

infectious at Rocklin PD and like the Olympics, comes through hard work. The great Nelson Mandela put it best when he said, "There is no passion to be found playing small—in settling for a life than the one you are capable of living."



### Sergeant Eric Dollar Graduates S.L.I. by Chief Ron Lawrence



Chief Ron Lawrence

On March 28, 2014, Sergeant Eric Dollar completed the prestigious, 8-month long California POST Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (S.L.I.), graduating at a special ceremony held in Concord, California.

The S.L.I. program is designed for law enforcement supervisors to exercise leadership theories in a rigorous, one week per

month program that helps them to develop into strong leaders needed for today's law enforcement agencies. Sergeant Dollar joins a special list of Rocklin PD S.L.I. graduates who help shape the organization into a professional police department. Rocklin PD S.L.I. graduates include:

- Captain Lon Milka
- Captain Chad Butler
- Lieutenant Forrest Richardson
- Sergeant Scott Horrillo

- Sergeant Tom Dwyer
- Sergeant Trent Jewell
- Sergeant Bart Paduveris
- Sergeant Eric Dollar



## Honors and Awards 2013 by Lieutenant Forrest Richardson



Lt. Forrest Richardson

Congratulations to all those who were recognized at the Rocklin Police Honors and Awards Ceremony this year. I would like to thank all of you who assisted in making this event such a success. I had assistance

from so many people that I won't try to recognize all of them in fear that I will miss some. With that said, I would like to say thanks to Sharon Whitaker for all she did to help make this event so memorable.

It was a privilege for me to be involved in this event, as I was able to assist in the recognition of our personnel for outstanding acts, years of service, recent promo-

tions or recently becoming a member of Team Rocklin.

I had the honor of pinning on Officer Powell's badge at the ceremony. I was fortunate to have worked with Jeremy when he was a P.S.A. (Police Services Aid) at Sierra College. It has been a pleasure seeing him realize his dream of becoming a Rocklin Police Officer.



**A few of the highlights of this year's event included:**

Officer of the Year: Corporal Adrian Passadore  
Public Safety Dispatcher of the Year: PSD Jennifer Gibson

Professional Staff Employee of the Year: Manager, Mike Nottoli

Medal of Merit award recipients: PSD, Jennifer Gibson and PSD Supervisor Michelle Edwards

Most DUI arrests: Officer Jeremy Black

Most arrests in 2013: Officer Greg Jensen



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



Mgr. Mike Nottoli

On March 18th and 19th, several Rocklin Police Officers, Reserve Officers, Dispatchers and volunteers took part in Rocklin High School's Every 15 Minute Drug Driving Awareness Program. This program was a joint effort between Rocklin High School, Victory High School, California Highway Patrol, Placer County Sheriff's Department, Placer County Chaplaincy Program, Rocklin Fire Department,

Rocklin Police Department, Sutter Roseville Medical Center, California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CALSTAR Helicopter), and American Medical Response (AMR Ambulance).

On the first day of the event, several Rocklin and Victory High School students and two instructors were removed from their classrooms. The removal was done by police officers and a law enforcement chaplain. As each person was removed, an obituary was read to the rest of the class explaining that the student or instructor 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 10:15 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 student body then gathered and sat in bleachers on the school campus 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 a

vehicle who was ejected through the front windshield. Passengers in the other vehicle had to be extricated by Rocklin firefighters using the "jaws of life" equipment. One student was transported to Sutter Roseville Medical Center via AMR ambulance and the other was taken by CALSTAR 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 Rocklin PD jail. All students involved in the program also visited the Placer County 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 senior s 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 impactful. There were several guest speakers including Chief Lawrence who delivered a hard-hitting message to a small percentage of the audience that was not taking the program seriously. 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 making poor decisions. This program definitely had a profound impact on the students, faculty and parents. I would like to personally thank everyone at the police department who helped to make this program successful. It was a great team effort for a very important cause.