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ROCKLIN PD NEWS

Chief Chatter by Ron Lawrence

As we prepare our 2011 Annual Report to present to City Council in March, it's easy to look at the data and see that 2011 was another busy year for the Rocklin Police Department. The City experienced 20.9 Part-I crimes for every 1,000 residents, which was a slight increase over the previous year in 2010. While still very low when compared to cities around us, it's an increase none-the-less. Most notably, we experienced 267 burglaries during 2011, a 24% increase, up from 215 during 2010. Larceny was up as well, increasing from 808 during 2011, an 8% increase from 750 in 2010. Our police officers made 1,301 arrests (376 felonies and 925 misdemeanors),

issued 3,671 citations and wrote 4,504 police reports, 617 of which were traffic accidents. We handled 3,451 animal related incidents (issuing 233 animal related citations) and our front counter served 17,147 customers.

The 9-1-1 Center processed 83,529 routine and emergency calls, 11,026 of which were 9-1-1 calls. 25,871 were calls from the public requesting police assistance. 3,725 incidents processed were fire related, and of those, 2,582 were emergency medical incidents.

Needless to say, we've remained very busy. All this with fewer resources than we've had in the past, although I am proud to

report that we continue to deliver the same high-level of public safety the citizens of Rocklin have come to enjoy. Our Police Department is performing at outstanding levels, and I want to thank every one of our employees; managers, sworn officers, public safety dispatchers, professional staff and volunteers for your continued commitment and dedication to protecting, serving and promoting a safe community. Together we are keeping Rocklin safe. I receive comments almost daily from citizens who appreciate the hard work you do, and I applaud your efforts. I am proud to be the Chief of such an excellent police department!



Chief Ron Lawrence



Rocklin PD Reserve Program Revamped by Deputy Chief Dan Ruden



Dep. Chief Ruden

Rocklin PD's long standing reserve police officer program is getting a makeover this year. The change will give aspiring police officers a way to get valuable hands-on experience while giving Rocklin PD a "farm team" from which future police officers could be selected.

The change focuses on Level 2 academy graduates looking for experience and a place to kick start their law enforcement career. Completion of 3 police academy modules, or "Levels" is required to be a full time peace officer in California. While

these aspiring officers work toward their full credentials, those selected for Rocklin's reserve program will perform "Level 2 specific" duties around the Department, including assignments in Investigations, Records, special events, Traffic and others.

When participants receive their third academy module, or "Level 1", and make the necessary time commitment, they can apply to enter Rocklin PD's very structured 16 week Field Training program administered by Rocklin's full-time Field Training Officers (FTOs). If they succeed, participants become a State-certified Level 1 Reserve officer, and potentially a "plug and play" candidate for a full-time police officer position.

At a time when full-time hiring is scant and lateral officers are reluctant to change departments, the new reserve corps will provide a resource for the future and keep Rocklin's FTOs current with fresh trainees. The level 2 officers, who are volunteers and receive no pay, gain actual police department experience while the Rocklin PD gets a good look at each participant as a potential future police officer.

A special thanks to our 4 current Level 1 reserve officers (Bob Martin, Michael Phlegar, Doug Vance and Ronnie McCray) who have each taken on the role of coordinator and mentor for the new reserve program.

Officer In Charge (OIC) "you make the call" by Corporal Chris Spurgeon



Cpl. Chris Spurgeon

When my Sergeant was on a scheduled vacation, I saw a perfect opportunity to hand over the reigns to our patrol officers so they could get first-hand experience of what it was like to run a shift. I believe in succession planning and employee development. Succession planning increases the availability of experienced and capable employees who are prepared to assume supervisory roles as they become available.

Working with my team, a two-week schedule was developed—which afforded each officer the opportunity to take part in the OIC program. Many citizens may not realize what is involved in keeping their streets safe during a police shift. Briefing, planning, evaluation, and constant adjustments ensure we are deploying the right

resources at the right time. Keeping police officers strategically placed throughout the city improves response time and makes us more effective as a public safety provider. The supervisor, or in this case the OIC, is a key player in this orchestration.

As Corporal, I took the OIC's beat (and all the paper) and the OIC was the cover beat. No matter what is said by who, this job is still fun when pushing around a patrol car—even when buried with paper. That being said, I am fortunate to still have a fresh perspective of patrol operations. More than ever, I appreciate how hard our patrol officers work.

Each officer on my team is very experienced. All of them have six or more years of experience in law enforcement. Their experience certainly added to the success of this pilot pro-

gram. Even though I was still monitoring our shifts (from the "backseat"), all of these officers made sound decisions and ran the shift successfully.

Assuming a leadership role can be very challenging, but with it comes great reward. These rewards are manifested in our work product everyday. When I began my leadership endeavor, I noticed that my report writing improved. This results from having the responsibility of approving another officer's report. I now hold myself to an even higher standard of professionalism. I lead by example and try to find new ways to reinvent myself. I saw this trend repeat itself over and over during the OIC program. My colleagues now write even better reports as a result of this new perspective. They challenge themselves to go the extra mile for our citizens, and they have unlocked their potential in this organization. The leaders of tomorrow are here.

Nothing Can Stop Us by Corporal Chris Spurgeon



Cpl. Chris Spurgeon

The Patrol Division now has a new tool available in their tool boxes that all first responders can use. Along with this newly available tool comes a new motto for our patrol officers. Neither rain, sleet nor snow will keep us from collecting latent fingerprints at crime scenes.

Our patrol officers have recently been trained in the use of Small Particle Reagent (SPR). What is Small Particle Reagent (SPR) ?

A reagent is a chemical substance that is used to create a reaction in combination with some other substance. For example, Small Particle Reagent (SPR), a suspension of molybdenedisulfide powder in a detergent solution, is used for fingerprint detection on wet, oily, or dirty surfaces which may be unsuitable for other methods. The powder particles cling to the lipids in a fingerprint, thus rendering the fingerprint visible. Grey prints appear that can then be lifted from the surface with tape.

Think of it as wet fingerprint powder. This process has been available for processing crime scenes for quite awhile but was only available for specialty processing by a limited number of technicians like our Crime Scene Investigators. Our patrol officers are now individually equipped with the needed tools to field process wet evidence and evidence that has been submerged in water for latent fingerprints.

With this valuable tool which is now widely available for use at the field level, our patrol officers are on the hunt to find the evidence which was once harder to collect. They will find it, they will collect it, it will be analyzed, and the results will lead us to identifying and catching the criminals who made the poor decision to choose our community to commit crime in.



Dispatcher of the Year and OPST Banquet by Dispatch Supervisor Sara Boccoleri



Sara Boccoleri

Congratulations to our Dispatcher of the Year, Michelle Buckland! Michelle continues to go above and beyond in everything she does. She is a CTO, on the EMD Quality Assurance Team, on the Dispatch Steering Committee, she tirelessly manages

the Dispatch schedule and coordinates the Dispatcher's on going training. She does all of this and still manages to be an excellent call taker and Dispatcher. Yes, it's true, she is amazing!

I would like to invite you to the OPST Banquet this year, where Michelle will be recognized in front of hundreds of her peers from surrounding agencies, for a job well done. The theme of the banquet this year is "Mobster". So please join



Michelle Buckland

your fellow Dispatchers for a night of dinner and moonshine at:

THE THUNDER VALLEY CASINO

SATURDAY, April 14, 2012

Cocktail hour at 1700 hours

Dinner at 1800 hours

Awards Presentation at 1900 hours

Proceeds from this year's event will be donated to

THE MATT REDDING FOUNDATION

AND

THE FIREFIGHTERS BURN INSTITUTE

It would be great to have a large representation of the Rocklin Police and Fire Department this year, since we are co-hosting the event and the Matt Redding foundation will be receiving a large donation!

Put on your glad rags, we're puttin' on the ritz for the 2012 Organization of Public Safety Telecommunicators awards banquet! See you there!!!!

Department Commendations by Lieutenant Lon Milka



On December 30th Officer Mike Gandy was dispatched to an address and arrived on scene to find a person on the floor without a pulse. Gandy started CPR in an attempt to revive the individual and after approximately 3 minutes, Gandy felt a pulse. The subject was transported to Sutter Roseville Medical Center.

Lt. Chad Butler received a letter from a Sacramento County DA Investigator commending Officer Mike Gandy on a job well done. On November 7th, Officer Gandy, conducting proactive patrol, located a wanted parolee from Sacramento County who has victimized numerous people in multiple jurisdictions and placed him under arrest for a no bail warrant.



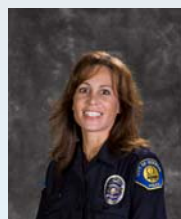
On January 17th Dispatcher Myra Salazar received a 911 call that a subject just front door kicked his way into a residence. From the second the call was answered, the necessary information gathered and the call for service entered, the time elapsed was a little over a minute. Going beyond that, from the time the call posted, until Dispatcher Angela Diehl dispatched it, was only 2/10 of 1 second.



Since the call was entered and dispatched in such an expedient manner, officers arrived on scene while the subjects were still inside the residence! The coordination was excellent. This is an example of how well we can respond and Dispatchers Salazar and Diehl did a stand up job by doing their part to respond to our fight against residential burglars.



On January 22nd, officers responded to the Rocklin Ranch Apartments on the report of a suicidal subject armed with a knife. Officers quickly devised a plan and made an approach while deploying lethal, and less lethal force options. Officer Roemmich took the lead with a less lethal shotgun. The subject jumped out of bed and held the knife above his head in a threatening manner. Officer Roemmich acted quickly and decisively and shot the subject in the stomach with a less lethal bean bag round which forced him to drop the knife. Officer Roemmich would have been clearly justified in the usage of lethal force, but he chose the least intrusive method. His actions should be commended for preventing the loss of life and avoiding injury to himself and to his fellow officers.



Officer Tina Mueller has done an excellent job at completing two Search Warrants for two of her own initiated cases to assist the Investigator's Unit. Good Job Tina.



Officer Patrick O'Brien received a letter from a sergeant associated with the California Association of Hostage Negotiators recognizing him for his debriefing presentation of a barricaded suicidal subject he was personally involved with. Officer O'Brien delivered an informative and valuable briefing training to 200-300 law enforcement professionals that proved to be a success. His efforts deserve commendation.



Records, Communication & Technology, Did You Know? by Records & Communication Manager Sandi Bumpus



Mgr. Sandi Bumpus

Communications and Records: Staffing

In order to bring staffing to authorized levels, both the Records and Communications units are in various stages of the hiring process. Communications is currently recruiting for an entry-level public safety dispatcher, and has a lateral part-time dispatcher in background. The Records unit has a part-time clerk in training, and has two additional part-time recruits in the background process. These are exciting times as we anticipate hiring and training these additional staff members to assist in fulfilling our public safety mission.

Communications: Expanding our Capabilities

When the Lincoln tank-car fire occurred back in August of 2011 requiring an emergency evacuation of the Lincoln Police Department, Rocklin public safety dispatchers took over the responsibility for receiving both emergency and non-emergency calls from Lincoln's citizens, as well as the public safety dispatching responsibility for both their police and fire departments. It quickly became apparent that this type of mutual aid was very effective, but also proved taxing to current infrastructure.

Following a review of after-action issues, Rocklin applied for and was approved for a Department of Homeland Security grant that will expand Rocklin's communication center by two additional call-taking positions. These

positions will provide full-service 9-1-1 and administrative call-taking abilities for the City of Rocklin, while providing enhanced capacity during critical incidents and mutual aid events. Installation is expected to begin within the next month.

Communications: Grand Jury Gives Rocklin a Thumbs Up

In early February, members of the Placer County Grand Jury toured Rocklin's public safety communications center. They were tasked with reviewing our capabilities, equipment, emergency response, and future planning. Gerald Harner, the Grand Jury technology task force team leader said the following in an email regarding Rocklin's communications center and its staff:

"I can assure you that our Grand Jury members were very impressed with not only the technological array but the professionalism and competence of the staff."

Records: Going "Paperless" Regionally

Rocklin will soon be participating in a pilot program that will allow the various records management systems maintained by law enforcement agencies in our county to collaborate "virtually." In the near future, all Placer County law enforcement agencies will be electronically sending documents, photos, audio files, and more to a secure, central data repository for daily retrieval at the DA's office. This will ultimately eliminate the need for a daily courier, reduce time delays in transfer of this critical data, and further enhance regional data sharing opportunities.

Technology: Technology Committee

In law enforcement, we are required to manage technology designed to facilitate communication through both voice and data, as well as remain dynamic in mastering complexities in mapping, data storage, retrieval, and information sharing. To better meet these needs, a public safety technology committee was formed late last year made up of stakeholders from both police and fire disciplines who work closely with our Information Technology department and/or contractors and vendors.

The goals of the committee include:

- Developing standardized methods for managing shared systems (CAD, radio, records management, MDCs, etc.)
- Developing redundancy in subject matter expertise
- Creation of informational guides, updates, and training materials and opportunities
- Serving as the conduit for technology requests from work groups
- Forecasting future technology needs

Committee members:

- Matt Diridoni, Co-chair
- Sandi Bumpus, Co-chair
- Kathy Adelman (Records)
- Sara Boccoleri (Communications)
- Heidi England (Communications)
- Dan Groff (Patrol)
- Tom Dwyer (Patrol)
- John Shelton (Fire Admin)
- Sean Finders (Fire)
- Marty Holm (Fire)
- Ryan Brayton (Fire)

Home Security Inspections by Manager Mike Nottoli



Mgr., Mike Nottoli

If you are looking to improve the safety and security of your home, the Rocklin Police Department has a free service designed to help you. Rocklin Police and Fire Volunteers will visit your home and conduct an inspection of the exterior and interior of your residence. The inspection takes about 30 minutes. You will receive a written report containing suggestions for improving your home security.

Most of these suggestions will not cost a lot of money or take a great deal of time and energy to implement. The inspection examines areas such as address visibility, alarm systems, appearance, dogs, doors, fences, fire safety, gates, hinges, key control, landscaping, lighting, locks, strike plates, visibility, and window security.

In response to the recent uptick in residential burglary, the de-

mand for these inspections has increased dramatically. Volunteer Branch Director Dave Lindsay has trained Volunteers Ted Rogers, Dave Tietz, Phyllis Tietz, Wayne Lininger, Dave Fountain and Adam Jones to assist in this assignment. Together, they have completed 12 inspections in the past few weeks, and have an additional 12 currently being scheduled.

Lindsay says one of the most common deficiencies involves how strike plates are attached to door frames. He estimates that 90% of the strike plates he has checked are attached with screws less than ¾ of an inch long. The recommended screw length is 3 inches. When someone attempts to force entry by kicking a door, having the longer screws makes it much more difficult to do so.

If you are interested in receiving a home security inspection, please contact Michael Nottoli at the Rocklin Police Department at

(916) 625-5416.

RPD Hosts Free Catalytic Converter Etching Event by Manager Mike Nottoli



Mgr., Mike Nottoli

On Saturday, February 11th, the Rocklin Police Department hosted a free event designed to deter and apprehend catalytic converter thefts in our region.

The event was held at the Les Schwab Tire Center on Pacific Street in Rocklin and was sponsored by local businesses and organizations including Les Schwab Tires, Lowes, Superfast Signs, Big Daddy's Pizza Co., Starbucks Coffee, Kona Coffee, Wave Broadband, Minute-man Press, the Rocklin Police and Fire Volunteers, the Sierra College Auto Club, and the Rocklin Chamber of Commerce.

The event was staffed by 24 Rocklin Police and Fire Volunteers and several Sierra College Auto Club students. They all did an outstanding job of controlling the vehi-

cles and keeping things flowing smoothly. The event was also covered by four local television networks with several live feeds.

Between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., vehicle license plate numbers were etched onto the catalytic converters of 151 vehicles! It was truly a busy morning. The presence of the license plate numbers can deter criminals and provide police with investigative information to identify victims and prosecute criminals. The area around the etching was also sprayed with bright heat resistant paint to draw attention to the markings.

In the first 3 weeks of 2012, there were 29 reported catalytic converter thefts in Rocklin Catalytic converters, along with copper and other metals, have

become a hot commodity for thieves. The most common vehicles that catalytic converters are stolen from are Toyota trucks and SUVs due to their ground clearance. However, this crime is not just specific to Toyotas.

We will be conducting another etching event in April. If you are interested in having your vehicle etched in April, please call and leave a message at (916) 625-5418.



St. Baldrick's Foundation Event by Corporal Eric Dollar



Cpl. Eric Dollar

The time is fast approaching for the St. Baldrick's event. It is March 10th at the Galleria. This year we are teaming up with Rocklin Fire and have formed the team "Rocklin Guns and Hoses" It would be great to get a huge turnout for this event. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a tremendous organization that raises millions of dollars for cancer research.

This year, Chief Lawrence decided to let us grow our goatees but, he did not want to part with his parking spot as the reward for best goatee. Therefore, he has asked anybody who is growing a goatee to either contribute to the event or become a shaver. As of now, we only have three officers signed up on the team. We need to step it up and make this the biggest turnout ever. Even if you are not going to be bold and shave for kid's cancer, you can still donate to those of us who are joining the shave down. All you have to do is go to their website at: www.stbaldricks.org. Once you are there, find our event which is March 10th at the Galleria, find team Rocklin Guns and Hoses and pick a participant to donate towards.

I sure hope we raise more money than the team from Roseville PD.

About the St. Baldrick's Foundation

The St. Baldrick's Foundation funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. St. Baldrick's funds are granted to some of the most brilliant childhood cancer research experts in the world and to younger professionals who will be the experts of tomorrow. Funds awarded also

enable hundreds of local institutions to participate in national pediatric cancer clinical trials, a child's best hope for a cure. Since the Foundation's first grants as an independent charity in 2005, St. Baldrick's has funded more than \$78 million in childhood cancer research. For more information about the St. Baldrick's Foundation please call:

1.888.899.BALD or visit www.StBaldricks.org.



Department Annual Honors & Awards by Lisa Holden

Every year the department formally recognizes extraordinary work, exemplary character, and courageous acts. This year, the list of achievements and award recipients seemed to go on forever. The awards ceremony was a welcome reminder of the professionalism and talent we have here at the Rocklin Police Department.

Sergeant Tom Dwyer and Corporal Gil Farrulla represented the Rocklin Police Honor Guard as they ceremoniously marched and posted the colors. Chief Lawrence delivered some opening remarks before turning over the presentation of awards to the Management Team. The ceremony was kept at a steady pace because there were so many honorees.

And the winners are...



Officer of the Year

Matt Roemmich



Dispatcher of the Year

Michelle Buckland



Professional Staff Person of the Year

Virginia Trevino

Bronze Medal of Valor

Greg Jensen

Jason Westgate

Medal of Merit

Michelle Buckland

Life Saving

Mike Gandy

Tracy Hedrick

Congratulations to ALL the winners!



New Faces at the Rocklin Police Department



Please join us in welcoming new part-time Records Clerk Stacey Wyke and Code Enforcement Officer Larry Merrell. Stacey comes to us with previous background in law enforcement having previously worked as a correctional officer for the State of California and Larry Merrell comes straight from the

Building/Planning Department under the city's new organization. Both Stacey and Larry are a welcome addition to the Department.





FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 25, 2012

11:00am - 1:00pm



7221 Laguna Blvd., Elk Grove 95758
916-714-0141

\$20/person

includes ribs, chicken, rice, soft drink

RAFFLE PRIZES: \$1/ticket or \$20 for 25 tickets

(winner need not be present to win)

To purchase tickets, make a donation, or get more information about the luncheon or the Police Unity Tour, please contact Elk Grove PD Officer Dan Koontz at (916)753-3465 or Michelle Walker via e-mail at mnmjava@aol.com.



Join this event at
"Police Unity Tour
- Outback Lunch &
Fundraiser"

WHAT IS THE POLICE UNITY TOUR?

For the past several years, local police officers and survivors have participated in this 290-mile bicycle ride from New Jersey to Washington, DC to honor and remember police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. They join more than 1,000 other cyclists from across the country to raise money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum and increase awareness of the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers. Last year, the Police Unity Tour donated \$1.5 million to the Memorial, bringing the total contributions to date to more than \$8 million.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help these local riders with their \$1,800/rider fundraising obligation and travel expenses not included with the ride.

Thank you for helping us "ride for those who died"!



Officers and survivors from Elk Grove PD, Rocklin PD, Sacramento Sheriff's Dept., and the CHP at the 2011 Police Unity Tour.



A surviving CHP child makes a rubbing of her father's name at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.