

ROCKLIN PD NEWS



Rocklin Police Department

Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

Policies, Policies, and More Policies

What the heck is a policy anyway? Webster defines it as "a definite course or method of action selected from alternatives, and in light of given conditions, to guide and determine present and future decisions."

When I came to Rocklin in 2001, the first problem I faced was supervisors complaining about inconsistency in operations and decisions. I recognized that we did not have clearly defined and communicated expectations. The policy and procedure development and rollout system is curing that issue.

So how are we doing? To date, 90% of department personnel have started the review process of the policies distributed, and 16 high-achievers have completed all of their packets. This is great news given the short time the packets have been out.

I know that some of the tests took a bit of time to complete. We have received some feedback about how they could be made easier to complete and will incorporate those suggestions in the future. We have also received some very good feedback and suggestions regarding policy content. Please keep it coming.

Remember that our policies and procedure represent our best plan right now. With time all things change, we gain more information, community or legal expectations change and we must adapt. But the more we all understand the "definite course or method of action" the closer we get to our vision of excellence.



Special Points of Interest

- Message from the Chief
- RPD Child ID Program
- Two Year Budget Approved
- New SWAT team members

The Story of the Missing Captain by Anonymous

As this newsletter goes to press, both Captains are engaged in FBI National Academy activities.

One is most likely running through the famed woods of a Marine Corps base giving him an opportunity to reflect upon his career. The other is on an airplane, flying to Phoenix for the FBI National Academy Associates Annual Training and an opportunity to meet with former classmates.

These once in a lifetime opportunities offer a few lessons for us all to consider. The academy is hard to get into (the selection process usually

takes several years), so when an opportunity to participate came along Captain Lawrence was ready to take it. Often such opportunities have narrow windows and we need to be ready when the opening occurs. It's never too late to prepare for your future and let others know about your aspirations.

The National Academy introduces officers to different cultures and new ways of doing things. Our Captains are meeting people from other countries and learning how they deal with things like terrorism, gangs and community problems. Each of us in Rocklin can learn so much from

the citizens we serve and from our fellow employees and those in neighboring agencies. Sometimes we need to step out of our own shells and initiate that contact. It's amazing what we can learn.

Both are experiencing camaraderie among their peers similar to the culture of excellence and sense of teamwork we are developing in Rocklin.

The academy stresses that being a police officer is more than just doing a job. It's about bonding with police officers, and the way they respond to a call for assis-

tance with the assurance that other officers are on the way to help them. The academy teaches you the importance of having a support system, and why it is important to call home and thank our families for allowing us to take the time to do this kind of training and supporting us in the work we do.

Four Rocklin Police Officer's have participated in or completed the FBI National Academy:

- Chief Mark Siemens —Class 164
- Dan Ruden — Class 210
- Stuart Davis — Class 222
- Ron Lawrence — Class 230

Rocklin Reserve Officers Return to The Academy by Reserve Officer Doug Vance

On April 26th, Ron McCray and I were invited back to the Modular Police academy at Sierra College. As past graduates, we were asked to speak to the cadets regarding what it took to get through the level II academy while holding down full time jobs and meeting family obligations. I graduated in June of 2005 while McCray graduated in June of 2006.

Also discussed was the transition from the Academy

to working as a Reserve Officer for Rocklin Police department. I explained that our Reserve team consists of seven highly qualified individuals with room for approximately seven more over time.

According to Chief Brian Vizzusi, who is responsible for the academy, the response from the cadets and staff was nothing but positive. "I am actually going to use the material to go over

with each and every class from this day out." Chief Vizzusi also wished to thank the Rocklin Police Department for allowing us the opportunity to provide such

valuable information in a very professional manner.



Officer's Doug Vance and Ron McCray

Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATTF) by Mike Gandy

The Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force (RATTF) is now operational as of 07-16-2007 and operating out of the Rocklin Police Facility. The task force will target auto theft suspects and "chop shop" operations to reduce vehicle theft and related crimes within Placer County. Using aggressive, innovative and proactive enforcement measures, the new unit will work closely with law enforcement agen-

cies throughout the area to accomplish the following tasks:

- Increase arrests and convictions of vehicle theft suspects.
- Gather and disseminate vehicle theft information
- Increase the recovery rate of stolen vehicles within Placer County.
- Provide vehicle theft-related training to law en-

forcement personnel

A California Highway Patrol Sergeant supervises the task force with detectives assigned from Roseville, Rocklin, and the Placer County Sheriffs Department. Department .

Expectations are high for the new unit due to the large influx of stolen and recovered stolen vehicles in the Placer County Region.



3000th Rocklin Child Fingerprinted! By Mike Nottoli



RPD Volunteer Michelle Pluth fingerprinting Mara Shutt

On June 6th, Mara Shutt became the 3000th child fingerprinted by the Rocklin Police Department's Child I.D. Program. Michelle Pluth, a Rocklin PD Volunteer, did the honors at Lonetree Park. This program, staffed entirely by volunteers, has been in existence since January of 2005 and has held sessions at Rocklin public schools, nursery schools, retail businesses such as Safeway, Albertsons, and Bel Air, and also at Rocklin Jubilee, Hot Chili-Cool Cars, and other locations. Parents who participate

in this program receive their child's photograph, a full set of fingerprints, a DNA sample, and information booklet compliments of the Rocklin Police Department. The department does not retain any information on children but will be aided by this material if the need should ever arise. The goal of this project is to reach all Rocklin children.

Anyone desiring to know more about this program or to schedule a session should contact Mike Nottoli,

Community Programs Coordinator at the police department, 625-5416 or John Adams, volunteer at 632-9848.



SWAT Team Adds New Members by Lt. Dave Johnstone

Recently, several officers from the Rocklin Police Department, Roseville Police Department and the Lincoln Police Department tested for a limited number of vacant positions on the Rocklin/Roseville Regional S.W.A.T. Team. Congratulations to the following successful Rocklin Police Department candidates:

Officer Godwin – Entry team

Officer Griffin – Sniper observer

Officer Handley – TRV operator

Officer Osborne – TRV operator

These officers are commended for their commitment in preparing for and successfully completing this grueling testing process. Congratulations and good luck.



Tactical Response Vehicle



James Godwin



Luke Griffin



Tony Handley



Chris Osborne



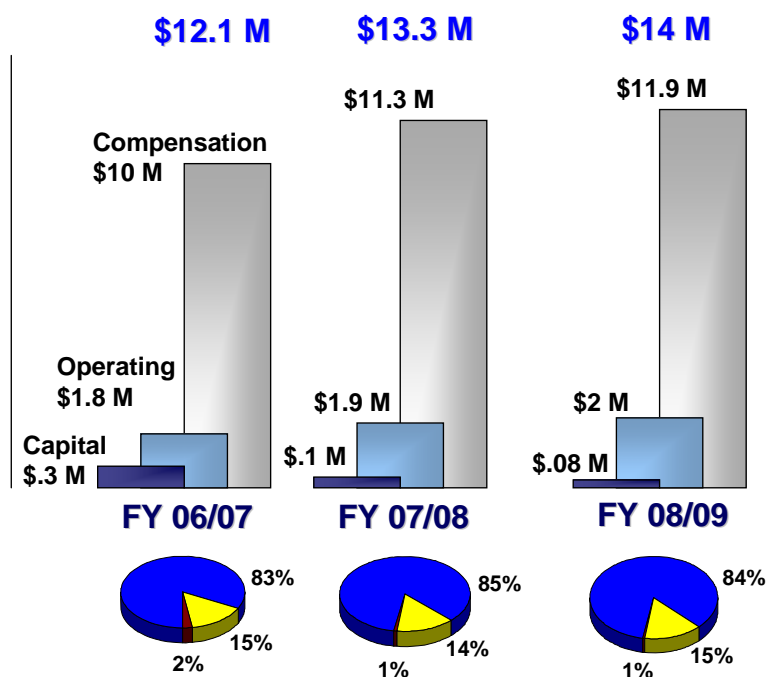
Davis Honored

On June 12, Stuart Davis was honored for his 26 years of dedicated service to the law enforcement profession and the City of Rocklin.

Welcome New Officers

Zachary Lewis and Gavin Ray joined the Rocklin PD team on July 2 as new recruits. Both officers are attending the Police Academy and upon successful completion, will join the Rocklin Police Department as full-time officers. Zachary lives in Citrus Heights and has volunteered as an intern at the Roseville PD. He also worked part-time as a facility manager for Roseville, Parks & Recreation. Gavin lives here in Rocklin and has worked for the City as a Recreation Specialist for the last 6 years. Welcome and good luck at the Academy!

Two Year Budget Approved



Zach Lewis

Gavin Ray

New Dispatch Schedule

The Communications Center will be experimenting with a new schedule this coming shift rotation that includes a combination of ten and twelve hour shifts. This shift configuration will give us the greatest amount of coverage during the busy call times with the smallest amount of overtime required. We will evaluate the schedule as a team and determine if it is a permanent option for future shift rotations.