

ROCKLIN PD NEWS



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Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

Monday, March 9, 2006, I spent the day with the City Council and City Department Directors for the Annual Council Retreat. In this forum, we talked about the future of the City's revenues and expenses over the next five years and beyond. Each department leader presented the vision of their department as our city reaches build-out.

The day painted a bright future for our city with growing tax base and continued high quality developments yet to come. However, it was apparent that the future beyond five years would be different than the present. While we will be a financially strong community, we need to plan now on how to assure we will have the resources to maintain the high level of services our community demands. In addition, we must look for ways to operate most cost

effectively and efficiently.

During the afternoon, department directors presented the City Council with some of the near-term needs of each department. I presented the need to **create and staff Beat 5, man a third console in dispatch, and increase staffing in our traffic unit by two officers.** The City Council, as usual, maintained their strong support for public safety and requested that those items be included for consideration during the 06-07 budget process.

These initiatives will stress our ability to recruit and train new officers. We are working with City Human Resources to create new and more effective recruitment strategies in today's market for sworn and professional positions. I am also working with H.R. to create a police trainee position so

we can hire and send recruits to the academy. This will be the third leg of our hiring strategy for sworn officers as we will maintain our efforts to find lateral and academy graduate candidates. Of course, once hired, we will need to train all of these new officers and members. I am asking staff to review our FTO capacity and make recommendations.

We are truly fortunate to be in Rocklin at this moment. We are a growing City with a great future. Our City Council has a clear vision and commitment to maintain the quality of life we currently enjoy, and they certainly support the police mission to which we are all so committed.



Traffic Unit and Public Works Team Up to Stop Speeders by Lt. Steve Newman

On February 21st, the *Traffic Unit* teamed up with *Public Works* to slow down traffic near Twin Oaks Park. Officer Finney was posted inside a Public Works truck bucket, hoisted 30' above the roadway, and shot radar as his teammates pulled over cars that were speeding past the park. Ten speeding citations were issued in a little over an hour. Some of those cited included Rocklin High School students as they left school for the day. The word around the High School the next day was, "watch out for those

Public Works trucks!"

The goal of the program is to provide safety to the Public Works employees who routinely work out in the roadway and to try some innovative approaches to overall traffic safety. The program will be expanded in the future to include additional locations throughout the city.



Kudos by Staff

Congratulations to Michelle Buckland, who was chosen Rocklin's Dispatcher of the Year. An award will be presented to Michelle at the annual Organization of Public Safety Telecommunicators Dispatcher of the Year banquet held at UC Davis on April 15th. Michelle's customer service, willingness to help, and technical knowledge supported her nomination and forthcoming vote as Dispatcher of the Year for 2005.

"Great job!" goes out to our Detectives and Patrol units. On March 9th, a quick response to a Safeway store netted five arrests and a large amount of stolen property. Safeway Loss Prevention observed a "crew" of five enter the store and called the RPD. According to the FBI, the "crew" has been responsible for thousands of dollars in stolen property from Northern California Safeway stores, including 250K from Rocklin stores.

Commendations to Officers Padu-veris, Cruz, Wilks, Ortmann, Clark, Griffin, and CSO Hedrick. Each officer worked together to complete a thorough investigation that started out as a petty theft from a vehicle and resulted in four arrests and recovery of stolen property, including a stolen shotgun. These officers have shown their dedication and commitment to the Rocklin Police Department. CSO Hedrick assisted the officers by taking the original report and returning the stolen property back to the victim.



Placer SIU Bust of the Month by Brandon Olivera

In December of 2005, agents from the Placer Special Investigations Unit (SIU) initiated a narcotics investigation into a local black tar heroin dealer. This investigation was started after two Rocklin PD patrol officers made a significant arrest and passed on important information to agents from SIU.

Approximately two months later, SIU agents concluded this investigation and executed a search warrant at a residence in Citrus Heights, CA.

The search warrant led to the seizure of nine ounces of black tar heroin, one ounce of cocaine, a loaded 9mm semi-automatic handgun, and the arrest of two convicted felons for conspiracy to distribute black tar heroin.

Good teamwork and the proper channeling of information made it possible to bring two dangerous felons to JUSTICE!!!!

Franklin Covey Training

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and participation in developing the department's new Mission, Vision and Values Statement. On March 23rd and 24th, Don Tanner from Franklin Covey will be here to go through the Mission and Vision creation for each division, team or unit. All full-time members please remember to attend your assigned training session. Volunteer members will be meeting with Chief Mark Siemens at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22nd.

Fatal Vision Goggles by Officer Chris Osborne

This year, I will be teaching a substance abuse course along with the health teachers at Whitney High School. I have developed a Power Point presentation that will be given to all tenth graders. The presentation covers seven drugs showing the short and long term affects they have on the body. The students will get a study sheet to follow along with and fill out during the 90-minute presentation. While developing this presentation, I thought of teaching a class on alcohol abuse. The

idea led to a company that designs goggles that give the effect of being impaired. The department purchased these goggles and they will be used in this class. After students hear a lecture regarding the effects and consequences of using alcohol, they will have a chance to drive a tricycle-type vehicle while wearing the goggles. The students will maneuver through a road course with intersections, stop signs, and other traffic. Students will then exit the "vehicle" and be put

through a modified driving under the influence traffic stop. Whitney High School is supporting this program and has purchased the cones and "tricycles". This is the pilot year for the course, and I plan on taking it to more schools next year and eventually modify it slightly to be practical at the middle school level.



Chris Osborne



Property Booking Tips by Sharon Whitaker

Always use extreme caution when handling needles and syringes. Due to their potential for injury, it is not necessary to book needles into property and evidence. It is sufficient to photograph and destroy the needles. If the needles are capped, they are to be placed in the red hazardous medical waste container located under the sink in the bag and tag room. If they are not capped, place them in a

Sharps container prior to placing them in the waste container. Loaded syringes are to be booked in for Valtox analysis. The syringe should be placed in a Sharps container. Never attempt to extract the liquid from the syringe; this can be accomplished by the lab tech at Valtox. Complete the white Valtox envelope and place the protected syringe inside, book as usual. The

syringe will be sent directly to Valtox for analysis. Loaded syringes are not stored in property and evidence. Upon conclusion of the case, Valtox is responsible for destroying the syringes.



Sharon Whitaker

New Faces

One new officer joined RPD in March and another will begin in April.

Chris Spurgeon joins us from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, where he served as a deputy sheriff for seven years. While at Santa Clara SO, Chris was a F.T.O., auto theft detective, and was a member of the CSI team. He was most recently assigned as a detective in the contract city of Cupertino. Prior to becoming an officer in Santa Clara, Chris worked nine years at the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety in a support posi-

tion. Chris' accomplishments include:

- Bachelor's Degree in Political Science
- AS degree in Administration of Justice
- Intermediate POST Certificate

Chris and his wife, Rebecca, are moving from San Jose to Placer County. In his spare time, Chris enjoys home remodeling.

Darrell Jantz joins us from the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, where he served as a deputy for five years. In addition to being a

police officer, Darrell is a:

- Certified Emergency Medical Technician
- former member of the Ski Patrol

Darrell's parents live in the Applegate area and are looking forward to Darrell and his wife, Amber, moving here along with their 5-month-old granddaughter, Ainsley.



Chris Spurgeon



Darrell Jantz