

ROCKLIN PD NEWS



Rocklin Police Department

Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

A May Budget Update

As we reach mid-May, administrative staff members are working feverishly on ways to bring the 2008/2009 budgeted expenditures into line with available revenues. Staff members are also looking for ways to save remaining money in this year's budget.

Operational expenses have been trimmed, from radio contracts to uniform replacement accounts. Many of the ways we have done business in the past are being challenged in an effort to meet the downturn in our economy. No need to vapor-lock here, we do not foresee anyone losing their job. We are fortunate to be in a city with reserves to help weather the next few years.

Our biggest challenge will be carrying out the plans to save money in the next fiscal year. The biggest expense we have in the police department is personnel. How we manage our personnel resources is

our greatest opportunity to reduce costs and increase efficiencies. So what does that mean for this next year? It means employing various strategies to reduce overtime for court appearances, training, shift fills and looking at ways to reduce police officer support to special events. It may also mean leaving some vacancies unfilled for a portion or all of the year.

For some of our members, this may be the first experience of tight economic times as a government employee. Some of us have been through this drill many times. All cities in California are facing the same fiscal issues, many without the level of reserves we have in Rocklin. However, reserves are hard to come by and should not be spent lightly. All indicators predict this economic climate will last at least a couple of years.

The old saying "necessity is the mother of invention" applies here. I will ask for your patience and assistance as we make it through these times. If you have any questions about changes or rumors, please do not hesitate to direct an email to me or either of the Captains.

We will certainly make some changes during the next couple of years to find economies, but at the end of this we will be leaner, more efficient and creative in meeting the demands of our mission.



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Captains Corner, by Dan Ruden and Ron Lawrence

From the Michael Josephson Institute for Policing Ethics:

It's Not Like the Movies

I was just honored to deliver an invocation at the Los Angeles Police Academy. As I shook the hand of the graduates, I could feel their earnestness and eagerness to begin their careers protecting and serving the community and being worthy of the pride and confidence of their families, instructors and classmates.

I don't think many citizens realize how complicated, demanding

and dangerous policing is in today's world.

TV and movie stereotypes depict it as full of high-speed chases, shootouts, fistfights and roughing up bad guys. We see "one-man-army" avengers who take on incredible odds and "rules-are-made-to-be-broken, make-my-day" rebels who flaunt laws and disobey orders.

In fact, professional policing values intelligence over impulse. It requires a high degree of problem-solving and communication skills (often in two languages), self-discipline and unwavering respect for the law.

There's simply no room for irresponsible, insubordinate or emotionally self-indulgent individuals. Most movie cop heroes would be fired or imprisoned in real life.

The job has changed so much that professional policing associations have changed their designation from "law-enforcement officers" to "peace officers" to better reflect the array of tasks the modern officer performs.

Law enforcement -- chasing criminals, interrogating suspects, making searches and arrests and testifying in court -- represents only a fraction of what peace officers do. Most of their time is

spent helping people in other ways, including resolving disputes, dispensing advice, taking reports, regulating crowds and traffic and aiding persons in danger or distress.

Yet despite this commitment to service, these fresh-faced newbies will have to endure physical dangers, verbal abuse and continual criticism. It's a very tough job, and they deserve our appreciation and support.

Michael Josephson - Institute on Policing Ethics

Honor Guard at the Police Memorial, by Lt Lon Milka

On May 13th, the department's Honor Guard represented our department at the California Peace Officer's Memorial adjacent to the State Capitol Building. Trent Jewell, Dan Groff, and I were there along with first time attendee Tom Dwyer.

Our job was to pay tribute and honor to those who have died in the line of duty throughout California's history; particularly to those who died last year. Throughout the day we were quizzed about the memorial by visitors. We talked with visitors from local high schools, San Diego, Central Wisconsin, and from

Germany.

The Honor Guard has been attending the memorial for Police Week for 8 years. We are among a select group from Northern California Law Enforcement Agencies Honor Guard Units who are invited to participate each year.



MCI Drill at Sierra College, by Sgt. Trent Jewell

On Wednesday April 23, 2008 Sierra College personnel, Law Enforcement personnel, Fire personnel and Emergency Medical teams from Placer County descended upon Sierra College to gain experience in dealing with a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI). Months of preparation and planning by all agencies involved culminated in this event. Officers from Rocklin, Roseville, Lincoln,

CHP and Sierra College responded to a fictitious call of an active shooter on the campus. The shooter was randomly shooting victims while en route to the Athletic Department offices to confront the Athletic Director. The officers gained valuable experience in how to deal with an active shooter and also in how to deal with multiple victims. Officers cleared the scene and took out

the shooter enabling medical personnel to enter and begin to deal with over 45 victims with various injuries. The Incident Command System was established for the drill and both Fire and Police personnel gained valuable experience in how the system actually works to coordinate and run a large scale scene. The purpose of this training exercise was to test the agencies prepar-

edness in dealing with such an incident and to come away with a better understanding of what actually needs to get done if something like this ever occurs. Thank you to all involved for the many hours of planning and preparation it took to accomplish this training.



More New Faces! by Lt. Mike Freeman

Officer Michael Norman comes to Rocklin from the Pacific Grove Police Department with 6 years experience. Officer Norman was previously employed with the Susanville Police Department for 5 years. He is a POST certified Firearms and Defensive Tactics Instructor. He began Rocklin PD Field Training Monday, April 21st, 2008.



Officer Gregory Jensen come to Rocklin from the Stockton Police Department with 2 years of police officer experience since graduating from the Sacramento Sheriff's Academy in 2006. He began Rocklin PD Field Training on Monday, April 28th, 2008



Officer Neil Costa come to Rocklin from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department with nearly 4 years experience. Officer Costa is a POST certified F.T.O. and Driver Training Instructor. He began Rocklin PD Field Training on Monday, May 5th, 2008



Shriners Honor Rocklin Detective, by Captain Ron Lawrence

The Sacramento area Shriners honored Detective Chris Spurgeon at their annual law enforcement dinner awards banquet, held at the North Ridge Country Club on April 26th. This was the 17th annual Shriners law enforcement recognition awards banquet, and they honored several different officers in a variety of



categories from the Sacramento Region for outstanding service and excellence in law enforcement. Our very own Detective Chris Spurgeon was recognized and received an award for his hard-work and dedication to crime suppression during 2007 in the City of Rocklin. Congratulations Det. Spurgeon!

Police Upset Fire in B-Ball, by Staff Writer

For the past three years, Rocklin firemen have challenged police officers to a basketball game to benefit the Whitney High School scholarship program. In year one, fire was decidedly beaten. In year two, fire, with the help of some lucky three-pointers, took the game. That brings us to this year.....

April 29, 2008, Rocklin, CA, at Whitney High School Gym, Rocklin Firefighters and Rocklin Police Officers met for the grudge match. There were ten of them and seven of us, but cops are used to being outnumbered.

As the game began, fire came out and quickly put points on the board. After several minutes of

play, the police bench, Roemmich and Siemens, took the court to give two members a breather. Siemens scored a quick basket off of a great pass from Farrulla and drew the foul for a three point play with a hoop from the foul line. But, that was all for Siemens. Just following the penalty shot, a quick start ruptured the Achilles tendon on his left leg.

Fire Chief Mikesell was the closest to Police Chief Siemens when he went down and some thought at first Chief Mikesell pulled a "Tonya Harding" shot on Chief Siemens. But, later it was discovered that the cause of the injury was just "old guy" trying to play like a "young guy".



Well, with Siemens out, the police team was down to six players. The loss of the "old guy" seemed to improve their game. The fire team, still burdened by large numbers and an "old guy" of their own went on to lose 40-23.

Great game Police Team! Congratulations to players Steve Ortmann, Gil Farrulla, Matt Roemmich, Bart Paduveris, Adrian Passadore, Chris Osborne and a speedy recovery to Chief Siemens.

Peace Officers' Memorial Day and Police Week, 2008

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America



Across our Nation, law enforcement officers carry the great responsibility of protecting their fellow citizens. On Peace Officers' Memorial Day and during Police Week, we honor these brave public servants who fight crime, violence, and terrorism, and we pay homage to the heroes who have fallen in the line of duty.

With valor and devotion, our country's law enforcement officers stand watch on the front lines and help make our communities safer and more secure. Fulfilling their duties with courage and commitment, they work tirelessly and put themselves in harm's way, exemplifying the good and decent character of America.

As we observe Peace Officers' Memorial Day and Police Week, we pause to pay tribute to those who serve in law enforcement. On this occasion, we especially remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and we pray for the families and friends they have left behind. We thank all the extraordinary American men and women who have answered the call to serve in law enforcement for their commitment to justice and to their communities.

By a joint resolution approved October 1, 1962, as amended (76 Stat. 676), and by Public Law 103-322, as amended (36 U.S.C. 136-137), the President has been authorized and requested to designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" and the week in which it falls as "Police Week," and to direct that the flag be flown at half staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2008, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and May 11 through May 17, 2008, as Police Week. I call on all Americans to observe these events with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I also call on Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, officials of the other territories subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as well as appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half staff on Peace Officers' Memorial Day. I further encourage all Americans to display the flag at half staff from their homes and businesses on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH