

ROCKLIN PD NEWS



Rocklin Police Department

Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

Adjusting to the New Norm

The 2010/2011 Fiscal Year is about to begin. I appreciate the willingness of all of our personnel to agree to some compensation concessions to help balance the budget. Your efforts saved us an officer lay-off and the loss of a patrol K9.

Up to this point, we have cut or frozen over a dozen positions. With the slow recovery, (if there is even one going on) we do not see much growth in the near future. We are now at a point, that we need to re-prioritize our staffing and workload. Some organizational changes are being investi-

gated and some work is being left undone, especially at the administrative level. We have already cut our newsletter publishing to every other month, changed the annual citizen survey to every three years, cancelled the open house, and employed more volunteers to the PSU and Administration.

In the next couple of months, we will move through the changes that will allow us to manage through these tight times. We will keep you informed along the way.

Bright News for Old Mervyn's

Last week developers of the Blue Oaks Town Center Cinema 16 turned in the package to the Building Department to get permits. The sixteen screen theater complex is being created within the old Mervyn's building at Blue Oaks and Lonetree Boulevards.



"It is the Mission of the Rocklin Police Department to Serve, Protect and Promote a Safe Community."



Captains Corner by Captain(s) Dan Ruden and Ron Lawrence

Thursday, May 6th kicked off Peace Officer Memorial Week in California, with a candlelight vigil ceremony held at the California Peace Officers Memorial, just west of the State Capitol building, followed by the larger ceremony the next morning with thousands of California peace officers in attendance. Rocklin Police Department had uniformed representation at both of these events to pay tribute to our fallen hero's who were killed in the line-of-duty in California during 2009. Following this annual ceremony is a tradition of various police and sheriff departments volunteering to stand-watch at the memorial during five-hour blocks of time for an entire week. Rocklin Police Honor Guard members again graciously represented Rocklin PD at the Memorial on Monday, May 10th, from 8am until 1pm. Our Honor Guard consisted of Sergeant Trent Jewell, Sergeant Tom Dwyer,

Officer Jeff Kolaskey, Officer Gil Farrulla, Officer Dan Groff and Officer Adrian Passadore. Special thanks to our Honor Guard for representing.



IN THE LINE OF DUTY - 2010 HONORED OFFICERS

Sergeant Greg Hernandez
Tulare Co. Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: February 6, 2009

Sergeant Mark Dunakin
Oakland Police Dept.
EOW: March 21, 2009

Sergeant Ervin Romans
Oakland Police Dept.
EOW: March 21, 2009

Sergeant Daniel Sakai
Oakland Police Dept.
EOW: March 21, 2009

Officer John Hege
Oakland Police Dept.
EOW: March 22, 2009

Sergeant Steve May
Modesto Police Dept.
EOW: July 23, 2009

HONORED OFFICERS ENROLLED FROM PRIOR YEARS

Marshal Charles F. Lehman
Anaheim Marshal's Office
EOW: July 23, 1872

Officer Owen F. McManus
Union Pacific RR Police Dept.
EOW: March 31, 1938

Deputy Marshal Samuel Blundell
Vernon Marshal's Office
EOW: June 21, 1919

Sheriff Hal A. Singleton
Glenn Co. Sheriff's Dept.
EOW: December 26, 1951



Lieutenant Mike Freeman rides the U.S.A. by Captain Ron Lawrence



Lieutenant Mike Freeman was a member of the Rocklin PD motor team for more than eight years and loves to ride. Now that he doesn't ride with the motor-cops any longer, he still rides a lot in his off-time. On April 28th, Lieutenant Freeman set off on his 2009 Honda Gold-Wing, riding the "Four-Corners" ride to the four corners of the United States, traveling 9,524 miles, all in only 16 days, averaging 613 miles per day. Leaving Rocklin, his first stop was San Ysidro, California, where he began the first leg of the journey to Key West, Florida. Leaving the Sunshine State, Lieutenant Freeman made the next trek to Madawaska, Maine,

and finally ending in Blaine, Washington before returning home to Rocklin. The Four Corners U.S.A. tour is sponsored by the privately operated group, Southern California Motorcycle Association (SCMA), and ride rules allow for the four cities to be visited in any order, but they must all four be visited within 21 days. Riders have to mail the official SCMA envelope to the sponsor from one of the official checkpoints, along with a gas receipt from a service station in the checkpoint city, their odometer reading and one phone number from a location listed on a special SCMA map furnished to participant riders. All riders must take a photo of their motorcycle at each corner checkpoint as well, with the background of a post office, police station or a landmark that clearly shows the checkpoint city name.

Lieutenant Freeman is no stranger to long, competition

rides. Over the past few years during his off-duty time he has represented the Rocklin community in the *Iron Butt Association* competition rides such as the *Saddle-Sore 1000*, *Bun-Bunner 1,500*, and *Bun-Bunner 1,500 Gold* which is a 1,500 mile ride in under 24-hours. His Four-Corner's ride will be a portion of the SCMA's *Triple-Crown*, which includes the Four-Corners ride, the California Park Adventure ride and Three-Flags classic. Good luck lieutenant, and keep the rubber side down!



Ssssssssnake!!!!!! by Sergeant Tom Dwyer

On Mother's Day Dispatch received a frantic 911 call from an employee at Eco Station on Granite Drive. What is Eco Station? It's an environmental museum devoted to the collection, preservation and education of exotic animals. Eco Station also educates about the environment and provides tours of their animal exhibits. Eco Station prides itself in creating natural habitats for their reptiles, birds, fish and "creepy crawlies". The animals at Eco Station are cared for by trained handlers who are aware of the dangers in interacting with exotic ani-

mals. However, no one was prepared for what took place on May 9th.

A female employee of Eco Station had removed a 15 foot yellow Burmese Python from her cage in an attempt to feed her a lovely Mother's Day meal of fresh rabbit. However, the Python decided a meal of human forearm would taste better than a furry bunny. The Python, once removed from the cage, unhinged its jaws and latched itself onto the forearm of the female employee. The Python then

began to wrap itself around her body. A male employee, hearing the cries for help, grabbed a cell phone and dialed 911. He handed the phone to the female employee (she only had one free hand available), so she could give details to dispatch while both of them attempted to wrestle the snake. The struggle was on, consisting of two humans, one python and a cell phone with a surprised dispatcher on the other line. Medical and police were immediately dispatched to the scene. Medical Personnel, Officer Mueller, Sergeant Richardson and CSO Hedrick

arrived just as the Python had unlatched itself from the victims and was shoved back into its cage. The female sustained injury to her left arm while the male employee received cuts on his fingers. Luckily, everyone survived, including the Python.



Rocklin Police Volunteer Program Receives Service Award by Michael Nottoli

On Thursday, May 6, 2010, the Rocklin Police Department Volunteer Program received the California Volunteers Governor and First Lady's Medal for Service Award as the California Service Group of the Year. The award ceremony was held at the California Museum for History, Women and The Arts in Sacramento.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver spoke at the ceremony and paid tribute to volunteers and volunteer organizations in the following categories:

- California's Service Group of the Year – Rocklin Police Volunteer Program
- California's Volunteer of the Year – Kathryn Vaughn
- California's Business Volunteer Program of the Year – Cisco Systems, Inc.
- California's Small Business Volunteer Program of the Year – Bay Federal Credit Union
- California's AmeriCorps Member of the Year – Megan Mastache
- California's Nonprofit of the Year – WriteGirl

On hand to receive the award from the Rocklin Police Department were Captain Ron Lawrence and Police Volunteers Robert Jordan, Becky Kanowsky, and Rich Vallone. The award was presented by Matthew R. Bettenhausen, the Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency.

The Rocklin Police Department Volunteer Program was selected as the California Service Group of the Year because of its "demonstrable impact and unwavering commitment to the community." During the last 5 years, Rocklin Police Volunteers donated more than 55,000 volunteer hours providing an estimated \$1.2 million of service to the Department and community. The program currently has 114 members performing more than 50 services including:

- Abandoned Vehicle Enforcement
- Administrative, Clerical, Data Entry Functions
- Business and Neighborhood Watch Presentations
- Business License and Code Enforcement
- Child Fingerprinting and Identification
- Child Safety Education
- Citizen Patrol / Crime Prevention and Deterrence
- Crime Analysis / Crime Stoppers Program
- Emergency Community Notification System (WARN)
- Emergency Preparedness Training
- Front Counter / Records Customer Service
- Mail Processing and Delivery
- Radar Speed Surveys and Speed Trailer Deployment
- Security Inspections of Homes and Businesses
- Special Event Staffing
- Surveillance
- Traffic Control
- Vacation Home Security Checks

Although I oversee the program, much of the day-to-day management of volunteers is done by non-paid Volunteer Functional Coordinators Manuel Alcalá, Danielle Bergmooser, Marsha Fries, Bob Jordan, Becky Kanowsky, Dave Kemp, Stu Lehman, Dave Lindsay, Rick Smeaton, Kathy Smith, Rich Vallone, and Frank Yoschak. These individuals help to recruit, hire, train, schedule, deploy, supervise, and evaluate the volunteers.

The Rocklin Police Department plans to hire an additional 17 Volunteers in 2010. Each new Volunteer must successfully complete a seven-step selection process and a comprehensive

50-hour, 14-session Volunteer Police Academy. I congratulate and commend all 114 Rocklin Police Volunteers for winning this award and for serving the Police Department and community in an exemplary manner.

Pictured above are several Volunteer Functional Coordinators who were in attendance at the May 11th City Council meeting when Chief Siemens formally announced the award.

