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ROCKLIN PD NEWS

Chief Chatter by Ron Lawrence



Chief Ron Lawrence

Rocklin PD was well represented in Sacramento during Peace Officer Memorial week in May. Our Honor Guard stood watch during one of several four-hour blocks of time, standing guard at the Memorial during the week, paying our respects to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting their communities. My compliments to our Honor guard for their efforts to voluntarily stand watch at the Memorial. This is

an honored role, as not every law enforcement agency is allowed to participate in this honor because there are limited spots available. Rocklin PD's Honor Guard represented us very well.

I had an opportunity to attend the Peace Officer Memorial Enrollment ceremony on Monday, May 7th, along with Reserve Officer Braden Shav. While attendance this year seemed lower than previous years, there were probably close to one thousand peace officers in attendance none-the-less. We watched as the Governor and other dignitaries spoke about the sacrifices made by law enforcement professionals, and honored those who gave their lives. Eight new names were added to the Memorial plaque for officers killed in-the-line-of-duty in California in 2011, (see last page of this newsletter) and another added who was killed in the early 1900's. As occurs every year, the reading of names of those officers killed in



the line of duty during the previous year was each followed by the releasing of a symbolic dove, Taps played by buglers, police bagpipes and a formal procession. If you have never had the opportunity to attend the Peace Officer Memorial during the Enrollment ceremony, I highly encourage you to do so. It is an awesome sight and a

highly respectable tribute to our fallen comrades.



Traffic Unit Tests Victory Police Motorcycles by Deputy Chief Dan Ruden



Dep. Chief Ruden

Last week Victory Police Motorcycles delivered 2 of their police bikes to Rocklin PD for a day of in-service testing. Motor Officers **Jeff Amado** and **Steve Ortmann** temporarily traded in their BMW police motors for a spin on the Victory Police Commander I. Testing has begun on several of the leading police bikes as the Department prepares to replace two of the Traffic unit's aging BMW motorcycles. A primary consideration in selecting replacements will be the officers' feedback on safety and comfort, as they will be riding whatever

motorcycle is selected for 40 hours per week. Other considerations include total cost or ownership, reliability and ease of maintenance.

Victory Motorcycles are relatively new to the police market. They began production in 1998 and are manufactured in Iowa as a subsidiary of Polaris. The police version was introduced in 2007. Other police motorcycles under consideration are manufactured by Harley-Davidson, Kawasaki and BMW. Final selections and ordering will occur some time after July.



Motor Officer Steve Ortmann



Motor Officer Jeff Amado

Volunteer Corner by Volunteer Coordinator Mike Nottoli and Volunteer Dave Kemp



Mgr, Mike Nottoli



Vol. Dave Kemp

The City of Rocklin has 18 "Patrol Trained" volunteers who act as additional "eyes and ears" for our police department and community. However, before they hit the street, they must be properly trained to perform their patrol functions safely. To be "Patrol Trained" involves a substantial amount of initial training including a 12 week, 46 hour Volunteer Academy and a comprehensive Field Training Officer (FTO) program. Additionally, they must attend mandatory ongoing training throughout the year to learn new skills and to demonstrate proficiency with important perishable skills. This training in part is what allows us to deliver the highest quality of service to the Police and Fire Department and the citizens of Rocklin. After attending the Volunteer Academy, they must complete 20 hours of FTO field training with a qualified and experienced Training Volunteer. During this FTO process, the volunteer will be trained and/or perform a multitude of duties as outlined in the FTO checklist. This checklist is very comprehensive and is over 20 pages long. Also during this time, they will be trained on radio codes. Communications Branch

Director Manuel Alcala does a fantastic job of teaching and training the 72 "most important" codes that we use. Patrol Volunteers must pass a written code test with a minimum score of 80%. After finishing the FTO program, they must complete 16 additional hours of training with an experienced volunteer to practice what they have learned.

All patrol volunteers must participate in patrol training classes held during the year. These are hands on classes that include a variety of live scenario based training, self defense and advanced radio skills. The scenario training has been the most popular element of the ongoing training. For each scenario, the volunteers are scored based on the fundamental elements of the exercise. Training and coaching is done with appropriate feedback. The volunteers must demonstrate proficiency to continue in the patrol program. Some of the scenarios completed over the last 2 years are:

Traffic Control. We set up an intersection at the Sierra College parking lot and have 2 volunteers direct traffic with live cars. The cars are driven by other volunteers participating in the class. We instruct and evaluate proper intersection positioning, hand signals, traffic flow and whistle use. In this

controlled setting, we have been very successful in sharpening their skills.

Response to a Traffic Accident, first on scene. This includes everything from vehicle placement, cone deployment, radio traffic, scene and victim assessment, resource needs (fire, AMR, public works), possible criminal activity, etc.

Witnessing a crime in progress. Scene assessment, retreat activities, radio traffic.

Filling out a CHP 180 / Tow Sheet: Inventory the vehicle and fill out the form.

Vacation Checks. Proper vehicle position, radio traffic, scene assessment, and procedure.

As you can see, the training that all "Patrol Trained" volunteers complete is extensive, thorough, and on-going. And new this year, patrol trained volunteers have been issued a "Patrol" pin to identify that they have the training and skill necessary to safely have their boots on the street.

We thank all the Patrol Trained volunteers for their extra effort and commitment to training to make Rocklin a safer community.

Two Rocklin High Grads Awarded Matt Redding Scholarship by Staff



Officer Matt Redding
EOW: October 9, 2005

Rocklin High School seniors **Stephanie Nguyen** and **Natasha Pineiro** each received a \$1,000 *Assist-a-Grad* scholarship from the Matt Redding Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The Awards were presented by Deputy Chief Dan Ruden and John & Marilyn Redding at the Class of 2012 Rocklin High School Senior Awards Ceremony on June 4. The Matt Redding Foundation was established in 2005 in memory of Rocklin Police Officer Matt Redding who was killed in the line of duty while protecting his fellow officers and the community. The Foundation provides scholarships to graduates who are pursuing a career in the Law Enforcement, Fire Service, Military or Medical fields. Scholarships were also awarded at Whitney High, Del Oro and Sierra College.



Assist-a-Grad recipient, Natasha Pineiro with Marilyn & John Redding



Assist-a-Grad recipient, Stephanie Nguyen with Marilyn & John Redding

Investigations Unit Receive Award by Lieutenant Terry Roide



Lt. Terry Roide

Each year the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) invite individuals and groups of investigators from around the State of California to submit notable investigations. The Rocklin Police Department Investigations Unit submitted one of our investigations to POST, along with hundreds of other submissions from agencies around the state. The Rocklin Police Department Investigations Unit, specifically Sgt. Scott Horrillo, Detective Neil Costa, Detective Brad Alford, and Detective Rich Cabana, were selected as recipients along with Placer DA Investigator Nuno, for the group award. POST paid all the expenses for them to attend an Investigators Conference in Universal Studios, CA and on March 27th 2012, they presented a video of the case and each Investigator was presented with an award from POST. There were only 2 individual investigator awards and 3 group awards selected from hundreds of submissions.

Congratulations to the Investigations Unit and I would also like to share a synopsis of the case. This case was comprised of two separate investigations. The first was the investigation into the rape itself, including the efforts to identify, locate, and obtain DNA from the suspect. During this first

phase of the case, investigators conducted interviews with witness, friends, and associates of both the suspect and the victim. Photo line-ups were conducted using images obtained from local/state databases. Pre-text phone calls were attempted between the victim and the suspect in an effort to obtain a confession. Once the suspect's whereabouts became known, a GPS tracking device was used to determine where he was living, since he began to evade law enforcement. After several search warrants, additional interviews, and surveillance, the DNA evidence was collected from the suspect. The DNA evidence was sent to the California DOJ Crime Lab for analysis. It took approximately two months from the time of the rape to the time the suspect was located and his DNA was obtained. The DNA was submitted in May of 2009 and it was not until April 2010 when Investigators received confirmation of a DNA match on the suspect. The case went to trial in October 2011 and lasted two weeks. The second investigation in this case began when the suspect fled the state in an effort to avoid prosecution, after the trial had been proceeding for a week. For 11 days, over a dozen Investigators from several agencies worked hundreds of hours focusing their efforts on locating the suspect. Investigators used cell phone ping court orders for known cellular providers in an effort to identify the suspect's location. Search warrants were written for the suspect's

friends and family member's cell phones to determine if they were in contact with the suspect. A Search Warrant was served on PayPal to inquire if persons were sending him money via the internet. Craigslist was also served with a Search Warrant in an effort to find out what he sold or was selling to see how much money he could potentially have acquired. Phone records were analyzed and every number found was called and/or interviewed in person. Suspect's friends, family members, and co-workers, past and present were interviewed. In total, there were four search warrants written to 19 recipients over an 11 day period. In the end, the FBI used "Triggerfish" technology to locate the defendant in New York, New York where he was taken into custody without incident. The suspect had a book about how to disappear with him when he was arrested. The defendant through all those efforts was found guilty in absentia and after his return to California he was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole.



K9 Diva Competes by Lieutenant Chad Butler



Lt. Chad Butler

This year Corporal Westgate and his K9 partner Diva competed in the Western States Canine Associations Narcotic Canine Trials. During these trails K9 Diva and Corporal Westgate work as a team to locate narcotics that have been strategically hidden inside both buildings and vehicles. At the start of each event, the K9 handler is only provided the search parameters i.e. this building or this parking lot. The specific location, amounts and types of narcotics are not provided (this is a blind test). Once the search begins, the handler relies on his K9 partner to locate and alert him to any narcotics located.

In all canine trials, every attempt is made to keep each search area as realistic as possible, the rooms in the buildings and the vehicles in the parking lot are cluttered with various items and often times have food or other items hidden within them to peak the canine's interest. Each canine handler team search usually has a set time limit depending on the size and scope of the area to be searched. K9 teams are awarded points for the number of narcotics located. Likewise, points are deducted for inaccurate alerts as well as han-

dlar mistakes. If two K9 teams are awarded the same number of points on any given event, the tie is broken based on the fastest time for locating the first narcotic item.

In Diva's first competition, she took second place in the building search portions of the trial out of 22 canine team participants. Since then Corporal Westgate and K9 Diva have competed in two additional trials. Although she continues to improve, she has not placed again. Diva is scheduled to compete again on the 29th of June.



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



Mgr. Sandi Bumpus

Communications: MCI 2012 Emergency Preparedness Exercise

In May, a number of representatives from Rocklin's public safety teams including police, fire, and public safety communications participated in Placer County's

bi-annual mass-casualty incident (MCI) emergency preparedness drill. The premise of this year's exercise was a bus versus a tanker-truck carrying anhydrous ammonia which ruptured upon impact and sent a toxic plume from Roseville's northern border into Rocklin.

Communications Supervisor Sara Boccoleri served as a Communications Unit Leader during the exercise, providing supervision and oversight for the unit during the drill. Public Safety Dispatcher Michelle Buckland provided check-in for drill participants and then served as one of the radio dispatchers during the event. Technical Assets Coordinator Matt Diridoni served as the Communications Unit Technician, providing technical expertise and ensuring interoperable radio communications were available to a variety of participating county, state, and federal agencies with disparate radio systems.

In addition to activities in the field related to the drill, Roseville, Rocklin, and Placer County all opened their Emergency Operations Cen-

ters to manage regional resources, which in a real emergency, could become over-taxed without appropriate oversight and cooperation.

On all fronts of the drill, lessons were learned, relationships were established or solidified, and the goal of exercising and refining our regional emergency preparedness skills was accomplished.

Records: California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR) Training

In Rocklin, our Records specialists wear many professional hats. One of them is managing the arson, drug, and sex offender registration process mandated by statute. Our records staff members will be participating in an upcoming no-cost CSAR training opportunity sponsored by the Northern Valley Crime & Intelligence Analyst Association, and taught by the Department of Justice. This course will allow our staff to further enhance their skills and refine established processes.

As public employees, it is one of our goals to apply principles of sound fiscal stewardship to every endeavor, which includes ensuring critical training continues to be a priority in our organization. Due to the networking relationships developed with regional partners, our records team members have discovered innovative ways to both host and participate in shared, no-cost training venues.

Kudos to this team for continuing to find innovative ways to provide the quality services that Rocklin is well-known for.

Technology: REVERSE 911® Self Registration Portal Now Available!

The Rocklin Police Department's emergency notification system, Reverse 911®, now offers a cell phone registration portal via the city's website. This allows cell phone users or those with Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services like Vonage to take advantage of receiving mobile emergency or public service notifications that are currently only sent to land-lines within the Rocklin city limits.

The Self Registration Portal can now be accessed via the City of Rocklin website at www.rocklin.ca.us.



"Rocklin PSD Michelle Buckland and Roseville PSD Guppy Singh providing radio communications from the field for MCI 2012"

New Faces by Staff



Officer Jeremy Black

Officer Jeremy Black was born and raised in El Dorado County before moving to Rocklin in his late teens. In 2011 after 13 years of running his own furniture manufacturing company in Rocklin, he put himself through the Sacramento Police Academy. On May 11th, Officer Black became the newest full time Officer. Officer Black, is married to his wife of 16 years, Nicole, they have two children Ashlyn and Sam.



Records Clerk, Desiree Pickert

Desiree' Pickert was hired as a part-time records clerk on March 12, 2012. Desiree' has previous experience in event planning, marketing, and public relations. She and husband of twenty years, Jerry, have three children; Connor, Kelsey, and Gavin, and reside in Roseville.



PSD, Michelle Pagluica

Michelle Pagluica was hired as a part-time public safety dispatcher on April 23, 2012. Michelle is a lateral PSD with over five years experience with the Roseville Police Department. Michelle's husband John is a firefighter. Michelle has two children, Christina and Justin. In her free time, Michelle is working on obtaining a nursing degree.



Records Clerk, Zerica Schermerhorn

Zerica Schermerhorn was hired as a part-time records clerk on March 12, 2012. Zerica was self-employed prior to her employment with Rocklin, but has significant experience in customer service-related fields. Zerica's husband Russell is a Deputy Sheriff with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, and they have two children, Isabelle and Russell, II.

Department Commendations by Lieutenant Lon Milka



Property and Evidence Technician Sharon Whitaker is one of those "unsung" heroes in our trade. She does a superior job on an "all-the-time-basis." Recently, POST property and evidence auditors were invited to the Rocklin Police Department to inspect/audit the Property and Evidence Room and our procedures in dealing with property and evidence. Both were amazed at the efficiency of the working environment, the organization of the room, and the general order of the operation. Lieutenant Jamie Knox recently came into contact with the auditors and they lauded the appearance and functionality of the property and evidence room at Rocklin PD, saying that it is one of the best they have ever seen. Way to make us proud, Sharon!

Recently, Sharon took on the additional responsibilities of storing evidence for SIU since they, at that time, were about to lose the lease on their building. When Chief Ron Lawrence approached her with his evidence-moving idea, Sharon got the "can-do" bug and came up with a plan and away she went. Storing evidence for, in essence, two different agencies is not an easy task. However, Sharon rose to the occasion and "got 'er done." Sharon epitomizes the consummate property and evidence professional.



Sergeant Bart Paduveris made notifications of phone calls or letters that he received:

"(the writer) sent a letter to Rocklin Police Chief Ron Lawrence complimenting Rocklin PD on their outstanding service. She specifically cited the professional, prompt, and courteous treatment she received from Officer John Constable. She also

noted that her firm, RNB Property Management, conducts busi-



ness in several different cities and had never experienced the level of professionalism and promptness that Rocklin PD provides."

"(A citizen) completed a Commendation form for the service he received on 04/06/12 from Officer Booker. He wrote that Officer Booker was extremely professional and courteous and treated him with a lot of respect. He called Officer Booker's level of service outstanding."



Corporal Farrulla made notification of a note he received:

"Officer McGlinchey responded to a report of a lost cell phone from the Blue Oaks Cinema. Through his investigation and contact with the person who "found" the phone, he was able to return the cell phone to the rightful owners.

Citizens Greg and Bonnie Gorman sent Officer McGlinchey a thank you card expressing their appreciation for Officer McGlinchey's work to get their phone returned to them. The inside of the card in part stated: "Thank you so much your help in the retrieval of our cell phone...because you took the time to help, we got our phone back...thanks so much!"

I wanted to commend Officer McGlinchey for his great work and dedication to our citizens. Officer McGlinchey took the extra time and went beyond his normal duties to ensure that the rightful owners of the cell phone got their property returned to them. What a great example of community orientated policing, keep up the good work Officer McGlinchey."

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Ofc. Thomas Adams
CHP-Garberville
February 15, 2011

Ofc. Jermaine Anthony
Gibson
Cathedral City P.D.
March 19, 2011

Ofc. Andrew Garton
Hawthorne P.D.
May 26, 2011

Ofc. Ryan Stringer
Alhambra P.D.
July 10, 2011

Ofc. Daniel R. Ackerman
Buena Park P.D.
July 30, 2011

Ofc. Jeremy Henwood
San Diego P.D.
August 7, 2011

Ofc. James Capoot
Vallejo P.D.
November 17, 2011

Ofc. Anthony A. Giniewicz
Signal Hill P.D.
December 17, 2011

Fallen Officers
Not Forgotten