

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS



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



## Rocklin Police Department

### Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

CALEA On-site Assessors, Captain John Garavaglia (Golden, Co) and Lieutenant Ray Cornford (Rapid City, SD) conducted an on-site inspection Saturday, Dec 4, 2010 through Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Before arriving at RPD the assessors had already reviewed 300 compliance files previously mailed to them. While on-site, they toured the facility, sat through presentations, viewed static displays, reviewed more files, rode with patrol officers and interviewed a number of employees from all units in the department.

On Tuesday morning several members of staff sat in with the assessors for an exit briefing. In short, we did very well. Here is the score:

The Department was found to be in Compliance with all 313 Mandatory Standards and 71 of the

Optional Standards. With 20% allowed (15), the department only opted out of two (2) Optional Standards. There were 0 – non-compliance findings, 0 – Waivers, 0 – Applied Discretion (by the way, those are bad), and only 12 File Maintenance issues (those are no big deal).

Overall, the assessors were very impressed with the professionalism of our officers and professional staff, our transparency, our systems, our evidence room, our strategic plan, and especially our volunteer program.

The assessors believed that RPD is way ahead of most agencies in regard to the assimilation of CALEA into the culture and processes in the agency. They went on to say, most agencies take three to four re-accreditation cycles (12-15 years) to get where we are now, if they ever achieve it."

Great work on the part of all personnel who assisted in the on-site and especially the Accreditation Team, Sgt. Jamie Knox, Lt. Mike Freeman, Sgt. Chad Butler, Lisa McNeely, Ronee Robertson Officers Melissa Murphy, Natalie Constable, Pat O'Brien – Great Work!

In about sixty days we will receive the final report from the assessors. Then we go before the CALEA Board in March when we expect out re-accreditation award.



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

As we close out 2010 and move into 2011, we do so with some trepidation and uncertainty. Our long time City manager **Carlos Urrutia** retires this month after 26 years with the City, and we will soon have a new City Manager with his own style and ideas on where to take this great city. Police Chief **Mark Siemens** retires at the end of March after a decade of service with Rocklin PD. Other PD employees like **Bob Martin, Janice Westmoreland** and **Mike Freeman** are also wrapping up their long and honorable careers here. With all these changes, one could get a little anxious about the future. But before you do, you have to take a look at where we are now.

In an unprecedented economy our police department has taken some hits, but we've weathered the storm well through cooperation and responsible fiscal management. Our police officers and professional staff can take pride in having maintained the lowest crime rate in the region. You thoroughly impressed the CALEA onsite assessment team and we're poised for another 3 years of National accreditation. Our facility is the best in the region and our volunteer program is world class. We truly are fulfilling our vision of being known far and wide for excellence.

Your Captains are committed to maintaining this momentum and our department's stability through this period of change. We thank you for your part in everything that makes this department exceptional, and we honor the outgoing members who have played an immeasurable role in this success.

We wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday season and a happy new year.

*-Capt. Dan Ruden*

*-Capt. Ron Lawrence*

## New Rocklin Police Volunteers by Michael Nottoli

I am pleased to announce that 15 new Volunteers graduated from the Rocklin Police Volunteer Academy on November 16, 2010. The Volunteer Academy provides volunteers with an understanding of law enforcement's role in our community, and specific knowledge and training to help them become safe, productive, and professional police volunteers. The Volunteer Academy is 58 hours

in length and consists of twelve 3-hour multiple-topic sessions, one 8-hour session covering radio communications, safe driving, traffic control, and responding to traffic accidents and hazards, one 6-hour First Aid / CPR course, and ride-alongs with police officers and volunteers.

The new Volunteers recently conducted their post-academy interviews and will soon begin



their in-house and field training programs. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate

## Volunteer Program Receives International Award by Michael Nottoli

On October 26, 2010, the Rocklin Police Department received an award for "Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs" from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The award was sponsored by the Science Applications International Corporation to recognize volunteer programs that demonstrate innovative and effective practices for assisting sworn and civilian staff and improving service delivery to their communities. The award ceremony was held in conjunction with the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Orlando, Florida. On hand to accept the award from the Rocklin Police Department were Police Chief Mark Siemens and Crime Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator Michael Nottoli.

The Rocklin Police Department was one of only three agencies to receive this award. There were 44 entries in this category from law enforcement agencies across the United States and Canada. The other two winning agencies were the Palm Beach County Florida Sheriff Department and the Coral Springs Florida Police Department.

The Rocklin Police Department Volunteer Program plays an important role in serving the City of Rocklin. Between January 1, 2005 and August 31, 2010, Rocklin Police Volunteers donated 65,225 hours of labor. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, one hour of volunteer labor is worth \$20.25. Therefore, Rocklin Police Volunteers donated \$1,320,806 of labor over the last five years.

Each Rocklin Police Volunteer must successfully complete a seven-step selection process and a comprehensive 50-hour, 14-session Volunteer Police Academy. The program currently has 120 members performing more than 50 valuable services including:

- Abandoned Vehicle Enforcement
- Administrative, Clerical, and Data Entry Functions
- Business License Enforcement
- Child Fingerprinting and Identification
- Child Safety Education
- Citizen Patrol
- Code Enforcement
- Community Emergency Notification System
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Stoppers Program
- Front Counter and Records Customer Service
- Investigations Unit Assistance
- Mail Processing and Delivery
- Neighborhood Emergency Training
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Special Event Staffing
- Traffic Control
- Vacation and Home Security Checks

The program's organizational structure is one of the main reasons for its continued growth and success. The program is jointly managed by one paid Volunteer Coordinator and several non-paid Volunteer Functional Coordina-

tors who are each responsible for delivering specific services. Having Volunteer Functional Coordinators available to help train, schedule, and oversee the other 100-plus Volunteers has been a great recipe for success.

Police Chief Mark Siemens said, "The Rocklin Police Department has added tremendous capacity to serve the community through our Volunteers in Policing, and it is great to see all of their hard work recognized through this award." Chief Siemens will be presenting this award to the Rocklin City Council at the council meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

This is the second major award received by the Rocklin Police Department Volunteer Program this year. In May, the program received the "Governor and First Lady's Award for the Service Organization of the Year" in California. The program has also received recognition from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for Community Service in May of 2007, the Rocklin Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Achievement Award in November of 2006, and the Ben Ali Shrine Peace Officer Award for Community Service in April of 2005.



**Notes from the Council Meeting** by **Dan Ruden**



If you missed the December 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, you missed a lot. This was City Manger **Carlos Urrutia's** last Council meeting. Carlos retires on December 31<sup>st</sup> after over 26 years of service to the City of Rocklin. During his time with Rocklin, Carlos is said to have attended over 600 City Council meetings. Congratulations Carlos and enjoy your retirement! The Council also recognized two other City employees who are retiring this month: City Engineer **Larry Wing** who served for 9 years with Rocklin and Building Official **Pete Guisasola** who is retiring after 33 years with the City. Congratulations to all!

New City Council member **Diana Ruslin** replaced **Kathy Lund**, who has been on the City Council for 25 years. Kathy was recognized for her outstanding service as a Councilmember over the course of 3 decades, and her lifetime of service to Rocklin. The Council appointed **George Magnuson** as its new Mayor and **Brett Storey** as Vice Mayor. The City Council ratified a compensation agreement for our new City Manager, **Ricky Horst**. Mr. Horst was the Council's unanimous choice to replace Carlos as Rocklin City Manager. He will start work in

mid-February. In the meantime, City Attorney **Russell Hildebrand** was tapped by the Council to take the helm as Interim City Manager.

The Council adopted two significant new zoning changes. Municipal Code chapter 17-81 was added to regulate the growing of marijuana within the City. Currently there are no restrictions on how and where persons can grow marijuana when they are legally authorized to do so, such as a medical marijuana patient. Among other restrictions, the new ordinance requires any legal marijuana grow to be contained inside the house and limits the size of the grow area.

Municipal Code section 17.08.130 (Accessory Vehicles) was amended. It now prohibits parking an accessory vehicle (RV, utility trailer, etc.) from being parked within 1000 feet of the owner's residence for more than 7 days in any 30 day period. This new ordinance addresses the practice by some who constructively store their accessory vehicles at home by moving them back and forth from the driveway (24 hours) to the street (72 hours). Closing this loophole helps our enforcement officers better manage accessory vehicle complaints and violations.

**Communication and Records: Did You Know?** by **Communication and Records Manager, Sandi Bumpus**



Rocklin's public safety dispatchers were given KUDOS at a State Emergency Call Tracking System (ECATS) training session in November. It was identified that Rocklin's public safety dispatchers answer 9-1-1 calls within 10 seconds of their initiation **98% of the time**; which was at least 14% higher than any other communications center in our county.

*Manager*  
*Sandi Bumpus*

Rocklin's Records Unit has been working with Youth Services to facilitate a "paperless" process as a part of the recently initiated Juvenile Diversion Program. Thanks to allied agency partnerships, lots of help from IT, and significant RIMS expertise and training from our resident expert, Crime Analyst Wendy Smith, we are very close to a paperless process that will be a big part of this program's success.

We're going LEAN and GREEN! The Records Unit has taken the lead to work with city stakeholders to choose a new vendor for onsite shredding of confidential documents for all city departments. Through diligent research, it has been identified that we can spend at least 50% less for city-wide shredding services, while gaining additional shred bins AND enhancing document security!

Rocklin PD will soon have access to the California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR). CCPOR is a statewide repository for the entry and storage of restraining and protective orders. This means

that our dispatchers are no longer the entry point for restraining or protective orders issued by the court. While Rocklin's PSDs will still be responsible for entering EPOs issued by officers, court orders are now being transmitted electronically to Placer County Sheriff's Office and entered by PCSO very shortly after they are issued by the court.

Communications and Records will be participating in a joint team-building session on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.



*Greetings of the Season and Best Wishes for the New Year*