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Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens



October 9th was the one-year anniversary of Officer Matthew Redding's death in the line of duty. The anniversary marked the end of our mourning phase and a call to re-gather. It began with many of us together at 4:08 am, listening to Dispatcher Michelle Buckland calling for a moment of silence on the air, and announcing the retirement of Matt's call sign "3P20." At noon, two members of the Honor Guard joined me and the Redding Family to decommission Matt's locker and mailbox. And finally, we all gathered to fellowship before the candlelight vigil.

I mentioned in my welcome at the vigil, how I was very honored to lead the Rocklin Police Department during the past

year. I truly am honored and blessed to be in association with so many talented, professional individuals. Matt touched us all in many ways during his life, and continues to do so in his death. I appreciated the heartfelt words spoken by Officer Bart Paduveris and Corporal Trent Jewell at the candlelight service. Even though I have seen many positive changes in Rocklin PD over the past five years, I have seen the most in the past twelve months.

Personally, I have shed some tears with John and Marilyn during the past twelve months as have many of you, but I consider my life better for getting to know them so well. Most of us have shared a moment, a memory or thought about what we have gone through. Many of us have grown closer through

these shared experiences.

Not only have we grown closer inside the Department, the Department has grown closer to the community and neighboring agencies. We will never forget Matt and the sacrifice he made, but I do hope for days less filled with loss and more filled with joy.



Photograph by Tiffany Rangel

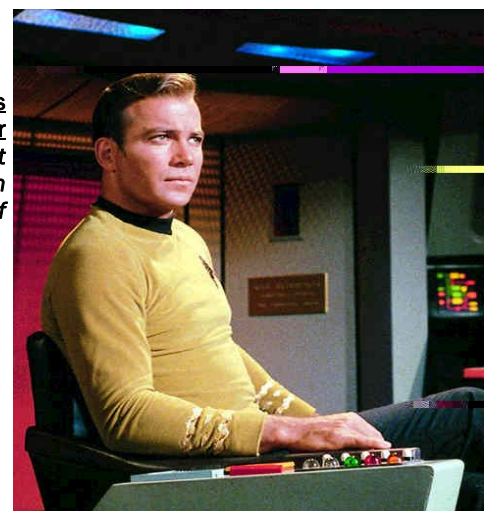
Captains' Corner by Dan Ruden and Ron Lawrence

Both Divisions have been doing a tremendous amount of great work. We both could not be happier with the level of professionalism and dedication exhibited every day to provide law enforcement services to the Community of Rocklin.

We are beginning to plan the annual Department Christmas party and are looking for interested individuals who are willing to participate on a planning committee for this important event. Please submit an e-mail to Cap-

tain Lawrence if you are interested and willing to commit some time. Additionally, we are beginning to determine awards and recognitions to be presented at the Christmas party. If you are aware of someone who you believe is deserving of recognition for outstanding or extraordinary achievement (other than those already submitted), please submit these through your Chain-Of-Command to either Captain.

This month's "Captains' Corner Challenge" is: What is the phobia term for having a fear of Friday the 13th?



Investigations Unit Teams Up With Probation/Parole by Detective Sgt. Lon Milka

During the late afternoon and evening hours of October 5th Rocklin Police Department detectives teamed up with Placer County Probation, State Parole, and RPD Captain Ron Lawrence to conduct probation/parole checks of several individuals in Rocklin. The outcome was one arrest and one rescued horse. Additionally, several parolees could not be located and are now considered to be parolees-at-large.

The arrest was for a parole violation at an apartment complex where a marijuana grow operation was located. The parolee was also charged with possession of marijuana and child endangerment. Child Protective

Services also responded to check the welfare of a toddler and an infant living in the apartment. .

While the growing operations was not sophisticated, the hazardous wiring to support any size growth is extremely dangerous. Special bulbs requiring a significant amount of electricity were used. Extension cords and a makeshift electrical "octopus" were plugged into an outdoor socket, easily accessible to the toddler. While checking for a parolee on Aguilar Rd, detectives located a horse showing signs of neglect; burrs in its mane and tail, lack of food, and lack of fresh water. Rocklin PD Animal Control Officers worked closely with Placer County Animal Control on this case. The

successful operation was another step in accomplishing a key element of our mission: promoting a safe community—for people, as well as animals.



Horse found with Burrs in its Mane.



Marijuana grow found in an outdoor closet.

Kudos For Rocklin Police Department Volunteers by Lt. Dave Johnstone

On June 19, 2006, the first Annual Officer Matt Redding Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Sunset Whitney Country Club. The tournament hosted 144 players and raised over \$15,000 for the Matt Redding Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

The Master of Ceremonies was Chief Mark Siemens. For those of you who were unable to attend, Chief Siemens began with a fit-

ting tribute honoring fallen Officer Matt Redding. Mayor George Magnuson acted as the auctioneer and between the two they performed their responsibilities admirably.

The success of the tournament, however, was largely due to the unselfish contribution of the Rocklin Police Department Volunteers. As always they stepped up to the plate. They assisted with raffle

ticket sales, hole-in-one validation, tournament sign-ins, gift bags, security and a myriad of other responsibilities.

On behalf of the Redding Family and the Matt Redding Memorial Scholarship Foundation, I would like to thank the following volunteers who participated in the first Annual Officer Matt Redding Golf Tournament: Jan Gross, Rich Horvath, Kathy Magnuson,

Stu Lehman, Gary Steinshouer, Mike Swanson, Ann Steinshouer, Kathy Smith, Julie Robinson, Al Minasian, Vince Southall, Patti Lewis, Jerry Van Wagner, and Conrad Spadaro.



Presidential Protection by Lt. Steve Newman

The United States Secret Service recently coordinated law enforcement representatives from the area during the Presidential visit to El Dorado County. Acting Sergeant, Chad Butler, along with Officers Westgate, Cabana and Paduveris participated in the Presidential protection group and are pictured standing beside the Presidential Limousine. "It was an honor to have the opportunity to be part of a Presidential detail that rarely comes to this area", said Butler. The officers were posted and alerted to specific problems associated with the Presidential visit based on intelligence information. The detail provided identity security and planned for actions in the event of an emergency.



Corporal Chad Butler and Officers Paduveris, Cabana, and Westgate.



On September 20th, Sergeant Scott Horrillo graduated from Class 204 of the P.O.S.T. Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SLI). Sgt. Horrillo received his diploma at commencement ceremony held in San Leandro, CA. His 24 fellow graduates were sergeants and lieutenants from agencies throughout California. SLI is regarded as P.O.S.T.'s premier training course for contemporary police leadership concepts. Scott's wife, Liz, and Captain Ruden attended the ceremony.



Rocklin Police Volunteer John Adams accepts the Northern California Crime Prevention Volunteer of the Year Award from Nancy Matson of the California Attorney General's Office on September 27, 2006 in San Mateo.

Kudos by Captain Dan Ruden

Volunteer Jerry Van Wagner's grandson, Jake, is a sophomore at Rocklin High School. Last week, Jake attended a special traffic safety presentation by School Resource Officer Larry Muldoon. Jake went home and told his grandfather that he really enjoyed the class and admired how well Officer Muldoon related to the kids as he explained the concepts of this very important subject. Jake even went so far as to describe Officer Muldoon as, "cool". Volunteer Van Wagner was very proud of his police department when Jake told him about the positive experience with Officer Muldoon and he wanted to express his appreciation for a job well done. Thanks, Larry, for all you do for the kids of Rocklin.



Jake Van Wagner

Big Ort Survives by Sgt. Bob Martin

On August 15, 2006, Officer Ortmann was selected to be the fourth motor officer for the department. This position was made available by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety. Officer Ortmann completed his grueling two week pre-training during the last two weeks of August.

During training, motor officers are required to push the motorcycle to its limits to determine the motorcycle and the rider's capabilities. This is accomplished through a variety of tight cone patterns,

high speed braking, and tactical maneuvering. The training was conducted at numerous locations within and outside the city of Rocklin.

As depicted in the picture, Steve did not always ride with the rubber on the road. He learned quickly that the roadway hurts when riding techniques are not always followed. Next time you see Steve wish him luck. He will be attending an intense P.O.S.T. two-week basic motor officer school in Oakland.



Help Wanted by Captain Lawrence

Support Services is proud to announce the selection of employees for our new Recruitment Team! The selections were Sergeant Horrillo, Casey Finney, Jeff Amado, Jeff Wallach, and Luke Griffin. One of the first recruitment job fairs that two of them will attend is the PORAC Conference in November, held at the Disneyland Hotel.

Under the leadership of Lieutenant Stuart Davis, this team will perform recruitment outreach to law enforcement academies within the Region, attend job fairs and recruitment venues. The Recruitment Team will also act as liaisons and mentors to candidates during the hiring process. In an attempt to stay as competitive as possi-

ble with neighboring jurisdictions the Recruitment Team will work to personalize the hiring process by being assigned as individual mentors to candidates throughout their hiring process, including the background, to answer questions about the Department, explain the FTO program and try to make candidates feel as welcome as possible. So far, this has proven to be a very positive outreach. If a candidate already knows someone in the Department and that employee is not a part of the Recruitment Team, they can be assigned to be the recruiting mentor instead. Just let Lt. Davis know of the relationship.

The Recruitment Referral Program continues to be a success, with Brad Alford receiving the first \$500 incentive check for his recruitment of Pat O'Brien. Currently there are six other internal referrals still pending which include two from Chad Butler, two from Volunteer Robert Jordan, one from Jennifer Collins and one from Chris Spurgeon. Keep them coming!



Joe Friday Better Get A Computer! By Captain Ron Lawrence

In August, Support Services hosted training at Rocklin PD, for the new Blue Team software program. The Blue Team has been installed and training was conducted for management staff as well as most supervisors. This popular law enforcement software is designed to assist supervisors and managers with administrative reports (Pursuits, Use-Of-Force, etc.) and taking citizen complaints in a consistent manner. It is also a tool for Professional Standards to streamline and automate our files. In a nut shell, most of you will not ex-

perience much change as this software is a tool for transition from paper reports to automated reports. Old fashioned file cabinets are becoming a thing of the past as we move towards a paperless society.

This software also allows for the tracking of employee commendations, both internal and external, allowing for quick and easy access to the great work our employees do. The Blue Team additionally tracks training needs, watches for trends within our Department and maintains a consistent tracking

method for various types of incidents, including citizen complaints. In a 2004 Placer County Grand Jury report, one of the topics of focus by the Grand Jury was "internal affairs investigations of citizen complaints." This report compared agencies in Placer County to one another and offered suggestions for improvement in the area of investigating citizen complaints. Specifically, one of the Grand Jury's recommendations was an updated "file tracking" system. The Blue

Team is a remedy for this recommendation, as well as some of the other suggestions made by the Grand Jury. Probably the best aspect of the Blue Team is that it is widely used in law enforcement agencies throughout California and subsequently is designed to adhere to the aspects of the Peace Officer Bill Of Rights.

Fast Team (Fast, Arterial, Speed, Team) by Sgt. Bob Martin

Law enforcement agencies within Placer County have been experiencing higher number of collisions caused by motorists driving above the posted speed limit. Injuries are sustained in these collisions because seatbelts are not always worn. Roseville and Rocklin motor officers worked together to slow motorists on roadways that travel between the two cities. Our joint efforts in writing citations, sometimes over a hundred citations in 3 hours, helped to slow the traffic speed on these busy streets.

As the success continued, the California Highway Patrol, Auburn, Lincoln Police Department, and the Placer County Sheriff's Department joined in to form a team of traffic officers committed to reducing the accident rate and improve the seatbelt compliance in Placer County. Mike Ketterer from CHP stepped in and assisted with the scheduling of traffic enforcement areas throughout Placer County.

Besides working traffic enforcement together, the regional team

also trains together. The picture shows motor officers from Roseville, Lincoln, and Rocklin at NEC in Roseville. The facility offers motor officers an area to hone in their skills necessary for enforcement riding.



Welcome Our Newest Officer by Staff

Please welcome Officer Joyce Metzger to the Department! Joyce has been hired as the first part-time/provisional Police Officer, and will be in a limited 960 hour per year (maximum) position with no benefits or retirement. This means that she can work no more than 960 hours per year and is in an hourly, "at-will" position.

This type of position is new to Rocklin, but has proven to be very popular and effective in other Departments by hiring recently retired officers, or officers who are starting a family and are unable to work fulltime. These positions are similar to reserve officers, but are individuals who minimally possess a Basic POST certificate, and who

have significant full-time law enforcement experience.

Joyce will be assigned to FTO, after which she will work as needed to fill gaps in staffing due to current vacancies. Joyce began work October 12th when she was sworn-in by Acting Chief, Captain Ron Lawrence, at the Police Department. Part-time officers and Reserves are not required to be sworn in at a regular City Council meeting.

Joyce previously worked for the Palo Alto Police Department for the past 12 years as a police officer on patrol and as a detective. She was cross-trained as a dispatcher where she would occasionally work overtime to

assist staffing Palo Alto's Communication Center. Prior to that, she had been a reserve police officer with Palo Alto for many years.

Joyce is married to her husband Derrick, who is a police officer in Elk Grove. They live in El Dorado Hills with their two children, Samantha and Kyla. She is excited about her new position and getting started in FTO.

