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Chief's Chatter by Chief Ron Lawrence

When we have a chance to promote people into new ranks it is an exciting opportunity to build the future success of the organization. It's equally exciting to watch someone's career grow and excel to a new level. Admittedly, promotional processes are also somewhat of a mixed bag for the police chief, because typically we only

have one or two openings to fill, with many highly qualified personnel to fill them. This means a small handful of people get selected to fill the promotions, while a larger number of very qualified individuals don't get promoted this time around and have to wait for another opportunity.

Our recent promotional process was a challenging test for a few brave leaders who willingly stepped up to be considered for promotion. My hats off to all who competed and did a fantastic job through the entire process. In the end, the decisions were difficult because we are fortunate to have so many talented leaders ready for the next level in their careers. This is a product of good succession planning and preparing our In this issue...

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team for success at all levels. It is also a product of hiring great people who have the skill set and ap-

titude to learn new things; to challenge themselves by working to achieve new skills. Those who were not selected this time have my respect and certainly gained even more knowledge by participating in the promotional process. I am proud of our team and all we have to offer in keeping the Rocklin community safe.

I hope you will join me in congratulating Lieutenant Bart Paduveris, Sergeant Adrian Passadore, and the appointment of Corporal Greg Jensen, all of whom will officially begin their new roles on August 8th. I know they will each make positive contributions to our department.



This Is How We Do It by Captain Lon Milka



Ever speculate on what the ground wire is all about? How about the mechanics of a turbo charger? Or why is the common legume considered a protein? Ever ponder how police do things?

There are many folks who wonder about how law enforcement really works and the Rocklin Police Department has an answer. Or should I say, "answers"? Through our "THIS IS HOW WE DO IT" educational seminar sessions, our goal is to answer questions that our residents may have about a variety of topics.

There should be no mystery involved in many aspects of law enforcement. Our residents deserve to know what we do, how we do it, and what gives us the legal authority for doing it. Our particular community is very supportive of us and we reciprocate in different ways. This way is new to us and the response has been positive.

Our first session, held in May, was hosted by Officers Luke Griffin and Greg Jensen. The topic was drugs and drug usage. The interested attendees learned about common and not-so-common street drugs, physiological signs of drug usage, and the methods of officer contacts with suspected drug users. Additionally, the attendees were escorted to the evidence booking area and shown how drugs are tested, weighed, and booked. The training was highly informative and many great questions were asked and answered.

Our next session is slated for July and will address the hot topic issue of the reported militarization of law enforcement. Another topic later in the year will be about knowing when to call 9-1-1. Another will be how to protect your vehicle from theft.

So while we may not be experts in electricity, may lack in expertise in horse power generation, may not understand the class of nitrogenous organic compounds that consist of large molecules composed of one or more long chains of amino acids and are an essential part of all living organisms, we are experts in law enforcement. And we can

pass that expertise and knowledge to our supportive residents.



Field Training Program by Corporal Greg Jensen

On the scrabble board, the word "training" only provides you with 9 measly points; however in real life it pays much larger dividends. After completing the police academy, the Rocklin Police Department places new officers in a field training program. Prior to the implementation of the field training program, there was not much mentoring or training before new officers hit the streets. In 1973, an officer with San Jose Police Department was working with a doctor and identified specific behavior traits. These traits were identified after reviewing over 3500 daily observation reports. The research identified 31 traits which were necessary for an officer to succeed. The San Jose Police Department later received recognition from the International Association of Chief of Police for their role and contribution for the current field training model.

In the career of law enforcement, training and preparation has drastically evolved over the years. Once successfully completing the field training program, officers continue their training and education by attending advanced departmental training and other specific training to their advanced skill sets. Although there have been many changes since the original field training program, some of the fundamental basics of training are the same. Muhammad Ali once said, "Don't guit and live the rest of your life as a champion." Whether shooting at the range, listening to a lecture or learning basics as a brand new officer, this rule applies to all who are participating in a training environment.



Personal Identities for Sale by Corporal Chris Spurgeon

Ever wonder where identity thieves get all that credit card information. Personal identification can be lost, stolen, or collected when you swipe your plastic at *brick and mortar* merchant/retailer, your favorite restaurant, a local gas station or even at your bank's ATM. Lets not forget about typing in your credit card information for online purchases. There are so many vulnerabilities in the market place that it is up to the consumer to be on the offensive in protecting their identities.

Symantec reports there is a thriving internet black market in which this sensitive information is traded, sold, and re-sold on a daily basis through online black market websites, secret chat rooms, and underground forums.

These may be a collection of numbers to a criminal, but there is a face and story behind every identity that is stolen.

While some illegal marketplaces are viewable on the public internet, news coverage around underground sites has increased this year, forcing many scammers to move to darker parts of the internet. For example, some forums are now hosted on the anonymous Tor (The Onion Router) network as hidden services. "There's a side to the Internet most people have never visited. Tor Hidden Services. or the Tor Network, is an encrypted. hidden network of about 50,000 websites that can't be accessed with a traditional browser like Chrome or Firefox. Its users include criminals and extremists" (All Tech Considered).

with an invitation and require a buy-in, which could involve money or goods—like 100 freshly stolen credit cards. Other *markets* are run on private chat rooms and have rigid vetting procedures for new users. In these closed circles, prices are usually much lower and the traded amount of goods or services is higher. This is an area where criminals are making money off of criminals, with stolen information from victims that unfortunately don't know their victims until their financial institutions call them about suspicious activity.

Symantec reports that prices have dropped for some of the data offered, such as email accounts, but they remain stable for more profitable information like online bank account details. In 2007, stolen email accounts were worth between US\$4 and \$30. In 2008. prices fluctuated between \$0.10 and \$100. In 2009, the price hovered between \$1 and \$20. Today, you can get 1,000 stolen email accounts for \$0.50 to \$10. The latest pricing is a good indication that there is now oversupply and the market has adjusted accordingly.

Credit card information, on the other hand, has not decreased in value in recent years. In 2007, this information was advertised at between \$0.40 and \$20 per piece. How much you pay can depend on a number of factors, such as the brand of the card, the country it comes from, the amount of the card's metadata provided, volume discounts, and how recently the card data was stolen. In 2008, the average asking price for credit card data was slightly higher--\$0.06 to \$30--and later in the year it rose to from \$0.85 to \$30. Today, prices for stolen credit card information range between \$0.50 and \$20. In general, credit card data prices have fallen slightly over the last few years, especially in cases where cybercriminals trade in bulk volumes.

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Cybercriminals are always coming up with new strategies to cash out their profits. Online gift cards are currently in vogue, as they can easily be traded or sold online. Attackers pay for them using stolen credit cards or generate them from hijacked online retailer accounts. They then sell the online gift cards for 50 to 65 percent of the nominal value.

The booming underground marketplace is another reason it's important to protect your data and identity. Otherwise, you may find your per-

Other markets are only accessible

sonal information in the shopping basket of a cybercriminal next week.

Suggestions to protect yourself:

- Always use strong passwords, and never reuse them across other websites.
- Update the software on all of your devices regularly to prevent attackers from exploiting known vulnerabilities.
- When entering personal or financial information, ensure that the website is encrypted with a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate by looking for the padlock icon or "HTTPS" in the address bar. Report any suspicious behavior before submitting sensitive information online.
- Use comprehensive security software to protect yourself from cybercriminals.
- Exercise caution when clicking on enticing links sent through emails or posted on social networks. If something looks too

good to be true, then it likely is.

According to the State of California Attorney General, California consumers can get a free copy of your credit report once a year from the three nationwide companies that compile these financial profiles. Once every 12 months, you may order your reports from one, two or all three of the nationwide consumer reporting companies, separately or at the same time. One way to make the most of this opportunity is to order a report from just one of the three credit bureaus, then wait four months to order a report from another and,



four months later, order a report from the third credit bureau. By repeating this process annually, you can monitor your credit report regularly, at no cost.

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Bike Safety Presentation by Captain Lon Milka



On June 3rd, Officer Jay Newton lead a bike safety presentation titled "Ride Safe-Ride

Smart". The goal of the class was to educate those who attended on

the California Vehicle Code, as it relates to cyclists. Jay offered suggestions on how they could ride safer by choosing safe routes and using various safety equipment. Many local cyclists attended the entertaining and informative class.



The Moving Wall by Sergeant Gil Farrulla



"Some Gave All... All Gave Some, May No Soldier Be Ever Forgotten."

With Memorial Day being just a couple of

weeks ago, and the June 6th anniversary of the D-Day Normandy invasion, many us take this time of year to pay our respects to the thousands of military members that made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. On May 28, Detective Krempin and I were honored to participate in the opening ceremony of The Moving Wall military memorial in Roseville.

The Moving Wall is a halfsized scaled replica memorial of the Vietnam Wall memorial in Washington D.C. It looks nearly identical to the actual memorial and includes all of the 58,307 names of the military service members that gave their lives during the Vietnam War. The Moving Wall began in 1982 with veteran John Devitt. He attended the dedication ceremony of the actual Vietnam Wall memorial and was so moved by his experience that he vowed to share the wall with anyone who would not have the opportunity to go to Washington. The Moving Wall was first displayed in 1984, in Tyler, Texas, and was built by several Vietnam veterans, including John Devitt. The Moving Wall has now been touring the country for over 30 years, and travels across the United States paying tribute to those soldiers that were killed during the Vietnam War.



Rocklin PD Detective Krempin, Roseville PD Officer Greg Lieberman, Roseville PD Officer Cliff Chapman, and I participated in the Rifle Salute near the conclusion of the opening ceremony. The ceremony was an amazing military event attended by numerous dignitaries including: Roseville Mayor Carol Garcia, Roseville Chief of Police Daniel Hahn, US Congressman Tom McClintock, staff from Assembly Woman Beth Gaines office, and several high ranking military officials from the area. There was even a Vietnam era "Huey" type military helicopter on display nearby. The Moving Wall was on exhibition in Royer Park in Roseville from 05/28/2015 through 06/01/2015.

The motto for The Moving Wall is: "Some Gave All...All Gave Some, May No Soldier Be Ever Forgotten." I would encourage anyone who has the chance to visit The Moving Wall or the actual Vietnam Memorial Wall to do so. It is a moving and solemn experience that will make you appreciate everything our veterans do for us, and have done for us. For more information on The Moving Wall and a list of scheduled locations to view The Moving Wall please visit, <u>http://wwwthemovingwall.org/</u>.



Support Services News by Administrator Sandi Bumpus

Many years ago while working as a public safety dispatcher, a gentleman unhappy that he had missed his freeway exit due to heavy fog complained that government just wasn't doing enough to take advantage of current technology. "For heaven's sake," he growled, "I watch CSI! With all that technology, you haven't figured out a way to turn off the fog yet?"

Unfortunately, fictitious television shows that incorporate freefloating virtual displays controlled biometrically or characters with implanted chips that facilitate mind reading are still a figment of a creative screen-writer's imagination. With that said, however, technology does move at a pace that local, state, and even the federal government cannot always match, resulting in a deficit between public expectation and deliverables.

At Rocklin PD, we work hard to apply a measured yet innovative approach to technology. While the "latest and greatest" does not always meet the needs of the organization or our community, we are always looking for ways to streamline and reduce duplication of effort to provide quality public safety services.

A current project within Placer County involves the purchase and installation of a regional, "hosted" 9-1-1 system. In our case, this means shared networks, equipment, and software allowing each of the five public safety answering points (PSAPs) in the county to serve as a virtual 9-1-1 back-up for the other with no degradation of service to the caller. When fully implemented, this will allow PSAPs to receive Text-to-9-1-1 and still photos or streaming video from telematics devices (OnStar, for example) installed in vehicles to capture crash and other data.

Fast forward many years, and we still cannot "turn off the fog," but we commit to explore technology and systems that honor a fiscally responsible and technologically savvy community. Stay tuned for more on the regional 9-1-1 system.



RPOA and RPSV Scholarships by Sergeant Adrian Passadore (RPOA president)

On 6/1/15 and 6/2/15, I attended the awards ceremonies at Rocklin High and Whitney High. It was a pleasure to see that we have such fabulous young people in our town. I saw some of Rocklin's best and brightest who are now starting their college careers. Just as impressive were all the community groups who came out to support these young people. Thousands of dollars were given to students to help pay for their college expenses. Not only is this a friendly community but a generous one and it really made me feel special to be a small part of this ceremony. The Rocklin Police Officers Association and Rocklin

Public Safety Volunteers were able to help 3 young people with their future expenses. If there was any negative to the evening, it was that I did not have more money to give to these special young people. I wish the class of 2015 good luck; go out there and make the world a better place!



Alexander Gabriel, Scholarship recipient from Whitney High School



Gianna Andreazzi, Scholarship recipient from Rocklin High School

Not pictured, Briley Haskins, scholarship recipient from Whitney High School





Police Activities League Coming Soon by Captain Chad Butler

"Collaborative community outreach is the key to a promising future for our youth". -

Captain Chad Butler

After many years of discussions and planning, the Rocklin Police Department is teaming up with The Rocklin Unified School District, Kids First and Grace Point Church to start the first ever Rocklin Police Activities League. Corporal Chris Osborne has been working hard bringing together representatives from each of these agencies to develop a program that best meets the needs of youth in our City.

Although there is still a ton of work to do including an appropriate name (RPAL is already taken by Roseville) applying for a 501 (C) nonprofit, organizing a board of directors etc., the current team has been hard at work planning our first event set to take place on August 13 at 6:00 PM at Grace Point Church located at 3500 Sunset Blvd.

This program will initially be open to 6th 7th and 8th grade residents looking for a community place to gather that offers a safe and fun environment that includes organized sporting events, board games, homework assistance and many others. Our hope is that as this program grows and develops we can extend the invitation to high school students as well.

If you're interested in helping out with this volunteer program, know some who may be interested or just have questions about it, please contact Corporal Chris Osborne at <u>Chris.Osborne@Rocklin.ca.us</u>. In the meantime, feel free to tell students in this age group that we are starting a program and invite them to the open house on August 13th. If you are a current Rocklin PD employee and would like to assist with this event we are looking for volunteers.



Coming Soon!

Rocklin Police Activities League

Building trust and lifelong relationships between the youth, their families, and the members of the Rocklin Police Department is our goal. Our focus is to provide:

- An environment where the youth feel safe to learn and develop lifelong skills
- Provide education for day to day living
- Provide athletic and social activities
- Work with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who live in Rocklin or attend our community's schools

For more information about the program and how to join or get involved please contact:

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