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As we close the books on 2012 and collect the data for our Annual Report set to be released March 12th, all I can say is RE-MARKABLE! Our crime rate fell to an all time low of 16.7 part-1 crimes for every 1,000 residents during 2012, which means last year Rocklin experienced the lowest crime rate that we have had over the past decade. While violent crime has been on the rise in other California communities, Rocklin continues to enjoy one of the lowest crime rates in our region. I attribute this incredible feat to two main causes. The first cause is the dedication of brave men and women at the Police Department who are committed to serving this community with professionalism, fairness and compassion. Our team works together with our community members to fight crime and keep us safe, which is the second

cause for our low crime rate: our law abiding citizens. Because of the confidence our residents and businesses have in their police department, they call us to keep us informed when they see suspicious activity and help us in removing blight, preventing crime and apprehending criminals. The trusting relationships that have developed between our community and their police department has become a coordinated effort in crime fighting that doesn't exist in many other cities. I invite you to join me towards ensuring 2013 sees an equally low crime rate by being extra vigilant in our everyday lives. Lock your home, businesses and vehicles while away. Consider a burglar alarm. Maintain a well lighted home and yard to dissuade burglars who enjoy hiding in darkness. Join your local Neighborhood Watch



Chief Ron Lawrence

Program and always report suspicious activity to our Communications Center at (916) 625-5400. This is your city. This is my city. This is our city, and together we can keep us all safer! Thank you for an incredible year in our fight against crime. Together, the police department and the community continue to make Rocklin a safe place to live and work.

Captain's Corner by Captain Lon Milka



Captain Lon Milka

To quote a famous Rocklin Police Department Deputy Chief, "We've begun a new era for

Rocklin PD." That famous quotationist, Dan Ruden, has announced his retirement from the Rocklin Police Department. Good luck, Deputy Chief!

I look forward to serving the department and community as the newest captain. Thank you to all the well wishers and to those

who have expressed their congratulations.

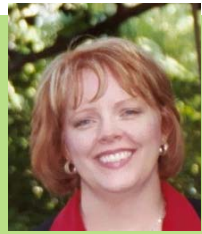
The structure of our organization will be changing and I look forward to having a partner captain in July. I wish the best for all of you applying for the position of lieutenant, sergeant, and/or corporal.

One of my areas of concentration until December of this year will be on CALEA reaccreditation. We have a mock assessment scheduled for June and the reaccreditation assessors will be here in December. We have over 98% of our proofs for 2012 completed and are in full swing for our 2013

proofs. Those who have been supplying proofs have been instrumental in our CALEA process. Let's keep up the great work.

Another area of concentration will continue to be the background testing phase of our candidate reserve officers. I don't do the actual backgrounds but instead review the packets when they are returned to us. We currently have four candidates in backgrounds. Our reserve officers provide much needed assistance throughout the department and represent our agency with pride and we look forward to others joining the ranks.

Records, Communication and Technology, did you know? by Manager Sandi Bumpus



Mgr. Sandi Bumpus

Communications and Technical Services:

The Insurance Services Organization, Inc. (ISO) is a company contracted by the state to provide information regarding property and casualty insurance risk that determines a community's baseline insurance rates for residential and commercial structures. Every decade, fire protection capabilities are obtained through a comprehensive review, and culminate in a specific "Public Protection Classification" (PPC). The PPC is based on a scale of 1-10, "1" equating to a "superior" rating, and "10," a below standard rating. After Rocklin's 2012 review, its PPC was raised from a "3" to a "2." Out of nearly 500 California municipalities and communities, there are only 52 that have reached the PPC rating of "2."

The improved rating has been credited to increased levels of staffing in our fire department; improved water delivery systems; upgraded technical infrastructure; and enhanced

"fire alarm delivery systems," aka, the advanced technology of our communications center, and our highly trained and competent staff.

While fire insurance rates are based on many variables, including statistical, actuarial, underwriting, and claims history, the increased PPC rating provides a bottom-line benefit to our businesses and residents in the form of a lowered risk assessment and a potential for decreased fire insurance rates.

Records:

The Records Unit was recently honored with a special recognition commendation during the police department's annual Honors and Awards ceremony. Over the last several years, the records unit has become a model of efficiency and teamwork. Under the leadership of Supervisor Kathy Adelman, the records unit has taken a pivotal role in the automation of records and the creation of electronic storage and dissemination proto-

cols. They have also taken responsibility for city fire department and code enforcement records in addition to those of the police department.

Commendations were provided to Supervisor Kathy Adelman, and Records Clerks Karon Bowers, Desiree Pickert, DeeAnn Ralphs, Zerica Schermerhorn, Virginia Trevino, and Stacey Wyke.



Improved Public Protection Classification for City of Rocklin Residents can potentially equate to lower insurance premiums!

Weekend Graves Rolls Out OIC Program for Second Rotation by Corporal Gil Farrulla



Corp. Gil Farrulla

Beginning in February, the weekend graveyard patrol team will once again continue the successful "officer in charge" (OIC) training program.

This program began under the leadership of Sergeant Eric Dollar and is being implemented for a second rotation. The program is designed to develop new leaders and provide an opportunity for officers to gain supervisory experience.

Here's how it works...An officer is scheduled to be an OIC for an entire shift and is relieved of having to work a beat (supervisors handle the calls for service for the officer). The OIC is tasked with the

various duties that a supervisor might encounter including: briefing, managing the shift resources, questions from citizens, questions from fellow officers, and even occasionally questions from dispatchers. We task the OIC with making decisions for the team if needed and approving the reports submitted by his or her peers.

We also ask the OIC to provide briefing training and strongly suggest making the training applicable to our department 2012/2013 strategic goals. Above all else, we encourage the officers to have fun with the program and use it as a tool to stretch themselves (figuratively not literally). This program gives officers a chance of being a supervisor with the safety net of having other supervisors there to teach and coach them through any issues that arise.

The program reminds me of a quote that I like from former IBM CEO Thomas J. Watson, "Whenever an individual or a business decides that success has been attained, progress stops." Sergeant Dollar and I hope that this presents a unique opportunity to officers to gain some experience in an area that is challenging while also (hopefully) enjoyable. We must constantly try to push ourselves past our comfort areas if we are going to live up to our Vision statement of being known far and wide for excellence. We look forward to continuing to develop our officers and building up new departmental leaders.

Let's do this!



Highlights— Featured employee—Sergeant Tom Dwyer by Lieutenant Jamie Knox



Lt. Jamie Knox

Sergeant Tom Dwyer began his law enforcement career in the mid 1980s. He took a job with Sacramento County and served as a park ranger for three seasons.

The stint as a ranger was to help pay for his college tuition while he attended Sacramento State University. Tom put himself through the Butte Police Academy in 1988 and was hired with the City of Rocklin that same year. Over 24 years later, Tom is still dedicated to making Rocklin one of the safest communities in the region. It is not often that he talks about his career to others, but his achievements and expertise give him and the department much to be proud of.

Tom has served in many capacities as a police officer. He has worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, canine handler, DARE officer, and a school resource officer. Tom spent 12 years on SWAT and worked his way up through the ranks from an entry team officer to eventually becoming a team leader. Tom was awarded the Bronze Metal of Valor by the Placer County Law Enforcement Honors and Awards Committee in 1992, following a SWAT operation. He has also been awarded two life saving

metals and a silver star for bravery. Tom was also the Police Officer of the Year in 2001.

Tom is currently a patrol sergeant assigned to the weekend dayshift team. He also serves as the department's Range Master and his background and experience in firearms is extensive. Apart from being a special weapons and tactics team member for over a decade, Tom has been an avid hunter since his teenage years. Tom is also a department armorer and is certified to work on shotguns, revolvers, Sig-Sauers, Glocks, and AR-15 rifles. Tom is very passionate about firearm safety for his officers. He leads a team of armorer and firearms instructors to ensure the Rocklin Police Department has the best training and equipment available.

Some of Tom's fondest memories to date are from his assignment working with the youth of Rocklin. Tom served as a DARE officer for three years, where he worked closely with the schools to teach children about the dangers of substance abuse. Tom was the first school resource officer in the city, and was stationed at Rocklin High for six years. He coached wrestling and was very active in school programs. Tom said the most rewarding part of that as-

ignment was to watch his high school kids grow, mature, and go on to be productive, responsible adults. If you were a student at Rocklin High during his tenure, and heard someone say, "O-D", you knew it was the endearing nickname for Officer Dwyer. Some graduates, now adults with their own families, have sought out Tom to thank him for the impact he made on their lives.

Tom's personal philosophy is inspired from one of his favorite quotes from author John Maxwell: "People do not care how much you know, they want to know how much you care." Tom said that he hopes his legacy will be reflective of that quote. Having known Tom for 17 years now, I believe it most certainly will.



Sergeant Dwyer spends many hours inspecting and maintaining department firearms each month

Employee Commendations

A kind resident wrote a letter commending "the dispatcher" and "the officer" who assisted her with an arrest of a burglary suspect in her home while she was out of town. Dispatcher Supervisor Sara Boccoleri and Officer Brad Alford teamed up on this incident: Way to go!

The letter is summarized: *I am writing this letter to let you know about the wonderful service we have received on October 12, 2013. We have had the unfortunate experi-*

ence to be victimized by our grandson's mother who was arrested for burglary in our home when we were out of town. I am writing to thank you and everyone involved in helping us with this problem. I wish I had everyone's name. The dispatcher was wonderful, she kept me informed and on the line when I needed to be. The police officers did a great job, spoke to me on the phone throughout the event,, and waited for our daughter to arrive to secure our home. I just wanted to commend your staff for a job

well done and thank you for that security to know help is here when needed. Please give our thanks to everyone involved."



Officer Brad Alford



PSD Spvr. Boccoleri

Rocklin Police & Fire Recruiting for Volunteers by Manager Mike Nottoli



Mgr. Mike Nottoli

Are you looking for a rewarding way to spend a few hours a week? Would you like to make a difference in your community? If so, the Rocklin Police and Fire Departments are looking for a few more good men and women to become Volunteers.

Volunteers play a key role in helping the police and fire department provide a high level of service to the community, and undertake programs that were previously unfeasible because of a lack of staffing and resources.

In order to become a Rocklin Police and Fire Volunteer you must be at least 18 years of age, be of good moral character, and have no felony or recent misdemeanor convictions. Volunteers must also be able to work with minimal supervision, work well with others, volunteer a minimum of 16 hours a month, and commit to a minimum of 3 years of service. There is no requirement to live in Rocklin.

The volunteer hiring process requires the successful completion of a volunteer application, oral interview, background investigation, warrant check, Life-Scan fingerprint check, and Volunteer Academy. The Volunteer Academy starts on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., and meets on 10 consecutive Tuesday evenings and two Saturdays during the day. The Volunteer Academy is mandatory for all new volunteers.

Rocklin Police Volunteers serve as extra "eyes, ears, and helping hands" but do not engage in contacting, detaining, or arresting suspicious persons or criminals. Volunteers are not sworn officers and have no powers of arrest beyond those of any private person. The Police Department currently has openings in Patrol, Records & Front Counter clerical support, Child Safety Education (delivering presentations in the elementary schools), and Code Enforcement. These functions require availability Monday through Friday during day-time hours.

The Fire Department has openings in Fire Administration (Office and Front Counter clerical support; daytime hours Monday through Friday), Fire Prevention (Child Safety Seat Installation, Hands-Only CPR Instruction), and Fire Support. Fire Support Volunteers do not fight fires, but do assist firefighters at fire scenes by filling air tanks and getting units back in service (they can be called into service at any time).

If you are interested in this program, please contact Michael Nottoli at: michael.nottoli@rocklin.ca.us or (916) 625-5416 by Friday, March 15, 2013. Thank you!



Farewell by Deputy Chief Dan Ruden



Deputy Chief Ruden

When I came to Rocklin PD in 2004 we were crammed into a 7,000 square ft. shared space at Fire Station #1. We've come a long way since then. During my time at Rocklin PD we have shared many accomplish-

ments and together we have endured some difficult times. Through it all the men and women of Rocklin PD have shown great professionalism and set a fine example for our profession. You have truly earned your Vision of being known far and wide for excellence.

I consider it a privilege to have worked here with some of the finest police officers and professional staff anywhere. I will miss you all but I know the department is in good hands under the leadership of my friend, Chief Ron Lawrence.

The citizens of Rocklin have one of the finest and well-run police organizations in the State,

with dedicated police employees and the very best public safety volunteer program in the Nation. But it's the people here who make it all work; for that Rocklin PD will always be a special place. Take good care of each other and I hope to see you around.



Best wishes,

Dan Ruden, Deputy Chief
Rocklin Police Department

