

# 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 Ron Lawrence

**"Let's do this thing!"** Anyone who has worked with Rocklin Police Sgt. Forrest Richardson has heard him use this unique tagline. Meant to encourage the hearts and minds of those facing a challenge or difficult situation, Sgt. Richardson's simple yet motivational message encourages the listener to **"get the job done,"** and gives comfort knowing he is by their side. Sgt. Richardson's message is meant to move people into action, similar to Nike's tagline **"Just do it,"** yet Richardson's message is not about the individual, but rather infers togetherness, as a team: **"Let's do this thing!"** The "thing" is whatever challenge needs to be tackled, and with emphasis on how it's said infers a positive **"Let's DO this thing,"** expressing that it can be done, whatever it is.

The U.S. military has used inspirational taglines for decades, aimed to motivate specific generations, such as **"Be all you can be," "An Army of**

**One," "Army Strong," "The Few, the proud, the Marines"** and **"It's not a job, it's an adventure."** I think the U.S. Peace Corps tagline **"The toughest job you'll ever love"** is well suited to describe police work.

War has created inspirational taglines as well, such as Sept 23, 1779, when Adm. John Paul Jones fought a bloody naval engagement. Jones struggled with the Royal Navy frigate Serapis, and although his vessel was burning and sinking, Jones would not accept British demand for surrender, replying, **"I have not yet begun to fight!"** This inspired his sailors and three hours later, Serapis surrendered with Jones victorious. One of my all-time favorites war-time taglines stirred thousands of WWII allied troops to victory during the Battle of the Bulge against the Nazi's after the Germans suggested the U.S. Allied forces surrender. General McAuliffe replied through courier **"Nuts!"** which inferred a lot and sent a specific message. His troops went on to conquer the

battle and pressed on to liberate Europe from Nazi control.

So what inspires you? Do you have a tagline you share with others? When faced with adversity or challenge, are you a positive influence on those around you? Do you rise to the challenge and take charge leading others to victory? Or do you complain, worry, and shrug your shoulders waiting for someone else to take action? It's an individual choice, but if you ever need a boost during difficult, crazy or challenging times, just consider some of those inspirational people like Sgt. Richardson and **"Let's DO this thing!"**



Chief Ron Lawrence

## Rocklin PD Announces New Community Safety Initiative by Deputy Chief Dan Ruden



Dep. Chief Dan Ruden

The Rocklin Police Department is launching *The Rocklin Alert Network*, a new high-tech way to keep the community connected and informed through opt-in e-mail, text messaging and web published public safety alerts.

The new initiative will also enable the public to report suspicious activities easily through the "tip411" anonymous text messaging code.

Interested persons can sign up for *The*

*Rocklin Alert Network* for free via a dedicated link on the Police Dept. website, [www.rocklinpd.com](http://www.rocklinpd.com). Through this site, Rocklin PD will provide information to help maintain and improve community safety. Subscribers can sign up to receive alerts from the Police Dept. via email or as a text message to a cell phone. They can also opt to receive neighborhood only or citywide alerts, as well as surrounding city alerts that are on the CitizenObserver alert system.

The other component of this new technology is the tip411 program, which will enable the public to submit anonymous tips to the Police Dept. via text messaging. While this is

not a replacement for dialing 911 in an emergency, this technology will allow interested persons to communicate potentially helpful information. The tipster simply texts ROCKLIN and their message/tip to 847411 (tip411). When police receive the message, they can respond to the tipster who will continue to remain anonymous. The Rocklin Police Department has no way to access the identity of the individual reporting the information. Citizens may also submit anonymous web tips through the site. Look for additional enhancements to the *Rocklin Alert Network* in the coming months including the launch of Rocklin PD's Crime Tip application for smartphones.

## Officer Involved Shooting Training, Lessons Learned by Lieutenant Lon Milka



Lieutenant Lon Milka

I recently attended a training regarding Officer Involved Shooting investigations that was hosted by the Department of Justice. I went with the intent of focusing on the administrative investigation part of an OIS but garnered information about many different aspects of such a distressing incident.

One of the most interesting aspects of the instruction was appreciating what occurs physiologically to an officer during an *unexpected* traumatic event. The body reacts in the commonly understood flight-or-fight response; the brain releases hormones via the

bloodstream to engage and supply muscles. This action deprives the brain of blood and thus the reason for perceptual distortions such as tunnel vision, loss of hearing, loss of memory, and slow motion perception. Both criminal investigators and administrative investigators would be wise to consider the effects of an unexpected traumatic event on the brain.

Ever wonder why it is important to take firearms or other training seriously? During a sudden introduction of the unexpected, being under stress, an officer will resort to their most recent training. That's why it is important to regularly train with earnest.

Note that 40% of shootings are *unexpected*. So what is an *expected* shooting? An example is an officer responding to an active shooter where it is expected that the officer may have to engage in deadly force.

The OIS training covered many different aspects from firearm forensics to case review analysis to follow-up investigation. There were some wonderful instructors from many areas of the state including LAPD and Sacramento County. Their experience and expertise is invaluable to all agencies in California. If you ever have a chance to attend a DOJ training, please ask your supervisor.

## Hot Chili Cool Cars by Lisa McNeely



Lisa McNeely

This year marks the FIRST time Rocklin PD has participated with a booth and recipe in the Rocklin Chamber's Hot Chili Cool Cars event held annually on Pacific Street in September.

The Police Department has participated in year's past with a representative on hand to act as a Judge, but never as a contender for the big win.

This year an idea proposed by Officer Joyce Metzger got the ball rolling. With a little bit of begging and a whole lot of promises of fun and social bonding a team of misfits was formed. Our leader and ringer was a previous Rocklin PD employee, Amy Lind, who is still considered an honorary member of the Department. Amy spends many weekends participating in Chili Cook-off's with her father, an award winning Chili cook.

The rest of the team was comprised of Chief Ron Lawrence, Lieutenant Jamie Knox, Communications Manager Sandi Bumpus and her significant other Dan Silva (a retired Fire guy, and our second "ringer", I mean come on, he's a Fire guy, isn't that the first thing a Fire guy learns, to cook chili?), Chief's Secretary, Lisa McNeely and her fiancé, Hugh Holden, and as previously mentioned, Officer Joyce Metzger.

Even with all the planning and preparation, this team had to show up at 6:00 a.m. the day of the event to pull everything together and begin taking orders from our fearless leader, Amy Lind. We all worked feverishly to get 13 gallons (yes, 13 gallons!) of chili ready for the 10:30 a.m. start time. We had no idea what we had gotten ourselves into, but we all came together as a team and got the job done.

I don't know if any of you can imagine what 13 gallons of chili might look like, but I can tell you, it's a LOT of chili. I can report that we went through every last drop of it. We served out in 2 ounce serving containers at a time, all 13 gallons of chili. Along with our delicious concoction we had a gimmick side component of mini cornbread DONUTS that were very well received. No one left the cops booth without a donut! I am proud to say our hard work paid off in a big way. The Rocklin PD Chili Cook Off Team "Hot Chili Coppers" came in 1st Runner Up in the overall taste category out of 26 participants.

We had a great time, got our promised fun and social bonding, and can't wait to.....do it again NEXT YEAR!



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



**Sandi Bumpus, Mgr**

### COMMUNICATIONS

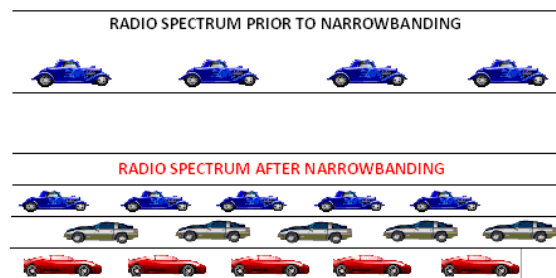
...Thanks to the efficiency and diligence of our Communications Training Coordinator, Michelle Buckland, Rocklin's public safety dispatchers are on track to becoming 100% compliant during the current training cycle in achieving the mandated twenty-four California Peace Officers Standards in Training (POST) hours as well as twenty-four Advanced Emergency Medical Dispatch (AEMD) training hours through the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch. These critical certifications help ensure our public safety dispatchers are trained to the highest standards related to emergency operations and response.

### RECORDS

...The Rocklin Police Department Records Unit has been recognized by the California Department of Justice for their excellence in managing drug, arson, gang, and sex registration processes. During a recent site visit, DOJ representatives asked Rocklin Police Department to serve as a beta-test site for deployment of the new California Sex and Arson Registration (CSAR) database which will be used statewide.

### TECHNOLOGY

...Rocklin's grant-funded radio narrow-banding project is nearing completion. "Narrow-banding" is an FCC mandate that requires public safety entities to create and support radio infrastructure that will allow for increased radio spectrum and efficiency. A simple illustration for narrow-banding equates current spectrum to a one-lane highway. Traffic can only travel within the one lane. After narrow-banding, the "lanes" are increased within the same space, allowing for additional traffic to travel simultaneously.



## Department Commendations by Lieutenant Lon Milka



On August 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:45 PM, Lincoln PD received several calls about a man who had just murdered his wife and then committed suicide. Dispatcher Michelle Buckland was due to be off duty at 4:00 PM and instead of going home, she took it upon herself, without any hesitation, to drive to the Lincoln Police Department and assist their solo dispatcher in making all the necessary notifications. Michelle was commended by Lincoln

Police Chief Paul Shelgren for recognizing the desperate need to help the solo Lincoln PD dispatcher for making the extra effort and having the ability to assist our sister city.

does. This was my first experience with the police and I am very gratified with the manner in which this case was handled. Randy Law, in my opinion, is a credit to the department."



CSO Tracy Hedrick was thanked by Senator Ted Gains for assisting his family that was involved in a car accident.



Officer Randy Law was commended via a "comcate" message from a citizen commending him for his "outstanding service." The message was: "Officer Randy Law has provided outstanding service in the investigation into a hit and run traffic accident (ref. #11-179-8). As a result of his successful identification of the driver who hit my automobile and subsequently obtained insurance information, I will receive reimbursement of my deductible (\$750). I have been a resident of Rocklin for 12 years and have a number of friends who have volunteered at the Police Department. They have informed me of the good work that the department

does. This was my first experience with the police and I am very gratified with the manner in which this case was handled. Randy Law, in my opinion, is a credit to the department."





### Police Volunteer Program Takes on Some “Heat” by Mike Nottoli and Volunteer Rich Vallone



Mgr., Mike Nottoli

The new Volunteer Academy marks a cornerstone in the future of public safety volunteerism in Rocklin.

Earlier this year, a decision was made to merge the Police and Fire Volunteer Programs into one. Police and Fire representatives met and developed a plan to implement the partnership. Three additional sessions were added to the Volunteer Academy to (1) deliver the Fire Department’s mission, vision, and goals, (2) explain the volunteer opportunities at the Fire Department, and (3) introduce the Incident Command System to prepare Volunteers to respond to emergencies.



Volunteer, Rich Vallone

In the spring, we recruited and hired 15 new Volunteers. These new Volunteers along with 8 veteran Fire Volunteers were invited to attend the new Academy which started in August. We also invited all current Police Volunteers to attend the three Fire Department academy sessions to see who would be interested in working there. We were very pleased to have 44 Volunteers show up!

Some of the obstacles we had to overcome were merging the Fire curriculum with ours, re-writing the volunteer manual, deciding on uniforms, re-designing the badges and shoulder patches, and establishing a new volunteer organizational structure including span of control and new titles.

The benefits of the new partnership are:

- Fire and Police working together more efficiently and cost effectively
- The development of a large coordinated team capable of responding to local and regional large-scale emergencies
- Restarting additional Fire Prevention and Education programs
- Cross-trained volunteers that can effectively work in both areas
- Provides ICS instruction to volunteers from experienced practitioners
- Provides immediate additional volunteer resources to the Fire Department
- Opportunities for veteran Police and Fire Volunteers to participate in new assignments and activities.

The current Volunteer Academy is entering the eighth week. The majority of the obstacles have been overcome and things are running smoothly.

We would like to thank Police Chief Ron Lawrence, Fire Chief Bill Mikesell, Battalion Chief John Shelton, and Fire Volunteer Branch Director Ken Whitman for helping us get this program up and running.

The Volunteer Academy class will graduate on November 22, 2011. We look forward to reaping the benefits of the newly established Rocklin Police and Fire Volunteer Program.

### Welcome Immo, Rocklin’s Newest K9 by Lieutenant Chad Butler



Lieutenant Chad Butler

ON September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 newly selected K9 handler Zack Lewis was paired with our newest canine “Immo” Immo (pronounced Emmo) is a 2 year old German Shepard from Belgium and holds a Schutzen 1 title. Officer Zack Lewis and Immo are currently in “Patrol” Training class which will be followed by Narcotic Detection Training. I anticipate Officer Lewis and K9 Immo will begin regular patrol as a K9 team in mid December.

I would like to give a special thank you to Police Volunteer Becky Kanowsky for all of her hard work and dedication to the K9 program. Becky was instrumental in soliciting the community for donations and obtaining funding for the purchase and training of Immo. I would also like to thank the RPD employees and community members that so graciously donated their time and money to this worthy cause.

