

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS



## Rocklin Police Department

### Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

#### A Change in the Air

From April to September one-third of our leadership staff has changed. We have promoted up through the ranks, two lieutenants and three sergeants. In addition, we have assigned three new officers to the corporal program. Two current sergeants will take on new roles in investigations and administration.

What does this all mean? It means change and opportunity. New people with new ideas and skills will bring change at a more rapid pace than before. It also means that one third of our leadership will be learning their new roles. For our agency to make the best of this change, patience is necessary. If we each think of our current role and list of responsibilities, we can probably envision a time when we were not as fluent with success as we are now. It took time to learn the best ways to do certain things and we stubbed our toes from time to time. This can be expected in

any new endeavor.

So what can each of us do to support and make the best of this change. Here are a few suggestions:

- Begin the new relationship with open dialogue and feedback. For the new sergeant that will probably look like sharing expectations with his shift, not only his expectations but asking for the team members expectations of his leadership. This is a great opportunity to come to an understanding about the way both the employee and supervisor will talk about issues that go right or not quite as right as planned.

- Don't expect your supervisor to have all of the answers, all of the time. Our strength as an organization comes from the sum of knowledge, skill and creativity of all our members. By relying on leadership to have all of the answers and direction, we often pass up the best ideas and

solutions - our own. Step up and offer ideas and answers. Often the supervisor will act as the facilitator of your ideas.

Take stock in your own situation and see the positive. We are very fortunate to be in this department, this City at such a positive and prosperous time.

I appreciate the efforts of all who stepped up to compete for these new positions. It takes courage to test especially when so many qualified candidates are in the running. Congratulations to all of you taking on new roles, we will support you toward the success we expect.



#### Special Points of Interest

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### Captain's Corner By Field Correspondent, Ron Lawrence

Greetings from sultry, Quantico, Virginia! It seems as though I just got here, yet here I am already halfway through. I want to take this months Captain's Corner article to explain one experience I have had here at the FBI Academy involving YOU. While I don't have enough room in this article to write about everything at the Academy, it has three basic elements: academics, physical fitness and professional networking with law enforcement executives from all around the world. Needless to say, the Academy is proving to be one of the highlights of my career. Interacting with my 292 classmates, I have had many oppor-

tunities to listen to the difficulties they experience in their departments and communities. Some even outright complain. I'm sure this is no different than when each of you talks with people from other agencies or communities, at some point the discussion gets to comparing departments, comparing communities and comparing "issues." Listening to some of the negatives in other departments has strongly reaffirmed to me what a great police department we are and what a fantastic community Rocklin truly is. We are professional, caring, highly skilled individuals committed to service, protection and

the promotion of a safe community. Do we have issues from time to time? Of course we do. Any organization does. Do we have things we can improve on? Sure, and we always will. But believe me, we are a shining example of what a police department should be, and one headed for excellence. Every one of us in Rocklin treats members of the public and each other with dignity, respect and empathy, and we are reflective of the community we serve. Our community is top-rate, and I'm convinced there are few better places to work or live than Rocklin. In every conversation I have had here, I am proud to work in

Rocklin, and I boast about our organization and our community at every opportunity. If you live in Rocklin or work for the City, I personally want to say "thank you," for being a part of Team Rocklin!



## Accreditation Update, by Sgt. Chad Butler

The Accreditation team has been working hard and has just completed the initial file construction and proofs for over 450 standards. During the first week of October, CALEA Assessors will be on hand once again to review our progress and inspect the recently completed files. This "Mock" will be conducted in preparation for our final onsite evaluation in December of 2007. As we approach our December onsite, please keep in mind that each of you may be requested to respond to questions asked by the Assessors during the final onsite process. The easiest way to be prepared for this is to

not only read and understand our Policies and Procedures but to practice them everyday in the field.

The sign off and review of our new Policies and Procedures has been going great. Because of your valiant effort, we have received numerous suggestions on how to make our process better. Rest assured that each and every suggestion that you make is taken into consideration with over 90% being implemented. Thanks again to all of those involved. Your suggestions, help and support are greatly appreciated!

## National Night Out, by Mike Nottoli

On Tuesday evening, August 7, 2007, 39 City staff members and elected officials visited 21 Neighborhood Watch block parties throughout the city as part of our National Night Out celebration. This yearly event gives each neighborhood a chance to meet in a relaxed environment to enjoy some excellent food, fun activities for the kids, and a visit from their local public servants. It also served as an excellent venue for exchanging information, answering questions, and generating requests for city services to solve neighborhood problems. A special thanks to all of the employees, volunteers, and council members who came in after hours to make this event a complete success!



## RPD Partners with PCSO to Arrest Burglar by Sgt. Forrest Richardson

Rocklin PD Officers were recently flagged down while on a vehicle stop on Rocklin Road and Granite Drive. A frantic motorist advised officers that his vehicle was just burglarized at his residence in Granite Bay. The suspect had broken into the victim's vehicle and then fled the scene. The victim followed the suspect into Rocklin where the suspect abandoned his car and fled on foot on Sierra College Blvd. near Rocklin Road. A description of the suspect was aired by police units and a quick perimeter was set up in the area of Sierra College Blvd. and Rocklin Road. After about 20 min-

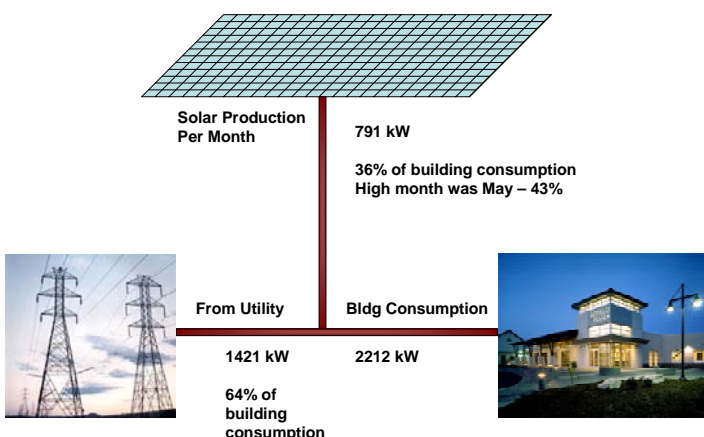
utes of searching, the suspect was located and arrested after a short foot chase.

The adult suspect was positively identified by the victim as being the person responsible for the burglary. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the suspect's vehicle had been "cold plated" with a license plate from a similar make/model vehicle. The vehicle's VIN number revealed it had been stolen out of the Sacramento area. The victim's property was recovered inside the stolen vehi-

cle. Additional stolen items were also located inside the stolen vehicle. Placer County Sheriff's Deputies that responded to the scene advised they had been searching for this suspect because he was believed to be involved in dozens of recent burglaries and vehicle thefts.

Rocklin PD Officer Westgate had arrested the same suspect a few weeks prior for vehicle theft as well. The suspect was booked into jail where he was held on \$1,000,000 bail this time due to his prior theft offenses.

## Solar Panels Generating Almost 40% of Police Facility Energy Needs by Aaron Robertson



The Police Department solar paneled carport reduced our annual electricity costs by almost 40 percent during the first six months of operation (February through July). On average, our solar panels produced 791 kW of electricity per month, or 36 percent of the building's total energy consumption of 2212 kW per month. In May, the solar array produced 43 percent of the building's total energy needs.



## Change in the Air

### Promotions



**Lieutenant  
Lon Milka**



**Sergeant  
Trent Jewell**



**Sergeant  
Jamie Knox**

### Corporal Program Appointments



**Corporal  
Jason Westgate**



**Corporal  
Tony Handley**



**Detective Sergeant  
Scott Horrillo  
Investigations**



**Sergeant  
Terry Roide  
Administration  
- Planning and  
Research  
- Budget**



**Officer  
Jay Newton  
School Resource  
Officer**

## Lt. Steve Newman Retiring, by Sharon Whitaker

After 10 years of committed service, Lieutenant Steve Newman is retiring! He is hanging up his gun belt for the sun and fun in West Palm Beach Florida.

Lieutenant Newman joined the Rocklin Police Department on Dec 22, 1997. He quickly rose through the ranks promoting to Sergeant on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and to Lieutenant in 2003. During his industrious career Lieutenant Newman has had numerous assignments, stating that some of his most memorable and exciting

years were working in the narcotics division.

Lieutenant Newman said that he had a lot of fun during the past 10 years and will miss the camaraderie of the Rocklin Police Department. He further stated that he felt fortunate to be a part of "Team Rocklin" and he will be leaving behind a lot of good friends.

Lieutenant Newman's last day with the City will be September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. His wife

and daughters have already taken up residence in Florida and he will be joining them there in September.

We will honor Lieutenant Newman on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the EOC room. City employees are encouraged to come by and bring your well wishes.



**Lieutenant  
Steve Newman**