

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS



Rocklin Police Department  
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### Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens



It is the dog days of summer and we survived a bit better than other parts of this State during the recent record-breaking heat wave. State-

wide more than 120 people succumbed to the heat during the 11-day cooker. As public safety officials we respond to traumatic sudden events that wreak havoc and take lives. This most recent heat event alone cost more lives than all of the recent California fires, floods and earthquakes. However, those lives were taken by a slow quiet killer.

Recently, I was asked to represent California Police Chiefs Association on the Governors Excessive Heat Event Task Force. This group has been looking at ways we can better prepare and respond to heat events. Of course, there are no flames, buildings falling or explosions to deal with, but there are definite, positive steps communities can take to have better outcomes.

Here in Placer County, we had relatively few heat related casualties. We were fortunate that the power stayed on. Extreme heat can be a non-event if you ride it out in air conditioning. However, a loss of power can change a hot day into a full-blown emergency.

The City is identifying buildings that can serve as cooling centers and transportation to those sites if another event should occur in the short-term. The Governor's task force and California OES is developing Heat Response Protocols for State and local agencies for both interim and long-term. We have begun working with our Fire Chief, Bill Mikesell, to update our Emergency Response Plan to include these excessive heat events.

What can you do as patrol officers and field personnel in the meantime? Before an event, catalog mentally where at-risk populations are in your beat. Remember that the majority of heat victims are elderly and the most severely affected live alone in older, poorly cooled residences. Be prepared to check on these individuals during an event. And most importantly, *Stay Cool!*

### Picnic Drawing Yields a Plane Ride

At the recent picnic put on by Peer Support, Police Volunteer Marty Machado was the lucky winner of the plane ride in my Cessna. Marty decided to pass the winnings to his patrol partner, Police Volunteer Dave Kemp. *Maybe Marty has seen me fly?* Anyway, Dave and his son Brennan cashed in his ticket last Saturday morning. The sky was a bit hazy, but the air was smooth. We traversed the valley, tooled around the Sutter Buttes, mused upon the beautiful sites of Rocklin, and soared over Folsom Lake before returning to Lincoln Airport where Brennan was found wearing quite a grin. What a great way to spend a morning!



Dave and Brennan Kemp

### Special Points of Interest

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## Captains' Corner by Dan Ruden and Ron Lawrence

We want to thank each of you who attended the first "Captain's Cook-Off" challenge on July 28<sup>th</sup> at high-noon in the PD Courtyard. It was a valiant duel filled with swashbuckling spatula action, grease flung excitement and cheese melting drama anyone would love to sink their teeth into. While we have yet to determine whether the Operations Captain or Support Services Captain walked away victorious with the coveted crown, we shall part as dignified foes set to have a burger-battle another day.

Congratulations goes to DeeAnn Ralphs for being the winner of a Starbucks gift card and to Janice Westmoreland for being the winner of a Jamba Juice gift card after their numbers were selected in the magic spinning squirrel cage with the assistance of Squirrel Cage Queen Lisa Niziankiewicz during the Captain Cook-Off Bar-B-Que debut. We are excited about the next Captain Cook-Off coming soon, slated to be a moon-light extravaganza complete with theme! Stay tuned...

**This month's "Captains' Corner Challenge" is: List all of the law enforcement agencies Captain Lawrence and Captain Ruden have been a sworn member of?**

The Magic Squirrel Cage will be used to draw two names of correct answers who will win a valuable prize! Deadline for submissions is Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at high-noon, when the winners will be selected. You need not be present to win. Good Luck!





## National Night Out A Huge Success by Mike Nottoli

Once annually, on the first Tuesday in August, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) sponsors a nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program awareness night. The sponsored event is designed to raise public awareness for crime, drug and violence prevention programs.

National Night Out is a long tradition throughout the United States. In 2005, more than 34

million people from all 50 states got involved in their local communities. In Rocklin this year, 28 different Neighborhood Watch groups hosted block parties throughout the community to recognize National Night Out. Teams of City officials visited each block party, interacting with community members and promoting our crime prevention efforts. There were fourteen City teams comprised of about four people

per team, which consisted of City Council members, volunteers, police employees and others from City Government who volunteered their time to support this worthy cause.

## New Motor Cop!

Congratulations to Steve Ortmann for being selected as the Department's next motorcycle officer. The position will be funded by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety. We anticipate deployment by the beginning of 2007, depending on the Patrol staffing condition at that time.

## Welcome Our Newest Officer by Lt. Stuart Davis

Please welcome our newest Police Officer, Jennifer Torres. Jennifer is an experienced officer who comes to us as a lateral transfer from the Alameda County Sheriff's office. August 7<sup>th</sup> was her first work day at Rocklin, so if you see her around the hallways, take the time to introduce yourself. We look forward to your career here at Rocklin!



Officer Jennifer Torres

## It's a Boy! by Jennifer Collins

During the early morning hours of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Communications received a 9-1-1 call from a 29-year-old pregnant woman who just gave birth at home in her bathroom. Dispatcher Pam Henley received the call and immediately sprang into action by providing post delivery emergency medical instruction over the telephone to the new mother, until Rocklin Fire personnel arrived on-scene to take over. The conclusion was the

successful delivering of a healthy baby boy! This just goes to remind us that no two days in law enforcement are the same, and you never know what to expect next. Congratulations and many kudos to Pam for a job well done!

## Neighborhood COPPS Project A Huge Success by Wendy Smith

On August 2, 2006, the City of Rocklin Public Works Department began the demolition of a nuisance shed located to the rear of a residence in the Pacific Grove neighborhood. This nuisance location was identified by patrol efforts and door-to-door contacts with citizens by Neighborhood Officer, Natalie Constable.

This project was a great success due to the coordinated efforts of Rocklin citizens, Neighborhood Policing, Detectives, Code Enforcement, the City Attorney's Office, City Management, Police Administration, Public Works and Patrol's numerous contacts and arrests related to this location.

Thanks for all the hard work and effort put forth by all those involved.



Bob Stycznski, Keith Mason, Tim Benoit, Lyle Waite, and Stan Fay from Public Works.



## New Addition to Police Fleet by Lt. Steve Newman

Officer Paduveris was recently assigned to the new unmarked police car for patrol use during his shift. The officer assigned to the car will concentrate on burglary suppression, gang activity and proactive special enforcement issues while performing routine patrol activities.

While patrolling a problem area in the unmarked car last week, Officer Paduveris observed suspicious subjects in a car in a residential neighborhood. The subjects were arrested for possession of metham-

phetamine for sale and possession of a loaded firearm. "The unmarked car gives me an advantage to observe suspicious activities without being easily detected, yet enables me to take necessary police action with the fully equipped police car", said Paduveris. "It is important to be innovative and proactive in order to let the criminal types know that we mean business in Rocklin".



Officer Bart Paduveris

## Block Captain Meeting Gets K-9 Visit by Captain Ron Lawrence

On July 18, Volunteers Jerry Van Wagner and Jennifer Myers hosted the quarterly Block Captain meeting at the Police facility. Both did a fabulous job answering questions presented by the block captains and encouraging them to sponsor block parties for National Night Out held on August 1st. They also held a brief discussion on Neighborhood Watch and how to keep a neighborhood energized about crime prevention.

Giving a presentation at the quarterly meeting was K-9 Officer Jason Westgate and his K-9 partner Diva. After Officer Westgate's Power-Point presentation, he gave a demonstration on how Diva can find narcotics. Many in the audience of about 30 people asked questions and were very interested in the K-9 operations. Many thanks to the volunteers and Officer Westgate for making the evening a success!



## Volunteer Program Gears Up by Captain Ron Lawrence

Police Community Programs Coordinator Mike Nottoli and the Volunteers have been busily preparing for the Fall Volunteer Academy scheduled to begin September 6th. So far there have been 31 applications from members of the Community wanting to become Police Volunteers. Mike is in the process of conducting interviews and beginning background checks. Even as the process is well under way, applications continue to roll in from interested

citizens.

Slated to graduate on November 15th, it is anticipated that this upcoming graduating Fall class will bring the total Rocklin Police Volunteer Program to an incredible 110 volunteers! The 11 week academy consists of attending class every Wednesday night, as well as some Saturday classes. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated members of our community willing to volunteer their

time to assist the Police Department in our efforts. Recently, Mike was approached by police command staff from the Citrus Heights Police Department interested in learning how the Rocklin Police Volunteer Program is so successful. After providing them with an overview presentation of our program, the commanders expressed how impressed they were with Mike and all of the volunteer dedication in Rocklin.

## Two New Dispatchers Join Rocklin PD by Staff

Barbara Blansett and Angela Diehl joined Rocklin PD this week as new Public Safety Dispatchers. Barbara, a Sacramento area native, is an experienced manager from USA Petroleum in Loomis. Angela joins Rocklin PD from the California

Department of Parks and Recreation's legal office where she provided various administrative and financial services. Barbara and Angela are starting a new "in-house" and P.O.S.T. dispatch training program involving ride-along,

classroom, and dispatch time. Please join us in welcoming them both to our team!



Angela Diehl



Barbara Blansett