



Rocklin Police Department Newsletter



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Message from the Chief, by Mark Siemens

*"It is the Mission of the
Rocklin Police Department
to Serve, Protect
and Promote a
Safe Community."*

Good to See You

Two weeks ago, I sent out a department email with the plan to meet with each employee over the course of a few weeks. The meetings have commenced and, at the time of this writing, I have met with about half of all full-time department members.

It has been good to talk to each of you and get your view on how things are going. As most of you know, I have just over a year left here at the helm to realize any further accomplishments for this department. Gaining your perspectives is helping me narrow the focus for my remaining efforts.

For some of you it probably seems that this effort is taking a while, but I will make it around soon. Jennifer Collins is scheduling meeting times and coverage for dispatch and records for the weeks of February 15 and 22nd. I hope to meet with the rest of the weekend patrol personnel during the weekend of February 19th.

Sierra College Contract Extension

At the first City Council meeting of February, Council approved a 120 day extension of the police services contract that started last November. The contract provides two police officers, half of a sergeant's time, records, dispatch, evidence and ancillary police services to the Campus. The contract was extended to allow City and College staff ample time to create and approve a long-term agreement.

RPD began providing contract police services to Sierra College after their police department was disbanded. The college approached RPD in mid-October with the news that they needed police service in two weeks because their police chief was leaving.

Feedback from College and City personnel has been positive and both entities desire to continue the contractual relationship.



Captains Corner, by Ron Lawrence and Dan Ruden

Speaking of awards, last week the final judging occurred in the 3rd Annual RPD Goatee Growing contest. On Thursday at 1:30 p.m., contestants and spectators waited in anticipation in the Patrol Briefing room as the judges reviewed their notes, inspected the goatees and rendered their final decisions. Our esteemed panel of goatee experts included Department goatee Judges Lisa Niziankiewicz and Tracy Hedrick, and visiting judge, Debbie Draper from the Rocklin Finance Department. The winners were announced as follows:

Best Trimmed:

Winner: Officer Andre Booker (via Skype from Southern California)

Runner up: Captain Dan Ruden

Most Sophisticated:

Winner: Sgt. Scott Horrillo

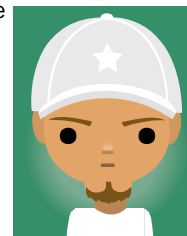
Runner Up: Captain Ron Lawrence

Best Looking Overall:

Winner: Officer Casey Finney

Runner Up (a tie): Officer Jeff Amado and Officer Steve Ortmann

Each of the category winners received a handsome simulated parchment certificate proclaiming their accomplishment, as well as the exclusive use of an Admin parking space for the next 30 days. The winners also earned the right to continue to sport their winning goatee for 30 more days, if they so choose. Each of the runners up received a consolation prize consisting of their choice of one (1) of a variety miniature candy bars that were supplied by the judges.



2009 Annual Department Awards, by Sergeant Jamie Knox

Every year the department formally recognizes extraordinary work, exemplary character, and courageous acts. This year, the list of achievements and award recipients seemed to go on forever. The awards ceremony was a welcome reminder of the professionalism and talent we have here at the Rocklin Police Department.

Officer Dan Groff and Detective Gil Farrulla represented the Rocklin Police Honor Guard as they ceremoniously marched and posted the colors. Chief Siemens delivered some opening remarks before turning over MC duties to Captain Lawrence and Captain Ruden. The ceremony was kept at a steady pace because there were so many honorees.

And the winners are...



Officer of the Year

Mike Alway



Dispatcher of the Year

Michelle Buckland



Professional Staff Person of the Year

Tracy Hedrick

Silver Medal of Valor

Trent Jewell

Bart Paduveris

Jeff Kolaskey

Adrian Passadore

Bronze Medal of Valor

Mike Gandy

Life Saving

Forrest Richardson

Kyle Hollis

Mike Alway

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Doug Vance

Certificate of Commendation

Sumer Regalia

Anisha Harper

Karri Hall

Desiree Miller

Myra Salazar

Congratulations to ALL the winners!



Silver Medal of Valor Recipients

Pictured: Ofcr. Kolaskey, Sgt. Jewell, Corp. Paduveris and Ofcr. Passadore



Life Saving Medal of Merit Recipient (1 of 4)

Pictured: Chief Siemens and Sgt. Richardson

RL is TFO, by Lieutenant Lon Milka

After a testing process which occurred earlier this year, Officer Randy Law has been selected by the Placer County Air Operations Unit to be the new Rocklin Police Department Tactical Flight Officer (TFO). The job of a TFO has many facets and includes assisting with the pre-flight

during emergencies and coordinate with other agencies, and properly using onboard technical equipment. Randy will be going through an extensive training program in the near future that will require dedication and a large learning curve. Congratulations Randy!



New TFO Officer Randy Law

CAD Upgrade in Communications, by Jennifer Collins

The Communications Center went live with upgraded unit specific fire recommendations on February 1st. This marked the pinnacle of a four year long project. In a nutshell, this computer upgrade allows the dispatcher to send the closest resources to a fire call based on specific technical recommendations programmed into the database.

Special thanks to Public Safety Dispatcher Michelle Buckland, Matt Diridoni, Battalion Chiefs John Shelton and Kurt Snyder, Captain Martin Holm, and John Boren for their tireless work on

making this upgrade happen. These individuals helped develop the product, program the database, test the beta version, train staff, write procedure, install the final product, and lastly troubleshoot.

I would like to make another special thanks to the public safety dispatchers and fire department staff who are learning to perform their job in a very different way. Change is always difficult and I very much appreciate everyone's willingness and patience!



Sixteenth Annual Rocklin Service Recognition Awards, by Jennifer Collins

Please join me in recognizing all of our peers at the Sixteenth Annual Rocklin Service Recognition Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, February 24th at 11:30 at the Sunset Center. The police department, in addition to all other city departments, will recognize employees receiving ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and thirty year service awards! Anisha Harper and Jason Westgate will be receiving their ten year award. Casey Finney and Lon

Milka will receive their fifteen year award. Janice Westmoreland and Wendy Smith will be receiving their twenty year award. And finally Bob Martin will be receiving his twenty five year award. Please take a moment to recognize those receiving awards and all of your peers who have spent many precious years in law enforcement both at our fine agency and other previous agencies.



Now's Your Chance to Become a Rocklin Police Volunteer , by 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 Department is looking for a few good men and women to become Rocklin Police Volunteers. The Rocklin Police Department only recruits volunteers once a year, so this is your only opportunity to become a volunteer in 2010.

Rocklin Police volunteers serve as extra "eyes, ears, and helping hands" for the police department, 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.

Volunteers provide a key role in helping the police department provide a high level of service to the community. Volunteers have allowed the police department to undertake programs and projects that were previously not feasible because of a lack of available resources and staff.

Rocklin Police Volunteers perform a wide variety of functions including but not limited to staffing the front counter, patrolling the city, providing traffic control at accident scenes, analyzing crime statistics, fingerprinting children and adults, delivering documents and evidence, staffing special events, performing security inspections, checking homes while people are on vacation, and delivering a variety of community safety and emergency preparedness presentations in our schools, neighborhoods, and businesses.

In order to become a Rocklin Police Volunteer, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be able to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours a month
- Be of good moral character
- Have no felony or recent misdemeanor

convictions

- Be able to work with minimal supervision
- Be able to work well with others

The volunteer hiring process requires the successful completion of a volunteer application, oral interview, background investigation, Live Scan fingerprint check, warrant check, and a volunteer academy. The Volunteer Academy is mandatory for all new police volunteers. It helps to familiarize volunteers with the different functions of the Police Department, and provides specific training to help them become safe and productive volunteers. The academy begins at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2010, and will meet on 12 Tuesday evenings and two Saturdays during the day. The Academy Graduation will be Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Although most of our volunteers are retired, many are still raising families and working full-time jobs. Since there is no requirement to live in Rocklin, some of our Volunteers reside in Roseville, Loomis, Lincoln, and other surrounding communities.

If you are interested in applying to become a Rocklin Police Volunteer, please contact Mike Nottoli by telephone at (916) 625-5416 or via email at michael.nottoli@rocklin.ca.us by February 19, 2010.

