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Message from the Chief - Happy New Year, by Mark Siemens

The celebration of New Year is about over and most of us are wondering just what this new year and decade will bring. Last year, we seemed to make budget cuts quarterly to keep pace with falling revenues. As Rocklin starts this year with a looming \$2.5 million dollar deficit staring us in the face, we must quickly make plans to fit our organizational paradigm into what appears to be the new reality of far fewer resources. In addition, we see an even larger fiscal problem at the State level which always translates into a big problem for cities and counties.

So what does this mean to Rocklin PD? Plainly, it means that we will have to learn to live with less and still serve the community to the best of our ability. Of course, it may mean that our service does not quite look the same as it did a year or two ago.

Recently, the City Council requested that the labor units within the City take some salary and/or benefit reductions to help with the shortfall of revenues. At the same time, every department is presenting proposed cuts to the Council at the next budget workshop this month. We are facing some tough decisions this New Year and probably a few in the next year as well.

The direction of this economy is uncertain. What **is** certain is we have the creativity and resolve to collectively find the solutions that will maintain the safety and values that make Rocklin a special place to live and work. I look forward to working hard with many of you to find those solutions.



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

Captains Corner, by Ron Lawrence and Dan Ruden

Freezing temperatures in Florida threaten citrus crops, boarding lines at the airlines decrease to a snail's pace due to increased security measures, California braces for continued decline in the economy, war on terrorism is now a worldwide issue, and of course my current favorite; Simon Cowell is leaving American Idol. Change is constant and something we can all count on. Some is good, some is not so good, but change happens nonetheless. Change itself is not as important as how we navigate through it; influencing what we can, accepting that which we can't, and constantly taking advantage of opportunities to make our world a better place. We know all too well the state of our current local and State economy. It is understandable that there is anxiety about the changes we've had to make in how we police our community with fewer resources and less funding. It's also true we will likely face more change. What is critical is that we do our best to manage through the tumultuous times and still take advantage of opportunities.

So what opportunities do we have now?

First is to think beyond ourselves and focus on the greater good. We are fortunate to work for Rocklin P.D., an outstanding and professional organization. Command staff recently attended a Sierra College Board meeting where Councilman Brett Story and Chief Siemens presented. We were greeted with enthusiasm and excitement from the Board and Staff of the college. The message: Sierra College is extremely pleased with our performance. This is an opportunity to excel and expand our influence on safety within our community and outreach to 18,000 college students. Next week, Sgt Butler will post for two officers to fill the college campus officer positions. I am looking forward to officers taking advantage of this opportunity to join our Youth Services Unit for this important service.

Another recent opportunity was our participation in the MADD fund raising efforts, spearheaded by Officer Alway. Winning for the first time, Rocklin P.D. narrowly raised more money than Elk Grove. Through the

murky clouds of budget cuts, layoffs and reduced resources, our members chose to focus on positive efforts and took advantage of an opportunity to make our region a safer place.

On January 28th we will hold our 2009 Annual Awards Ceremony to honor individuals in our department who have performed heroically or provided outstanding service. Here is another opportunity for us to celebrate positives and work our way around the "not so good" changes we face. I encourage us all to join in celebrating our fellow Rocklin PD members' successes and honor our award recipients on January 28th (see back page for details).

As history marches forward, good and bad times are sure to come and go. The true measure of our accomplishments is how much better our piece of the world is when we leave. The Captains Corner wishes you all the very best for 2010.

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Rocklin's Crime

<u>VIOLENT</u> CRIMES	END OF YEAR TOTAL		
	2008	2009	Change
Murder	0	0	-
Rape	13	10	- 23%
Robbery	20	19	- 5%
Aggravated Assault	41	44	7%

<u>PROPERTY</u> CRIMES	END OF YEAR TOTAL		
	2008	2009	Change
Burglary	234	239	2%
Auto Theft	82	73	- 11%
Larceny	880	714	- 19%
Arson	11	5	- 55%

Rocklin Police Department Volunteers Wrap Up 1st Year of Code Enforcement Unit Operations, by Code Enforcement Officer Rick Southern

Under the direction of Code Enforcement Officer Richard Southern, six citizen volunteers investigated, wrote up, opened, and closed 426 cases in 2009. Cases fell into six major categories: Delinquent Business License Renewals, Graffiti Instrument Business Contacts, Accessory Vehicle Complaints, Property Maintenance Violations, and Property Vehicle Violations (i.e., abandoned vehicles parked on private property or vehicles parked on other than impervious surfaces), and Public Safety.

Business License Renewals

Each month, the City provided Code Enforcement with a list of expired business licenses. Volunteers then contacted each business, checked posted licenses, advised the licensee of the City contact with whom to make the renewal, and compiled a report to be forwarded to the Code Enforcement Officer, Investigations, and the City for further action. This past year, there were 59 expired license contacts.

Graffiti Instrument Business Contacts

From a list compiled by City Hall, volunteers contacted 21 businesses to inform them of state and city codes. They also left behind both a laminated code card to be displayed next to spray paint displays and a letter from the City and RPD outlining the plan to minimize, if not prevent, the spread of graffiti in our community. This contact was well received by the business community.

Accessory Vehicle Complaints

Boats, RVs, and trailers parked on driveways and reported by citizens were forwarded to the Building Department Code Enforcement Officer.

Property Maintenance Violations

Volunteers were instrumental in spotting and writing up violations in 15 categories. Follow up steps included letters of complaint, a second drive-by whereby photos were taken to document more detailed reports, and a third drive-by to observe whether the problem was abated. If no action was taken by the property owner, then the Code Enforcement Officer initiated a progression of citations.

Property Vehicle Violations

Volunteers were utilized to spot violations or follow up on citizen complaints. The Code Enforcement Officer then wrote a report for either abatement or citation.

Each member of this team has done a great job and their work has stood out within the community!

Code Enforcement Volunteers acted on 426 cases

- ④ 59 were expired business license contacts
- ④ 21 were Graffiti Instrument Business Contacts
- ④ 344 were Property Maintenance Violations, Accessory Vehicle Complaints, Property Vehicle Violations, and Public Safety observations



You and your families are cordially invited to attend the

**ROCKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
2009 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

Thursday, January 28th, 2010, 7 P.M.

Rocklin P.D. Community Room

OFFICER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Forrest Richardson

Chad Butler

Mike Alway

Chris Spurgeon

Group nominees: Trent Jewell, Bart Paduveris, Adrian Passadore, Jeff Kolaskey, Zach Lewis, Brandon Olivera

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Anisha Harper

Sandra Hopkins

Michelle Buckland

Group nominees: Karri Hall, Desiree Miller

PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Tracy Hedrick

Wendy Smith

Amy Lind

Rick Southern

Group nominees: Stephanie Mahlberg, Merae Riley

Silver Medal of Valor

Trent Jewell, Bart Paduveris, Adrian Passadore, Jeff Kolaskey

Bronze Medal of Valor

Mike Gandy

Medal for Life Saving

Forrest Richardson

Mike Alway, Doug Vance

Kyle Hollis

Certificate of Commendation

Karri Hall, Desiree Miller

Myra Salazar

Brad Alford

Angela Diehl, Sandra Hopkins

Other Awards to be Announced

Felony Pinch award (most felony arrests), Hook Em' & Book Em' award (most overall arrests),

Traffic Safety award, Dynamic Duster, Latent Lifter award