

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS



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## *Rocklin Police Department*

### **Message from the Chief** by Mark Siemens

#### **RPOA Leadership Meet with Chief and Captains**

On Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Bart Paduveris, Trent Jewell, Dan Ruden, Ron Lawrence and I met to discuss the information brought forward by RPOA membership at their last meeting. RPOA President Bart Paduveris and V.P. Trent Jewel presented the information they had in a very professional and open manner. Our dialog was focused on problem solving and improving conditions throughout our three hour meeting.

I was very pleased with the level of articulation we received. I believe that we all gained perspective and learned of things we did not know. I want to thank those of you who took the time to bring forward issues and solutions.

Most of you attended the POA meeting where these matters were discussed so I will not reiterate them in this article, but I will talk about some of the activities that are already underway that will have a positive affect.

In regard to staffing in Patrol, the Human Resources Manager, Phil Wright, and PD Administration are actively working on increasing our police officer candidate pool. Those efforts include: lateral officer bonuses and relocation cost reimbursement of up to \$8,000 for each candidate and the \$500 recruitment bonus for police employees; hiring a public relations firm to assist in marketing; and enhancing our application and selection process. We met for several hours just this week on these staffing issues.

One suggestion brought forward by POA members talked about the concept of reverse evaluations for supervisors. Wow, we think alike! That was one of the first assignments I gave Captain Lawrence when he came to work. Captain Lawrence will be rolling out the Peer / Subordinate evaluation process for supervisors and managers within the month. By the way, that includes the Chief. We will be looking for the feedback with a desire of improvement.

Most importantly, I want each of you to know that we hear you and welcome the dialog. We too want Rocklin PD to be the best it can be and are willing to work very hard to that end. I appreciate the work each of you do and I know that your commitment is key to our success. Organizational change takes time and effort from all of us. Please be patient, helpful and open to the process. Believe it or not, we all want the same thing, and I'm confident we can get there.

#### **Chief on the Loose**

The arrival and settling in of our newest Captain has lead to better organization and distribution of responsibility. The command assistance has created a less hectic schedule for me and the ability to take a fresh look at how I interact with the service end of our business. In the process, I realized that I have not spent the amount of time I would like along side those of you carrying our mission out to the public. So I have placed time on my schedule to get out on patrol.

I began last week by spending some time with the weekday patrol shifts. Corporal Butler and Sergeant Richardson spent some time sharing space in their patrol car as they went about their business. Although it was with some trepidation that I put a vest on, (hoping it would still fit), I had a fun and informative experience. I really do appreciate the amount of dedication and professionalism I observe in the field.

It is difficult to stay on top of the needs and resources from my office. From my vantage, it is hardly possible to understand how certain issues impact our service. For instance, I am often called upon to comment how some of the new developments are impacting police and community safety. These visits in the field allow me to get candid feedback about these and other issues. More importantly, I will get to see the good work you are doing on patrol. I will be out on a regular basis (at least once a month), so don't be surprised if you see me doubled with someone on your shift. Hey, why should you guys have all of the fun?



## “Healthy” Competitions by Wendy Smith

### The Biggest Loser

Members of the Rocklin Police support staff have been engaging in some “healthy” competitions this summer. The support staff at Rocklin PD has solicited friendly competition to motivate themselves into healthier beings. A group of employees have gotten together and developed weight loss and fitness programs. To

ensure their success, the employees dedicated themselves to a six week program that includes “official weigh-ins” and constant policing of each others’ caloric intake.

### Relay for Life

This is an overnight event that unites our community in a common effort to support the Ameri-

can Cancer Society’s lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. This year’s event is on September 16th-17th, a 24 hour walk-a-thon at Rocklin High School. Not only are the support staff employees participating in the walk, they have also devoted their efforts to internal competi-

tion. The Records and Communications personnel each have “jars” in their respective work areas and are encouraging people to drop in their spare change. Although it’s “Records vs. Dispatch”, the money will all be put toward the same cause.

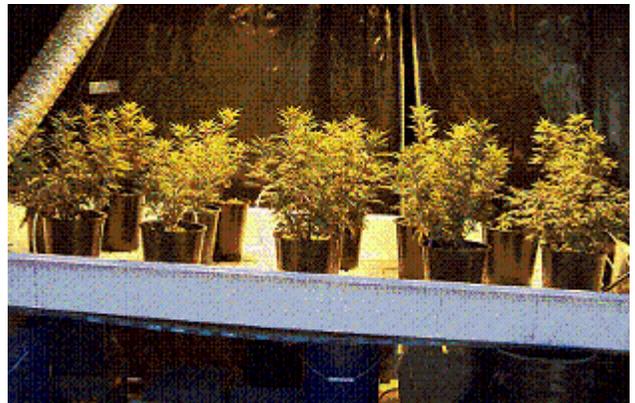
## Kudos by Sgt. Lon Milka

After a tireless investigation into a major marijuana distribution ring, Rocklin PD Detective/SIU Agent Brandon Olivera obtained a search warrant for four different locations. On July 13<sup>th</sup> that warrant was executed flawlessly netting two arrests and the confiscation of dozens of cultivated marijuana plants, processed marijuana, packaging materials, and cash. Some of this marijuana was certainly destined to be sold in Rocklin.

County Sheriff’s Department, executed part of the warrant in a Grass Valley residence. There they found a “grow” and arrested one male individual. Located within the garage of the residence was a marijuana grow. Processed marijuana was located at other locations.

SIU agents, led by Detective Olivera, executed another part of the warrant in Lincoln after a different arrest was made. There they found multiple pounds of marijuana as well as cash. Federal Asset forfeiture was initiated on the cash and other items.

The Rocklin PD Investigations Unit, assisted by the Nevada



## Has Anyone Got an Extra Lint Brush? by Staff

Congratulations to Officer Jeff Kolaskey on being selected as Rocklin PD’s newest K-9 officer. Jeff started his training on July 10th.



## Volunteers Earn the PD Recognition by Captain Ron Lawrence

Under the guidance of Mike Nottoli, the Rocklin Police Volunteers launched and coordinated Project Child-Safe, a program intended to promote safe and responsible firearms ownership and storage of firearms helping to make our community a safer place to live and work.

Sponsored by the National Shooting Sports Foundation,

Rocklin Police Volunteers distributed educational literature and free firearms safety kits to residents in Rocklin, encouraging citizens to securely store firearms in a safe manner to protect children and help prevent tragic accidental shootings. Very active with this program were RPD Volunteers Robin Sisto and Rene Hill, who deserve a great deal of gratitude for dedicat-

ing their time to such a worthy cause.

As a result of the Police Volunteers positive and proactive efforts in promoting firearms safety through the Project Child-Safe program, the Police Department received a certificate of recognition from the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the U.S. Department Of Justice signed by the U.S. Attorney General.

## Rocklin 2006 Jubilee by Captain Ron Lawrence

This year’s annual Rocklin Jubilee was a huge success and enjoyed by many Rocklin residents. An estimated crowd of as many as 25,000 people enjoyed music, vendor booths and fireworks display on a warm summer evening. The jubilee proved to be peaceful, with only two arrests for drunk in public being

made during the event.

A special thanks to all of the Rocklin Police Volunteers, Public Works, Rocklin Fire Dept., the Rocklin Jubilee committee, Rocklin police officers and everyone else who assisted in making this years event a safe and special occasion. Rocklin Police coordinated law enforcement

efforts under the leadership of Lieutenant Newman, along with Sergeant Bob Martin organizing the traffic control, however it was the overall involvement of all City staff who pulled together to make this event a safe and fun venue for Rocklin to be proud of. We look forward to next year’s Jubilee!



## A Salute to Our Local Military Heroes by Captain Ron Lawrence

Administrative Analyst Aaron Robertson and Police Officer Jerry Seawell, in addition to serving our local Rocklin Community, continue to serve this great nation through their capacity in the military reserves. Both have recent experience worthy of commendation and a heart-felt salute!

Aaron Robertson has served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for eleven years, beginning in 1986, until his official honorable discharge from active-duty in 1997, having attained the rank of Captain. Since that time he has remained serving in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as a Captain and has been subject to "Active Duty Recall," serving during the liberation of Kuwait and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has earned several awards and medals, including the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, as well as Sharpshooter Badge and Pistol Marksman Badge. Aaron's current duty assignment is that of Intelligence Officer and commands an Intelligence Unit in the Marines. As a

result of his hard work and commitment, Aaron was recently promoted to the rank of Major, and continues to provide strong leadership and dedication to the United States Marine Corps. The Rocklin Police Department salutes you Major Robertson!

Jerry Seawell has served honorably with the United States Navy Reserve for seventeen years, beginning in 1989, and continues to serve with the Navy having attained the rank of Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Jerry recently was called to duty with the Navy and is currently assigned to a Pearl Harbor Naval base for at least three months, until September of this year. His assignment is Special Operations Boat Unit and he is currently involved in training with that unit. Jerry's special talents and devotion continue to make him a valued contributor to the United States Navy and a real service to our Country. The Rocklin Police Department salutes you Petty Officer



Aaron Robertson



Officer Jerry Seawell

## SRO Brad Alford at *Boys State* by Lt. Steve Newman

American Legion *Boys State* is a unique summertime educational program that does not emphasize classroom lectures and textbook learning. Instead, it focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government.

"It is an activity born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship, leadership, and to instill a working knowledge of the structure and operation of state government", said Brad Alford. "For many of the

young men who participate, *Boys State* offers a preview of what college life will be like and also puts them in a real-life situation of decision making and the resulting accountability for their actions", Alford said.

The success of American Legion *Boys State* can be attributed to the professional staff that is assembled to conduct the program. Staff members are chosen only after a thorough review of their character, qualifications and experience.

Officer Brad Alford helped teach a

week long mini police academy at *Boys State* at CSUS this past month. "This year was especially interesting since Governor Schwarzenegger addressed the boys to open the college and career night", said Alford.

Alford attended the *Boys State* program while he was in High School and has returned as a volunteer counselor for several years.

"The program is always looking for more men to act as counselors and I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in the program", said Alford.

## Welcome Our Newest Officer by Captain Dan Ruden

At the July 11th City Council meeting, Mayor Magnusson administered the oath of office to our newest police officer, Michael MacArthur. Michael started out as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Rocklin in 2004. While attending Reserve Officer training at Sierra College, Michael received the Best Work Ethic Award, the Most Inspirational Award, and the Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Leadership. He was also ranked number-one academically in his class. As a reserve officer, Michael found that he enjoyed police work enough to want to become a full time officer, so he enrolled in the Yuba

Police Academy. He graduated from the Academy earlier this year as the number-one student academically, and he was named the Top Gun marksman on the firing range. Prior to becoming a police officer Michael worked for 11 years as an Applications Engineer for the Robb Jack Corporation in Lincoln. Michael is a graduate of Garden Grove High School, in Garden Grove, Calif, and has attended Sierra College and the University of Phoenix. He and his wife, Sara, and their 15 month old daughter Kayla are long-time Placer County residents, and live in Auburn.



Chief Siemens, Mayor Magnusson and Officer MacArthur