

ROCKLIN PD NEWS



Rocklin Police Department
Grand Opening June 8, 2005

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Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

Well, we have just about made it through another fiscal year. As we close FY 05/06 and look forward to FY 06/07, we have a few changes in our department. Several months ago we talked about a large number of new positions being contemplated for next year. Well many things have changed since then that need some explanation. Those things include slowing growth, revenue projections and employee benefit cost uncertainty.

Since last winter, we have seen a slowing in residential housing sales leading to the largest number of used homes on the market seen in the last ten years, along with fewer new house building permits being drawn. Therefore, our population growth projections are now lower than previously estimated for this next year.

Our tax revenue projections show a slight lull for the next year or two in anticipation of several large retail projects that are on the drawing board. Those projects are timed

with the Sierra College Interchange project.

As you know, the City is working with employee groups to fix the problems related to the cost uncertainty of retirement healthcare coverage. These three issues (slowing growth, a revenue lull, healthcare cost uncertainty) caused us to limit new positions for this coming year. But, we are still adding resources toward our priorities.

Next year, we will add two patrol officers, one traffic officer, one public safety dispatcher and one traffic clerk. We will also reassign the D.A.R.E. officer to patrol. The three new officers in patrol will bolster our forces and reduce overtime. The new dispatcher will assist in alleviating some of the overtime in that unit. The traffic positions will be funded by an OTS grant that will begin in October.

The City Council once again

strongly supported the police department by approving a 16% increase in our budget to fund these additional positions and other increasing costs of operating. That increase brings the police budget to just over \$12 million with 83% or about \$10 million going toward personnel.

FY 06/07 will bring many positive changes to Rocklin Police. With our fully built management team and the additional personnel we will be able to continue the trend of constant improvement. The close of FY 05/06 marks the end of my fifth year at RPD. As I look back, I see great change and many new faces that have created our success. I hope you, like I, look forward to FY 06/07 as another year of great success and growth of which we can all be proud.



22nd Annual Grass Valley SWAT Competition by Lt. Steve Newman

The Roseville-Rocklin Regional SWAT Team participated in the 22nd Annual Grass Valley SWAT competition. The competition is a grueling three day practical scenario competition which incorporates tactical missions such as hostage rescue and other realistic scenarios, along with shooting and several extremely difficult physical challenges. The team consisted of officers from Rocklin, Steve Ortmann and Brandon Olivera, and Roseville officers Anderson, Blake, Glynn, Nicholas and Sgt Bosworth.

The Roseville-Rocklin team was

unanimously bestowed upon the Team Unity Award which is given for the team who works best together, has esprit de corps and is tactically sound. Steve Ortmann was awarded the Mike Sergi Award. Mike Sergi was a Long Beach SWAT officer who was killed in the line of duty many years ago. Since that time, Grass Valley has awarded this to SWAT officers who are nominated for their overall character and aptitude as a member of the team. Steve worked very hard to ensure the team won a Physical Challenge and went

above and beyond for the team.

This challenge really speaks volumes about our team's preparedness and ability to function under extreme circumstances. Our SWAT Team enjoys a tremendous amount of credibility not only from within our own organization but from other agencies as well.



Officer Steve Ortmann

Kudos by Staff

On June 7th, Mother Against Drunk Driving honored Officer Chris Osborne at their annual Law Enforcement Awards luncheon. Officer Osborne, who is currently assigned as an SRO at Whitney High School, received MADD's 23152 Award for his outstanding efforts in 2005 to stop DUI. Officer Osborne was recognized for his 13 DUI arrests during the year and his development of a class that teaches students about the effects of substance abuse and the dangers of

driving while impaired. Congratulations Officer Osborne!

At the same ceremony, MADD awarded their "Hero" award to Officer Matt Redding for his significant efforts to combat the crime of DUI. John and Marilyn Redding accepted the award on Matt's behalf.

Congratulations to Anisha Harper and Jennifer Stroble, our new Senior Public Safety Dispatchers and Sara Boccoleri who was chosen as the Investigations CSO.

Welcome Captain Lawrence by Captain Dan Ruden

Please help me in welcoming Captain Ron Lawrence to the Rocklin Police Department. Captain Lawrence comes to us from the City of Palo Alto where he was a police lieutenant.

who resides here in Rocklin.

We are excited to have Captain Lawrence with us and we look forward to his many contributions to the City of Rocklin.

Captain Lawrence first started his career as a deputy sheriff in Placer County. Since then, he has worked for the Lincoln Police Department, West Sacramento Police Department and finally Palo Alto PD.

Captain Lawrence holds a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters Degree in Leadership from Saint Mary's College. He is a long time resident of Placer County and has a 13 year old son, Eddie,



Captain Ron Lawrence

Lt. Davis Leading Professional Standards Office by Staff

Lt. Stuart Davis is now leading the Professional Standards Office in the Support Services Division. The new Mission Statement for the Office is: *To protect the Integrity, Standards and Values of the Rocklin Police Department.* Professional Standards will manage all department training, coordinate recruiting and hiring with Human Resources, and administer internal affairs investigations. The Pro-

fessional Standards Unit will manage programs that keep us in compliance with POST, CALEA, Policy, and Risk Management issues. The unit will also manage equipment purchase, allocation and technical assets.

Many of the units responsibilities are vital to the continued success of most other areas in the organization, such as training and recruitment, two pro-

grams that are constantly in motion, affecting the staffing levels, and the accountability of our personnel.

During transition for the training aspects, Lt. Davis will be working closely with Lt. Johnstone who has done a stellar job managing training. As this unit develops, feel free to bring to Lt. Davis any questions or suggestions you may have.



Photovoltaic Carport Project by Sgt. Mike Freeman

Our photovoltaic carport project for the back lot has had a recent schedule extension due to some engineering and steel fabrication problems. Our newest timeline estimation shows construction beginning the week of July 10th with footings being drilled.

forward with a slurry coat and striping.

A parking plan will follow in the next two weeks that will coordinate leaving on-duty police vehicles in the rear lot during construction. Our trailers and large truck will be moved to the back lot of Fire. Personal vehicles will use the Finn Hall and Fire station lots when there is no calendar conflict.



Example of Solar Panel Carport

The contractor is estimating mid August to complete the project at which time facilities will move

Recruiting Enhancements by Aaron Robertson

City Council recently approved a resolution to strengthen the Police Department's efforts to fill staffing deficits in patrol, dispatch, and investigations. The recruiting enhancement package includes 1) a recruit referral fee in the amount of \$500 for police employees who bring in a qualified candidate who is successful in the hiring process; 2) a signing bonus for lateral police officers upon completion of field training in the amount of \$1,500 or \$3,000 dependent on experience and; 3) relocation allowance of up to \$5,000. The De-

partment is also enlisting the assistance of an advertising agency to develop a recruiting campaign focusing our efforts toward the most fruitful demographic and region(s).



Police and Fire Personnel Support “Step Up To Health” Events by Mike Nottoli

The Rocklin Community Services Department recently invited the Rocklin Police and Fire Department to help promote health, fitness, safety, and entertainment in two of Rocklin’s neighborhood parks.

These “Healthy Picnic in the Park” events were held on May 3 at Margaret Azevedo Park and on June 7 at Wesley Park, and attracted hundreds of neighborhood residents. Both events featured plenty of healthy activities and excellent food including chicken kabobs, fresh fruits, vegetables, water and juice.

The “Step Up to Health – It Starts in Parks” program is new to Rocklin and is part of a nationwide movement to promote healthy lifestyles. The program is strongly endorsed and supported by the Rocklin Recreation Commission, and includes “Step Up to Health Pathways” designed to help walkers and runners measure the distance they travel. Rocklin’s two events were also sponsored by California Family Fitness, Coke of Sacramento, the Placer County Health Department, and the Auburn-Placer

Disposal Service.

The Rocklin Fire Department had a full crew present at both events providing free blood pressure screening and fire prevention information. The Rocklin Police Department also had a full crew present including COPPS Officer Natalie Constable, DARE Officer John Constable, myself, and volunteers Quinn Koon, Pattee Thorpe, Muriel Moore, Dave Kemp, and Julie Robinson. The Police Department provided free child identification packets to approximately 80 children. The packets include fingerprinting, a photograph, and a hair sample for DNA evidence. The child identification effort is part of an ongoing campaign organized and conducted by Rocklin Police Volunteer John Adams and 45 other volunteers to fingerprint as many children in our community as possible. So far, over 2,000 children have been fingerprinted at city events, and in our business centers and elementary schools. We hope that no Rocklin parent ever needs to use their child identification kit, but it’s nice to have one handy if a child is lost or abducted.

Both events were well received by the community and were truly enjoyable events for the staff participants. Rocklin Community Service Director, Mark Riemer, was pleased by the events and said they were excellent examples of the great partnership and camaraderie between multiple city departments. “You don’t see that kind of teamwork in very many cities,” Riemer said. He looks forward to hosting more events in the park this summer and fall.



Mike Nottoli fingerprinting a child

City Launches New Website by Aaron Robertson

The City of Rocklin will unveil a new revamped website on Monday, July 3. The revamped website, hosted by Civica Software, is more graphically appealing, easy-to-use and easy to update. Administrative Clerk Virginia Trevino worked closely with City Website Administrator, Dayna Amboy to “webify” the new site with pictures and information boxes al-

lowing visitors to quickly navigate and search the site. The Police Department site features sections titled Meet the Police, Crime Prevention, Newsroom, Public Records and more. In the Public Records section citizens can download and print out permit request forms, accidents reports, or view their red light violation. This interactive web-

site will allow us to communicate more proactively with the public and make the department more transparent to the citizens we serve. Please visit the site and provide feedback or thoughts for improving the site to Virginia.

Matt Redding Memorial Softball Tournament by Lt. Dave Johnstone

Recently, members of the Rocklin Police Department participated in the Matt Redding Memorial softball tournament. The team is called the Redding Renegades which also plays in the City recreational softball league. Eighty-five players participated in the softball tournament and raised \$2,400.00 for the Matt Redding Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

During a break in the tournament, the Redding family was honored with a plaque and the softball

field was formally named in honor of fallen Rocklin Police Officer Matt Redding. The plaque presented to the Redding family included the softball from Matt’s last softball game, his bat and glove.

Another fundraiser is scheduled for June 19, 2006. The first annual Matt Redding Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Sunset Whitney Country Club. Proceeds generated from the fundraiser will benefit the Matt

Redding Memorial Scholarship foundation. Although the golf tournament is sold out, raffle tickets are still available. Contact Lieutenant Johnstone if you are interested.



Lt. Dave Johnstone