

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS



## Rocklin Police Department

### Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

#### Summer, Here Already?

Standing in dispatch recently, I noticed the pace of our workload making that seasonal change. School is out, the weather is warm and now is the time when so many in our community beckon for police attention.

So how are we doing in providing that attention? If our statistics are any indicator, pretty good. The past twelve months, compared to the previous 12-months, shows overall Part-I crime has been reduced by 8%. We have seen the largest reduction in thefts. I believe our efforts to focus on solving theft cases are working. However, our organizational success is only a culmination of individual success.

Every week, I find myself amazed at the tenacious police work being conducted. From patrol systematically hunting down a suspect vehicle of a crime that just occurred, to detectives sniffing out a fraudulent check factory in a tent. Please, keep amazing me!

Speaking of amazing, the CALEA team is making incredible progress on proof hunting and file preparation. With the CALEA Mock Assessment starting the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month, we have had a bit of a deadline.

On top of all of that: Captain Lawrence is getting his division ready for his absence while he attends the FBI National Academy, we finished a promotion process, developed a two-year

budget, re-wrote the policy manual,

developed and new procedure manual, wrote a regional grant proposal to fund the 10851 task force, and had time to throw a retirement BBQ for Lt. Davis..... Whew!

It is no wonder that summer has snuck up on us!



#### Special Points of Interest

- Message from the Chief
- Coffeehouse Burglar Nabbed
- Redding Scholarship Awarded

### Captains' Corner by Dan Ruden and Ron Lawrence

Do you know where YOUR cheese is? In our dynamic, unpredictable and ever-changing environment of police work, most of us have come to realize that things are in a constant state of change. Demands society places upon us and the subsequent changes in the law cause us as law enforcement officials to be flexible, adaptable and understanding. There is a great book written by Spencer Johnson, titled "Who Moved My Cheese?" In the book, the author tells a story of two mice and two "little people" who learn to traverse through a maze to find their daily cheese. They travel to the same location, day after day to nibble on the cheese. However, once the

cheese is moved the mice realize the situation has changed and they quickly adapt to forging through the maze to find new cheese. The little people on the other hand panic and don't know how to survive. After days of returning to the same old place and still not finding the cheese where it was located for so long, they get desperate. One of the little people is far too afraid to change his habits and go off-course looking for new cheese as the mice had. While he tries to convince the other little person to be afraid as well, the other little person finally gains the internal fortitude to change and goes off searching through the maze to find new cheese. Finally, after a lot of hard work

and dedication he finds cheese once again and life is good. The author describes the challenges of becoming accustomed to a set standard of living or working, and falling into a routine that is comfortable because it is known to us. Change can be uncomfortable, but if we really reflect on most of the change that occurs in our lives, more often than not it was for the right reasons and for the better. Even from bad change we can derive important lessons. Some of us are very adaptable to change and even look forward to the challenges and opportunities change creates. Our new Department Policy and Procedures manuals are a great example of change.

These are living documents meant to evolve and change with time. We hope that everyone in the organization feels empowered to offer suggestions or comments for consideration. Get involved with the direction of YOUR Department. Don't be afraid of change, after all it's YOUR cheese!



## Honor Guard Represents RPD By Sgt. Milka

The department's Honor Guard represented the Rocklin Police Department on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the California Peace Officer's Memorial. Each year select police departments are invited to show support for peace officers

killed in the line-of-duty throughout the state's history and, in particular, those officers killed within the last calendar year. The Honor Guard unit greets visitors to the memorial and explains the sym-

bolism of the monuments there.

This year, John and Marilyn Redding visited the memorial while the Honor Guard was there.



## Night Shift Teamwork Nabs Coffeehouse Burglar By Cpl. Jamie Knox

On 05/31/07 around midnight Officer Kolaskey and Officer Handley were clearing from a vehicle check from Kragen Auto Parts on Pacific Street when they noticed a suspicious vehicle driving northbound on Pacific Street. They followed the car and attempted to find probable cause to make a traffic stop. Officer Kolaskey ran a check on the license plate and it was discovered that the registered owner was on probation for burglary. They continued to follow the car, but the officers didn't feel they had enough probable cause to stop the vehicle yet—since it was unknown if the driver was the registered owner or not. Officer Kolaskey related this information to Officer Westgate who picked up the car on Sierra College Boulevard as it was leaving the city. The car pulled over and blacked out, so Officer Westgate watched the vehicle briefly. The vehicle

drove away and eventually (as luck would have it) ran out of gas on Sierra College Boulevard. Officer Westgate made a consensual encounter and then conducted a probation search of the vehicle. Officers Kolaskey and Handley assisted Officer Westgate and they located a cash safe that was neatly covered in the front seat. The suspect kept changing his story on how he acquired the safe, but the officers worked together to develop probable cause to arrest the suspect for possession of stolen property.

Officer Westgate used his safe cracking prowess, and a sledge hammer, to open the safe to determine the rightful owner. Inside the safe was over \$700.00 in cash and business checks belonging to the Sierra Roasting Company on Stanford Ranch Road. Officer Constable and Obrien responded and discovered a

fresh burglary to the business.

The suspect would not make any admissions after a post-arrest interview and claimed he was with someone else that evening. Officers located a fresh shoe impression near the scene of the burglary which was of striking resemblance to the suspect's shoes. CSO/CSI Regalia responded promptly to the scene to recover the only direct evidence that would link the suspect to the burglary itself.

All of these officers are to be commended for their dedication and tenacity in solving this crime. Officers Kolaskey, Handley, and Westgate trusted their gut intuition and their perseverance paid off. It's important to note that despite the suspicious nature of the vehicle in this case, these officers were reserved and did not make a traffic stop on a hunch. They followed the law to the letter and their integrity and commit-

ment to this profession are without question.

Officers Constable, Obrien, and Regalia were instrumental in locating and recovering crucial evidence that will hopefully convict this burglar. The case is still under investigation, but this suspect is possibly a serial burglar and responsible for other crimes in our city and other jurisdictions.



## SWAT Team Hones It's Skills By Scott Horrillo

On May 2, 3 and 4 the combined Rocklin-Roseville (R&R) SWAT Team participated in a three day Advanced SWAT training hosted by the Placer County Sheriff's Office. This training took place throughout southern Placer County and had SWAT Teams from northern California attending. Because of the popularity of this training only seven members of the 22 member R&R SWAT Team could attend. Rich Cabana and Darrell Jantz represented Rocklin Police on R&R SWAT dur-

ing this advanced training.

The training included various handgun and rifle ranges and tactical scenarios and a Rural Assault Trail (RAT) competition, involving a 2.5 mile obstacle course that tests team's strategic planning, team work, endurance and strength. Out of 11 SWAT Teams R&R SWAT took **fourth (4<sup>th</sup>)** place overall. Some of the 11 teams included full-time SWAT Teams such as Oak-

land PD (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Sacramento PD (5<sup>th</sup> place). R&R SWAT works and trains at a very high level throughout the year. Advanced training such as this helps R&R SWAT to evaluate their capabilities. Judging by the results, it looks like the R&R SWAT team is on the right on track.



## Officer Matt Redding Scholarships Awarded By Captain Ruden

On June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Rocklin High School Senior Awards Ceremony, John and Marilyn Redding presented \$1,000 scholarship awards to two graduating Rocklin High School seniors.

This year's recipients were Evan Adams and Kyle Iwan, both Rocklin High School seniors. Foundation chairman John Redding said, "Normally only one award is given each year, but out of the 13 applicants who were considered, both of these young men were

such outstanding candidates that the board decided to award two scholarships."

The Matt Redding Memorial Foundation awards scholarships to students who show a high level of academic achievement, community service and leadership. Special consideration is given to those students who represent the best attributes that Officer Redding showed toward his friends, family and the community. The grant is

for students considering a career in "protective services", to include law enforcement, fire service, military and security.

In the early morning hours of October 9, 2005, Rocklin Police Officer Matt Redding was killed in the line of duty on while protecting his fellow officers and the community. He was a decorated officer and recipient of the Department lifesaving award, the MADD Hero Award and Officer of the

Year recognition. The Matt Redding Memorial Foundation was established in Matt's honor by his parents, John and Marilyn Redding.



## Acting Support Services Division Commander By Staff



Captain Ron Lawrence will be out of the office from June 21<sup>st</sup> until September 16, attending the F.B.I. National Academy. In his absence, Lieutenant Mike Freeman will be the acting Support Services Division Commander. Please refer any divisional questions to Lieutenant Freeman.

## Welcome Our New Officer! By Lt Freeman

Please welcome Officer Melissa Murphy, who started work on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Melissa is a lateral officer from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, where she has been a deputy sheriff for the past two years. With the Sheriff's Department, Melissa has spent most of her time assigned to the Jail. In 2003, Melissa earned a Bachelor's degree from Sacramento State. She comes to us highly recommended by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and she is excited about joining the Rocklin team!



## The Radio Detective—You Are the Captain of Your Own Ship Article provided by Sgt. Dwyer

When you were born, you were issued your own ship. Your ship was designed by the greatest ship builder of all time. During the early years you were taught how to sail your ship and you also learned how to properly maintain it. At some point you became the captain of your own ship and began a life-long voyage across the sea of life.

During that voyage you will come to realize that you must

always set a course and have a destination in mind before lifting anchor and setting sail. Always have an alternate destination in mind in case the original one is beyond your reach. Without a destination you will surely end up drifting aimlessly on the sea of life.

During your voyage on the sea of life, you will without doubt encounter the storms of life. Real captains never panic or show fear in the face

of a storm. As storms draw near, real captains secure their decks, batten down their hatches, turn their bow to the wind and standby for high winds and heavy seas.

Real captain know that if they hold their ship steady and do not give way to fear, the storm will pass and they will once again be sailing on calm seas. Real captains know that storms never last, but well-built, well-

maintained and well managed ships do.

No matter where you decide to sail your ship or how you maintain it, the fact is, you are the captain of your own ship and your ship is in your hands.

