

# ROCKLIN PD NEWS



## Rocklin Police Department

### Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

#### Fun at the Finish Line

Our on-site assessment is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>, through the 12<sup>th</sup>. I am sure that all of our members involved will draw a giant breath of relief as the assessors depart on the last day. So what should we do when they leave? How about some fun? Maybe a contest.....yeah that's the ticket, a contest.

So the big question is what kind of contest? A pie eating contest would not go over well, too many people are on diets. A pull-up contest is just too much work. Then the thought hit me, how about a GOATEE growing contest! All the guys have whiskers (well most do), and all of the ladies enjoy being critical of male appearance (at least in my experience), so they could be the judges.

Now a contest needs some kind of prize to be worthwhile and contestants need to know what is needed

to win. So I checked around and found that there are some surplus parking spaces taken up by a certain Chief, two Captains and a Lieutenant that would be worthwhile prizes. Then I checked with those donating the prizes to ascertain what constituted a winner. We came up with four goatee winning categories:

Lt Space: Sparsest Attempt

Capt 2 Space: Greyest

Capt 1 Space: Most Diabolical

Chief Space: Most Sasquatch

The contest begins December 13<sup>th</sup> and judging begins February 12. All male employees are eligible to participate. All female employees may apply to be judges and a lottery for the judging panel will be held. Commensurate prizes will be awarded to judges.

Additional prizes may be determined during the contest. Of course there is fine print in every contest so keep reading:

Current holders of parking spaces to be given as prizes are not eligible to win, you will be judged separately and more harshly than others. The grooming standards for police personnel are amended during the contest period from December 13, 2007 through February 14, 2008 to allow Goatees that do not interfere with personal protective equipment. If you need a further definition of Goatee, please sign up to be a judge.



### Special Points of Interest

- Message from the Chief
- Nottoli wins prestigious award
- Volunteer graduation
- Holiday Challenge!



### Captains Corner, by Captain Dan Ruden and Captain Ron Lawrence

Since the inception of the PD newsletter, there has always been a "Captains Corner" where we captains communicate with many of you who we don't see on a regular basis. However, this is one-way-communicating. There has never been an easy way for you to communicate back to us with ideas and comments about how we do business. Last week you may have noticed new suggestion boxes installed in the briefing room and the lunch room. These suggestion boxes give every employee an opportunity to communicate directly to both captains, Operations and Support Services, with ideas and suggestions. All suggestions will be

read and considered. And while anonymous suggestions are perfectly okay, you may also put your name on your suggestion so we can provide direct feedback, get you involved in the solution and give credit for innovative ideas. In either case, please provide as much detail as possible about your suggestion. Even though the boxes have been up for only a few days, we've already received a number of suggestions from employees. We are also working on a way to post the suggestions, along with their status. Names will not be included in any posting without permission and personnel matters will not be posted. Adopted suggestions

may even be featured in future newsletter articles! Not all suggestions can be adopted, but we know there is often a better way to build a mousetrap. There is a lot of experience and untapped creativity in this department. Efficiency is something that evolves, and often is best evaluated by the folks doing the job. We all have a stake in making this department a great place to work. Please get involved!

By the way, after reviewing the Chief's article in this month's newsletter, we fully intend to show our Divisions, and the Chief, what a real goatee looks like. Since our parking spaces

are going to be awarded for greyest and most diabolical goatee, we think we're well qualified to set the standard in both those categories. Show us your best goat!



## Rocklin Reserve Officers Return to School, by Reserve Officers Doug Vance and Ron McCray

Rocklin Police Department's reserve officers recently paid a visit to all ten of Rocklin's elementary schools in early October. The visits were part of a safety program developed to educate the students on bicycle safety. The reserve officers, along with multiple police volunteers, bike unit, and motor units educated approximately 2500 students on the dangers involving bicycles, motor scooters and skateboards. The Bicycle Safety Program is designed to create a better understand-



Reserve Officer Greg Gaughan

ing of city ordinances and the rules of the road.

The program consisted of four different stations for the students to visit. The stations included, patrol vehicles, a police bicycle, motor units and a four-way intersection where the students with their bicycles were able to test their skills. At each station the officers gave specific instruction including: how to use hand signals, bicycle maintenance and the importance of wearing a properly fitted bicycle helmet.

In addition to the hands-on workshops, the police volunteers also distributed brochures that included bicycle safety basics and fun games to test the students on what they had learned.

Thanks to the help of the police volunteers, Rocklin's youth are a little safer. Rocklin's reserve officers will continue to grow the Bicycle Safety Program into a full-day event for the entire community in spring of 2008.

## Mike Nottoli Wins Mark White Award, by Captain Ron Lawrence

I am pleased to announce that our very own Mike Nottoli is this year's recipient of the prestigious Mark White Award! The award was presented at the 2007 PLEA awards ceremonies in Lincoln, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Mark White Award is awarded to any Placer County law enforcement employee who consistently promotes and exemplifies community oriented policing through his/her work. Examples include encouraging positive citizen participation in policing; working to find root causes for problems and implementing long term solutions;

actively involving other governmental resources and community organizations in problem solving; fostering and encouraging other members to expand their view of policing.

Mike was hired in 2002 by the Rocklin Police Department and since that time he has been an exemplary employee, with an amazing work ethic, excellent customer service skills, and an unending amount of personal energy. He has established the largest citizen volunteer program in the region here in Rocklin. Because of Michael's

success in fostering unprecedented community involvement, the police volunteer program has grown to over 110 active members; a number which continues to increase.

In addition to his regular duties, Michael Nottoli coordinates the Citizen Academy, a model Neighborhood Watch program, Business Watch, and Rocklin's highly successful annual National Night Out event. He coordinates Print-a-Kid, Project Child Safe, and Robbery Awareness Prevention training and he

recently launched Rocklin's first NET Program (Neighborhood Emergency Training), empowering citizens to help themselves and their neighbors in the event of an emergency. Congratulations Mike, we are very proud of this great accomplishment!



## Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), by Jenny Collins

Have you ever needed to call dispatch for someone in need of medical attention? The City of Rocklin provides a valuable service where communication personnel provide emergency

medical dispatch instructions over the telephone until medical personnel arrives. This is a proven lifesaving protocol we are very proud to provide. In keeping with the de-

partment's theme of excellence our communications center has teamed with American Medical Response (AMR) to provide third party feedback and training. Individual dispatcher's calls

are critiqued on a number of levels providing them with a useful and functional report of their performance.

## Total Station, by Bob Martin, Traffic Sergeant



Shown in the picture are Community Service Officer Sumer Regalia, Officers Jeff Amado, Casey Finney, and Engineering Technician Justin Nartker. Thanks to the Public Works Department for purchasing the total station and for sharing it with the police department. The new equipment will aid the major accident investiga-

tion team (MAIT) with collision scene documentation (Factual Diagram). The new equipment will enable the members to set-up at collision scenes and accurately document the roadway and vehicles with less disruption to traffic.

The Lincoln Police Department also purchased the same equip-

ment and is jointly working with Rocklin Police Department on monthly training. As with all new equipment it is important to become proficient in its use, so may see us at several intersections in Rocklin and Lincoln documenting the roadway for future use.

## Grand Jury Visit by Lt. Lon Milka

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, six members of the Placer County Grand Jury came to inspect our Temporary Holding Facility. Sgt. Trent Jewell led the jurors on the informative tour, all the while answering their many questions. Logs were checked, cells were examined, and day-to-day activities were scrutinized.

The Grand Jury reviews and evaluates procedures, methods and systems used by governmental agencies to determine

whether they comply with the stated objectives of the agency and if their operation can be made more efficient and effective. It may inquire into any aspect of county/city government to ascertain that the best interests of Placer County residents are being served. The Penal Code requires the Grand Jury to inquire into the condition and management of all jails within the County.

The Jurors ended up the

morning by getting a tour of the entire facility and were impressed by the department's structure, layout, and newness. Thanks to all who helped in making our temporary holding facility the clean and functional operation that it is.

Last year, the Grand Jury had the following to say about the Rocklin Police Department and its temporary holding facility in its report to the Superior Court:

### FINDINGS:

The Grand Jury found the Rocklin Police Department complies with the applicable penal code sections dealing with the processing and holding of persons in custody. The Grand Jury commends this department for its cooperation and staff support. We found this department is well maintained, well managed and a credit to the community it serves.

## Volunteer Academy Graduates 19, by Captain Ron Lawrence

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007, Rocklin PD held a graduation ceremony for 19 new police volunteers. These new police volunteers have completed the Department volunteer academy occurring during 13 sessions, and consisting of 59 hours of training, which were mostly on Wednesday nights. Their individual training also included one ride-a-long with an officer and two

ride-a-longs with other volunteers. These 19 new police volunteers brings our volunteer total staff strength to 107. Our current graduate come to us with a variety of professional backgrounds such as a credit union manager, respiratory therapist, nurse, electrical engineer, massage therapist, prison guard and social worker to name a few.

### Welcome to our newly graduated volunteers:

Danielle Bergmooser	Ginger Glenn	Al Olson
Barry Burgin	Julie Kassis	Brent Robken
Dolores Coyle	Jeanette LaChambre	Donna Rodgers
Erna D'Amato	Mark Linkiewicz	Meg Tomczak
Fred DeRuvo	Don Martin	Teri White
Dorothy Dimick	Michele Mayer	Elisabeth Winborn
		Art Woodward



## Diva, the Drug Dealer Destroyer!, by Lt. Dave Johnstone

On November 1, 2007 at approximately 2030 hours Corporal Westgate and his K-9 partner, Diva, were called by Corporal Handley in regards to a suspicious package at the FedEx Kinkos located at 6700 Lone-tree Blvd. The employees of

the business stated that the package had an odor of marijuana emitting from it. Corporal Westgate and Diva responded to the location to investigate. Once inside the business Diva immediately alerted to the suspicious package. What's impressive is

that Diva bypassed several other packages along the way before alerting to the package in question. Corporal Westgate and Diva seized the package and obtained a search warrant. Upon opening the package 352.29 grams of marijuana was seized. The subject that

dropped the package off attempted to mask the odor of the marijuana with perfume, smoke, and coffee grounds.

Corporal Westgate and Diva continue to be a premium working K-9 team in the law enforcement arena. Great job!

## Another New Face! By Captain Ron Lawrence

Please join me in welcoming our newest police officer, Matt Roemmich. Officer Roemmich comes to Rocklin from the Los Angeles Police Department, where he worked as a police officer since graduating from the LAPD Police Academy in December of 2005. Officer Roemmich has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from the University of Ashland, Oregon. He began Rocklin PD Field Training Monday, October 29, and had his swearing in ceremony at the November 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Welcome aboard Matt!



### THINGS TO DO:

1. Submit nomination for 2007 Officer of the Year!
2. Submit nomination for 2007 Professional Staff of the Year!





## Holiday Cheer Challenge!, by Jenny Collins

Have you started your holiday shopping yet? As I look at the calendar I see that the holiday season has already snuck up. In the spirit of having fun, the management team would like to challenge each unit of the police department to "out-decorate" the next for this holiday season. Use your creativity to decorate your unit in friendly competition with others in the

Department. Don't know how to decorate? Come on, even Charlie Brown had a Christmas tree! Don't want to decorate? Bah-humbug! Can't get others in your unit to participate? Grinches! This is as much about the battle of who can be the most spirited during the holidays, as it is about the decorations! Take most of December to decorate! We'll kick off the

decorating competition the first Monday after Thanksgiving, on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Each unit that chooses to participate will be judged during the week before Christmas, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, by other City employees from outside of the Department. The winning unit will have lunch provided by the management team. Good luck and Happy Holidays!

## Sgt. Tom Dwyer graduates from Supervisory Leadership Institute, by Captain Dan Ruden

On November 7, 2007, Sergeant Tom Dwyer graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. At a ceremony in Sacramento, Sgt. Dwyer and his classmates from SLI Class 224 were formally honored for completing the acclaimed eight month leadership course. Representatives from the California POST Commission and the participants' home agencies were present to congratulate the graduates.

SLI Class 24 began in March with experienced sergeants from agencies throughout California meeting monthly to share their experiences and receive high quality leadership training aimed at honing their leadership skills. Class 224's motto is, "A Lifelong Journey of Growth and Learning".



## Volunteer Rich Vallone wins PLEA award!, by Captain Ron Lawrence

I am pleased to announce that Rocklin Police Volunteer Rich Vallone has received an award from PLEA for outstanding service.



Rich was selected for this award because of his achievements in assisting with development of the Police Department's very

successful Volunteer Program and Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Rich Vallone started as a Rocklin Police Volunteer in 2002, and has dedicated more than 1,300 hours of his time for the betterment of the department and community. Using his interpersonal skills, Rich has been instrumental in recruiting, training, and managing members of the

volunteer program.

Each year, Rich has been responsible for helping to hire, train, and successfully assign approximately 25 new volunteers! These volunteers now work in nearly every functional area of the Department. His friendly and professional demeanor is well-received in our city, and he has helped to create many valuable community

partnerships. He is also well-regarded and respected by all of the sworn and non-sworn staff members he comes into contact with. Rich's sense of humor makes him very enjoyable to be around and a fun component to the volunteer staff. Congratulations Rich on your achievements and recognition through this well deserved award!

## Rocklin PD and CrimeMapper, by Lt Lon Milka

The Sacramento Bee online CrimeMapper tool is used for seeing where crimes, that is, most classifications of crimes, have occurred within some cities in the Sacramento area. One can search a specific address within a specific time frame for all types or specific types of crimes and the results will show criminal activity for the neighborhood. The results are based on a user-selected radius parameter.

Rocklin has recently been added

to the small group of cities that supply data to the Bee for CrimeMapper. The site is currently in beta testing and is hosted on an external site, [crime-map.scoopytube.com](http://crime-map.scoopytube.com). However, it can be reached through [www.sacbee.com/crimemapper](http://www.sacbee.com/crimemapper).

The data from the Rocklin Police Department is sent to the Bee in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. Crime Analyst Wendy Smith was instrumental in the creation of our comprehensive

crime reports and Dispatch Supervisor Jennifer Stroble spent hours creating 2006 and 2007 spreadsheets for use by the Bee. She had to export case data from RIMS to Excel and then extensively massage those reports into a comprehensible format. Jen said, "This project definitely gave me a new perspective. Compared to other cities of similar size, Rocklin crime statistics are impressively low. I truly think this is a reflection of all members of the department. Good job

everyone.

The Rocklin Police Department webpage has been modified with a link to the CrimeMapper tool. Check it out and be amazed.

