

ROCKLIN PD NEWS



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Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

How Time Flies!

Hold on, here comes December. How did this year go by so fast? I was recently at a training class where the instructor was reflecting on what he heard while training at a department in Georgia. One of the more reflective students said in a thick drawl, "Life is like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end you get the faster it spins." Having turned 50 this past year and certainly closer to the end of my roll, I find it spinning faster and faster. Of course maybe it would not be spinning so fast if I did not need so much paper from the roll to clean up...well you know what I mean.

That brings me to the somewhat tortured point that a whole year has gone by in a flash. The holidays are upon us and so is the **second annual goatee growing**

contest. As you might recall, the rules are simple - grow them if you can. The area of growth and terms will be coming out soon. The contest starts December 13, 2008 and ends February 13, 2009. Last year we had four categories for prizes: Sparsest Attempt, Greyest, Most Diabolical, and Most Sasquatch. We are currently working on the categories and other details for the judging. This was a fun endeavor last year and many have requested to try it once again.

If any of you have been in the stores lately, you have probably seen the Christmas decorations already appearing on the shelves. That brings me to the second holiday season contest, the holiday decorating contest. Many of us recall the winning efforts of Investigations Unit, which featured the crime scene where Frosty the Snowman was gunned

down (a classic holiday theme). It is a tall order to match last year's efforts so begin planning your holiday theme now or in some cases your modis operandi. Investigations has vowed not to ever be beaten, so let the games begin!

Have a great Thanksgiving!



Captains Corner, by Dan Ruden and Ron Lawrence

They say no job is done until the paperwork is finished. That statement is truer in law enforcement than almost anywhere. Here at Rocklin PD we can take a lot of pride in the value and sheer circulation of the paperwork we generate. Over the last twelve months, in addition to various other assignments and calls handled, our officers and CSO's wrote over 5,300 police reports. More than 1,500 of these reports documented the arrest of a suspect or suspects, nearly 400 were for traffic collisions and the remaining 3,400 police reports were investigations of cold crimes and other incidents that needed investigation or documentation.

Patrol officers in Rocklin typically follow up on their own investigations and some are routed to detectives for more follow up often leading to a solved crime, the arrest of a suspect and the interruption of a criminal enterprise.

In the criminal justice system, we are responsible for the impartial reporting of facts and the collection of evidence. Our arrest and crime reports have to be clear & thorough enough to withstand the scrutiny of our own internal reviews, the District Attorney, a judge, a jury and even a clever defense attorney, often with months to prepare his or her case. Even our traffic collision reports take a wide and

long journey as they are read and used by involved parties, Cal Trans, the CHP, civil attorneys, traffic engineers, risk managers, insurance companies and many others. Sometimes these reports are the basis for significant civil settlements.

In Rocklin, we differ from many other law enforcement agencies in our approach to police reports. Rather than taking reports for "documentation", we conduct investigations. This leads to more apprehensions, less crime - Rocklin's crime rate is the lowest in the Sacramento region - and a better quality of life for our community. Our police reports are often praised by those

who use them as being the best! We all take great pride in that reputation. You might say that our officers are experts at writing short stories. So, if you've ever dreamed of being a professional writer, guess what? You are one! Keep up the good work.



Congratulations Aunty Anisha!, by Jennifer Collins

“Should I stay or should I go?!” Mr. and Mrs. Dettner contemplated that thought on October 24th when Mrs. Dettner found herself in labor at home. Rather than go to the hospital they chose to call 9-1-1 from their

cell phone. Brooke Jane Lee Dettner, 7 pounds 7 ounces and 19 inches long, was brought into this world with the assistance of Senior Public Safety Dispatcher

Anisha Harper! Anisha provided Emergency Medical Dispatching instructions to the proud father who was able to personally deliver his fourth child. Firefighters

arrived moments later and assisted in helping the baby take her first breaths! Mrs. Dettner wanted to express her gratitude to Anisha and the Firefighters!



Rocklin Officers Make Significant Drug Arrests, by Adrian Passadore

Rocklin is a safe, quiet and affluent community that has a low crime rate, however the scourge of drugs exist here just like everywhere else in the Country. In the last month, I have been both relieved and troubled by some arrests that Rocklin Officers have made. I have been relieved in a sense to know that both drugs and the people who peddle them have been removed from the community. I have been troubled by the amount of drugs that were seized because as an officer I know there is a lot more out

there.

First the good news, Cpl. Jason Westgate made an outstanding arrest and seizure of a suspect that had been dealing methamphetamine. Westgate arrested 2 suspects and took approximately 29 grams of “meth” off the streets of Rocklin. This was a great case and great police work by Westgate.

Second Cpl. Paduveris and K-9 Officer Jeff Kolaskey made an outstanding arrest and seizure of a suspect who was dealing black

tar heroin. The case resulted in two arrests and over 3 grams of heroin taken off the street. This case also closed down a drug location that was littered with over a hundred syringes many of them still containing heroin. This was another great case by these officers.

Thirdly, Officer Zach Lewis turned a tip on a subject with a warrant into the arrest of four suspects and the recovery of 6 grams of “meth” and various other prescription pills taken off the streets. Again another dealer of

drugs was taken off the streets and the drugs that would reach our community.

In closing, I would point out that these were all cases of good police work but it also proves that our community is not free from drug activity. As officers and citizens we have to realize that the problem does exist here and we have to be vigilant. Only through awareness can we hope to battle this problem that affects society as a whole.

Holiday Decorating Contest , by Jennifer Collins



It’s that time of year again! Break out your holiday decorations and show us what you got! Since last year’s decorating extravaganza was such a success, I would like to again challenge each unit in the police department to “out decorate”

one another. Use your creativity to decorate your unit in friendly competition with others in the Department. (Rated PG only please!) We will kick off the decorating beginning the day after Thanksgiving. Units will be judged December

19th by a panel of our friends from the City. The winning unit will have lunch provided by the management team and will earn the coveted title of most Creative! Good luck and may the best Unit win!

Rocklin Police Department Welcomes New Volunteers, by Mike Nottoli

The Rocklin Police Department is proud and excited to welcome several new police volunteers to its ranks. On November 11, 2008, 21 new volunteers graduated from the Rocklin Police Volunteer Academy. The Volunteer Academy provides citizen volunteers with an understanding of law enforcement's role in our community, the mission and policies of the Department, the specific units and their functions, and pertinent knowledge and training to help them become safe, productive, and professional volunteers.

The new volunteers are now in the process of being placed into their new work assign-

ments. Each volunteer will receive training and guidance from other volunteers and/or paid staff members in their new assignments.

The addition of 21 new people brings our total to 114 volunteers in the program. The Rocklin Police Volunteer Program has been instrumental in improving the quantity and quality of services that we provide to our community, and helps to support our sworn and non-sworn paid staff members. During the past two years, Rocklin Police Volunteers have donated more than 22,000 hours of service at a value of more than \$410,000.

The new Volunteer gradu-

ates are listed below. Please take the time to welcome them to our Department and thank them for their service:

- Adamis, Elvira
- Alcala, Manuel
- Arconi, Darlene
- Assenmacher, Mark
- Bane, Del
- Breting, Mary
- Cunningham, Peggy
- Gallego, Louis
- Gallego, Margaret
- Grayson, Dennis
- Kemper, Kym
- Leonard, Debra
- Mayer, Jana
- Olivarez, Norma
- Palmero, Lorine
- Romeri, Dianna
- Sing, Kisar
- Tindall, Gloria
- Waltz, Carol
- Waters, Gretchen
- Wright, Jon
- Zamborsky, Dodi



At the Movies with Peter and Jenny

Jenny Collins

"Holy Movie Review Batman!" Dark Knight will be released to video on December 9th. It and its predecessor, *Batman Begins*, are as tragic and dark as your morning coffee and are a welcome shift from the ever so cheesy Tommy Lee Jones, George Clooney, and Jack Nicholson wastes of film. (To be fair, I actually liked them at the time and even possessed an oversized, "totally 90's," fluorescent green Batman t-shirt.) Heath Ledger steals the show with a very compelling and diabolical version of the Joker that leaves the viewer wanting more. Batman's raspy voice is distracting at first, his girlfriend was a waste of time, and the ill-placed topic of government cell phone tapping seems forced. If for nothing else though, this movie is worth seeing just for the Batman's sweet motorcycle shenanigans! The theme of Batman contemplating moral dilemmas, and potentially an evil existence, makes his character vulnerable and engaging. Good and evil, Batman and the Joker, are cleverly and most effectively juxtaposed. Batman movies are no longer an eye popping special effects driven comic book cartoon for children. Rather, this character driven drama is a highly entertaining piece of art. If you missed this movie in the theatre, grab some popcorn and Netflix this baby up!

Green Light.



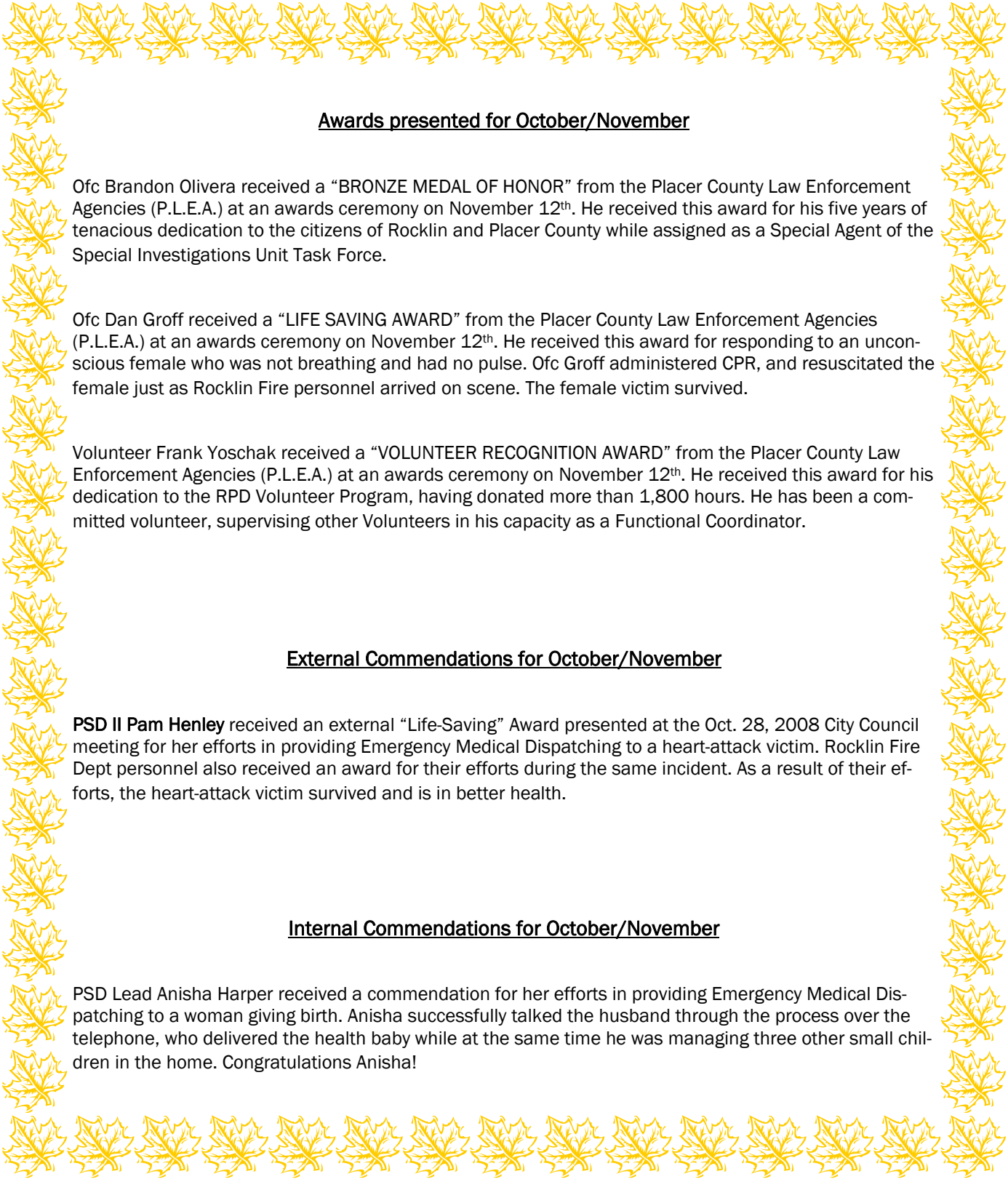
Peter Barrera

On December 9th one of the most highly anticipated movies comes out on DVD – *The Dark Knight*, the sequel to the 2005 action movie *Batman Begins*. This is one of the few times in movie history where the sequel outperforms and out delivers the original film.

Most people will compare this movie to Tim Burton's *Batman* starring Jack Nicolson as the Joker, which would be a mistake. It was mainly about violence and revenge – the Joker killed Batman's parents and the Joker wants to get rid of everyone that had made him suffer. Today we see a much darker and more haunted version of the same characters. A self-doubting hero in a much more disturbing world - nothing in the world is certain – especially the hero. The villain is much more sadistic and full of chaos. He represents a more sinister type of evil – one which destruction comes from any direction without reason.

There is also great acting – Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart, and Heath Ledger all deliver fantastic performances. The one that will be most remembered will be Heath Ledger's Joker. It will always be his last performance, but will also be one of his most memorable.

This film is NOT just as another "comic-book" movie, there are too many things that would be missed. Yes - there is action, costumes, gadgets and high tech vehicles - but there is also a great story, fantastic acting and much more complex themes that are NOT usually seen with this kind of film. A definite GREEN LIGHT !!!



Awards presented for October/November

Ofc Brandon Olivera received a “BRONZE MEDAL OF HONOR” from the Placer County Law Enforcement Agencies (P.L.E.A.) at an awards ceremony on November 12th. He received this award for his five years of tenacious dedication to the citizens of Rocklin and Placer County while assigned as a Special Agent of the Special Investigations Unit Task Force.

Ofc Dan Groff received a “LIFE SAVING AWARD” from the Placer County Law Enforcement Agencies (P.L.E.A.) at an awards ceremony on November 12th. He received this award for responding to an unconscious female who was not breathing and had no pulse. Ofc Groff administered CPR, and resuscitated the female just as Rocklin Fire personnel arrived on scene. The female victim survived.

Volunteer Frank Yoschak received a “VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD” from the Placer County Law Enforcement Agencies (P.L.E.A.) at an awards ceremony on November 12th. He received this award for his dedication to the RPD Volunteer Program, having donated more than 1,800 hours. He has been a committed volunteer, supervising other Volunteers in his capacity as a Functional Coordinator.

External Commendations for October/November

PSD II Pam Henley received an external “Life-Saving” Award presented at the Oct. 28, 2008 City Council meeting for her efforts in providing Emergency Medical Dispatching to a heart-attack victim. Rocklin Fire Dept personnel also received an award for their efforts during the same incident. As a result of their efforts, the heart-attack victim survived and is in better health.

Internal Commendations for October/November

PSD Lead Anisha Harper received a commendation for her efforts in providing Emergency Medical Dispatching to a woman giving birth. Anisha successfully talked the husband through the process over the telephone, who delivered the health baby while at the same time he was managing three other small children in the home. Congratulations Anisha!