



# Rocklin Police Department

## Newsletter

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### Message from the Chief by Mark Siemens

*"It is the Mission of the Rocklin Police Department to Serve, Protect and Promote a Safe Community."*



As we near the end of October, it is only a few weeks to the holidays. We all know the arrival of the holidays brings a steep and slippery slope right into the new year. Now is a great time to take stock of the past year and plan what is left. We often look at our professional development while our personal lives sometimes get overlooked.

This all came to mind as I was looking at some of the tax credit programs available this year. Earlier this year, I had looked at putting new windows in my house and taking advantage of the energy tax credit. Frankly, I have been so busy with other things, I have overlooked that project.

Now that we only have a couple of months left in 2009, it is a good time to look at what you would like to accomplish in your personal life. Maybe it was a plan to get a family trust or will drawn up. You may have planned to start or increase contributions to your deferred compensation, sign-up for that degree program, get a better hold on your credit or financial situation. Whatever it is, there is no time like the present and there is still a chance to hit the finish line ahead of the year 2010.

Don't forget the resources available to you as a City of Rocklin Employee through the Employee Assistance Program listed at

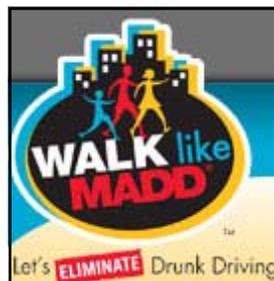
<http://www.annclarkassociates.com>.



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

Congratulations Rocklin PD, the 2009 "Walk Like MADD" – Race for the Mission WINNERS! Donating over \$3,000 for the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers cause, and to all of you who joined the walkathon on Saturday morning, both Captains salute you. Your generous contributions have supported a worthy cause and will assist in shattering senseless tragedies that occur every year due to DUI's. A special Captain salute goes to Officer Mike Alway for his leadership and coordination of the walk-a-thon and fund raising efforts. We know these things take a lot of effort to spearhead. Also, to Reserve

Officer Ronnie McRay, who made a very generous donation to the MADD campaign on behalf of Rocklin PD.



Save the date and come prepared! Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at high-noon will be our department "HOT CHILI, COOL COSTUMES" contest. Enter your great-grandmothers secret recipe for a heated chili cook-off contest, or come hungry and enjoy the victors and the spoils. CSO Tracy Hedrick is coordinating the contest and judging, so



let's see if your hot chili has the spice it takes to heat up the PD! Have no secret recipe to enter into the contest? No problem, you can still compete in the festivities by donning your scariest, funniest or most unique Halloween costume possible for the day (uniformed patrol personnel excluded. Sorry, someone's got to remain professional!). We'll see all you ghouls, ghosts and goblins at the chili cook off, only no flammable costumes near the chili please!

## Rocklin Police Department Walks Like MADD to Finish in First Place, by Mike Alway

Well, after five, or so, e-mails and constant badgering in an attempt to solicit donations for the Walk Like MADD fund raising event to support Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), it is finally over. And guess what, we won!!! According to the website that I kept asking everyone to visit and make a donation on, we not only finished first in the Law Enforcement category, but we finished in second place overall. Our team raised \$3,300.00 in support of MADD in this fantastic team effort that included sworn personnel, non-sworn civilian personnel, and the volunteers.

As for the intra-department competition, the lead that was enjoyed by the Weekend Day Watch team throughout this

event was overcome on the last day by the Weekend Grave Yard team. More specifically, Officer Ron McCray came through for his team, as he had been quietly collecting donations from numerous business associates outside the department. Officer McCray blew away the competition with a last minute donation of \$1,800.00. Well, Weekend Day Watch team, you gave a great effort, but the Weekend Grave Yard team will be enjoying the pizza and sodas I promised to the winning team.

Not only did Officer McCray's donation slingshot the Grave Yard team past the Weekend Day Watch team to win the intra-department competition,

but he also put our team, as a whole, ahead for good in the overall competition. As it turned out, we defeated the 2 time defending champion, Elk Grove Police Department, by more than \$500.00. Officer McCray's donation had individuals from MADD asking me, "Who is this Ron McCray guy?" Let me tell you, it was a lot of fun telling the story.

Finally, on October 17th, Rocklin Police Department Volunteers, Michelle Rowberry and Patti Lewis, along with their friends and family, came together and represented our team at the Walk Like MADD event in Sacramento. Just prior to the walk, our team was recog-

nized for our efforts and presented with a trophy, which is currently in the Patrol Sergeants' office. Coming soon, MADD will make an official presentation to our department in front of the Rocklin city council

Great job everyone and, by the way, I am already working on our strategy for next year. I have heard that Elk Grove Police Department is looking to take their title back. We will have some fun with this thing next year. I promise.



*"Dealing with Stress is not about moving away from the negative, it's about moving toward the positive, doing things that make us happy" -Douglas Menin*

## A Special Thanks to the Team, by Lt. Lon Milka

Thank you to all who helped before, during, and after the recent assessment period of assisting the City of Lincoln with their animal control services. There were many efforts prior to the one-month trial period, trials and tribulations during that time, and analysis after.

Particular kudos go to Rocklin Animal Control Officers Stephanie Mahlberg and Merae Riley.

Both ACO's really stepped up to the plate and identified things that worked well and things that didn't work so well. We couldn't plan for every permutation and, with that in mind, our ACO's adapted and overcame.

During the planning phase, I solicited input from Jennifer Collins and she solicited input from Jen Gibson and Anisha

Harper. Thank you for your energy!

Aaron Robertson and Amy Lind were instrumental in gathering and logging statistics throughout the period. Thank you for your diligence!

Besides the trial and (some) tribulations, raw data, refined statistics, in-depth charts, and comprehensive reports what was verified once again during

our 30-day trial was that we have a dedicated team at the Rocklin Police Department. Our team is willing to go above and beyond the norm to see if we can "improve a process". Can we do things better, faster and at a lower cost? Can we try something new? Can we always keep learning and remain enthusiastic? With our team, we can!

## Rocklin Police Department to Host Free Document Shredding Event, by Mike Nottoli

On Saturday, October 24, 2009, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., the Rocklin Police Department, Roseville Police Department, and Cintas Corporation are teaming up to allow Rocklin and Roseville residents and business persons to shred their personal documents. Cintas Corporation is donating the services of two large portable shredding trucks. Police Department and Cintas representatives will be on hand at the below-listed locations and will shred up to 3 file boxes of paper at no charge:

### Rocklin Location:

City of Rocklin Police Department - Main Parking Lot - 4080 Rocklin Road

### Roseville Location:

City of Roseville Oak Street Municipal Parking Lot - Oak Street & Washington Blvd.

There is no need to remove paper clips, staples, or file folders. You will be able to witness your documents being shredded, and you will receive a certificate stating that your documents were destroyed.

The Rocklin Police Department and Roseville Police Department invite and encourage community members to take advantage of this opportunity to shred personal documents at no charge. For more information about the event, call the Roseville Police Department's Com-

munity Services Division at (916)774-5050, or the Rocklin Police Department's Crime Prevention and Volunteer Coordinator, Mike Nottoli, at (916)625-5416.



## Rocklin to Host Town Hall Forum on Teenage Drug and Alcohol Use, by Mike Nottoli

If you have or are responsible for a teenage child, here are some important questions for you to consider: Are you knowledgeable enough to tell if your child is using drugs or alcohol? Do you know what steps you can take today to help prevent your child from using drugs and/or alcohol in the future? If your child is already using these substances, do you know what your options are and where to turn for help?

If you answered "no" to one or more of those questions, I strongly suggest that you take the time to attend an important event. The Rocklin Police Department and the Coalition for

Placer Youth are hosting an open Town Hall Forum entitled, "What Kids Think Parents Should Know About Drugs and Alcohol." The event is being held on Thursday evening, October 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., at the Rocklin Sunset Center located at 2650 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin, CA 95677.

This forum is designed to educate parents about current drug trends, and to empower them to take an active role in identification, prevention, and intervention. The event is open to the public, and all interested community members are invited and encouraged to attend.

The featured presenters include Rocklin Police Chief Mark Siemens, California D.O.J. Drug Task Force Supervisor Jeff Cameron, Rocklin Police School Resource Officer Chris Osborne, Emergency Room Physician Robert Royer, and several youth panelists who are eager to pass on and share valuable information with Rocklin parents.

At the conclusion of the forum, attendees will be able to ask questions, purchase drug test kits, talk with Rocklin Police Department School Resource Officers, and meet with representatives of or-

ganizations that provide drug-related information, counseling and treatment.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about this important forum and encourage them to attend. If you have questions regarding this forum, please contact me by email at

[Michael.Nottoli@rocklin.ca.us](mailto:Michael.Nottoli@rocklin.ca.us) or by telephone at (916) 625-5416. Thank you

## Rocklin PD Catches Top-Traffic Cop!, by Capt Ron Lawrence

Please welcome our newest employee, Reserve Police Officer Chuck Chellew, who began with Rocklin PD on October 5<sup>th</sup>, after retiring with 30+ years with the California Highway Patrol. Beginning his law enforcement career with the CHP in March of 1979, Chuck promoted up the ranks and retired as a Captain. His last assignment was Commander of the North



Sacramento field office. While with the CHP, Officer Chellew specialized in large-scale event planning and he will be a welcomed addition to the Rocklin Police Department. We're glad he finally got the correct uniform. Chuck looks better in PD blues, than he did in CHP khaki!

### EXTERNAL COMMENDATIONS

On September 24, 2009, Sergeant Chad Butler responded to a vehicle collision on Rocklin Road and Havenhurst Circle. He summoned a tow truck and waited with one of the involved parties until the tow truck arrived. The teenager's father called and commended Chad for his compassion and for the level of service his family received during the collision investigation.

On September 28, 2009, Officer Mike Alway and Officer Kyle Hollis self-dispatched to a person not breathing. They started CPR on the patient and continued CPR until Fire/AMR arrived. While the patient's current status is not known, they resuscitated the victim successfully and gave her a chance at survival. This is considered a field save and will be submitted for a Life Saving Award. Great job you guys!

On September 19, 2009, Sergeant Forrest Richardson responded to a call of a child unconscious and not breathing. A female ran out of the clubhouse area of the apartment complex to greet Sergeant Richardson, asking, "Do you know CPR?" Sergeant Richardson rushed into the area to find a one-year-old not breathing. Sergeant Richardson felt a slight pulse and began rescue breathing. The baby began labored breathing without assistance when medical personnel arrived to take over. Way to go Forrest! Sergeant Richardson will also be considered for a Life Saving Award.

### INTERNAL COMMENDATIONS

On September 10, 2009, Dispatcher Pamela Henley received a compliment from IT Supervisor Brian Graves about her courteous and professional behavior during a technical problem in dispatch. Way to go Pam!