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attracting members of our Rocklin community and/or South Placer County as a priority to build our ranks with people who are connected to and compassionate about caring for our community. To help accomplish a local recruitment focus, we have developed what I call "pipeline" programs that assist people in learning about the role of policing in Rocklin. These pipeline programs have been tremendously suc-

Chief's Chatter by Chief Ron Lawrence



Two of the most important decisions a police chief can make are hiring good people, and promoting good people into leadership positions. I am very excited that our hiring practices over the past four years have moved away from strictly lateral hires (employees

with experience currently working with other agencies) to a more blended hiring practice of laterals as well as new hires (someone without experience, but qualified for the position). In our entire police department staffing, when hiring to fill a new position or filling a vacated position; whether it be police officer, records clerk, public safety dispatcher, animal control, or others, we assess the immediate organizational need to determine if an already experienced person (lateral) is needed to quickly fill the roll with little training, or if we can be more paced with training by hiring someone with little to no experience who meet the minimum qualifications (new hire/recruit). In either case, our recruitment focus has been to search for qualified candidates locally. Using social media and word-of-mouth, we focus on

successful and include (1) our Police Service Aide (PSA) program through Sierra College, an internship for Criminal Justice majors, (2) our Police Explorer program for Rocklin high school students interested in law enforcement, (3) our Public Safety Volunteer program, and (4) our Reserve Police Officer program. Each of these can serve as pipelines to either part-time or fulltime employment with Rocklin, and offer an opportunity for individuals to become engaged with the Rocklin Police Department and our culture of caring for the Rocklin community as guardians. Most of our recent hires, both lateral and new-hire/recruits, are Rocklin residents and those who are not live in the greater South Placer County area; some of whom were a product of a Rocklin PD pipeline program. Hiring locally for government is good for the community, but hiring locally for a police department is especially important as our police department needs to reflect the values and demographics of our community. I could not be more pleased with our recent hiring of laterals and new-hires. We are fortunate in Rocklin to attract top-quality individuals who not only care about this community, but most of them are a part of our Rocklin community.

Rocklin Police Officers Association Remember Officer Matt Redding by Sergeant Adrian Passadore



Misdemeanor Cite and Release by Captain Chad Butler

The Rocklin Police Department recently purchased a "LiveScanPlus" fingerprinting machine for the processing of all arrested subjects set to be released by citation. This new computer system and process allows all arrested on misdemeanor offenses to be transported to the Rocklin Police Department where they will have their fingerprints rolled and a mugshot captured. Once completed, the information will be electronically transmitted to the Department of Justice for verification, the arrestee can then be released on a Promise to Appear, at another date and time, for their future court proceeding.

Having our own system in place allows us to verify an arrestee's identity before release. Prior to having this system, when unable to verify identity, the arresting officer would have to transport the arrestee to the Placer County Jail, in Auburn, where they would be booked. This causes the officer to be out of service for an extended time and the arrestee to be released from Auburn.

With this new system in place, officers can be back on the streets, in service, patrolling in our community.



As a member of the police honor guard and as an officer for over 20 years I have been to many funerals. Earlier this year, I attended the funeral of Sgt. Scott Lunger who I had worked with at Hayward P.D. It is always hard to lose a brother in the line of duty. It does not get easier with time, if anything it gets harder.

As officers we honor our fallen brothers and sisters by going out there and continuing to do our job. There is very little time to grieve and no time to take a pause. Crime still happens, people still need help and the dispatch board is still lighting up, you need to go back in service! As the world keeps turning we have to take time and remember those who paid the ultimate price.

I was so proud on October 9th, 2015 to be there with my brothers and sisters at the police department as we honored Matt Redding by dedicating the department gym to his memory!

Through the generosity of our members, we were able to create a very respectful display honoring the sacrifice of our fallen brother Matt Redding. Both his parents were on hand to see the unveiling of the project and the Redding's were so grateful to the men and women of the RPOA for honoring their son.

I want to thank Chief Lawrence for giving his go ahead for the project; I also want to thank Sgt. Trent Jewell for handling the design of the project and I especially want to thank the men and woman of the RPOA for their support!



We Are All Steering This Vessel by Captain Lon Milka



Being a police officer can be a tough job in many different ways and in many different aspects.

One has to keep abreast of constantly changing legislative acts, case law decisions, and technology transformations to name a few areas. One stormy sea can cast a ship into precarious waters.

The job can be an even tougher job if the local community does not support their law enforcement officers. However, working for the City of Rocklin as its law enforcers, we have a great relationship with our community and our community appreciates our efforts. Our ship is indeed blessed by calm waters.

To prove my point, the following are from the Rocklin Police Facebook page:

“Way to be proactive and get community involvement.”

“Best police department ever.”

“Thank you Rocklin PD! Your community appreciates you!”

“Thank you for ALL you do for our community!”

“This is a very good thing here, to meet our officers if only online, such a unique city to live in...”

“Thank you very much for your services that keep our community safe. We truly appreciate it.”

“I often brag about you guys to people which the discussion or “debate” about police comes up. You guys are hands down the most professional I have ever encountered, your involvement in the Rocklin Community make the town even greater and for that... I thank you!”

“RPD is the best!!”

The wonderful relationship that we have with our residents, business owners, and business employees is because

each and every person working for or volunteering for the department is devoted to providing customer service without parallel. From officers to dispatchers to sergeants to volunteers to civilians and to management personnel, each one of us has taken the responsibility of serving our Rocklin community with dedication, with countless selfless acts, and with accountability.

It is truly with pride that each of us can identify ourselves with police work in general, but particularly with being part of the Rocklin Police Department team.

“It’s not so much the ship as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage.”

- George William Curtis



Lights, Camera....Instruction by Lieutenant Scott Horrillo



On October 8, 2015, Rocklin Police Department Sergeant Rich Cabana met with the staff of the Studio Movie Grill (SMG).

The Director of Corporate Security for the SMG had asked for the Rocklin Police Depart-

ment’s expertise and assistance with training the SMG’s Rocklin employees.

Sergeant Cabana, who is a SWAT Team Leader, spoke with over 100 of the SMG’s employees on the topics of workplace violence, situational awareness and response to active shooter.

The training was well received by the employees and management of the SMG. As one employee stated, “your presentation gave me a new prospective on these topics. I hope I am never involved in one of these incidents, but if I am, I will be more prepared than I was.”

The Sheepdog Guardianship by Corporal Greg Jensen

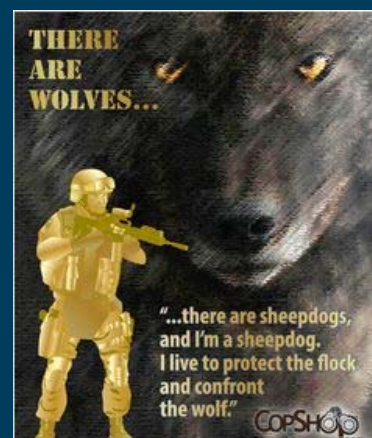


When browsing law enforcement topics on social media, we often run across the philosophy of the sheepdog and

the relationship between the sheepdog and a police officer. This philosophy compares the sheep dog, whose sole duty is the safety of sheep, to the police watching over a community. Police and military are like a sheep dog because we have a desire to protect. The correlation between the sheepdog and the military was coined by Lieutenant Dave Grossman who is a former psychology professor and Army Ranger. The philosophy entails three personality types which make up a community. These community personalities include sheep, wolves and the sheepdog.

The sheep represents a majority of society who requires protection from others. The sheepdog provides this safety from danger (wolves). In law enforcement, this danger (or wolves) comes in the form of criminals or any threat to society. Included in these threats to public safety, are threats from natural disasters. The sheepdog represents military or police who selflessly put the community's needs ahead of their own to protect them. The mentality of the sheepdog is important for our community, but here in Rocklin we have a slightly different phrase. This different phrase encompasses many aspects of the sheepdog philosophy. The guardianship mentality includes all aspects of the sheepdog mentality, however is different because it includes a close friendship with the community.

Although, Rocklin PD is vigorously watching over our community to ensure it remains safe, we deeply recognize we cannot effectively carry out our duties without everyone who lives, works and travels through Rocklin. There is a symbolic relationship between the community and the police department. Together these two doctrines provide Rocklin PD with a recipe for building community relationships while being guardians of our community.



Commendations by Professional Standards Lieutenant Forrest Richardson



8-10-15
Officer John Constable

received praise from a citizen for his "professionalism and thoroughness and bringing swift resolution to a problem that was negatively affecting a community member and their business."

to a fire behind Trucksmart. Officer Wilks was first on scene. Officer Wilks' actions were described by his supervisor - "he went above and beyond with his investigation and hit the ground running." Officer Wilks conducted extensive follow up on this arson and he located the suspect the following day.

Jantz explained to the citizen the seriousness of the violation. Officer Jantz was praised for his "kindness, but more importantly, his absolute professionalism, courtesy and demeanor." The citizen further commented that he "felt pride, gratitude and confidence in knowing how competent, honorable and professional Officer Jantz was, going about his often dangerous and difficult job in the best manner possible."



On 9-7-15 Rocklin Police and Fire responded



On 9-11-15 Officer Jantz made a vehicle stop on Sunset Blvd.. Officer

Towing Vehicles from Private Property by Sergeant Rich Cabana



Do you live in an apartment complex, a gated community, or regularly park your car in a private parking lot?

Do you manage or run an apartment complex or shopping center; are you a board member of a homeowner's association in a gated community? Has your car ever been towed from private property?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, there are some things you need to know when it comes to towing vehicles from private property. The California Vehicle Code allows for the removal of vehicles from private property without the owner's consent or knowledge under certain circumstances. For a private property tow to be lawful, the property owner/management and tow company must comply with legal requirements before and after the vehicle is towed.

Prior to towing a car, the tow has to be authorized. This can be done by the property owner/employee, a commercial tenant/employee, or a tenant of an apartment complex with less than 15 units if there is no on site management. The person authorizing the tow also must be on site at the time of the tow to verify the violation and sign a written authorization for each vehicle removed by the tow company.

There is an exception to the written authorization at the time of the

tow and that is called a "general authorization" which is a written agreement between the tow company and property owner. Even with this "general authorization" a tow company may only tow a car under this authority if the vehicle is parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, or parked in a fire lane, or parked in a way that interferes with the entrance to an exit from the property. Additionally if the vehicle is towed under this authority, the owner has the right to request from the tow company a free photocopy of a photo that clearly shows the violation at the time the vehicle is picked up and a free copy of the written general authorization agreement.

If the tow is on private property that is generally held open to the public and no fees are paid to the park for entrance, there are other requirements regarding towing vehicles. The first being a vehicle cannot be removed within one hour of being parked unless it is within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, in a fire lane, parked in a manner that interferes with an entrance to or exit from the private property, or in a parking space or stall legally designated for disabled persons. The one hour requirement does not apply to residential properties or hotel or motel properties where stalls/spaces are designated for a specific room. If you come upon your vehicle and the tow truck is in the middle of towing your car, you have the right to have your vehicle released, but you must pay one half the normal towing

fees. This must be done immediately and unconditionally until the moment the tow truck drives off the property.

If your car has been towed, the tow company must be available 24/7 for you to make arrangements to recover your vehicle. Your vehicle can only be towed within 10 miles from the property from which it was removed unless the tow company has received written authorization from a local law enforcement agency. Additionally, the tow company removing your vehicle must notify the local law enforcement agency within 60 minutes of towing the vehicle, or within 15 minutes of arriving at the storage yard, whichever is sooner. There is an additional requirement the owner of private property authorizing a tow must notify law enforcement within one hour.

There are many other requirements and liabilities associated with towing vehicles from private property. This article merely serves to provide limited information regarding private property tows. If you would like more information on this topic, please review California Vehicle Code sections 22658 and 22953.



Are You Prepared by Corporal Joyce Metzger

Every once in a while your boss asks you to do something that just might have relevance in your life away from work. So it was when Chief Lawrence asked his personnel to look into how the police department would respond to a prolonged power outage.

I volunteered thinking “this will be easy” but the more I dug into the issue, the more I realized how almost every facet of our lives these days relies on our dependence on “the grid”. The energy we use can be shut off due to “rolling blackouts” during peak usage periods, lightning storms or even solar flares. Major cities like New York and Seattle have been plunged into darkness - it’s only a matter of time before it happens here.

Twenty years ago if we had a power outage, it was an annoyance when you’d walk into a room and automatically flip the switch and no lights would turn on. Nowadays, so much of our lives are reliant on en-

ergy and the computers we use that police departments get bombarded with 911 calls when people can’t access their Facebook accounts.

Having lived in the Bay Area for many years, I am very familiar with preparing for the possibility of a major earthquake. Living in the foothills during our ongoing drought, wildfires are a fact of life. We are being told to prepare for a possible El Nino and major flooding this winter. Mother Nature can wreak havoc and no area is immune. I used to dismiss those who prepare for doomsday, “preppers”, as people who are over-reactionary. However, watching the nightly news for a couple of days should make everyone realize there will be a time when we will all have to rely on our own resources.

Consider this: Do your children of driving age know how to get the car out of the garage when the power isn’t there to open the garage door? Do you? Will your phones work in a power outage? Many families have opted

out of having landlines in the house in an attempt to cut expenses. Your cell phone may not work depending on the severity of the outage. How will you charge your cell phone over a prolonged power outage? Consider a solar battery charger.

All of our information these days is gleaned from the internet or TV. Do you have a battery operated or hand-crank radio? After a few hours in the darkness, you’re going to want to know how long to expect to be without power.

Do you have any cash on hand? If power is down for an extended amount of time, ATMs won’t be accessible and using a credit card won’t be an option either.

I’ve tried to hit on some ideas beyond the obvious of food and water supplies. There is so much information available on the internet concerning emergency preparations. Check it out before the power goes out!



Support Services Division News by Police Services Administrator Sandi Bumpus

Ask a public safety dispatcher candidate why they are applying for an extremely difficult job, and they will invariably reply, “Because I want to help people.” Unfortunately, those we help are often unseen and the outcome is rarely known. Rocklin’s public safety communications team took advantage of several opportunities to make a very visible and impactful difference to victims of both the Butte Fire in Calaveras County and the Valley Fire in Lake County this last September.

Communications Supervisor Myra Salazar, and dispatchers Anisha Harper, Jennifer Gardner, Marcie Jones –Glenn, and Ashley Owen worked in the com-

munications center of the Calaveras County Sheriff’s Office during the worst days of the Butte Fire, providing assistance to both the community and their fellow dispatchers who had worked countless hours with very little relief.

Inspired by the plight of victims of the Valley Fire, dispatchers Misty Widener and Denise Campoy contacted a local community disaster response team to offer assistance. After determining critical needs, Misty and Denise partnered with our Records team and the Rocklin community to gather hundreds of pounds of new sleeping bags, bedding, towels, sheets, tarps and tents. With

the assistance of the Acting Communications and Records Manager Michelle Edwards, the team delivered the donations in trucks and trailers to Clearlake Moose Lodge for distribution.

Offering assistance to those in need is a daily activity for any police department, but in this instance, our teams went above and beyond the call of duty, and saw the positive outcome of their efforts in a very tangible way.





Marcie Jones-Glenn



Myra Salazar



Michelle Edwards, Denise Campoy and Misty Widener



“If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.”

-Chinese proverb