



**SERGIO G DIAZ**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

# RPD Happenings

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**Riverside Police Department**

## Message from the Chief

The month of July marks my one year anniversary of joining the RPD as your Police Chief. As I reflect back over the last year, I am proud of the significant changes we have made as an organization and what we have been able to accomplish together. Hopefully, these changes have assisted to better serve our community.

Since moving all of Field Operations under one command at Lincoln Station and the continued reorganizing

of the various units to different stations, we are more effective in our policing efforts.

I am so impressed with the work being done each and every day. Our talented patrol officers are making outstanding arrests and conducting thorough investigations in the field. I review the shift summaries each day with a sense of pride knowing that our first responders are representing



**Chief Sergio Diaz**

our Department with professionalism and enthusiasm.

Our investigative units are truly second **Cont. Pg. 2**

## Join RPD for National Night Out on August 2nd



**By: Supv. Karen Haverkamp**

Neighborhoods throughout the City of Riverside are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for

the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

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### Tip of the Month:

- Be aware of the Summer heat!
- Don't leave children or pets in your vehicle...even with the window cracked
- Drink lots of water
- Be cautious of children playing near the street.

## Chief Message continued...

to none and they deserve all the praise and accolades I can bestow upon them. Recently, we honored our own at the Raincross Convention Center. It was an opportunity to showcase some of the great work that has been done over the last year, including some incredible acts of heroism, bravery and valor. It was such a pleasure to recognize these individuals in front of their peers, friends and family.

As we look to the future, I am excited about where we are headed. With a renewed commitment to Community Policing, we have a unique opportunity to be innovative and creative in our approach.

Continue to serve the community well and take care of one another.

Warmest Regards,

Chief Sergio G. Diaz

## National Night Out continued...

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and send a strong message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



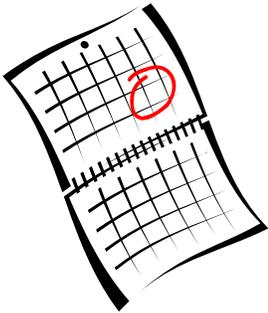
“National Night Out showcases the vital importance of a police-community partnership,” said Riverside Police Chief Sergio Diaz. “We are asking for citizen involvement in our fight for a safer Riverside. Be involved and join us in giving crime a going away party.”

It is expected that NNO will involve over 37 million people in 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. NNO is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), TARGET, as a national corporate sponsor, and co-sponsored locally by the Riverside Police Department.

From 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, residents in neighborhoods throughout Riverside are asked to spend the evening outside with your neighbors and police. Events may include a variety of special events such as block parties, pot lucks, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and visits from the police. To register your event, download the form at [www.rpdonline.org](http://www.rpdonline.org).

The Riverside Police Department is committed to making *National Night Out* a time for our community to stand together, promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. Police personnel will be out in force and will be stopping by the registered events citywide.

## Community Event Calendar



### August 2, 2011—National Night Out

6 - 9 pm (visit [www.rpdonline.org](http://www.rpdonline.org) for more info)

### August 23, 2011—

### Riverside Community Hospital Healthy Heart Rally

2 - 7 pm 4000 Brockton Ave, Riverside

## Have a question? ASK RPD

**QUESTION:** *Does my 5 year old really need a booster seat?*

**ANSWER:** *YES, per California law children under 6 years old or 60 lbs must be properly secured in an approved child restraint in the back seat. Most children won't fit safely in a seatbelt until they are 4 feet 9 inches tall and about 80 lbs. Booster seats do just what the names says...they boost your child to allow the vehicle seatbelt to fit your child. For more car seat information please visit [www.riversideca.gov/rpd/traffed](http://www.riversideca.gov/rpd/traffed)*



Please submit your questions to [newsletter@riversideca.gov](mailto:newsletter@riversideca.gov)

## 4th Annual RPD Soft Ball Tournament

**BY: Officer Lomeli**

On Sunday, April 10, 2011, four teams competed in the RPD Softball Tournament. Teams included **Investigations** (detectives and SRO's), **Special Ops** (Special Operations personnel), and two teams from patrol: the **North/East All-Stars** and the **Central/West All-Stars**.

The Riverside Police Officers Association provided the funding for team jerseys, cold beverages, a snow cone machine, a taco cart, and two jumpers.

The **Brawlers**, previously Special Ops, were the reigning champs with three consecutive wins. With a final score of 24-21 this tournament yielded a new champ, the **Central/West All-Stars**.

Special thanks go to Grove Community Church for graciously allowing us the use of their softball fields and to Retirees Don Taulli and Arnold Orta who acted as umpires for the games.



## Field Operations Division



**Captain  
John Wallace**

**Traffic Bureau** — Spring brings with it the busiest time of year for Traffic. With the good weather comes many popular and well attended events throughout the city. Those assigned to the Traffic Bureau have planned and provided traffic services for the annual Airshow Show, Go-Cart Show, Salute to Veteran's Parade, and West Coast Thunder Motorcycle Rally to name a few. The annual Click It or Ticket campaign is also underway and includes distracted driving this year. In addition, Traffic is utilizing OTS grant funding to combat DUI drivers during the graduation season. The Bureau will target drivers who celebrate their accomplishments and get behind the wheel impaired.

Please help me congratulate the RPD Motor Officers who participated in the recent Second Annual Pasadena Police Department Motor Rodeo. Our Motor Officers showed off their extraordinary riding skills, by going head to head against 150 of the best law enforcement riders from all over California. Their efforts were second to none, as they traditionally waved the superior flag of the RPD.



## Investigations Division



**Captain  
Meredyth Meredith**

**The Sexual Assault and Child Abuse (SACA)** unit is composed of six detectives and one supervisor. Two detectives primarily handle adult sex crimes and four detectives handle criminal cases involving children. The SACA unit investigates all crimes against children (under 13) and sexual assaults involving adults (14 and over). The unit has a **tip line number of (951) 353-7261** for the public to utilize.

The SACA detectives work closely with the Riverside County agencies including the District Attorney's Office, Child Death Review Board, Child Protective Services, Rape Crisis, Child Assessment Team, and Riverside County Regional Medical Center's Sexual Assault Response Team.

**290 Sex Registrant Program:** Sex registrants residing in the city must report their whereabouts to local police in accordance with Section 290 of the California Penal Code. The SACA unit deals with individuals who are out of compliance with their registration requirements. With the support of the Riverside County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Team (SAFE) and the Riverside Police Records Department, subjects are monitored for their compliance.

Subjects out of compliance are actively investigated and arrested. The SACA unit, with the assistance of the SAFE team, make unannounced contacts with 290 registrants to ensure their compliance with legal requirements. During the last year the SACA unit has handled 842 investigations. An example of the unit's exceptional work is the recent abduction and assault of a 9 year old girl. Investigators were called out for this incident and worked tirelessly to identify a suspect. A potential suspect was identified early in the investigation and investigators were able to link the suspect to the crime through DNA evidence.

## Special Operations Division

The Neighborhood Policing Centers continue to stay busy at reducing and solving crimes. Additionally, they have enthusiastically taken on the added responsibility of assisting the Community Services Bureau with the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Although the RPD year-end and monthly crime statistics are encouraging overall, the economy is still chugging along slowly and we must remain continually vigilant with strategies and new technology that will aide us in our crime fighting mission. In addition to the economy, an added challenge is the recent Supreme Court decision that may result in the early release of thousands of prisoners. While some might consider them "low risk," we know that drug offenders and thieves are responsible for a significant number of our Part 1 and Part 2 crimes, thus negatively impacting the quality of life for many of our Riverside citizens.



**Captain  
John Carpenter**

One of the main goals of the Neighborhood Policing Centers this year is to significantly impact the national epidemic of auto theft. While recent Crime Analysis statistics reflect an encouraging reduction year-to-date, continual success at reducing auto theft as well as other **Cont. Pg. 8**

## Support Services Division

The month of May has always been designated as Peace Officer Memorial month. The Riverside Police Department continues to be a leader in the effort to remember those who have given their lives in service to our communities in the City and County of Riverside. This year's annual memorial ceremony was deeply profound and heartfelt for all members of the RPD as we paid tribute to the recent and tragic loss of our very own, Officer Ryan Patrick Bonaminio, EOW – November 7, 2010.



**Captain  
Mike Perea**



The Support Services-Personnel Bureau took the lead in organizing the event and coordinating the participation of several local law enforcement agencies. This year's event was held on May 9, 2011 in front of the "Safe in His Arms" memorial statue. The event was well attended and included the unfortunate unveiling of three additional names affixed to the base of the statue. The name of RPD Officer Ryan Bonaminio was unveiled by his mother and father, Geri and Joseph Bonaminio. The two additional names were those of Special Deputy Frank Hamilton, who gave his life on April 8, 1895, and Deputy Mark Kemp who gave his life on November 9, 1994. Both men served with the Riverside Sheriff's Department. Let us all remember these great heroes who paid the ultimate price in fulfilling the mission and goals of their chosen profession, law enforcement.

*"Forever missed, and never to be forgotten"*



# Management Services Division

The Crime Analysis Unit is dedicated to providing support for the Department, the Community and other City Departments. The unit has two offices – one at Lincoln facility and one at the Magnolia facility. The unit is staffed by Supervising Crime Analyst Traci Dosé, Crime Analyst Carol Lane and Geographic Information Analyst Kwabena Prakah-Asante who complement each other as a team striving to working smarter and effectively by providing relevant information.



**Admin. Svs. Manager  
Karen Aquino**



The unit plays an integral role in RPD’s Management and Accountability Program (RPD~MAP) and is responsible for analyzing data from multiple sources, identifying relationships and using analytical tools to provide timely information on crime trends to management.

The Crime Analysis Unit manages CrimeView Web which is used internally by department personnel who need quick access to crime information displayed on maps. This program also provides summary information for every point on the map based on the criteria selected by the user. The Unit also has complex mapping capabilities and is OFTEN asked to provide geographical analysis for Operation Plans and the City Attorney’s Office. Maps and documents have also been used in court as exhibits in many of our successful prosecutions.

The Unit provides daily, weekly and monthly reports for Field Operations for GTA Hot sheets, Robbery Reports, Burglary Reports, and Hotspot Analysis. This information is a resource for officers in the field to summarize crime data and identify problems in their beats.

The Crime Analysis Unit manages the crime statistics section on our website (<http://www.riversideca.gov/rpd/crstats/>) which contains links to public information from crime reports as well as an interactive mapping tool that allows the display of crimes from a geographic perspective. Viewers can search by crime types, specific locations or areas. Residents can also sign up for alerts about crime that occurred near or in their neighborhood.

**RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Total City

**PART I CRIMES**

*As of Wednesday, May 25, 2011 1:45:48 PM*

04/01/2011 - 04/30/2011											YTD 04/30/2011				
RD	Murder UCR 01	Rape UCR 02	Robbery UCR 03	Agg Assault UCR 04	Total Violent Crime	Burglary UCR 05	Theft UCR 06	Auto Theft UCR 07	Total Property Crime	Total Part I	% OF CITY (Month)	2011 YTD Part I	% OF CITY (YTD)	2010 YTD Part I	% Change
NORTH	0	1	5	14	20	32	133	19	184	204	23.4%	874	24.2%	839	-4.2%
EAST	0	0	8	18	26	42	149	32	223	249	28.5%	1,082	30.0%	1,079	0.3%
CENTRAL	0	1	9	22	32	37	89	18	144	176	20.2%	767	21.2%	746	2.8%
WEST	0	0	7	14	21	32	150	39	221	242	27.7%	876	24.3%	1,044	-16.1%
MISC.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0.2%	11	0.3%	19	-42.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,610</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,727</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>

N/C = not calculable

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## 160 Managers attend Crime Free Training

**BY: Officer Celeste Neiman**

As of February 2011, five 8-hour classes and two 4-hour update classes have been completed with a total of 160 managers trained. Not only have Riverside managers come through this training, managers from Corona, San Bernardino, Beaumont, Banning, and Perris have taken the lessons learned and applied them to their Communities!

To completely be certified in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program three Phases must be completed. The first phase is an 8-hour training class for managers, owners, maintenance, and security personnel. The second phase is an inspection of the property evaluating the safety techniques taught in the class. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design ensures the properties meet minimum safety requirements. The third phase is an Apartment

Watch meeting to explain the program to the residents and to gain their support. By working together, they can better protect their communities and embrace a Crime Free Life.



Thank you Crime Free Partners for your support and participation in this program!

## Field Operations Commendations & Awards

**BY: Captain John Wallace**

Officers Grant Linhart and Jeremy Miller received a Commanders' Commendation for exemplary investigative actions, beat knowledge, and professionalism. They were instrumental in the arrest of a serial burglar. Their actions and collaboration with other departments helped improve the quality of life for hardworking business owners and residents in the City of Riverside.

Officer James Mutuku was awarded Safety Officer of the Month by Mayor Loveridge on April 26, 2011. This was given as a public acknowledgement and appreciation for valuable, courageous, and distinguished service in coordination with Riverside Police Department and in recognition of his important work with Field Operations Division.



## Special Operations Cont...

property crimes will require our upmost commitment and use of new technology. Speaking of new technology, Detective Terry Ellefson submitted a proposal for new technology that was recently adopted by the RPD. The National Vehicle Location System (NVLS), also known as "Vigilant Video" System, is a tool managed by the private sector that focuses on aiding law enforcement with increasing their success at recovering stolen vehicles and locating "wanted" vehicles by using the plate-scan data from auto re-possessors who drive around recording license plates. The plate-scan information is stored in a database that is searchable by participating law enforcement members. The system can be configured to send alerts, advising of date, time, location, and make and model of "wanted" vehicles that have been scanned by private sector re-possessors and tow truck-drivers. The system also allows an investigator to search for specific plates, even if they haven't been reported as stolen or "wanted," revealing where and when they were scanned in California. This system has received good reviews from detectives assigned throughout the Department who were looking for specific vehicles. According to Detective Terry Ellefson, "The first time I fired it up, I found two cars that I was looking for. Within the first two weeks, I recovered four GTAs in our City."

Certainly evolving technology is increasingly more important in our crime fighting mission; however, it's the commitment and dedication of people that puts the technology in motion. While the future may present us with some unique challenges, I have no doubt that the men and women of the Special Operations Division will meet these challenges "leaning forward," seizing every opportunity to make our community a safe place to live and work!

## RPD Volunteers Honored by Community Connect

At the Community Connect 14th Annual Volunteer Hero Awards, three Riverside Police Department volunteers were honored. RPD 2010 Volunteer of the Year Shirley Wayne was honored as the City of Riverside 2011 Hero. Teen 2 Teen volunteers Kassandra Flores and Jerry Franco were honored as Youth Volunteers.



**Above:** RPD Teen 2 Teen Volunteers Kassandra Flores and Jerry Franco are pictured with Mayor Ron Loveridge and Councilmember Paul Davis.



**Left:** RPD Volunteers Shirley Wayne, Kassandra Flores and Jerry Franco are pictured with Lt. Guy Toussaint, Supv. Karen Haverkamp, Ms. Flores, and Mr. Franco.

## RPD in the Community



**ABP Chili Cook-off and Car Show May 28, 2011**



**Special Olympics Torch Run  
June 7, 2011**



Being proactive for our community!

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