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Riverside Police Department

Message from the Chief

I am very grateful to all the community members who supported the Riverside Police Foundation by attending the Inaugural Golden Badge Awards. Rob Mc Millian, the ABC7 Eyewitness News Inland Empire Bureau Chief, acted as Master of Ceremonies at the event which welcomed over 300 guests, honorees, and supporters.



Former Riverside North High School student Courtney Blatchford was recognized for her outstanding work in the community and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and the "Future Leader Award." Mr. Dell Roberts was presented with the first "Chief's Award" for his efforts in supporting youth programs in **Cont. PG 2**



Chief Sergio Diaz

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

Shopping during the holiday season can present unique danger. Taking a few prevention measures can help keep your holiday season joyous. Be AWARE of your surroundings. Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member. Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings. **Cont. PG 7**

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Tip of the Month: Be Safe

- Lock your car and keep items out of sight.
- Be observant...notice who and what is around you at all times.
- Keep your children in sight at all times when out shopping.

Chief's Message Cont...

Riverside's historic Eastside community. The Honorable Mayor Ron Loveridge was recognized as the first recipient of the "Distinguished Leader Award" for his contributions to the City of Riverside, and especially to its young people, for more than thirty years. The award, which will be presented annually, was renamed at the ceremony as the "Ronald O. Loveridge Distinguished Leader Award." Mayor Loveridge's wife, Marsha, was also honored for her support of her husband during his distinguished career as an educator, a City Council member, and as



Mayor.

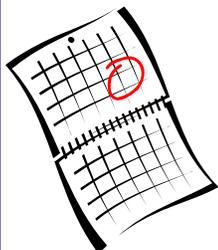
Funds were raised at the event to support the Foundation's purpose of "Service to Youth." The evening started with a silent auction with some of the items up for bid including vacation packages, golf foursomes, and sporting memorabilia. After a gourmet dinner and the award presentation, the bidding continued with a live auction. Up for bid were numerous items including VIP tickets for four to the Tournament of Roses Parade, a four-pack of round-trip Alaskan Airlines tickets to any of their 96 destinations, and two puppies from the Riverside County Animal Shelter.

The evening concluded with cocktails and dancing in front of the live band, "S.O.U.L. Music Entertainment." While the funds raised are still being calculated, the evening was an overwhelming success.

I would like to thank all the Police Explorers, Police Cadets, and everyone that assisted with the event.



Community Event Calendar



Sunday, October 21st – Riverside Police Foundation Triathlon
Bobby Bonds Park 2060 University Ave - 8:00am

Wednesday, October 24th – United Way Chili Cook-off
Breezeway – City Hall 3900 Main Street 11:30am -1:00pm

Saturday, October 24th, “Pink on Parade” Support Breast Cancer
Research Walk – Fairmount Park 8:00am

October 31st – Happy Halloween

November 22nd - Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 8th - Tamale Festival - YMCA
4020 Jefferson Street 11am

Saturday, December 15th - Santa Fly-in - Sam’s Club parking lot
6363 Valley Springs Parkway 10am-1pm



December 25th - Merry Christmas

January 1, 2013 - HAPPY NEW
YEAR!



Have a question? Ever wonder why officers do something a certain way? ASK RPD?

QUESTION: *How can I volunteer for the Police Department?*

ANSWER: RPD is accepting applications for Volunteers in several divisions within the department. RPD has many exciting volunteer opportunities to engage and involve our community members. For more information visit RPDonline.org or contact Volunteer Coordinator PSR Cunningham at 951-826-5235.



Please submit your questions to newsletter@riversideca.gov

Support Services Division



**Captain
John Wallace**

Internal Affairs - The Office of Internal Affairs' responsibilities include the review of policies, procedures, and protocols, use of force incidents, pursuits, property damage, and traffic collisions involving police employees. The goal of the Office of Internal Affairs is to encourage proper conduct, minimize liability, and manage risk. Internal Affairs has reviewed over 250 administrative investigations this year.

The Office of Internal Affairs receives complaints in person, by phone, written, or electronic media. Each police facility is required to have complaint forms readily available for public access. Each complaint is first reviewed by the Office of Internal Affairs then assigned to the appropriate investigative unit. Once a complaint has been investigated and completed, the complaining party is notified of the findings. Findings do not include discipline, if any, that may or may not have been imposed on the subject employee. Employee privacy regarding discipline is strictly protected by California labor law and is of the highest Department priority.

Communications - The new Communications Center at Magnolia is under construction. Demolition began in the last week of July with **Cont. PG 7**

Investigations Division



**Captain
John Carpenter**

New Faces Assisting the Computer Forensics Unit - The use of cell phones, computers, and other electronic storage devices by criminals continues to rise and become increasingly complex. The RPD has responded by increasing its human capital in the Computer Forensic Unit as well as preparing for the eventual need of succession planning. Consequently, fifteen very qualified officers and detectives competed for two newly authorized collateral positions. After careful consideration, Detective Eric Detmer and Officer Dan Olsen were chosen to assist veteran Detective Dan Flores with computer forensic examinations. Please join us in congratulating these 14-year veterans who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the unit.

The Computer Forensics Unit has developed into a highly technical and diverse support unit for the Riverside Police Department. Requests for assistance come from all investigative units and cover just about any crime you can imagine. Computer forensics can generally be divided into three broad specialties. The most basic of these is obtaining and documenting digital information. This includes data recovery and verification. **Cont. PG 7**

Special Operations Division

CrimeView Dashboard was implemented by the Crime Analysis Unit and is playing an important role in the Neighborhood Policing Centers. The Dashboard is an upgrade to CrimeView Web which provided a geographic perspective of incidents. The new technology offers more timely and rapid access to information about Police Activity/Calls for Service, Crimes and Arrests in the city. Crime View Dashboard allows the NPCs to answer critical questions related to concentrations of crimes in the city; time of incidents; and the precise locations of repeat calls for service. The information is presented in several formats including heat maps, repeat call locations, day of the week charts and time of day graphs. These visuals allow for the rapid assessment and dissemination of critical information throughout NPC crime suppression teams.

Emerging trends are analyzed through the use of Briefing Books, Pages and Widgets customized by Crime Analysis to meet specific needs of the NPCs. Not only are we able to efficiently look at trends for past weeks or months, we are also able to use historical information as a guide to predict future occurrences of crimes and calls for service. **Cont. PG 6**



**Captain
Mike Perea**

Field Operations Division

As we approach the end of the year, Field Operations is gearing up for a successful and productive holiday season. Our personnel changes have settled for the present time but we have much to go over for the not too distant past. We want to congratulate Officers Daniel Macias, Patrick Rivera, Jeffrey Southard and Andrew Spillman on their graduation from the Basic Academy. A formal swearing in ceremony was held on Friday morning, October 5, 2012. Lieutenant Bruce Loftus gave the new officers no slack and put them to work that afternoon. Kudos go out also to Officer James Payne for completing the FTO program at the end of September and hitting the streets on his own. Welcome aboard to Durees Newell who is no longer a temporary employee but was hired as a permanent, full-time addition to the front office at Lincoln.

Our K-9's have seen some changes with new dogs coming onto the team. Officer Eric Hibbard is now working the field with his partner, Billie. Eric is our newest K-9 Handler and is working Watch-A. Officer Brad Smith has a new partner, Roy. They graduated from the basic K-9 academy in September 2012 and have returned to Watch-C.

On Tuesday, September 25, 2012, Public Safety Officers

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**Captain
Ed Blevins**

Field Operations, cont...

of the Month Austin Barnhill, Darrell Hill, Paul Miranda, and Jere my Russell were recognized at City Council for their extraordinary efforts on a particularly tragic incident. Congratulations and our deepest appreciation goes out to them.

On the equipment side, we have test driven Ford Explorer Police Interceptors, Ford Taurus Police Interceptors and even a Chevrolet police package. At this point the front runner is the Explorer. We hope to be able to see new black and whites over the next few coming months. We also have taken delivery of new MDC's for the existing patrol fleet and will begin installation very soon. We anticipate installation in all units before the end of the year.

Please help me congratulate the RPD Motor Officers who participated in the 2012, Orange County Traffic Officers Association Motor Rodeo in September. The event took place in Huntington Beach and hosted over 300 of the best riders from all over California. Our Motor Officers showed off their extraordinary skills, while qualifying for the main event, The Top Gun. This head to head, winner takes all competition, crowns the best overall rider of the day. Out of the 64 Motor Officers who qualified, it was our own Danny Cisneros who made it to the championship round and finished second. This is the best finish RPD has ever had!

Sergeant Neglia, Sergeant Reeves, Danny Cisneros, Tony Cruz, Mike Cupido, Cameron Farrand, Aaron Johnson, Richard Aceves, Erich Feimer, and Don Goodner all enjoyed a spirited day of competition and are commended for their dedication to training, professionalism and RPD pride.



Special Operations, cont...

Our Crime Analysis partners are working toward the inclusion of Parole, Field Interview, and Sex Offender information in the Dashboard format which will be very helpful in bridging the gap between relating the location of incidents to persons of interest as well as help us identify persons of interest for specific crime types and trends. We are very excited about this technology and look forward to exploiting its usefulness in our primary mission to combat crime in the City of Riverside.

Support Services, cont...

construction estimated to be completed by the end of the year. The target date for moving is early 2013.

The Communications Bureau is pleased to introduce four new trainees to the Bureau: Martha Ott, Rosena Diaz, Lori Rivers and Timothy Parks. During the first week of August, Communications and Personnel staff interviewed 42 candidates for additional dispatcher trainee openings. It is the goal of the Bureau to have all vacant positions filled in 2013.

In July, the dispatchers worked closely with the Fire Department and conducted a pilot test of the Fire AVL (Automatic Vehicle Location) or Dispatching by Location. A 72-hour trial period was conducted to determine if AVL could be implemented as the standard for Fire Dispatching. Unfortunately, the current version of CAD is not consistent with the Fire Department's resource management philosophy and required too much manual intervention.

Field Operations, cont...

The second is expert testimony concerning things computerized. More often than not this involves networks and the Internet. The third, and the most fun, is real sleuthing. Because it is so infrequent, some of the most interesting investigations come from figuring out how information was compromised, searching for deleted files, or ferreting out identities on the Internet.

Requests for examination of traditional computers and the Internet still occur; however, the examination of cellular devices, especially "smart phones," is by far the most common request for examination at the RPD. Everything from murders, rapes, assaults, drug trafficking, child exploitation, and many other crimes are committed using cellular devices.

The RPD is committed to ensuring that it keeps pace with the latest technology and training to address the ever increasing role of computer forensic examination. The addition of Detective Detmer and Officer Olsen reflects the RPD's pledge to meeting the increasing demands of computer forensic examination.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips Cont...

- ◆ Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
- ◆ Secure your home before you leave. Close curtains and blinds. Showing off your holiday decorations also shows the gifts under the tree.
- ◆ Be careful when someone you do not know comes to your door during the holiday season. Be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts.
- ◆ Keep your car in good repair. Breaking down makes you a target for criminals *any* time of year.

Golden Badge Awards - September 29, 2012



Mayor Ron Loveridge receives the *Distinguished Community Leader* award from Riverside Police Chief Sergio Diaz and Foundation Board Member Richard Roth.



Riverside Police Chief Sergio Diaz and Foundation Board Member Richard Roth present Mr. Dell Roberts with the *Chiefs Award*.



Above: Ms. Courtney Blatchford receives the *Future Leader Award* from Chief Diaz

Right: MC Rob McMillan and wife Andrea



Being proactive for our community!

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Register NOW!

The triathlon is hosted by the
Riverside Police Foundation to
support "Service to Youth"

October 21, 2012

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