



RPD Happenings

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Riverside Police Department



Message from Chief Sergio Diaz

As we begin a new year, I reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to what 2013 holds for us personally, professionally and as an agency. I hope the holidays gave each of you time to spend with family and friends. In light of the recent tragedy in Connecticut, I hope that you were able to hold your loved ones tight and be thankful for the blessings in your lives. When we implemented our strategic plan “Safe In Our Arms ~ 2010-2015,” our Mission Statement included these beliefs:

We are Leaders

We dedicate ourselves to excellence as a law enforcement agency. We are committed to developing innovative solutions to the challenges we face and to becoming leader in the police profession. We recognize our fellow employees and community as our most treasured assets.

We are the Community

We devote ourselves to being part of the community we serve through improved communication, greater partnerships and a shared commitment to neighborhood safety. We embrace the principles of community policing, as we seek the participation of law-abiding citizens to reduce crime, the fear of crime, and the perception of crime.

We are a Force for Good

We commit ourselves to securing and maintaining public safety through the *Cont. PG 2*

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Students Pledge for Safe Holiday Season

BY: PSR DeFries

On Wednesday, December 19, 2012, the Teen 2 Teen Internship Seniors conducted their “Tree of Life” pledge event at North High School. The “Tree of Life” pledge event is held to remind high school students about the dangers and consequences of driving drunk. During the week prior to the event the Teen 2 Teen students encouraged their peers to pledge not to drink and drive over the holidays. *Cont. PG 3*

Message from the Chief Continued...

dedicated efforts of police officers and civilian employees who are trained and equipped to fight crime and foster public confidence in a respectful, efficient and ethical manner. We respect the Constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality and justice.

Vision

The Riverside Police Department will be the finest law enforcement agency based upon a foundation of integrity, service, and excellence. We will serve as an example for others, in word and deed, setting the standard for American policing. We will partner with the community, to help solve the problems of crime, social disorder, and neighborhood livability.

Values

- ◆ **Integrity:** We do what is right even when no one is looking. It is the moral compass that guides us to make the proper choice. Integrity is imbedded within other characteristics that are inseparable from its meaning:

*Accountability * Courage * Honesty * Humility * Respect*

- ◆ **Service:** We make personal sacrifices in order to assist those in need. We promote the idea that professional duties and responsibilities take precedence over personal desires. We practice such service in the community, as well as in the Department, placing the welfare of others over self.
- ◆ **Excellence:** We do the best possible job at all times. We possess a passion for continuous improvement and innovation, creating the necessary momentum to propel the Department to long-term accomplishments and high performance. We achieve excellence when the members of the Department work together to successfully reach a common goal in an atmosphere free of fear that inspires individual growth and preserves self-worth.

As I reviewed our Mission Statement, I am hopeful that we are meeting the high standards we have set for ourselves. This is truly a team effort and I am humbled by the dedication, loyalty, perseverance and professionalism that each of you has displayed. You have much to be proud of and, as your Chief, I couldn't be more honored to represent you. I look forward to working alongside all of you in 2013.

Warmest Regards,

Sergio



Community Event Calendar January & February 2013



January 24, 2013 - Mayor's State of the City Address
Riverside Municipal Auditorium 5PM

January 26, 2013 - Asian Lunar Festival - Downtown Riverside
www.LunarFestRiverside.org 10AM

January 31, 2013 - Free Car Seat Clinic - Location TBD
Call PSR DeFries at 951-825-5674 for appointments

February 2, 2013 - Dickens Festival - Downtown Riverside

February 3, 2013 - Super Bowl Event - Orange Terrace Community Center

February 14, 2013 - Happy Valentine's Day

February 23, 2013 - Riverside 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Heroes Run
www.riversideca.gov/park_rec or 951-826-2000



March 7, 2013 - Chief's Breakfast - Mission Inn 6:30 am
Tickets information available at www.riversidepolicefoundation.org

Students Safe Continued...

On Wednesday, students that pledged were chosen randomly and given the opportunity to choose a gift from underneath the Christmas tree. The ornaments on the tree included pictures of teens that had lost their lives in a collision involving an impaired driver.

To assist the Teen 2 Teen students in providing gifts for underneath the Christmas tree, The Inland Empire Alarm Association generously donated over \$500 worth of gift cards and gifts to place underneath the tree.



Special Operations Division



**Captain
Mike Perea**

The Riverside Police Explorer Post 714 was recently assigned to Special Operations. The Post had a great year in 2012 and look forward to expanding their success in the coming year. They completed the year with over 50 registered members that have remained very active in the Department and Community.

In 2012, the Explorers attended over 60 events throughout the city of Riverside. The events ranged from recruitment venues to traffic and crowd control. The Explorers are always in high demand and remain a valuable personnel resource within the agency. Explorers have also participated in over 80 ride-alongs, assisting officers with their daily duties, while expanding their skill set and department knowledge. We are all very proud of our Explorer Post and grateful for the countless volunteer hours they dedicate to the city and Department.

In June, the Explorer Post attended a yearly competition in Las Vegas where they are always one of the top competitors among over thirty participating agencies throughout the United States. An outstanding performance by fifteen of the best trained Riverside Explorers earned them high honors in several categories and garnered five top tier trophies during the event.

In July, a group of 20 Explorers attended the yearly Explorer Academy held at BCTC. They represented the largest group among the varying agencies. *Cont. PG 6*

Field Operations Division



**Captain
Ed Blevins**

As we closed out 2012, Field Operations said goodbye to several of our own who retired. The final roll calls were filled with humor and great stories. Congratulations and best wishes go out to Sergeant Bill Crutchfield, Officers Alex Kopitch, Mike Carroll and Roger Sutton. After 33 years with the Department we also said goodbye to Lieutenant Chris Manning and wish him the best in his retirement.

I would like to congratulate Chad Milby on his promotion to Lieutenant. Chad will be working Watch A as a Watch Commander. Congratulations also go out to Troy Banks, Celeste Neiman, Ryan Wilson and Dan Koehler on their promotion to Sergeant and reassignment to Field Operations.

In December, Officer James Mutuku was recognized at City Council for receiving his first 10851 Award for recovering stolen vehicles. Officer Bryan Galbreath received his 3rd consecutive award. Congratulations to Officers Mutuku and Galbreath for their accomplishments. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge the accomplishment of Ofc. Genaro Escobedo who made his 100th arrest for DUI.

Field Operations is anxiously looking forward to the delivery of thirteen new Crown Victoria patrol vehicles and three new motorcycles at the beginning of the year. As soon as we can get equipment installed we will begin to phase them into the fleet.

Support Services Division

The Personnel Bureau has been extremely busy during the last quarter of 2012. During this time they have worked closely with Human Resources by completing pre-employment backgrounds and hiring 18 new Department employees. **Police Officers** - Jeffrey Southard, Patrick Rivera, Andrew Spillman, Trevor Childers, Joseph Nunez III, Andrew Tachias, Daniel Macias, Joey Lin, Jose Escobar Jr., Victoria Gonzalez and Jared O'Farrell. **Senior Management Analyst** - Victor Garcia. **Public Safety Dispatcher Trainees** - Gloria Martinez, Alan Blessum, Kristina Gabor and Breeana Mackey. **Senior Office Specialist** – Amelia Alanis, and **Custodian** - Milton Acevedo.



**Captain
John Wallace**

The Training Bureau processed hundreds of training requests in 2012. Sworn and non-sworn Police Department employees from all ranks and assignments participated in Police Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) and non-POST training, seminars, legal updates and specialized training and conferences related to their specific assignments. For this past year, the department logged 30,334 training hours for a total of 911 separate classes or coursework modules of instruction. A total of 9,754 “students” attended the 911 separate courses of instruction. This means most employees received multiple training opportunities throughout the year; including training received in roll call, from other agencies or the City of Riverside Human Resources Department. All of this *Cont. PG 6*

Special Investigations Division

The Riverside Police Department’s Vice Unit is comprised of a sergeant and two detectives. A third detective will be added in January. The Vice Unit is responsible for livability issues citywide. The licensing related to ABC establishments, prostitution, and lewd acts in public, massage establishments, billiard halls, bingo games, psychics and vehicles for hire.

In addition to those responsibilities, the detectives are also members of the Inland Child Exploitation and Prostitution Task Force (ICEP). ICEP was developed in conjunction with the Innocence Lost Initiative to combat the sexual exploitation of minors. Victims are often runaways, but are also recruited at schools, shopping malls, and other gathering places and are lured by the promises of money and prestige and being part of a “Family.” Most victims are females between 12-14 years-old when they are first exposed to this brutal and sometimes deadly lifestyle.

The goal of ICEP is not only prosecution of the “pimps” and “johns” but more importantly to rescue the victims from the repeated sexual, physical and mental abuse that they are subjected to on a daily basis. ICEP is partnered with several organizations which are able to provide temporary housing and counseling to help the victims’ transition back into a normal life. The ultimate goal is to reunite the victims with their families so they can continue their recovery from these traumatic events in their lives. *Cont. PG 7*



**Captain
John Carpenter**

Special Operations Division Continued...

One of our Riverside Police Explorers wrote the best essay and was honored by being chosen to read it during the graduation ceremony. The entire group graduated at the top of their class.

One of the main goals in the Explorer Post is to provide good role modeling and mentorship in an effort to develop life skills and instill good character among this diverse cadre of young teens. The Post Advisors were proud to see three Explorers join the Military and continue their goal of one day being Police Officers or working in a law enforcement related field. A few other Explorers are currently in background with various departments for Cadet or Correctional positions.

In 2013, the Explorer Post is planning on attending two Explorer Competitions and evaluating the potential of hosting their own Explorer Academy. They are also expanding their Honor Guard detail to provide greater opportunities for members to learn and participate.

I am pleased to oversee Post 714 and the core of great leaders involved with this program. The Lead Explorer Advisor is Officer Jesse Castro, assisted by Officers Everth Bercian, Gavin Lucero, Brandi Merrill, and Eric Garcia. Sergeant Jay Greenstein was recently named as the program coordinator; replacing Sergeant Dailey, who provided 12 years of outstanding service and leadership.

On behalf of the Riverside Police Explorer Post, I would like to thank the Riverside Police Foundation and the RPOA for their continued support of the program. Their assistance and dedication continue to make training and competition attendance a reality for these teens. If anyone is interested in becoming an Explorer Advisor, please contact Sergeant Greenstein or Officer Castro. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Support Services Division Continued...

training was tracked in the employee's Training Management System (TMS) file. The majority of officers were trained during their scheduled 40-hour Critical Issues and Tactics (C.I.T) training and in roll call. With the influx of newly promoted Lieutenants, Sergeants, and Detectives during the past year, many of these newly promoted employees attended POST mandated coursework and other specialized training specific to their new ranks. This coursework included Management Course, Supervisors Course, Supervisory Leadership Institute, Officer-Involved-Shootings, Internal Affairs, and Intermediate and Advanced Investigations.

The new Critical Issues and Tactics (C.I.T) monthly training cycle began January 1, 2013. First quarter attendees have been identified to attend this 40-hour training. C.I.T training is mandated for all law enforcement officers from the rank of Sergeant and below. The department provides 18 hours of Perishable Skills training in C.I.T. This training includes Defensive Tactics, Driver Awareness, and Firearms training. In addition to this training, P.O.S.T. mandates additional hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT) hours during our C.I.T cycle. These additional hours are encompassed in the 40 hour C.I.T course, so officers can get all of their mandated training done at one time. During this next C.I.T cycle, officers will be trained in Tactical Handgun/Shotgun and Less Lethal, Defensive Tactics, Tactical Response to School & Community Violence, Racial Profiling, Interpersonal Communications and Electronic Weapons Update.

Special Investigations Division Continued...

The ICEP Task Force continues to conduct presentations for local juvenile centers, churches, and community groups in order to educate the general public about the exploitation of minors occurring in all of our communities. The ICEP Task Force consists of investigators from the Riverside Police Department, Ontario Police Department, Pomona Police Department, San Bernardino Police Department and the Riverside FBI Office, which oversees the entire program.

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RPD IN THE COMMUNITY



November 14, 2012
Make A Wish
Jog a Thon

Chamber/RPD bike
safety and give away
program at
Longfellow
Elementary.
December 7, 2012



December 20, 2012
Riverside Police Dept.
& Riverside Police
Foundation Christmas
Toy Giveaway



December 8, 2012
Tamale Festival
Riverside YMCA



RPD IN THE COMMUNITY

December 11, 2012
Riverside Police Department
honored with a International
Chiefs of Police Award for
Community Policing



December 18, 2012 - Riverside Police Chief Sergio Diaz & Riverside Police Foundation Board Member, Virginia Blumenthal presented monetary donations to Explorer Posts from Riverside Police Department, Riverside Sheriff Department, and California Highway Patrol for their assistance with community events.



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Looking for a fun day for the whole family?

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Riverside Police Foundation is a proud sponsor of the Kids' Heroes Run



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KIDS' HEROES

RUN

AGES 5-12 YEARS OLD

START TIMES
Registration/Check-in 6:30 a.m.
Kids' Heroes Run 8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION FEES
FIRST 400 PARTICIPANTS FREE!
Registration before 1/18/13 \$10.00
Registration after 1/18/13 \$15.00

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FAIRMOUNT PARK

Celebrate Riverside's community heroes at the Riverside Raincross Kids' Heroes Run. Each Registered participant will receive an event t-shirt, participation award, goodie bag and certificate. To register go to www.riverside.gov/park_rec or visit your local community center. **Space is limited, register early.**

REGISTRATION Each runner must complete the registration form below. Waivers for minors must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Registration forms may be returned until Thursday, February 21 at 5 p.m. to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at 6927 Magnolia Avenue.

5K & KIDS' HEROES RUN

ENTRY FORM (please print) OK to photocopy Official Use Only

Mail completed form and check payable to City of Riverside to:
6927 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Name (first) _____ (last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ **Register online**

M F Age _____ email address _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (Check one)
Unisex: XS S M L XL XXL Youth: S M L

DIVISIONS (Check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> 12 & Under	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 - 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 - 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 70 - 74
<input type="checkbox"/> 13 - 17	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 39	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 59	<input type="checkbox"/> 75 - 79
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 40 - 44	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 - 64	<input type="checkbox"/> 80 +
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 29	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 49	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 69	

REGISTRATION FEES*

All fees include a race t-shirt and runner goodie bag.
Register by January 18, 2013 and save \$5 on the registration fee!

Registration Code	Category	By 1/18/13	After 1/18/13
3072.	5K Run /Walk	\$20.00	\$25.00
3074.	Kids' Heroes Run	\$10.00	\$15.00

Pre-packet Pick-up is available on Friday, February 22, 2013 at Dales Senior Center located at 3936 Chestnut St., Riverside, CA from 4:00 - 6:30 pm

WAIVER (must be signed)

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO SUE

I understand that I am in no way required to participate in the above named activity and that my participation is voluntary.

I understand that I must sign this release of liability if I would like to participate in the above named activity.

I understand that the City of Riverside is permitted by law to require me to sign this release of liability before permitting me to participate in the above named activity.

I understand that by signing this document I am forever agreeing to indemnify and hold the City of Riverside and its employees, officers, managers, agents and council members harmless from any and all liability, loss or damage caused by or arising from their negligence, or those of others, including myself. I understand that I am agreeing to forever release from liability the City of Riverside and its employees, officers, managers, agents and council members and further agree to give up my right to sue them for any and all property damage, personal injury or wrongful death resulting from their negligence, my own negligence, or the negligence of others. My signature on this document will also prevent my heirs, assigns, representatives, legal guardians, or any person who may sue on my behalf, from suing as well. I understand that by participating in this activity, there are risks of physical injury to my person or property, as well as risks due to the negligent conduct of the City and its employees, myself or others, involved with the above named activity. By voluntarily participating in the above named activity I understand the risks of injury to my person and property and am assuming the risk of such. Refunds will not be granted. Credits will be issued for the amount of the course if the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is notified before the second class meeting. Fees, times, and dates of all programs are subject to change. Please be advised that all participants involved in any department programs or special events are subject to being photographed. Such photographs may be used by the City of Riverside without an obligation to provide compensation to those photographed. By signing below, I acknowledge and declare that I understand the legal consequences of this release.

Signature of Athlete/Date _____ (Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years/Date) _____

IF ATHLETE IS UNDER AGE 18: This is to certify that my son/daughter has my permission to compete in the 5K Run/Walk & Kids' Heroes Run, is in good physical condition, and that race officials have my permission to authorize emergency treatment if necessary.

Register online at www.riversideca.gov/park_rec.

Riverside Police Department is proud to host the
2013 International Crime Free Association Conference



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

**July
15-17
2013**

**2013 Crime Free Multi-Housing
Program Conference
July 15-17, 2013**

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Marriott 3400 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

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Tim Zehring
Creator of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

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www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1144451

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The poster features a background image of a breakfast meal with a large glass of orange juice. The text 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in large, bold, white letters at the top. Below it, 'Chief's Breakfast' is written in a large, stylized, blue font. In the bottom left, the event details are listed: 'The Mission Inn Music Room', 'Thursday, March 7, 2013', and '7 AM'. In the top right corner, there is a small portrait of a man in a police uniform. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for the 'RIVERSIDE POLICE FOUNDATION' with a bell in the center and a banner below that reads 'Integrity Excellence Service'.