



Integrity Service Excellence

RPD Happenings

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Riverside Police Department

Message from the Chief

Over the past few months RPD personnel have participated in numerous competitions both on the State level and the World level. Our Police Explorers competed in a Las Vegas competition and did extremely well. They also won several awards at the recent Explorer graduation. RPD personnel competed at the Western States Police and Fire Games held in Ontario, California. Several of the Police Department's Shooting Team members recently traveled to New York to compete in the 2011 World Police and Fire Games.

All of the individuals and teams did extremely well in their competitions and I am proud of each and every one of them. Having said that, please understand that it is not how or where they placed that makes me proud, but the fact that each of them displayed the desire, the dedication, and the ongoing motivation to hone their craft and to represent our City and their profession. It is my opinion that the mark of a great competitor is not measured by how many wins or losses he or she has, but



Chief Sergio Diaz

that he or she was willing to take the risk and compete. In the newsletter you will find the results of the various competitions.

Congratulations to all!

Riverside Police Supports Child Passenger Safety Week

National Child
Passenger Safety Week
September 18-24, 2011

In honor of National Child Passenger Safety Week, the Riverside Police Department is partnering with the Automobile Club of Southern California, California Highway

Patrol, Inland Empire Safe Kids, and Riverside County Injury Prevention Services to provide a free child safety seat inspection event. The event will **Cont. Pg. 2**

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Tip of the Month:

- School is in session...Watch for kids!
- Contact your child's school and follow the drop off/pick up plan.
- Be considerate to other drivers—EVERYONE is in a hurry.
- SLOW DOWN and be cautious of children walking and riding to school.

RPD wins Medals at Police & Fire World Games

From August 26 - September 5, 2011, the RPD Shooting Team competed at the World Police & Fire Games held in New York City. These games are the world's largest multi-sport, Olympic style event. As many as 20,000 full time firefighters and law enforcement personnel from 70 different countries competed in 69 sports.



The four member RPD Shooting Team consisted of Officers Aaron Perkins, Brent Stewart, Don Goodner and Retired Officer Bill Edwards. The team brought home several medals including; 2 individual gold, 2 individual silver, 2 individual bronze, and multiple team medals.

Aaron Perkins: Individual Gold Medal –small bore
Five Silver Medals in individual and team events

Brent Stewart: Individual Bronze Medal –small bore
Five Silver Medals in individual and team events

Bill Edwards: Individual Gold Medal –high power
Four Silver Medals in individual and team events

Don Goodner: Individual Bronze Medal –high power
Three Silver Medals in individual and team events

CPS Week continued...

be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Target parking lot at 3520 Tyler Street in Riverside.

Child Passenger Safety Week, is an annual national campaign to bring attention to the importance of properly securing all children in appropriate child safety seats, booster seats or seat belts – every trip, every time.

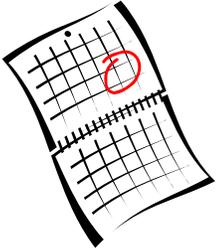
Certified technicians will be on hand to check child restraints for proper usage, proper fit for child, and any product recalls. Appointments are required – Please contact PSR Nicolle DeFries at 951-826-5674 to schedule your appointment time.

The Riverside Police Department is committed to making sure children ride safe every time. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to take advantage of this educational event to ensure the best possible fit and safest ride for their child.



The Right Seat. The Right Size. The Right Use. Every Time!

Community Event Calendar



September 11, 2011—Riverside Remembers—City Hall

3 pm –4:30 pm 3900 Main Street in the Breezeway

September 21, 2011—Child Passenger Safety Event

10 am-2pm 3520 Tyler Street, Riverside

October 1, 2011— RPD Safety Fair—Castle Park

10 am - 3 pm 3500 Polk Ave, Riverside

October 22, 2011— Riverside Neighborhood Assembly & Awards

9 am—noon 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd., Riverside

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



QUESTION: *How can I report a theft on-line?*

ANSWER: On-line reporting can be done at <http://www.riversideca.gov/rpd/report/default.asp>

The theft must have occurred in the city of Riverside, be under \$10,000 in value, have no known suspect, and not include identity theft or credit fraud.

Please submit your questions to newsletter@riversideca.gov

RPD Officers excel at the Police & Fire Games

BY: Lieutenant Ed Blevins

From June 4-11, 2011, the Western States Police and Fire Games were held in Ontario, California. More than 10,000 full-time and retired firefighters and law enforcement personnel from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming competed in 64 sporting events.

The Riverside Police Department has a long history of participation and success in this Olympic style athletic competition and this year was no exception. I would like to recognize the participation and success of the following active and retired members of the department.



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Field Operations Division



**Captain
John Wallace**

FIELD OPERATIONS

On July 22, 2011, Field Operations Division completed a one day roll over shift change. Working closely with the RPOA we implemented several significant changes to the squad deployment system that will enhance our overall performance.

First, the squads were realigned so all officers on each squad work all four days with their assigned supervisor. The benefit of this change is Officers now have a consistent work environment and Sergeants are able to more readily recognize outstanding performance, spot training issues, and better evaluate the contributions and efforts of officers for more comprehensive and fair performance evaluations.

Second, collateral duty SWAT personnel were deployed throughout the watches to designated squads. Having the highly trained tactical officers available on all watches will provide a tremendous resource for Officers and Supervisors.

Investigations Division



**Captain
Meredyth Meredith**

Vice Unit-

So far, 2011 has been a very busy year for the Vice unit. Vice is responsible for investigating a wide range of quality of life crimes such as illegal gambling, lewd acts in public places, pimping, prostitution, and alcohol sales to minors. Recently, much of the Vice unit's time has been spent on reviewing permits for massage establishments and conducting on-site inspections to ensure compliance with state and local regulations governing these businesses.

Vice has also been conducting operations regarding the sale of alcohol to underage consumers known as "Shoulder Tap". Funded by a grant through the Office of Traffic Safety, Shoulder Tap investigations involve the use of "undercover" Police Explorers who are under the legal drinking age of 21. Undercover operators attempt to purchase alcohol, either from store employees or by asking other customers to purchase for them; violators are then cited for providing alcohol to minors. Businesses can lose alcohol sales permits and individuals can receive substantial fines. Seven operations have been conducted this year with more to follow.

Special Operations Division

Communication Bureau Update

Many things are underway in the Communications Bureau. Here's a snapshot of some of the special projects and an update on the move to the Magnolia Station.

Inland Wireless Interoperability Network – The Communications Center is continuing to implement the IWIN project to improve interoperable communications for the Inland Empire region. A new radio site is almost complete at Arlington Mountain in the Lake Hills area. The new site includes radio equipment capable of operating on statewide interoperable channels across various bands. The IWIN project also includes IP gateways which will allow these new frequencies to be seamlessly patched to our existing radio equipment as needed. This will allow us the ability to communicate directly with RSO and CHP units patched onto a primary RPD channel. *Cont. Pg. 8*



**Captain
John Carpenter**

Support Services Division

PRE-ACADEMY LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR SUCCESS AMONG RPD POLICE RECRUITS:

The Riverside Police Department Pre-academy was developed by the Training Bureau to educate and prepare our Police Officer Trainees for the Basic Police Academy. The Pre-Academy is mentally and physically challenging and takes place two weeks prior to the Basic Academy. It's designed to prepare the trainee for the physical and mental rigors and stress of the Basic Academy lifestyle.

Our program requires that the trainee begin with a pre-determined minimum level of physical fitness. Each trainee is provided a copy of instructions and expectations. The trainee must maintain or exceed this minimum level of physical fitness and adhere to the instructions to avoid injury and / or failure.

COORDINATION - The Pre- Academy is coordinated by the Training Bureau and a Field Training Officer (F.T.O.). The F.T.O. conducts physical training and provides positive motivation and direction during the Pre-Academy. The F.T.O. teaches the trainees academic curriculum which includes: Report / Memo writing, Core RPD Policies, Vehicle, Penal, and Radio Codes, basic rules of conduct, the RPD Chain of Command and the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

LEADERSHIP - The Pre-Academy encourages and teaches our Police Trainees to become leaders. Each Police Trainee is put into leadership positions during various times during the Pre-Academy. Each recruit is expected to develop their leadership skills. *Cont. Pg. 6*



**Captain
Mike Perea**

Support Services Division Cont...

Their ability to lead others is tested throughout the program during physical training, Drill-Facing movements (by executing basic commands) and in the classroom when assigned as a squad leader.

EXPECTATIONS - The expectations of our Police Trainees are extremely high. Our goal is for each of our recruits to graduate the Academy in the top 10% of their class. To help our recruits achieve these high expectations, the Pre-Academy lays the foundation for success and each recruit is taught to be positively motivated, properly dressed and equipped and professional while continuing to make improvements. The Police Trainees are expected to follow orders when given and address all personnel appropriately. These high expectations are shared by both the Police Department and the residents of the city we serve.

FINAL ACADEMY PREPARATION - The Pre-Academy takes place over 12 days and consists of 96 total hours of Academy Preparation. Some of the main topics of instruction include: Physical Training and Education, Defensive Tactics, Expectations, Leadership, Ethics, Riverside PD History, Uniform/Equipment Preparations, Core Policies and Rules of Conduct, Memo and Report Writing, Firearms/Range Familiarization, Academy Orientation, Uniform Inspections, Penal/Vehicle/Radio Codes, Code of Ethics, Mission/Value Statement, Academy Lifestyle, and Final Inspection.

The Riverside Police Department Pre-academy is the only one of its kind. Since implementation of Pre-Academy, the Riverside Police Department recruits have been extremely successful and we have had no Academy failures. The Pre-Academy takes the mystery out of the Basic Academy. In the short term it allows our recruits to excel during the academy and in the long term upon academy graduation it guarantees a strong foundation for our Officers to grow and succeed throughout their careers.

Police Explorer Academy

BY: Officer Jessie Castro

Once again, I am proud to announce the great job that our Police Explorers have done. Nineteen Explorers, 9 boys and 10 girls, attended the week long Explorer Academy at Ben Clark Training Center with the company of two full time RPD advisors.

The Explorers were tested in various law enforcement skills that included; domestic violence calls, active shooter, marching and live firearms training. The Explorers from Riverside Police took 4 of the 5 awards that were presented at graduation. RPD Explorer Devin Duran was a finalist in the marching competition and carried the California flag at graduation and RPD Explorer McKaela Sanders was selected to sing the National Anthem.

Best male PT: Explorer Lt. Luis Cuevas

Best Female PT: Explorer Sgt. Evelyn Arraiga

Best male shooter (all in the ten ring at 5 yards): Explorer Lt. Trever Strand

Demmagio Award (Best overall in the Academy): Explorer McKaela Sanders

Thank you to all the advisors that assisted in preparing the explorers for this Academy and to the Riverside Metro team for conducting a vehicle take down for the Explorers.

Police & Fire Games Continued....

Archery:

Traditional Recurve Bow (no sights) Bronze – Aaron Perkins

Bench Press:

Men-Master (A)- 275.53 & Under Gold – Brian Money

Men-GR Master (A)- 198.25# & Under Gold – Dave Taylor

Biathlon:

Mixed Team Silver - Cristina Arangure, Aaron Perkins

Men Open Bronze – Eric Lindgren

Men Senior Bronze - Aaron Perkins

Women Open Silver – Cristina Arangure

Rifle-Large Bore:

Individual – Service Rifle – Expert Silver – Pat Watters (Ret.)

Individual – Service Rifle – Sharpshooter Gold – Bill Edwards (Ret.), Bronze – Aaron Perkins,
4th – Jayson Wood

Individual – Service Rifle – Unclassified Gold - Brent Stewart, Bronze – Don Goodner

Rifle-Small Bore:

“B” Division, Standard Rifle – Team: Silver – Brent Stewart, Don Goodner

Individual – Standard Rifle – Marksman: Gold – Pat Watters (Ret.), Silver – Aaron Perkins

Individual – Standard Rifle – Unclassified: Gold – Brent Stewart, Silver – Don Goodner

Individual – English Match – Marksman: Silver – Aaron Perkins, Bronze – Pat Watters (Ret.),
8th – Jayson Wood

Individual – English Match – Unclassified: Silver – Brent Stewart, Bronze – Don Goodner

Submission Grappling: Gold – Silvio Macias, Bronze – Brett Stennett

Toughest Competitor Alive:

4 Person Team Gold – Ray Soto, Brian Money, Silvio Macias, Henry Park

Women Open Gold – Casey Reid

Congratulations to all our Competitors!

Special Operations Cont...

Communications Center Move – The dispatch center move project continues to move forward. The new room at Magnolia has been vacated and plans are being drawn up for the tenant improvements that will be required before moving dispatch operations. The planned work includes removal of interior walls to open up two offices to the larger room, installation of a raised computer floor to accommodate



cable access, installation of an exterior access door that will allow entrance onto the raised floor area, and possible modifications to power and air conditioning in the dispatch center and data center. We have a number of other tasks coming up to move the project forward and excitement is building for a successful completion to the move.

Channel Reprogramming – Communications Supervisor Steve Powell, with the help and support of Detective Aaron Brandt, have completed reprogramming well over 200 HT's and more than 30 marked units in the last few weeks. Another intensive effort will begin shortly to complete the HT reprogramming and focus on the vehicle radios. The reprogramming effort is being undertaken to remove the loud digital buzzing noise that was being received by units on channel 1, to add additional interoperability channels that will help us take full advantage of the IWIN system as it is brought on line, and to accommodate the FCC mandate that all radios be "narrow banded" before 2013. We really appreciate the cooperation and patience that has been shown by everyone as we have had to modify the HT and vehicle radio programming.

On another note, good news often comes with some bad. Communications Supervisor Kimberly Moyer will be retiring on September 18, 2011. Kim's distinguished career started back in 1977 where she was hired by the Pomona Police Department as a Dispatcher. In June of 1986, Kim lateralled to the San Bernardino Police Department, and in December of 1987 Kim was hired as a Dispatcher with the Riverside Police Department. Kim was promoted to the rank of Public Safety Communications Supervisor in November 1991. When you get a chance, I encourage you to extend best wishes for a wonderful retirement to Kim – she will be missed!



RPD in the Community



National Night Out August 2, 2011



**Purple Ribbon Event
August 18, 2011**



**Eastside
Community
Softball Game
August 24, 2011**



Being proactive for our community!

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Public Safety Officer of the Month

Chief Diaz presented Officer Greg Matthews with the Public Safety Officer of the Month award at the City Council meeting on September 6, 2011.

Officer Matthews was honored for his dedication, teamwork, and expertise in traffic collision reconstruction and forensic crime scene diagraming.

In addition, Officer Matthews often serves as the official department photographer at community events and has taken on the role of department historian.



Congratulations!