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From Commander Jim Gearn, CP1:

School starts on Aug 9th for the Public Schools. We again have the opportunity to help assure the safety of the children of our community by patrolling assigned schools at the start and end of the class day from August 9th thru August 13th. Five schools have been designated as CP responsibility. Assigned schools and times are:

Marley Park - 15042 West Sweetwater Rd. - 0900 and 1545 - Mon 8/9 thru Friday 8/13

Rancho Gabriella - 15272 West Gabriela Dr- 0815 and 1500 - Monday 8/9 thru Thursday 8/12

Sunset Hills - 17825 West Sierra Montana Loop - 0815 and 1500 - Monday 8/9 Thru Thursday 8/12

Western Peak -18063 West Surprise Farms Loop - 0815 and 1500 - Monday 8/9 thru Thursday 8/12

Desert Moon School, 23251 N.166 Drive - 0900 and 2:45 - Monday 8/9 thru Friday 8/13

We should be on site 30 minutes prior to the times noted. This can be done as part of your regular patrol, or as a 908. If additional vehicles are needed we can use the fobs for PD vehicles, but be sure to check with CSO Candy Eaton or the Duty Sergeant first. A short training presentation will be included with the August General Meeting Aug 5th. Also, during the first few weeks of school, include a drive-thru of any schools you may happen to pass with your normal first and second shift patrols. Pay particular attention to Handicap Parking violations.

Missing in Action - We will be operating without one of our vehicles for approximately three weeks, commencing July 28th. Car #4046 was taken to the dealer to apply a recall concerning the paint. Be sure to check VIMS immediately before your shift to make sure enough cars are available. The CP truck will be reserved to deploy the Photo Radar Trailer on Monday and Friday first shift, and on Wednesday morning to position the Speed Education Trailers. It is available for other times to be used on Patrol.

New Patrol Activity Log – The Patrol Activity Log has been adapted to be more user friendly with VIMS. You will notice that the vehicle inspection section has been removed and the form re-formatted to allow more definitive entries. There is also a place to enter the ending mileage so we can better schedule and keep track of when vehicles will be out of service for scheduled maintenance. This is increasingly important as we now have more patrols scheduled, and move closer to our goal of covering all shifts.

New Vehicle Inspection Process – The vehicle inspection section has been removed from the Patrol Activity Log and will now be kept in a book in the vehicle. Inspection sheets are to be completed every time a vehicle is put in service, regardless if it is on patrol or a 908. This is important so we have documentation that the vehicle was in correct working order prior to putting it in service on the street. This could be very important if the vehicle was involved in an accident or incident of some type.

Vehicle Sign Out Board – The vehicle sign out board is being modified by adding two columns. One will have the next scheduled PM (preventive maintenance) mileage, and the other column will have the mileage as noted on the Patrol Activity Log after each shift. This also allows us to better schedule vehicle availability.

These changes will become effective Aug 4th after the General meeting

New Board Appointments – The following appointments have been made per SCP 00.02. All terms are for two years and are effective July 1st, 2010:

Secretary – Barbara Prokop is re-appointed

Treasurer – Norm Goldman is re-appointed

Public Information Officer – George Busch and Mark Woolley are appointed to share this responsibility

Recruiting – George Busch is appointed Chairman

Uniform Committee – Jim Salley is re-appointed Chairman

Vehicle Committee – Jesse Tuggle is re-appointed Chairman

Training Committee – Barbara Prokop is re-appointed Chairman

I would like to thank CP Dave Jacobs for all his hard work in getting the recruiting effort so well organized. Dave has graciously agreed to continue to serve on this very important committee.

I encourage each of you to look at the Committee list and ask yourselves if there is an area of interest in which you have some expertise, or just a desire to get more involved. It is a great way to get your thoughts and ideas put into action. Committee membership is open to any CP in good standing that has completed his probationary period.

From Deputy Commander Bill Crain, CP41:

The admin meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Please note that the new meeting time will be at 1630, prior to the general meetings.

Our admin number has increased with the addition of Rita Skarbek and Jackie Moore, who has expressed a willingness to help out in the office. They are a most welcome addition.

From deputy Commander Jennifer Borgen, CP3

As a courtesy, please e-mail or call the person that you have signed up with on VIMS when you need to cancel your shift. This is especially important to do when the shift that you need to cancel is two or three days away. Also, I recommend checking the VIMS calendar a day or two before your shift to confirm your shift time and your shift partner.

FROM YOUR COMMAND STAFF – THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO HELPING TO MAKE THE CITIZENS PATROL THE SUCCESSFUL UNIT THAT IT IS. OUR SUCCESS IS DEPENDENT ON YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.



Dates to Remember:

Aug. 2 - Command Staff Meeting – Agua Fria Room	1330
Aug. 3 - Car Seat Clinic- Fire Station 305	0830
Aug. 4 - Admin Meeting - White Room	1630
Aug. 4 - General Meeting - Auditorium	1800
Aug. 7 - DUI Task Force – Library	1800
Aug. 9 - 13 - School Patrols - see page 1, paragraph 1 for time schedule	
Aug. 10 - Academy Special Session – Auditorium	1800
Aug. 12 - Council Work Session – City Hall	1600
Aug. 17 - Suggestion Committee	0900
Aug. 17 - Car Seat Clinic- Fire Station 305	0830

CP COMMAND CHANGES

The two-year terms of Deputy Commanders June and Larry Dower expired in July. Both Dowers have been extremely dedicated officers and served the organization in countless ways. Though no longer in the command positions, they will continue to perform a variety of duties.

June handles all the log sheets and is also the VIMS coordinator. She will continue with the usual Admin responsibilities, is a We Care interviewer and serves on the training committee and the social committee.

Larry will remain active on patrol and as an FTO. He serves on the training committee and is an authorized training instructor for Driving and Fire Extinguishers. Additionally, he is a We Care interviewer and authorized for solo patrol and Rapid Response Team.

The Citizens Patrol collectively extends a big thank you to these two dedicated CPs.



Bill Crain has been promoted to the position of Deputy Commander, Admin and Jennifer Borgen as Deputy Commander of Squads C and D. Both received their collar oak leaves at the July General Meeting. Bill and Jennifer were both in Academy number 18 and have quickly taken on heavy responsibilities.

Jennifer advanced to Corporal in May and then agreed to advance to Deputy Commander. Jennifer's enthusiasm, dedication and attention to detail has moved her up the ladder quickly. Jennifer is also solo authorized, an FTO, Chairman of the Suggestion Committee and on Bike Patrol.

Bill Crain has become a fixture around 103 and looks good in all the "hats he wears". He serves with dedication in all his duties which include office shifts as an admin, vehicle impound notifications, recruiting committee and background checks.

Martha Bails has been promoted to Corporal and will be in charge of Squad D. Martha was also a member of Academy #18 and came to the CPs with a background in leadership as a former City Council member. Martha is a We Care interviewer and Chairman of the Policies and Procedures Committee. She received her corporal stripes at the July General Meeting.

Congratulations and best of luck to these new leaders.



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL DETAIL REPORTS

Car Seat Program, Art Wood CP72:

The car seat clinics are held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Fire Station 5 (305) at 15517 N. Parkview Place at Greenway Road. Technicians will set-up at 0830 and take-down until 1130 hours. Customers are served between 0900 - 1100 hours.

An appointment can be made by calling SFD at 623.222.5400 per directions on the SFD web site. An appointment is not critical - folks can drop by to learn how to install car seats or find an answer related to "special needs" children. With no appointment, however, there is a possibility of having to wait for a short time.

Surprise Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) are invited to join me in helping to save kids' lives!

(Editor's note: CPs Art Wood, Jackie Moore and Lani Janis are already scheduled to work these clinics through December. Kudos to these dedicated CPs.)

Training, Barbara Prokop CP65:

Upcoming training: Training at the August 4th general meeting will include Defensive Driving. All members who drive patrol cars need this mandatory training for 2010. The members of Academy #19 may be excused at the end of the business meeting, as they had this training during the academy. They may want to stay for a review, however, which is recommended.

Last Special Academy Session: Academy members are to be in the auditorium by 1800 hours on Tuesday, August 10 for training in Drugs and Meth Labs. Detective Cheyenne Hunt is very knowledgeable and an excellent speaker. All CP members are invited to attend.

Vacation Watch, Vicki Meyers CP66:

"As a reminder, our Vacation Watch maps are to be used as back-up for the GPS units in the patrol cars. Beginning August 5th, the VW map books will have a new look. We will still have the 5 VW books as usual; however, the individual maps and famous green dots will be gone. Each book will still have their index page(s) showing the residential address, but will now be listed with the page and grid number of the new map books in the patrol car. Because CPs can enter a grid from many locations, we will no longer list homes in any specific order with-in that grid.

Also, our Vacation Watch forms will have a few new additions. We will now ask the resident if permission is given for anyone else to be on the premises, such as swimming or home maintenance; and if any other vehicles are allowed in the driveway.

I will go over these changes in our August General Meeting. If you have any questions, please e-mail me. And again - a big thank you to all who do our Vacation Watches. Even in this heat, we are up to date on the house checks. You are doing an awesome job!

Uniforms, Jim Salley, CP8:

When turning in uniforms for exchange or if resigning, be sure that all clothing items have been cleaned and pressed. As a reminder, the Policies and Procedures Notebook is part of the issued equipment that belongs to the Citizens Patrol.

Suggestion Committee, Jennifer Borgen CP3:

It was suggested that roster changes be highlighted, so the membership will know what changes were made. After considering the cost of color printing, the committee decided that the best way of communicating changes is through the newsletter. Resignations have routinely been announced this way. When making a roster change request, such as an address or phone number change, please copy to Barbara Prokop for newsletter inclusion. (Editor's Note: When rosters are made available at the General Meeting, they will include recent updates and it would be advisable to take the new roster and destroy old ones.)

VIMS, June Dower, CP63:

On the whole, everyone's doing great with using VIMS. We're seeing fewer and fewer "announcement" e-mails, and that's a good thing for everyone. As a reminder, when you sign-up for a shift, be sure and highlight "Patrol" so your sign-up will be available for all to see on their calendars.

If you have signed up with someone and your schedule changes so that you will not be able to go on patrol

1. It is your responsibility to advise your partner that you have taken yourself off the schedule.
2. It is everyone's individual responsibility to check VIMS before you leave home for your patrol shift to make sure you have a partner

If you arrive at 103 for your patrol and find that your partner "no shows" you will get credit for the shift. If you show up for your shift and your partner had cancelled, you will NOT get credit for the shift unless you actually work the shift.

If anyone feels they need a "refresher" on VIMS, feel free to contact any of the Admin staff for assistance.

FOUND TREASURE

Recent correspondence with Past Commander Jim Joye resulted in our receiving copies of early issues of the Dispatch. The Inaugural Issue was dated April 2002 and edited by Commander Joye. The newsletter was first called "Dispatch" in August, 2003. Several names had been submitted, with Gerry Kleve's suggestion being the chosen name. Gerry is now a resident of Buckeye and retired from the SCP during Larry's final illness. She is on the Dispatch mailing list and will no doubt enjoy this memory.

In August 2004, with Jim Joye's upcoming move to California, George Busch became our commander, and Kay Sussmann became editor of the "Dispatch." When Barbara Prokop joined the CPs she assisted Kay for a short time and assumed the editorship in April 2005. Kay has many CP duties and this relieved her of one of her responsibilities.

We are most grateful for the help of Jim Joye in bringing our archives up to date. Or should we say "back to date?" These priceless past issues are filed in the Dispatch notebook, so take a look when you have the time.

CITY HALL SECURITY

Five dedicated CPs have taken on the responsibility of operating the security check points at City Hall during the Council meetings and work sessions. Pictured below, they are displaying the Commander's Star awards presented to them at a recent General Meeting.



Jerry Mason, Kay Sussmann, Jackie Moore, Lyle Rice and Jesse Tuggle

Roster Changes: We regretfully accept the resignation of Bob Deresz. Please change Gary Schuler's e-mail to garydschuler@gmail.com and Art Wood's e-mail to satyrwood@gmail.com

END OF AN ERA

Since 1997, a wall calendar has been a driving force with the CPs. With the introduction of computer signup through VIMS, the historic day arrived! Down came the calendars and there's no more worry about smears or using the wrong pen! Furthermore, we won't have to decipher the handwriting. Pictured here is Admin Jill Gearns retiring the calendars and adding another chapter to CP history.



Seen and Heard Around 103:

Joe Piekarski is recovering from surgery and hopes to attend the general meeting sporting his new hip.

Reminder: When finishing at a computer, be sure to log off. If you forget, the next user has to reboot in order to gain access.



**You are driving a billboard
(and everyone is looking) .**



SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 9th

No Passing in the School Zone

**15 MPH Until After the
Crosswalk**

