

Clovis Police Department

Monthly Report to Council, September 2011



CLOVIS POLICE OFFICER ACCOMPLISHMENTS/CRIME UPDATES:

After Clovis Police Identify Union Bank Robber, He Turns Himself In

Thirty-year-old Christopher Madrid of Fresno turned himself in at Clovis Police Headquarters on September 10th, the after the department put out a news release and photo identifying him as being the man who robbed the Union Bank branch at Herndon and Clovis Avenues on September 6th. Bank employees said Madrid passed a note to a teller indicating that he had a gun, though no one saw a weapon. He walked out of the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. Officers arrested him for armed robbery and commercial burglary, both felonies.

Clovis Police Arrest Seven/Clear 24 Burglary Cases/Return Property

Clovis Police detectives arrested seven people involved in a string of burglaries in Clovis and the surrounding area over the course of one week in late September, and recovered a lot of stolen property. A series of 19 vehicle burglaries took place in Clovis, Sanger, Fresno and Parlier. Clovis Police arrested two Fresno County men for those burglaries, which included registration documents, golf clubs and accessories, tool bags, keys, garage door openers, checkbooks, and stereos. A third was arrested for possession of stolen property. Officers also arrested three men and a woman in connection with three residential burglaries in northeast Clovis. A couple of neighbors tipped police to suspicious activity prompting a 2-week-long surveillance operation. That operation took Clovis Police to the Fresno County foothills, and with the help of the California Highway Patrol's fixed wing aircraft officers caught the burglars.

Clovis Police Investigate Theft of 9 Vehicles; Recover Seven

On the morning of September 1st, Clovis Police received a call from the owner of JD'S Auto Outlet at 1103 Barstow Ave. regarding the theft of 9 vehicles, damage to his storefront, and theft of office equipment. Clovis Police immediately contacted the HEAT and C-CATT auto theft teams and began looking for the stolen cars, worth more than \$100,000. A witness, who heard tire screeching in the neighborhood between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., noticed officers at the dealership and reported seeing a damaged vehicle with JD'S Auto Outlet paper license plates parked nearby. Clovis Police brought it to Headquarters and processed it for evidence. Within 10 days, officers had recovered all but 2 of the stolen cars. Apparently, the thieves broke into the business through a plate glass window and somehow defeated the alarm system. Detectives recovered additional evidence at the scene, and the investigation continues.

Clovis Police Specialty Teams Assists in Coalinga Stand-Off

Coalinga Police tried to serve a search warrant for a high-risk suspect when the situation turned into an armed stand-off. The Fresno County Sheriff's Department SWAT team along with the Clovis SWAT team, the Bomb Unit and a crisis negotiator were called to help on the evening of September 30th. When deputies and officers searched his trailer, they found he and others thought to be with him were not there. He was later arrested when he tried to return home.

AWARDS:

Chief Davis Administers the Oath to Four New Police Officers



On September 16th, Chief Davis swore in 4 new Clovis Police officers. Officer Dayna de Jong joins the Clovis Police Department as a lateral with four years of experience in Patrol at Merced PD. She also served on the Crisis Scene Response Team and the Bike Patrol Unit. Prior to that, the Fresno Police Department hired Officer de Jong as a Cadet, and sponsored her through the Fresno Police Academy. In the Academy, Dayna earned the Community Service Award and gradu-

ated 5th out of 51 students. Officer de Jong studied at Fresno City College and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno. Dayna is looking forward to serving and living in a community that offers so much support to its Police Department. Her husband is a Merced Police Officer.

Officer Kyle Christenson joined the Clovis Police Department as a Community Service Officer in May of this year and signed on as an officer 3-and-a-half months later. Kyle completed his courses at the Fresno Police Academy in 2009. He earned a Report Writing Award, a PT Training Award, and 5th place overall in emergency vehicle operation and firearms. Officer Christenson graduated 12th in his Academy class of 52. While testing for Clovis PD, Kyle was under consideration in Madera County for a position as a Reserve Sheriff's Deputy. Officer Christenson studied at Merced Junior College. He is one class away from earning his Associate Degree.

Officer Ryan Stonecipher comes to the Clovis Police Department from the UC Santa Barbara Police Department where he served for 3 years. Much of Ryan's work with UCSB PD involved check and credit card fraud, video surveillance and writing warrants. Officer Stonecipher worked Bike Patrol on campus, and regular patrol and foot patrol in the adjacent community of Isla Vista in a joint agreement with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol. Ryan graduated from the Fresno Police Academy in 2008 near the top of his class with high marks in Physical Training. Officer Stonecipher earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology with a Minor in Business at California State University, Fresno.

Officer Cesar Gonzalez comes to the Clovis Police Department from the Reed-

ley Police Department, where he served for nearly 7 years. Reedley PD hired him while in Fresno Police Academy, where he graduated 11th out of 65 students and held the position of Squad Leader. At Reedley PD, Officer Gonzalez served in Patrol, as a School Resource Officer, on Boat Patrol, as a Field Training Officer, on the Rapid Deployment Team, in Detectives – Special Investigations Unit, as a Gang Detective, and on the MAGEC Rural Investigations Team. The Command Staff named Cesar Reedley Police Officer of the Year in 2009. He also received a Medal of Merit for his actions in the Minkler shootings. Officer Gonzalez served as a Case Agent on Operation Goldstar/Red Out with Fresno SO and MAGEC in October of 2010. They arrested 12 people wanted for murder. Cesar studied at California State University, Fresno and plans to return to earn his Bachelor's Degree.

Two Clovis Patrol Volunteers Honored at Chiefs' Citizens Awards

The Fresno and Madera Counties Police Chief's Association 22nd Annual Citizen Award Program honored 26 citizens for their contributions to their respective communities and law enforcement agencies in the 2-county area. Clovis Police recognized Clovis Patrol Volunteers Kent Manchester and Joseph Samuels at the September 23rd presentation.



Kent Manchester and Joseph Samuels began volunteering with the Clovis Police Department as "Citizens on Patrol" in September of 2008, when the program began. They have contributed more than 1,700 hours to the citizens of Clovis through our department since that time. Mr. Manchester is a retired Master Sergeant from the California Air National Guard.

Kent worked 36 years in the aviation industry in general, commercial airline, military, and commercial aircraft manufacturing. Upon his retirement, Mr. Manchester decided he wanted to volunteer some of his time to his community and chose the Clovis Police Department's volunteer program. Mr. Samuels served 40 years in the field of education. He holds a doctorate degree in education with a focus on organization and leadership. Mr. Samuels served as Vice President for Instructional Programs at West Valley Community College for 20 years, and was one of the first employees of the University of Phoenix when it started in the 1970s. Mr. Samuels decided to volunteer for the Clovis Police Department, because he appreciates the job the men and women in uniform courageously perform daily to keep our city safe and protect our quality of life. Mr. Manchester and Mr. Samuels are highly respected by the officers in the field. The two of them have come up with new ideas to help make Clovis a safer place to live and have assisted with training new volunteers.

Clovis Police Explorers Bring Home Trophies from Competition



Eight Clovis Police Explorers attending the 12th annual Central Coast Law Enforcement Explorer conference on September 23rd and 24th brought home three trophies. They took second in Oral Examination, 4th place in Hazardous Response and 5th place in Tug of War. Thirty-five other posts from California, Arizona and Nevada participated in the competition. Congratulations, Clovis Police Explorers!

EVENTS:

Unique Training Opportunities Offered by Clovis Police in September

The Clovis Police Department hosted 2 training opportunities for its officers, officers from other agencies and the department's professional staff this month. The first "Prepare to Protect – Child Exploitation Investigation Training," was co hosted by the Central California Internet Crimes Against Children's Task Force. Sgt. Matt McFadden brought in Erin Runnion, who lost her 5-year-old daughter to a sexual predator in July of 2002. In her daughter's memory, Erin established the Joyful Child Foundation; co-founded the Surviving Parents Coalition; and is a member of the Board of directors for the National Association to PROTECT Children. Two local television newscasts brought her message to viewers on September 21st.

Officer Kelvin Scott, the department's training coordinator, introduced officers and professional staff to Dr. Lawrence Blum on September 29th and 30th. His Tactical Decision Making Under Stress and the Will to Survive programs were truly eye-opening and a reminder to everyone about just how prepared we all need to be. Dr. Blum is an engaging clinical psychologist, specialist in consultation to and treatment of police officers, police executives, and trauma disorders in law enforcement. All who attended the seminars walked away with a wealth of information.



Veteran Clovis PD Principal Office Assistant Cathie Rogers Retires



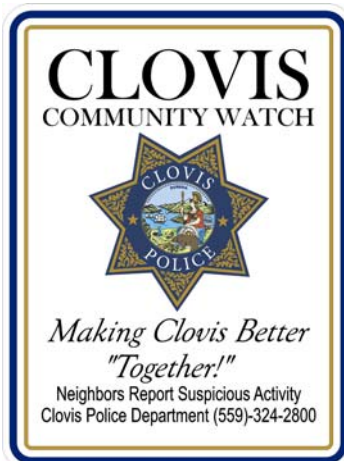
Members of the Clovis Police Department, sworn and professional, along with City employees in other divisions, took time out of their day on September 14th to wish Cathie Rogers success and happiness in her retirement. Cathie has served the department for twenty-seven years mostly in the Youth Services Division. We thank her for all she has done to help not only our department, but also Clovis' youth. We wish Cathie the very best!

Law Enforcement Shows Importance Child Safety in Vehicles

National Child Passenger Safety Week culminated locally with a free Child Safety Seat Check-Up at Lithia Ford in Fresno from on September 24th. The Clovis Police Department, the Fresno Police Department and the California Highway Patrol partnered with Angel's Guardians Foster Program, First 5 Madera, Fresno Center for New Americans, New York Life and the Merced County Health Department. Technicians checked 21 child vehicle restraints and found an 83% misuse rate. All parents/guardians learned how to properly install and use the safety seats and restraints. In addition, Fresno PD and the CHP donated ten restraints to families in need. This check-up was part of the Clovis Police Department's Juvenile Traffic Safety and Education program grant. Funding for this program is provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency.



Clovis Police Help with Neighborhood Park Fundraiser Friday



Clovis Community Watch organizers and Clovis Police Department Child Passenger Safety technicians, Explorers, and Patrol Volunteers took part in a community fundraiser on September 23rd to help rebuild the neighborhood park at El Paso and Dewitt that an arsonist torched in recent months. One hundred percent of the money raised at the Carnival and Movie Night event went to the City of Clovis Parks Department to help pay the insurance deductible to purchase a new jungle gym for area children. Additional monies raised are being used to establish a Clovis Community Watch chapter in the neighborhood. That would increase to 13 the number of Community Watch groups established in the Clovis to date.

Clovis Pet Adoption Center Foster Parents Campaign Ups Adoptions

Pets keep streaming in to the Clovis Animal Shelter from people who can no longer afford to keep them. Others are left behind or abandoned on the street. Most are not spayed or neutered, and many have puppies and kittens. Clovis Animal Services turned to the public for help to reduce crowding in all of its buildings and engage "foster parents." Employees and volunteers at the Clovis Pet Adoption Center and at the shelter had been caring for nearly 200 cats and dogs, some of whom have been "residents" for quite some time. The facilities should only hold half that number. On September 7th



and 8th twenty-five potential foster parents called Animal Services to inquire about how they can help following widespread media coverage. And, the number of adoptions doubled from the previous month.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Priority 1 Response Times: (unavailable due to computer reporting inconsistencies)**

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>
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Citizen Surveys of Service: (Above average or excellent)	88%	77%	77%	86%
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**Community Development Block Grant Community Service Officer
Municipal Code Notices Issued for September: 136 Compliance: 126**

Volunteer Hours for September (@ \$20.50 per hour):
Volunteers: **38 Hours Served: 520.5 Total Savings: \$10,540.13**

Explorer Hours for September @ \$8.00 per hour):
Explorers: **17 Hours Served: 239.5 Total Savings: \$1,916.00**

News Releases Available On-Line: www.cityofclovis.com

September 2011 statistics are not yet available.

**** Response Times are currently being reviewed for inconsistencies in computer reporting.**