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Laurie R. Smith, Sheriff

Message From the Sheriff

In the wake of the Summit Fire, I want to start by saying how very proud I am of each member of this agency. As an agency, we were able to coordinate a response that was second to none. The S.O.R.E. Unit was crucial in assisting with the evacuations. Each and every division within the Sheriff's Office dedicated personnel to the incident. I would be remiss if I failed to mention what an excellent job Lieutenant Dalia Rodriguez did as the Incident Commander. From our initial response Lt. Rodriguez took the lead and was able to ensure that all of the requests made of our agency were handled in a timely manner. The positive comments and words of appreciation I received from the allied agencies involved was overwhelming. I can't thank you all enough.



Sheriff's Headquarters

In all of my years with the Sheriff's Office I have come to realize what an outstanding level of in-house training we have always provided. As you all know, we have been facilitating our own academy for some time now and continue to provide advance officer training to maintain our requirements set by POST. Recently, the Oakland Police Department entered into a contract with our agency to provide basic academy training for their new hires. In addition, starting on June 2nd, we will begin providing a POST Approved Basic SWAT Course. When this class begins, our agency will be one of 18 providers of a POST approved Basic SWAT course. All of this just reaffirms my belief that we are able to provide the highest level of training.



The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run will be traveling through Sheriff's Office jurisdiction on June 2nd and 3rd. If you would like to come out and show your support for the athletes or the Sheriff's Office please contact Ledia Carlsen via e-mail to find out the specific times and locations.

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Memorial Golf Tournament

By: Lieutenants Garcia and Peterson

The Sheriff's Office is happy to announce, through the hard work of many volunteers and many hours, the Memorial Golf Tournament on June 9, 2008 at the San Jose Country Club. The Memorial Golf Tournament will surely become a yearly tradition. This event is a true reflection of our core value of recognizing the importance of investing in the future of our next generation. The Memorial Golf Tournament will also provide an opportunity to honor the memory of those who have served the Office of the Sheriff with distinction.



This year's tournament is dedicated to Sergeant Doug Stevens who passed away on July 30, 2007. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards a college scholarship fund each year in a collective effort to assist local students in pursuing their goal of a higher education.

We hope you will support our efforts. There are two ways to show your support for this great cause. First, join us and play one of the oldest golf courses west of the Mississippi River, San Jose Country Club. This course is not only beautiful but extremely difficult. Because it is a private course, this is truly a unique opportunity. Second, you can join us for a delicious meal at the Country Club. The dinner will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. and include a hosted cocktail reception prior to the meal. Seating is limited for the dinner due to the overwhelming response. Please R.S.V.P. with Lt. Mark Garcia at 408-421-6712 no later than June 4th.

An event of this magnitude could not be possible without the support of many. Sheriff Smith, the Sheriff's Advisory Board and the Deputy Sheriff's Association have all gone out of their way to ensure that the event will be a huge success and honor those who have given so much to our agency.

Off Duty Deputy Catches Burglar

By: Captain Rode

On May 1, 2008, at approximately 11:20 a.m., Deputy Rich Urena (a.k.a. T.O. Urena) was off-duty doing a few chores around his house in Gilroy. While he was building his shed, he heard a loud noise coming from his neighbor's home (they were not home at the time). Being the tenacious investigator he is, he moved to the second floor of his home for a better perspective. From his elevation he could clearly see two unknown subjects milling around the property.

Quick to react and ever diligent Deputy Urena confronted the two subjects as they were preparing to flee with back-packs filled with his neighbors property. Deputy Urena was able to take one of the subjects into custody while the second fled from the scene. Officers from the Gilroy Police Department arrived on – scene moments later and arrested the suspect for residential burglary. The suspect later confessed to the burglary. Great Job T.O, keep up the good work!!

Mental Health Urgent Care

By: Sergeant Boser

In response to a recognized need to give law enforcement a tool and resource for the 5149 ½'s they encounter on their beat. The Santa Clara County Mental Health Department has launched Mental Health Urgent Care, (M.H.U.C.)

M.H.U.C. provides services to individuals in need of urgent psychiatric care, who fall short of the threshold for a 5150 hold. M.H.U.C. serves only clients over the age of 18 who voluntarily consent to treatment. M.H.U.C. is referral based and will only accept clients from law enforcement or E.P.S.

At M.H.U.C., clients will be assessed, receive short term services (Up to 90 days) and be directed to appropriate community resources.

Officer procedures:

1. Transport the client to the M.H.U.C. facility.
2. Escort the client to the reception area un-handcuffed.
3. Provide staff with agency name, case number and verbal description of your contact with the client.
4. 10-8

M.H.U.C. Description:

Location: 2221 Enborg Lane San Jose, Ca.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Staff: 5 mental health clinicians, 2.5 Doctors and 1 community worker.

Phone Number: **(408) 885-7855**

M.H.U.C. will not accept:

1. Clients under the age of 18.
2. Veterans. (The V.A. has a mental health division.)
3. Parolees. (receive State mental health services)
4. Clients with Health Insurance. (Call M.H.U.C. to determine provider)
5. Walk-ins.
6. Violent or under the influence clients.

M.H.U.C. staff is trained and authorized to write 5150 holds, so if you bring a client to urgent care, you go 10-8 and they determine the client is 5150 they **will not** call you back to write a hold. If a client commits a crime while at the urgent care center the Sheriff's Office will be called to handle the incident. Urgent care will not accept clients who are violent or under the influence. M.H.U.C. staff has multiple language capabilities to assist you. We encourage you to contact M.H.U.C. prior to transporting a client at (408) 885-7855.

The Santa Clara County Department of Mental Health has two law enforcement liaisons. These positions assist law enforcement agencies with mental health questions or issues and training.

ABC Enforcement Program Update

Deputy Suguey Jaimez

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for a second consecutive year to combat alcohol related violations in and around ABC licensed premises. The Sheriff's Office target areas for enforcement have been unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County; contract cities: Saratoga and Cupertino and included incorporated cities through task forces Morgan Hill and Gilroy. The Sheriff's Office has dedicated the use of the grants funds in committing itself on meeting specific goals/objectives, thereby focusing on the following:

LEAD (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) trainings were organized twice a year free of charge for the benefit of retail licensees and their employees. Attendees were provided quality training on alcohol responsibility by an ABC trainer.

IMPACT (Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendencies) inspections were performed to ensure licensed premises were in compliance with ABC rules, regulations and the law. This year we inspected 50 premises; 31 premises were not in compliance, 12 premises were 100% in compliance and 7 premises had violations reported to ABC. Violations included beer keg registration violations, retail to retail violations, sales of pirated CD's and sales of drug paraphernalia. Administrative penalties ranged from a 10-day suspension to license revocation.

For example, ABC licensed premises are prohibited from selling/possessing anything which could be used as drug paraphernalia. We did a follow-up inspection at Tip Top Liquors in central San Jose, and as a result, located 584 packets of assorted baggies commonly used to store narcotics, 5 large zip lock bags with pipe filters, 47 small balances, 7,154 Whip-it! cartridges, 44 crackers, numerous large balloons (combined to inhale nitrous oxide from Whip-its), and 634 glass methamphetamine pipes. The administrative penalty for sales of drug paraphernalia is still pending.

Our participation in **Decoy Programs** promotes the reduction in youth access to alcohol, as well as deterring adults from furnishing alcohol to minors (under 21 years of age). The minor decoy program uses volunteers to attempt to purchase from the licensed premise. Whereas, the shoulder tap program utilizes volunteers to ask patrons to purchase alcohol for them. Last year we had 32 minor decoy operations with 58 citations and 7 bookings. This year our goal is to conduct another 32 decoy operations with hopes of reducing alcohol availability.

Approximately 57 arrests have been made so far for furnishing alcohol to a minor, minor in possession of alcohol, outstanding alcohol warrants, minor attempting to purchase alcohol and sales of alcoholic beverages without a license. Penalties for such, range from required attendance in an alcohol related program to a \$3,650.00 fine. Additionally, a total of 24 ABC administrative cases have been filed, many still pending resolution.

Our continued effort to reduce youth access to alcohol and educate the public has been made possible by the ABC grant. Deputies Cortez, Fisher and Jaimez have actively participated in guaranteeing the goals for the grant are met, along with the assistance of the youth cadets and the Reserve unit. The grant is due to expire on June 30th, 2008.

Reserve Deputy Foils Grease Theft Ring

By: Sergeant Dave Cobble

Many of you know Reserve Deputy Mark Rosenweig from his dedicated support of the South County Patrol Division. In addition to all of his volunteer time within our organization, it appears that he has been moonlighting on the side performing “special enforcement” related to theft.

The article below is from Biodiesel Magazine a nationally recognized monthly magazine which features the latest in Biodiesel research and news. The article below details a story about Reserve Deputy Rosenzweig single handedly disrupting a grease theft operation .

On the afternoon of April 1, Mark Rosenzweig (owner of San Jose Tallow) was driving home through suburban San Jose, when he noticed a pumper truck pulling into a shopping center. Rosenzweig knew the only restaurant in that center was a Burger King that is contracted for grease removal with his company. “I followed him until he pulled into the Burger King where I watched him steal the grease,” Rosenzweig said.

Rosenzweig first called the restaurant to double-check that no one else was authorized to remove grease, and then he called the police. “He had no valid DOT (Department of Transportation) sticker, no valid state of California grease pick-up sticker, no license, no nothing,” Rosenzweig said. “He was just out stealing grease.”

Rosenzweig is no stranger to grease theft. “It’s a common problem out here,” he said. “In fact I had two calls this morning. One of our tanks was emptied out over the weekend that we didn’t authorize, so there’s somebody else out there stealing. It’s happening out here with some good regularity. Ten years ago, we couldn’t give this stuff away and we were charging to pick up. Now all of sudden, people are stealing it. It’s gone full circle.”

David Richardson, the driver of the pumper truck, was employed by Restaurant Oils of America based in Las Vegas. ROA owner Ned Cruey told Biodiesel Magazine that the situation was just “a misunderstanding.” According to Cruey, the driver was at the location only to offer the company’s services to the manager and that’s why he produced a blank contract when the manager approached him. “He assumed it was OK to try and get some grease and it was real hard,” said Cruey. “[The collection container] was like 300 gallons and he got like 10 gallons [into the truck]. Then 14 cop cars showed up. The poor guy was traumatized.”

Cruey said their only intention was to attempt to gain some customers in that area so the company could begin routing into California. He added that the company had been “checking into it” for a couple of weeks. Rosenzweig said the truck had been seen in other local communities in the two weeks prior to the driver’s arrest. He argues that the driver was doing more than recruiting clients. When police stopped the truck, the tank was half-full, suggesting that grease had been removed from multiple sites.

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By: Sergeant Dave Cobble

“A man does what he must - in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of all human morality.”

John F. Kennedy

“What’s really funny is I had a hard time convincing the police department that it was a crime,” Rosenzweig said. “They had no idea that it was against the law.” Rosenzweig had to explain to the police officers what sections in the vehicle code were violated. He said there needs to be a training program for law enforcement to educate them on recognizing suspicious activity near grease containers.

Rosenzweig said most grease thieves are probably “home brewers” that take the grease back to their garages to make biodiesel. However, when industrial vehicles are used for taking grease, as in this case, he assumes it’s being transported across state lines to be resold.

To prevent theft at his collection sites, Rosenzweig educates customers by encouraging them to lock their grease containers and questioning strange vehicles that come to collect grease. If they suspect a possible theft, he tells them to call the police. Rosenzweig also trains employees to keep an eye out for “suspiciously empty” collection containers.

So how can biodiesel producers protect against purchasing unlawfully collected feedstock? Gonzales, CA based Energy Alternative Systems Inc. is one of San Jose Tallow’s biggest customers. EASI president and Chief Executive Officer Richard Gillis said it comes down to knowing the supplier and trusting them. He personally knows Rosenzweig and has done business with his company for many years. Gillis said it’s up to producers to research the companies they do business with. “The more and more companies that get involved in this business...you know fuel is supply and demand and some companies get predatory,” Gillis said. “We’re in an area of this industry’s growth where there is some predatory buying going on as far as yellow grease and things. It’s very tough competition.”

Gillis said it’s common for his company to get calls from someone claiming they have thousands of gallons of grease to sell. “The first thing they have to do is talk to my oil and fats guy,” he said. “We want to know who they are, where they are and where they got it. If we’re uncomfortable, even a little bit, we won’t buy anything. We don’t deal with folks we’re not familiar with.”

Cruey said many of the biodiesel producers ROA does business with were not thrilled to read a story alleging his company was involved in grease theft. One of them called Cruey to say they didn’t want to receive any of his shipments for a few months. “He said they didn’t want to be a part of some kind of criminal conspiracy and I said ‘there’s no criminal conspiracy’,” Cruey lamented. “We wanted to do something that would be a green company...that takes what would be a waste pretty much and turn it into biodiesel.”

Great job Mark in nabbing such a “greasy” individual.

Reading List

By: Sergeant Sprain

There are quite a few books out there that relate bits and pieces of our rich history. If you're like me and enjoy reading a good book, especially one that adds color to our office, then I have a few books for you.

A new book out, "*The Bad Man from Bodie: The Life and Violent Death of John Franklin Showers*" by MSGT (Ret) Joseph P. Bowman, published by Publish America in 2005, is a true story of an 1883 double murder in the Los Gatos Mountains. William Renowned owned a small cabin above the small town of Lexington (now under the Lexington Reservoir) near what is now Bear Creek Road. Renowned along with his friend and neighbor, Archibald McIntyre, were brutally murdered by John Showers and Joseph Jewell. The Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Branham played a major role in the capture and eventual hanging of one of the murderers. This book can be purchased online through Amazon.com.

Most of you have probably heard of the hanging of John Holmes and Harold Thurmond in November 1933. A mob ranging from 5,000 to 10,000 people congregated in front of the County Jail (which was located at what is now the Downtown Superior Court building) angry over the murder of Brooke Hart. On the evening of November 27, 1933 the mob stormed the jail and forcefully removed the two murder suspects from their cells, dragging them across the street to St. James Park where they were unmercifully hung. In 1992 Harry Farrell wrote **Swift Justice: Murder and Vengeance is a California Town**. A wonderfully written account of the kidnapping and subsequent hanging of Thurmond and Holmes. This book can still be found in local book stores, as well as on line through Amazon.com.

If you like conspiracy theories, believe in little green men or that Fidel Castro had J.R. Ewing shot, then this book is for you. **Jury Rigging in the Court of Public Opinion** by John D. Murphy refers to itself as "An analysis of Swift Justice." This book could easily be the anti-Swift Justice. John Murphy does raise some excellent points that easily contradict Harry Farrell's version. Both authors have conducted a monumental amount of research into the respective books and both raise valid points in the investigation conducted by both the Sheriff's Office and FBI. I'll leave it to you to decide.

Jury Rigging in the Court of Public Opinion can be purchased only through Valley-of-heartsdelight.com or LULU (LULU.com) Publishing for \$14.95. You can also purchase a download copy of the book for only \$2.95 at lulu.com.

This should keep you busy for the next month or so, when I'll recommend a few other books worth reading.

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

Public Mailbox....

Dear Sheriff Smith,

We are writing to thank the department for the outstanding service that we have received in our neighborhood for the last several months. Deputy Rick Chaeff has gone out of his way to become a personal presence here. We first contacted the Sheriff's Office last summer regarding some suspected drug dealers that live next door. Rick Chaeff is the deputy that returned our call, and he was personable, professional, and proactive. He talked with us about some options; and one was to have him join us for a neighborhood meeting . A total of six neighbors (including us) met with Deputy Chaeff, and he showed us great concern about the situation. He offered us some excellent suggestions and gave us tips on how to report incidents. He also gave us concrete tools and moral support, and helped build our confidence in contacting the Sheriff's Office. He also gave us his cell phone number and e-mail address so we could contact him personally. On top of all this he, has always responded with a smile and a willingness to help.

Sincerely, The Hull Family

Sheriff Smith,

I am writing you this letter in appreciation, and to let you know first the positive performance your deputies are demonstrating in our community. Often those in top administration only hear of the negative or "news worthy" performance of their people, rather than the positive.

On Friday March 14th, I was driving home from work and received a phone call from my elderly next door neighbor, Lucille Pontureri. She told me that her husband had just passed away and she did not know what to do. I instructed her to sit in the front room and to wait for emergency personnel to arrive.

By the time I arrived at her home, fire, medical and Sheriff's Office personnel were also arriving. One of your deputies, Mike Ford, was on-scene and speaking with Lucille. I was thoroughly impressed with the way he handled both the situation and Lucille. In addition to dealing with the chaotic situation, Deputy Ford was able to provide her with all of the information she needed to take the few difficult steps she would have to take.

On Tuesday, March 18, I noticed a Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle parked in front of Lucille's home again. Not knowing if there was anything wrong I walked next door to see if everything was okay. I was extremely impressed when I found Deputy Ford visiting with Lucille. He told me he had stopped by to check on her welfare and to see if she needed anything. It made me proud to be associated with Deputy Ford as a member of the law enforcement community. Deputy Ford, as well as the other deputies that were on-scene, is a positive reflection of your agency and we are very fortunate to live in the unincorporated area of San Jose.

Scott Campbell,
Sergeant Santa Cruz Police Department

Car Seat Labeling

By: Training Specialist Ken Din

Shown below is a copy of a new label you might encounter during the course of your duties. The labels, which are known as TIKE Labels (Toddler Information Kept for Emergencies) are provided to citizens by the Insurance Women's Association of Southern Alameda County.

The labels are the result of an incident that occurred in 1995. The incident occurred when a six-month old boy was involved in a head-on traffic collision while riding with a relative. The driver was left unconscious and the boy suffered a life-threatening head injury that required immediate surgery. Officers on-scene did not know the child's identity and were only able to trace his parents because an address book was located in the wreckage. Valuable time was lost due to this delay. The boy was airlifted to a nearby hospital for emergency brain surgery. He has since fully recovered.

The labels are designed to be filled out by the parent or guardian of the child who rides within the seat they are affixed upon. The label will contain all of the pertinent regarding the child riding in the seat in the event of an emergency. The purpose is to provide critical information related to the child to the first responders in the event of an accident. The labels are free and can be obtained by calling Gerry Mellen at (510) 483-8156.

TIKE		
TODDLER INFO KEPT FOR EMERGENCIES		
Child's Name	Birth Date	
Address	City	State
Medical Conditions/Allergies	Hair/Eyes	Scars/Birthmarks
Mother/Guardian	Home Phone	Work/Cell
Father/Guardian	Home Phone	Work/Call
Emergency Contact (other than parent/guardian)	Phone	
Child's Doctor	Phone/Pager	
Compliments of: Insurance Women's Association of Southern Alameda Co.		

Translation Services

By: Sergeant Troy Smith

As a Patrol Supervisor working midnights on the weekend I have come to rely upon the Language Line Services for interpretation services. As beneficial as it is to patrol I have noticed that there may be some confusion on how to use the service. I have outlined the usage below and included some helpful tips.

If you need translation services please use the following telephone number and client numbers until we receive our user reference guide.

Toll Free Number: **1-800-523-1786**

6 Digit Client Number: **901665**

All personnel who use this service shall document the following on a memorandum to their Division Commander (Captain). The Captain will monitor the usage and compare the billing invoices with their division memorandums to ensure proper billing.

Personnel using the interpretation services shall include the following information on their memorandums:

- Name and Badge Number of Personnel using service
- Date and Time
- Length of Call
- Language Translation Utilized
- Event Number

Finally, it is helpful and a good practice to include in the narrative section on an incident report (if utilized), the use of the Language Line Service with the Interpreter's Identification Number. This will also aide with the billing and may be helpful during the prosecution of the case.

The Lighter Side.....

At least it was toll-free...

TOKYO - A Japanese man was arrested for calling a food company's toll-free number 500 times in 16 months because he wanted to hear the woman's voice on the automated tape, police said on Monday.

The 38-year-old plumber, who was arrested on Sunday, made 3,100 hours worth of free calls to the company, costing it almost 4 million yen (19,500 pounds) in phone bills, a police spokesman in Takasaki, northwest of Tokyo, said.

"He gets excited by the woman's voice on the guidance tape," the spokesman said, adding that the voice sounded normal to the detective who was involved in the investigation.

The food company asked for its name to be withheld. The spokesman said police are investigating if the man placed an excessive number of calls to any other firms.

Who are you calling a pig....

BERLIN (AP) - A herd of wild boars has thwarted a suspected car thief's getaway in northern Germany.

Police in Schwerin say the 18-year-old abandoned a stolen SUV he was driving Thursday after failing to shake off a chasing patrol car by driving into a field.

Police nabbed his passenger immediately. But they say the driver initially got away by running into nearby woods.

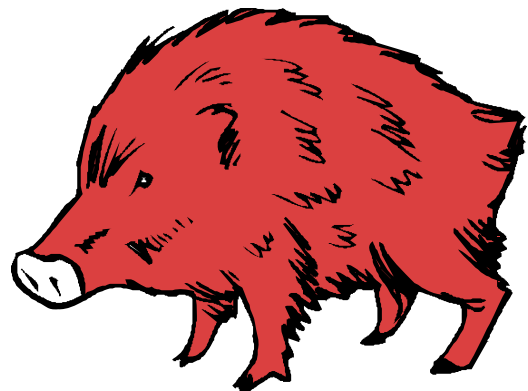
Officers then heard the fugitive shouting for help - he had run into a herd of angry wild boars that were keen to protect their young.

Police freed the man from the boars and took him into custody.

Wild boars are a common sight in forested areas of northern Germany. They often make themselves at home in residential neighborhoods, too, uprooting gardens and annoying homeowners.

“Humor is something that thrives between man's aspirations and his limitations. There is more logic in humor than in anything else. Because, you see, humor is truth.”

Victor Borge



SOBER GRADUATION

By Michelle Sandoval

Sober Graduation is internationally recognized as an effective anti-DUI program targeting high school seniors and raising their awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving. It was originally started in 1985 when the California Highway Patrol (CHP) realized a large majority of high school seniors were celebrating the completion of high school with unsupervised parties where alcohol was being provided and consumed. Unfortunately, many of these parties resulted in alcohol-related crashes, injuries, and deaths. In order to decrease these incidents, the CHP established an awareness campaign which included fund raisers, education, and prevention activities to decrease DUIs and alcohol-related incidents during graduation celebrations.

On Wednesday, April 30th, the Sheriff's Office hosted the Sober Graduation event for over 75 high school students and junior police cadets. In Santa Clara County, Sober Graduation has long been held as a journalism contest wherein selected high school journalism and photojournalism representatives from all over the county attend a day-long conference. The students are charged with writing an article that best describes the dangers and consequences of DUI, and also influences students' attitudes toward drinking and driving during the weeks leading up to and immediately following graduation, and hopefully into their adult lives.

The day's activities included being subjected to a mock DUI arrest, a County Jail tour, a press conference featuring panelists and guest speakers, lunch, and an unforgettable tour of the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner Coroner's Office and morgue. During the interim between the jail tour and lunch, the students congregated in the Sheriff's Office visitor parking area for a brief presentation and to view San Jose Police Department's MADD crashed car trailer, which houses a vehicle that was destroyed in a fatal DUI accident.

Many of the students were shocked by the devastation wreaked upon the car from the impact of the collision and were saddened by the resulting loss of life. The students were also treated to field sobriety tests while donning Fatal Vision Goggles, courtesy of Sheriff's Office Sergeants Don Morrissey and Drew Vasquez. The students were quite alarmed by their inability to walk a straight line, loss of balance, and their lack of hand-eye coordination.



SOBER GRADUATION (Continued)

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Following a mock press conference, which featured representatives from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Fawcett Insurance, Morgan Hill Police Department and Sunnyvale DPS, the students headed over to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner Coroner's (MEC) Office. The students were given a PowerPoint presentation by Coroner's Investigator Rosa Vega. The PowerPoint presentation was created by Sergeant Guy Kuyat and graphically depicted the aftermath of fatal DUI accidents. The students were also given a tour of the MEC. Of all the events of the day, many students felt that the images they witnessed at the MEC would have the most lasting impact.

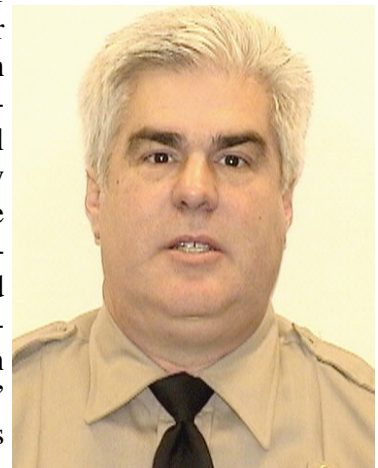
The Sheriff's Office was well represented by staff throughout the day. I would like to thank Headquarters Patrol, West Valley Patrol, the Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office, and also the Department of Correction for all their hard work in helping to make Sober Graduation a success. In particular, I would like to thank Captain Pete Rode, Lieutenant Estella Frontella, Sergeant Rory Duggan, Sergeant Don Morrissey, Sergeant Drew Vasquez, Sergeant Guy Kuyat, Sergeant Dan Woods, Coroner's Investigator Rosa Vega, Deputy Leila Sutherland, Deputy Doug Ulrich, Vasyla Brady, Mike Jensen, Thaddeus Phillips, and a BIG thank you to Deputy Pete Robinson!!!!

Sober Graduation is funded by the Avoid the 13 grant, which is administered by the Sheriff's Office on behalf of the Police Chiefs' Association. Two \$500 cash grants will be awarded to the school(s) that produce the best school newspaper story and photo layout of the Sober Graduation seminar.

Profile of a Reserve Deputy

By: Reserve Commander Frank Dutra

I thought that I would take some time to share with you some information regarding one of our Reserve Deputy Sheriffs, David Giovanetti ("Gio"). David was the Reserve Deputy of the Month for March and has been with the Sheriff's Office Reserves since January of 2005. Since joining the unit, David's duty performance has been excellent as he is always willing to give his best efforts to his assignments. His appearance and demeanor, which is of utmost importance in the unit, is always professional and impeccable. David has always fulfilled his monthly minimum commitment of 20 hours while also being on-call as an assistant to Detective Breuss for all major crime scene call-outs. David got this collateral assignment with Detective Breuss after getting a job as a Sheriff's Office Technician assigned to the evidence room at 55 W. Younger. David attended several evidence related classes at the 2007 ARPOC Conference and is currently in the process of attending some other classes that will make David more of an asset to the Sheriff's Office. He has received seven (7) letters of appreciation from various command staff members both from our office and outside agencies, has assisted with community service events, and has recently offered to teach an evidence processing class to the SCCSO Youth Cadets. David feels that his experience with us has been "very positive," and he finds that working as a Sheriff's Technician and Reserve Deputy is very enjoyable.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 2-13, 2008 Sheriff's Office Basic SWAT Course (hours and dates will vary).

80 hours intensive Basic Course designed to provide the entry level tactical operator with a basic understanding of SWAT Team movements, individual operator skills, SWAT team equipment and weaponry, rappelling, and chemical agent certification.

June 9, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. First Annual Memorial Golf Tournament held at the San Jose Country Club. The shotgun start will be at 11:30 a.m. For further information contact either Lt. Mark Garcia (408-421-6712) or Lt. Garry Peterson (408-808-4764).

June 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Sheriff's Office appreciation night at the San Jose Giants. Come out and watch the San Jose Giants take on the Bakersfield Blaze at San Jose Municipal Stadium (located at 588 East Alma avenue).

June 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The 42nd annual 15 year BBQ. The BBQ will be held at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. Join us for fun, food and a raffle with friends and family. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. For further information contact Lt. Imas at (408)957-5810
