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Laurie R. Smith, Sheriff

## Message From The Sheriff

For the last six months, we have been very busy with both internal and external changes affecting our office and I would like to personally thank our employees for your continued support. Through this collaborative effort, we continue to create a better and efficient work environment.



Sheriff's Headquarters

As you are aware, effective July 1, 2010, the Sheriff's Office assumed command of much of the County's custody operations and associated personnel. Chief Ed Flores can be credited with effectively leading an organization that has become widely recognized as one of the finest jail systems in the nation.

By retaining the best of both organizations, we will be able to insure consistency and a positive cultural integration. Although there is much to accomplish, I strongly believe our potential as an organization is unlimited. I would like to recognize and thank the transition team members, who have been working very diligently to make this a seamless transition.

I want to assure all of our employees that I'm committed to building upon this strong foundation and capitalizing on the strengths of each agency as we build a cohesive and aligned team. Again, I'm proud of your superior efforts!

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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"A" Team, Custody Bureau

#### TRAINING

Our Training Unit has various programs available for our employees to participate in. If you need more C.I.P hours, give Glen Simpson or Ken Din a call: 808-46

There is success and there is the appearance of success.

On July 31, 2010, at approximately 1330 hours, Officer James Green, on his day off with his family, was traveling S/B on Highway 101 near the Hellyer Exit when he noticed a dirt cloud ahead in traffic. When Officer Green pulled over to look, he saw a mid-sized sedan that had skidded off the road, rolled over on its roof, and became stuck in a 10 foot drop-off, next to the side of the freeway. Officer Green immediately contacted the occupants, which included a 5-year old child, trapped inside the vehicle and ensured that there were no serious in-



Officer James Green



juries among them. As Officer Green was waiting for the emergency crew to arrive, he smelled the odor of burning gasoline emanating from the engine compartment of the overturned vehicle. That was when he sprung into action and rescued all five occupants with the assistance from a CHP officer, who arrived on scene a short time later. Officer Green's willingness to help complete strangers in times of dire need and place himself in danger for others reflects great dedication and his desire to serve. It is individuals, such as Officer Green, who bring credit to this Office, the County of Santa Clara, and the citizens of this community.

Officer Green's story received nationwide media coverage

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Correctional Officer James Green at the Santa Clara County Main Jail in San Jose on Wednesday Aug. 4, 2010. Heading home after a kids' birthday party and **wearing a pair of beat-up Adidas flip flops**, the off-duty Santa Clara County Sheriff's Correctional Officer recently helped save the lives of five people whose sedan had rolled over on Highway 101. Green dragged a fallen tree away from the smoking car, kicked the door open and helped pull out a 19-year-old driver, his 20-year-old passenger, two 14-year-old girls and a 5-year-old boy to safety. (Photo by Patrick Tehan/Mercury News)



A pair similar to what Ofc. Green was wearing at the time of the incident

# CHP Sergeant Injured In Crash - by Newsletter Staff

*It is with the deepest love and appreciation I give you thanks. You took care of Todd, his family, and his extended CHP family during a critical time in our lives. Your kindness will be held in our hearts and remembered always.*

*WE LOOK FORWARD TO TODD'S RETURN TO DUTY AND ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOLLOWING HIS ACCIDENT. MANY PERSONNEL FROM YOUR AGENCY WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND IN VISITS AND SUPPORT TO OUR AREA. YOU ALL MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT DURING A DIFFICULT TIME. THANK YOU!*  
Captain A.L. Yarnan & Maini Arco

A Thank You card sent to us by Sgt. Overzet's Division Commander for our deputies' support during a difficult time.



**CHP Sgt. Overzet with CHIPPER**

On 5/12/10, Sgt. Todd Overzet was responding to an emergency call when the crash occurred. He suffered a torn aorta and was in serious but stable condition.

Sgt. Overzet had turned on his lights and sirens and headed east on Lakeville Highway in Petaluma. He reportedly crossed the dotted yellow line into an oncoming traffic lane on the road south of Frates Road to pass vehicles ahead of him. The sergeant had begun to pass a silver Toyota sedan when the driver turned on her blinker and began turning left into a dirt driveway. He crashed into the Toyota's rear passenger door, flipped over the car and landed in a ditch.

**In life we either follow paths or make trials.**

## 2010 California Police & Fire Olympics

- By Pitcher/Officer Christina Valencia

In the winter of 2008, I was approached by Officer Lynda Rhodes about putting together a women's softball team to participate in the 2009 Western States Police & Fire Games during July in Santa Clarita, CA. Officer Rhodes and I recruited several officers from Elmwood and Main Jail facilities and formed "Lockdown

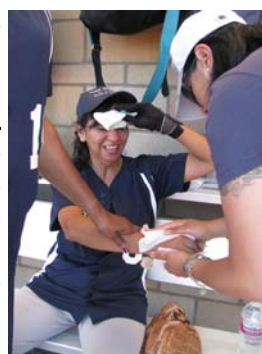


Ladies." Although we did not win any games in Santa Clarita, our teamwork and camaraderie on and off the softball field made it clear:

we wanted to return for the 2010 WSPFG. Lockdown Ladies began batting and fielding practice on a weekly basis at the end of March 2010. Also recruited were two fellow co-workers to help coach the team, Officers Rich Gomez and Ron Towner, who volunteered their time to assist the Lockdown Ladies. Many players traveled long distances on their day off and reorganized their family time to attend practice on a weekly basis until the games started in July. Arriving in Reno, Nevada, we were met by 98-degree heat, and excessively hot and spongy turf field, but our twelve very "10-8" players were ready for the challenge. Coach Caroline Pegueros cheered us on at each game, and several infielders and outfielders played without a break during the tournament. The hard work, dedi-

cation and determination of Lockdown

Ladies paid off, and we won the **Bronze Medal**. It



has been an honor and pleasure to play with such an extraordinary group of women, who gave their 110% despite of the heat and a few injuries. We are definitely looking forward to the next games.



**THE CALIFORNIA POLICE & FIRE GAMES TEAM ROSTERS**

**Men's Baseball:**

**Six Deputies -**

- \*Edward Shanks
- \*Alfonso Corona
- \*Paulo Contreras
- \*Richard Rowe
- \*Michael Ford
- \*Robert Gibbons (retired)

**Along with;**

- \*Paul Woo- SJPD
- \*Bobby Mendiola- SJPD
- \*Tim Ramos- SJPD
- \*Phil Young- Homeland Security
- \*Darwin Tellez- Oakland PD

**Women's Jail Softball (aka "Lockdown"):**

- \*Michelle Asban - IAU
- \*Deanna Baldwin - Re tired from Transportation
- \*Kristin Cheung - Elmwood C Team

- \*Hazel De Guzman - Elmwood C Team
- \*Menon Dixon - Main Jail A Team
- \*Jennifer Mallett - Main Jail C Team
- \*Lynda Rhodes - Elmwood A Team
- \*Jasmin Rivera - Elmwood B Team
- \*Sylvia Rosales - Main Jail C Team
- \*Lillia Salinas - Main Jail B Team
- \*Karen Schreifels - Main Jail A Team
- \*Christina Valencia - Elmwood Admin

**\*\*Special note of thanks:**

Officers Dixon, Deanna Baldwin, Michelle Asban, Elizabeth Rodriguez and several women from San Jose Combo women's softball team rendered aid to an 80-plus year-old man. They saw the man lying on the sidewalk alone in the heat. The women stopped, called 911, comforted and assisted the man, who had

a bloody and possibly broken hand, until fire and paramedics arrived. Ladies you are truly kind-hearted human beings, an asset to your departments and excellent first responders!! Great job!!

**Men's Jail Softball:**

Roster unavailable at time of publication

**Also Competed in the event are:**

- \* Officer **John Bruno** took **gold** in weightlifting and **broke a record.**
  - \* Officer **Samuel Villegas** took **bronze** in the half marathon.
- Both are on A Team at Elmwood.

\*\*Thanks to **Lt. Janet Fischer** at Elmwood for providing the rosters

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**Men's Baseball Team Takes Silver** by Detective Alfonso Corona, REACT

I want to tell everyone that our baseball team of only 10 guys, compared with other teams of 20+, took silver at the Police and Fire Games. On July 26, the tournament began with a game, against a state of Washington baseball team, we won 19-3. We then lost to SFPD Blues 17-4. The next day, after beating Sacramento S/O 21-3, we began the single elimination tournament. We beat Bakersfield PD 21-4 and then came right back to beat SFPD Blues 17-4 (does this score look familiar?!) We then played the gold medal, but lost to Sacramento Fire 9-8. It was a great experience to play with these guys and I know the families loved watching their husbands/sons play again. Being that the games are in Ontario next year, I know there will be at least 12 teams and better competition from the LA area. I want to try and organize a team earlier next year and play in an adult league tournament prior to going to next year's games. I know we have a lot of good baseball players in our office and we want our team to be all Sheriff's Office, regardless of division. Please contact me via email if you are SERIOUSLY interested in playing baseball. We definitely want more participation to win gold next year. Thank you.



# Things are not as easy as they seem...my two days on mini bike

— Sgt. Rick Sung, Administration

Any road will take you nowhere if that's where you're going.

Activity is the antidote to boredom!

Great mistakes usually take quite an amount of skill to achieve.



Mini Bike purchased for \$10 at a garage sale



Guess who's riding the bike?!



After studying these photos, I said, "What a piece of cake! Let me ride that thing tomorrow."



Ouch! My first try cost me a dry cleaning fee and a small bruise on my thigh.

For those of you who can't figure it out, the man featured in the 2nd and 3rd photo is **Assistant Sheriff Zink**, who is an avid cyclist—and the owner of the mini bike. His future goal is to be able to lower the seat and the handlebar to the lowest point so he can ride like this **man on the right** someday. Seriously, the Assistant Sheriff is not joking. ^^ Please email me if you have any special interest or talent you want your colleagues to know about.



Day 2 - "Have you ridden a mini bike lately?"



James "Dream" Scott, a member of the International Mini Bike Stunt Team

### **Deputies Honored For Saving a 70-Year Old Woman**



On August 24, Deputies Ledia Carlsen, Travis Eastman and Darrick Lopez were recognized by the County Board of Supervisors for saving a 70-year old woman from choking on a 3-inch long steak in June.

### **Deputies Recognized For Saving a 17-Day Old Infant**



On August 10, Deputies Rick Chaeff (middle) and Michael Laddy received a special award from the Board of Supervisors for resuscitating a 17-day old infant in June.

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**Real Men Ride Vespas!** - Newsletter Staff

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Assistant Sheriff Perry on a 2005 Vespa Gran Turismo Special Edition (as you can tell by the colorful options). The Vespa features a “big” 200cc engine that boasts 21 horses under the seat. Although A/S Perry claims it belongs to his wife, there have been multiple sightings of him riding the Vespa around town..by himself. A/S Perry loves to take the Vespa out whenever he goes grocery shopping. I guess there is no need to explain where he puts his groceries when returning home.

**Deputy Wins National Championship** - Newsletter Staff



Six years and seventeen national level fitness shows, and **Deputy Mandy Henderson** (assigned to South County patrol) is officially an International Federation of Body Building Professional Figure Athlete.

She took first place out of 35 figure competitors at the 2010 NPC (National Physique Committee) USA's. The USA's had over 530 athletes competing in bodybuilding, figure and bikini. Mandy was one of 6 figure athletes to leave with a Pro-Card. She plans on making her Pro Debut at the Border States Pro Figure Championships on October 30. She proves that hard work and dedication can make dreams come true! Congratulations Mandy!

\*\*\*Learn more about NPC USA at: <http://www.npcnewsonline.com/>



## Readers' Rides

By Lt. Skip Shervington, Jail Transition Team



### 1958 Triumph TR3A

Like a lot of import enthusiasts in the late 1970's, Skip wanted a Triumph TR6, but needless to say his part-time job at the Sizzler Family Steakhouse on El Camino Real in Sunnyvale didn't provide him with the needed income to qualify for a loan. He opted instead for a hand-me-down 1971 Datsun 510. Skip quickly modified and accessorized the car to avoid any embarrassment should it be discovered by his high school classmates that it once belonged to his grandmother! After an unfortunate and solo vehicle collision on Old Strawberry Road in Tuolumne County, he moved through several more Datsun cars and trucks, until one day when his girlfriend's dad offered up his red 1962 Triumph TR3A as a trade. You can imagine Skip's apprehension at running this deal past his parents for approval. He was in his first year of college and needed a reliable vehicle to get to his new job at the Union 76 gas station on Lawrence Expressway and Arques Avenue. Fortunately, Skip's dad was from Boston and he told him the story of how when he was a teenager, he took a part-time job

on the docks cleaning Vaseline covered British cars that were arriving in the United States. He said that they used to cover every inch of the car with clear grease to protect it from the damp and salty ocean voyage across *the pond*. It was at this job that in 1953 the first Triumph TR2's began rolling off the ships from Coventry, England. He fell in love with the design and a few years later, Skip's dad bought his first brand new car—a black 1957 Triumph TR3. The deal was sealed!

Skip drove that '62 TR3A for a little more than a year until the Lucas electrical system, aka: *The Prince of Darkness*, fried the wiring harness on a trip down Guadalupe Expressway. Skip decided it was time to make the switch to American made and found a 1971 Ford Pinto—wait for it—that was stuffed with a Mustang 289 V8! “Hey, Sgt. Dave Cobble—can you give Skip a Harrumph?!”

Fast forward to Skip's mid-life crisis purchase of a 1958 British Racing Green Triumph TR3A he found on eBay Motors in

2002. This vehicle went through a frame-off restoration in 1991 and subsequently won a few small car shows in the Alabama and Tennessee region. While the car is starting to show some wear and tear, Skip is not concerned with the show quality of the vehicle as much as he is with the its road worthiness. Skip enjoys driving the car and taking it on club sponsored events. So, if you find yourself in Santa Cruz on a weekend, chances are you will see him around town or on Highway 1 headed to Cameron's English Pub for a plate of Bangers and Mash! If you do see him, Skip would appreciate a wave, or a ride depending on the circumstances!

SPECIFICATIONS & MORE INFORMATION	
Owner	Skip Shervington
Assignment	Jail Transition Team
Vehicle Y/M/M	1958 Triumph TR3A
Color Ext	British Racing Green
Color Int	Black
Engine	1991 cc / 4 Cylinder
Transmission	4 Speed Manual / Unsynchronized 1st Gear
Headlight Switch Positions	"Off" and "Flicker" - Curse you, Prince of Darkness!
Year Obtained	2002
Club	<a href="http://www.TriumphTravelers.org">www.TriumphTravelers.org</a>
Skip's car was featured in a Russian Magazine	<a href="http://www.triumphtravelers.org/Memberpics/SkipS.article/04%20%202003 .htm">http://www.triumphtravelers.org/Memberpics/SkipS.article/04%20%202003 .htm</a>
Skip's Rides	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvfFgATkuWk">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvfFgATkuWk</a>

Skip will be contributing more Reader's Rides articles in future newsletters. If you have a classic vehicle or know someone who does, contact Lt. Skip Shervington by email: [Skip.Shervington@Sheriff.sccgov.org](mailto:Skip.Shervington@Sheriff.sccgov.org)

## **Tales from War Zone** – Deputy Brian Randall, currently serving a tour in Iraq

Hello Everyone!!! This is Deputy Brian Randall sending a little note from Iraq. I did not bring my mailing list with me when I left on this little adventure in July, so I apologize if I haven't kept in touch. For those who don't know, I am an Army Reservist and have been doing the "Citizen Warrior" thing for the past 17 years. I am currently serving a tour in Iraq. I am doing some pretty important work that does not allow me to disclose exactly what I am doing, but many of you know I do work closely with the security forces here in Country. I am a Senior Sergeant working on a small team trying to keep our fellow soldiers safe!!!

My adventures started last August when I was "cross-leveled" into a Unit from New York. I had to travel back east each month to train and become familiar with their mission. That kept me away from work and from my family for weeks at a time. In July of this year, I was placed on orders. I continued my full-time duties as a Citizen Warrior. We did plenty of training on an Active Duty Army Base.....working on our specific job skills as well as training on the latest and greatest weapon and defense systems the Army has to protect our ground-level soldiers. I was working every day and working long hours.....sometimes 18 hours a day....just to prepare myself and to prepare the soldiers I was responsible for.

By August, we finished our basic skill training and were ready to ship out. We were deployed to the Middle East in Mid-August to finalize our training prior to going in Country to begin our mission. Part of the tasks we had to prepare ourselves for was getting acclimated to the grueling desert weather. We lived in massive tents together....40-50 soldiers per tent and had to adjust to scorching heat....120+ during the day and 90+ at night. Thank God for A/C! Unfortunately, our training was not all indoors. We qualified with our assigned weapons in the desert, practiced our safety measures in case we were attacked while doing our missions, and became familiar with all the tools the Army gave us to keep us safe. If you think taking CPR and First AID is a hassle....try taking a course in Combat Life Saving!!! They make us do all the same things but put us in life-like scenarios in which we have to perform these tasks while being fired on or after we have been hit by an IED (Improvised Explosive Device)!!!! Putting tourniquets on and using quick clot or Israeli bandages (pressure bandages) is much harder when you are doing it under fire!!!

And now we are in Country. Many of us moved out into our teams and into various locations throughout the Country. The living conditions are decent....but imagine living in a two-man trailer with questionable A/C and outdoor facilities!!! The rooms here are very Spartan, a bed, a foot locker, and a place to hang our clothes. It is hot as Hades here, so we all sweat...all the time!!! We do have decent dining facilities with plenty of food. There is a gym and a recreation center here where we can watch movies, play video games, read books, get on the internet, and even call home. There is a general store where we can buy creature comforts and pogy bait....snacks and treats as well as some non-alcoholic beverages. They even have a Burger King, Pizza Hut, and a Subway here...but rumor is the beef is tainted, so we don't take our chances.

My work conditions are pretty good. We are short on some of the basics.....pens, pencils, paper, printers that work and ink for them is in short supply. Internet connectivity is about 10 years behind ours, so downloading and sending huge files is tough.

But the work space is decent and we have been able to scrounge up some fairly decent desks, filing cabinets, and chairs. You definitely take things for granted at home.....there are no Walmarts, Targets, Office Depots, or Costcos nearby, so you make do with what you have and try to scrounge up what things people discard or leave behind.

I am sure plenty of you have been keeping up with the news and the political atmosphere surrounding the two Wars we are still fighting. The Operation we are now engaged in Iraq is called New Dawn. We are trying to hand over the reigns to the Iraqis and let them take control of their Country so we can leave this place. We are making good progress here and there is light at the end of the tunnel. But the threat to those who want to help the Iraqis take control is still very real, and the war is far from over. Attacks against us are still occurring and we have to stay vigilant in our efforts to help the Iraqis become more confident while still protecting ourselves in the process. I pray we all will be successful in our endeavors and we all come back home the same way we got here!!!

I do appreciate those who have reached out to me while I have been away and, if there is anyone interested in keeping in touch, my contact information is listed below:

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crashman randall



I will be here for a good while and I would love to hear from anyone from back home. There are four of us in the office: Eric, Dave, Mike and Brian (me). Care Packages, letters of encouragement, etc. are greatly appreciated and welcomed. Little pieces of home make our job more bearable and make us proud of what we are doing! Your support helps us keep our motivation and it encourages us!!! If it would not be too much to ask, if you could post this letter in the Monthly bulletin, it would be greatly appreciated!!! If anyone is guessing what to send us while we are here.....packaged snacks are always welcomed. Coffee, tea, and any powdered drinks other than Gatorade (the Army has plenty) would be a great change. Chocolate does not do so well in the mail, but anything vacuumed packed stays pretty fresh. Any posters, pictures or paraphernalia related to the Sheriff's Office, the Bay Area, and Local Sporting Teams would help give our living space a more homey appearance. We are all big boys here, so if t-shirts are sent, one large and three x-large would outfit my whole team (a Best of the West shirt would be awesome to sport around here!!!). Reading materials like magazines or local papers are welcomed, too.

Thank you for your time and I hope all is well back home. I miss all of you and hope to hear from you soon!!!!

Deputy Brian K. Randall

# Letters of Appreciation

State of California—Business, Transportation and Housing Agency    **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor**

**DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
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San Martin, CA 95046  
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August 11, 2010  
File No.: 726.12235

County of Santa Clara  
Sheriff's Weekend Work Program  
701 South Abel Street  
Milpitas, CA 95035

Attention: Captain Troy Beliveau

Dear Captain Beliveau:

A member of my staff recently contacted you and requested assistance with a clean-up operation along the perimeter of our facility. The Gilroy Inspection Facility encompasses several acres of land alongside US-101 and its adjacent landscape becomes overgrown with unsightly underbrush and weeds during the spring and summer months. The upkeep and maintenance of these areas often exceeds the capabilities of our local available resources.

You were obliging and very generous to provide assistance with your department's Weekend Work Program and quickly facilitated an operation during a recent weekend to eradicate our underbrush and weed problem. Your work crew did a fantastic job and the facility property once again looks neat and tidy. I would like to personally thank you for accommodating our request and completing the task in such a timely manner.

Should you ever need assistance for any type of commercial motor vehicle issues, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff at (408) 683-9086.

Sincerely,

  
E. L. JENNINGS, Lieutenant  
Commander  
Gilroy Inspection Facility

19764 Auburn Drive  
Cupertino, CA 95014  
Tel. (408) 252-8568  
May 28, 2010

Sheriff Laurie Smith  
Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office  
55 West Younger Street  
San Jose, CA 95110

Dear Sheriff Smith:

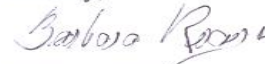
On Friday, May 21, 2010, I was afforded the opportunity to participate in the ride-along program with Deputy Tim Furtado. I felt especially privileged since the ride-along which had been planned didn't happen, and Deputy Furtado was willing to have me along unexpectedly and at the last minute.

It had been a long time since I'd ridden in South County, and there have been many changes there as elsewhere as the population has grown. What remains the same is the kind of calls to which we responded over the course of the day and the professionalism and courtesy of not only all the deputies but also the personnel in the Highland Avenue substation, which I'd not seen before. The ladies staffing the office where the public is served were especially friendly and helpful.

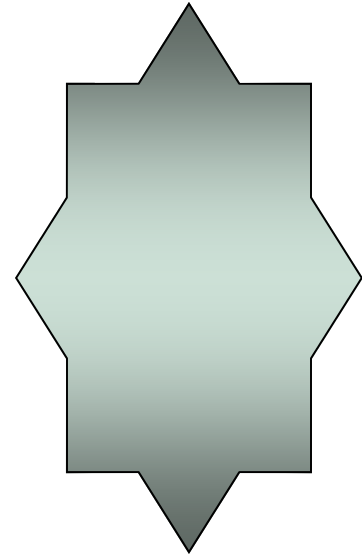
I was impressed by the competence of Deputy Furtado and had reinforced how well the citizens, generally, are served in Santa Clara County by the Sheriff's Office. I, also, was impressed once again with the commitment to the job and to serving the people which was demonstrated by Deputy Furtado as well as the other deputies whom I met.

I very much appreciate the courtesy shown by Deputy Furtado and also by all the Department personnel. I commend you for the ride-along program which is one of the best public relations tools you could have. Its success surely rests with the individual deputies who willingly have a citizen along in their "office" on their beat.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Rogers

*PROGRAMS STAFF -  
YOU WERE RECENTLY  
ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE  
CAP FOR AN ASSIGNMENT  
YOU COMPLETED.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
DEDICATION & HARDWORK!  
CAPT. BELIVEAU*



# Letters of Appreciation ...continued

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**Re: Deputy Rick Sheridan-Badge #1505  
Deputy Octavio Garcia-Badge #1954  
Deputy Joanne Demettrie-Badge #1933**

Dear Sheriff Smith:

I am writing this letter of commendation of Rick Sheridan, Octavio Garcia and Joanne Demettrie. I have been working with the three of them for the past year and with Rich Sheridan for several years in my work on truancy prevention for the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). Although I had worked for several years with officers from San Jose Police Department School Liaison Unit who were specifically trained to work with students, I had never worked with Sheriff's Deputies. I was concerned that they had not had the specialized training or interest in working with children.

When I met Rick Sheridan I was so excited to meet another peace officer who was so enthusiastic about working with the students including those from the Alternative Schools Department (ASD) of the SCCOE. The ASD students are some of the most difficult students to work with. Later I met Octavio Garcia and Joanne Demettrie who were also extraordinary when working with the students. They were always kind and respectful to the students mixed with seriousness and authority.

Personally, the deputies made my job much easier. They were always available to help out, even at the last minute. Octavio acted as our translator when our translator did not arrive for a meeting. Joanne spent hours doing home visits to meet with students and parents who had missed their meetings regarding truancy. Rick was my contact person, coordinated the activities and was the speaker at our District Attorney's Mediation meetings.

It is hard for me to thoroughly express my respect and admiration for your deputies. I am disappointed that I will no longer be working with them.

Thank you for your leadership that creates such wonderful deputies.

Mary J. Greenwood  
Public Defender

June 23, 2010

Sincerely,

*Nancy Brock*  
Nancy Danziger-Brock, Consultant, SCCOE

Sheriff Laurie Smith  
55 W. Younger Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95110

c: Cary Dritz, Deputy Superintendent, SCCOE, Deputies Sheridan, Garcia, Demettrie

Dear Laurie,

As you know, the Board of Supervisors recently provided funding to the Public Defender Office to represent defendants at in custody misdemeanor arraignment calendars. While many of these calendars have only a few individuals, Department 42 at the Hall of Justice is an extremely crowded venue with as many as 80 defendants on an afternoon calendar.

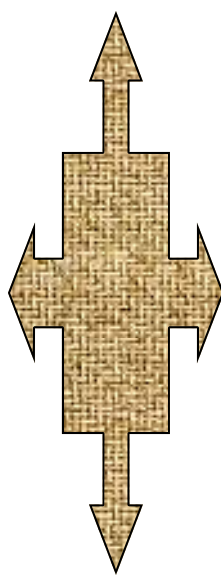
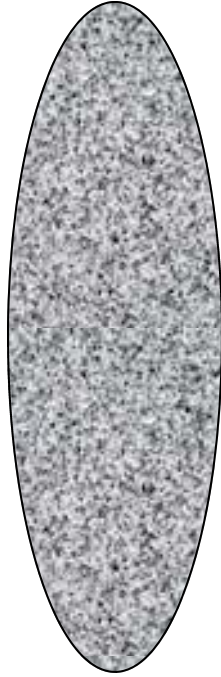
To make this program work, Deputy Public Defenders needed early access to defendants. Your deputies have made this possible for us. By working closely with the experienced lawyers I've assigned there, the deputy sheriffs have facilitated our ability to prepare the calendar in advance by allowing lawyers to talk to defendants at the holding cells and by transporting our clients to the courtroom in advance of the calendar.

I particularly commend Deputy Sheriff Ed Yerman your deputy in charge of Hall of Justice security, for his willingness to find solutions to make things work so that the calendars move smoothly. Your folks in Department 42, including Deputy Fausto, are professionals. Their calm and friendly manner and flexibility with the unexpected, help insure that the court process is efficient and that justice is achieved.

Please thank your staff on my behalf for their patience, professionalism and service. I am grateful for their assistance in this new endeavor

Sincerely,

*Mary*  
Mary J. Greenwood  
Public Defender



## Letters of Appreciation ...continued



June 1, 2010

Lt./Capt. Robbery/Homicide-Cold Case Unit  
 County of Santa Clara  
 Office of the Sheriff  
 55 West Younger Avenue  
 San Jose, CA 95110

Re: Detective Ron Breuss #1404

Dear Lt./Capt.,

On May 12, 1010 Detective Breuss conducted a crime scene investigation presentation to my Criminal Investigation class. Also Detective Breuss conducted an orientation/recruiting presentation to my Introduction to Criminal Justice class. As in previous presentations, Detective Breuss captivated, educated and scared the students on the reality of law enforcement and crime scene investigation.

Detective Breuss was honest, vivid and entertaining as he captivated the class. I sincerely appreciate your department allowing Detective Breuss to appear in my classes and his presentations are always the highlight of my semester.

Detective Breuss obviously represents and projects the professionalism and integrity of the Sheriff's Office. I do appreciate this because as you know the type of candidate you want and I teach must display this intelligence and professionalism. Detective Breuss is a good model of the knowledge, integrity and professionalism necessary for law and enforcement. Thank you again very much as I hope to ask Detective Breuss again in the fall to make yet another appearance.

Sincerely,

Frank Torres  
 Associate Instructor  
 West Valley College

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Sergeant Jeffrey McCoy  
 Office of the Sheriff  
 County of Santa Clara  
 55 W. Younger Avenue  
 San Jose, CA 95110

August 20, 2010

Dear Sergeant McCoy:

I am writing to you to thank you for the wonderful tour that you gave us of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's office last month.

The tour was so interesting and thorough. Many of the trainees expressed interest in working for the Sheriff's office when they graduate from Job Corps. I hope that they pursue their dreams.

Thanks so much for taking us all around. It certainly is an impressive operation; I especially enjoyed the disaster-preparedness center. I feel so safe!

I really appreciate the tour and the time that you spent with us. Thanks again,

Sincerely Yours,

France Damon  
 Career Technical Training  
 San Jose Job Corps Center



## Letters of Appreciation ...continued



Jennifer M Wood  
753 Pollard Road  
Los Gatos, CA. 95032

Re: Detective Anthony Hickman

Dear Laurie,

I am a victim of sexual assault/rape and was referred to Detective Hickman back in December, 2009. I have worked closely with Mr. Hickman in an effort to identify other victims (of the same abuser) with the hope of stopping future attacks from occurring. Throughout the entire process, Detective Hickman demonstrated the most remarkable compassion, support, and respect for me and the other victims. It is beyond difficult / uncomfortable to relive the abuse via the interview process; however, Detective Hickman made us feel comfortable and secure!

We quickly determined that we were outside the statute of limitations that would have allowed for the prosecution of my biological father – the man who abused me. In an effort to feel some sense of security, I decided to pursue the process of securing a restraining order. The arduous process resulted in my appearing in court nearly 10 times and the final appearance required my bringing to court the other victims who also suffered abuse by this man. These victims had also been interviewed by Detective Hickman and also expressed that the process was made easier for them by Mr. Hickman leading the interview process. Never once did Mr. Hickman make any of us feel ashamed and encouraged us to call whenever we needed to talk (always telling me, “you are never a bother when you call”!).

I contacted Mr. Hickman in early March, 2010 to let him know that I had been made aware through my attorney that securing a restraining order was becoming increasingly difficult. He immediately pulled out his calendar and asked me the date for our next court appearance. (At this point I was in tears because I was becoming increasingly frustrated with the process to secure a restraining order!). The date, April 30, 2010, happened to be Detective Hickman’s first day of vacation. Without hesitation, he volunteered to be in court with us on April 30, 2010, to support me and two of the other victims.

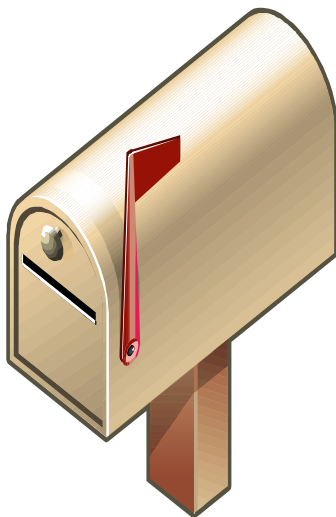
April 30, 2010 was an emotionally draining day but Detective Hickman stayed with us the entire day showing support for the three of us. Mr. Hickman was also used as an expert witness who testified as to the psyche of women who are abused. Ultimately, he was able to explain why some women wait years before revealing their abuse.

In conclusion, our society would be a much better/safer place if there were more people like Detective Hickman in law enforcement. It was incredibly refreshing to work with someone like him and I will eternally be grateful to him for all of his support.

Warm Regards//

Jennifer M. Wood

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*The Sheriff's Office Newsletter was created to ensure that employees and retirees have a source of information within the agency. Your letters regarding personal and professional matters, to include public safety matters are welcomed by the 15th of every month. We would like to hear from retirees as well. Suggestions for improvements or ideas should be referred to Sergeant Rick Sung at (408) 808-4905.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING:**

**September 15, 2010**

**Sheriff's Promotional Ceremony at the county government center, 70 W. Hedding Street., followed by a reception at headquarters. Korean BBQ (beef ribs and chicken) will be provided.**

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**September 16~17, 2010**

**Best In The West (BITW) at the Sheriff's range. At least 26 teams throughout the state will participate in the 18th annual competition this year.**

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**September 17, 2010**

**"Ride for Their Lives" at the Sheriff's Auditorium from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Our office will be hosting the Surviving Parent Coalition's event (a group of parents whose children have been murdered, kidnapped or sexually assaulted) to raise awareness on violent crimes against children. Please browse to the below websites for detail information:**

Ride For Their Lives: <http://www.ridefortheirlives.com/>

Surviving Parent Coalition: <http://www.spcoalition.org/>

**\*\*If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Detective Tony Hickman at 408-808-4530 or email: [Anthony.hickman@sheriff.sccgov.org](mailto:Anthony.hickman@sheriff.sccgov.org)**