

Ukiah Police Department’s Newsletter

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According to UPD stats we have increased our traffic stops 43 percent since 2005. Traffic accidents are down 14 percent from last year!

30 Years of Dedication and Service:

After a 30 year career with the Ukiah Police Department, Dispatcher Dave Salisbury will be retiring December 30th, of 2006.

Dave first applied as a reserve officer with our department in August of 1975, and was accepted as a reserve officer in January of 1976. Over time, Dave became a part-time employee of the department, helping the department in personnel shortages as a front office records clerk and a dispatcher.

In 1986, Dave was hired full-time as a Public Safety Dispatcher and has now served in that role for the last 20 years. Dave will without question, be missed here at the department.

Throughout his career, Dave’s dedication to the department, and our community was clear. Consistently, Dave was praised for his initiative, pro-active performance and contributions to the department and the community. The high stack of letters of praise from members of the public reflects Dave’s concern in providing the best of service to the Ukiah community.

Dave has served in a wide range of roles. From an early time, Dave was involved in the maintenance and programming of the department’s first computer systems and other technology related items. Over the years, Dave has become the department’s expert on maintaining everything from the telephone and radio voice recorders, to the complex dispatch radio systems and dispatch computer systems. Dave has acted as a Dispatch Training Officer, trains members of the department in the Department of Justice procedures and requirements, and a wide range of other complex tasks and projects.

The Dispatcher of the Year award symbolizes the ongoing contributions and efforts of a dispatcher who is an asset to our work place and community. Dave Salisbury has received this award on four occasions: 1996, 1998, 2004, & 2006.

Dave and his wife Joann have already planned their first long retirement trip in their motor home. We look forward to seeing Dave and Joann for Dave’s retirement party when they return.



School Resource Officer In The News: As Reported in the Ukiah Daily Journal



He might be the new man on campus, but working with youth is nothing new for School Resource Officer, Erik Baarts. This school year Baarts replaced Ukiah Police Officer, Chris Gordon, who wished to be reassigned to patrol in order to gain more street experience.

"Based on Baarts' training and experience we felt he would be an excellent fit working with kids up at Ukiah High," Ukiah Police Capt. Chris Dewey said, referring to the fact that Baarts has had almost as many years experience coaching teens as he has working in law enforcement. Baarts, who is also currently a field training officer and defensive tactics instructor with the UPD, has served the local department for four years. Prior to that he worked five and half years at the Willits Police Department. His coaching experience thus far includes four years with the varsity high school baseball team in Eureka, one year as

assistant varsity baseball coach and two years as head varsity baseball coach at Willits High School, and one year as a football coach at Ukiah High School.

That said, there are still challenges to being the school resource officer. Aside from simply learning the ins and outs of a new job, Baarts feels the biggest challenge is "the amount of students and the amount of activity going on at the high school, as well as Pomolita, South Valley, and all the other things the school resource officer is responsible for taking care of."

Intervention is one of his main responsibilities. "I try to intervene before situations arrive that would require law enforcement," Baarts said. "For example, if two students are not getting along with each other, or harassing each other, I would step in and speak to both students, counsel them, and explain the repercussions for any actions that they might take that would be unlawful," he said. The ultimate goal is to add a second resource officer, Dewey said. Continued on page 3.

Academy Graduations!



Graduation ceremony December 8th, 2006 in Santa Rosa.

Please help us in congratulating Officers Arrington, Lunceford and Covella, who graduated from the Santa Rosa Training Center on December 8th, 2006. Our three officers started the academy at the end of July, and after 20 weeks of intensive training, they distinguished themselves with a number of accomplishments.

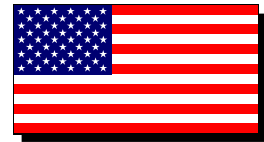
Not only did all three of our officers graduate within the top 10 overall, Officer Arrington was acknowledged for finishing 2nd in Firearms Training. Officer Lunceford was acknowledged for finishing 2nd in Defensive Tactics and Physical Fitness, and Officer Covella was acknowledged for finishing 3rd academically, and the 2nd overall in his class.

Their achievements are a reflection of their dedication to their work ethics, and their desire to become high caliber officers. All three officers are now well underway in the Field Training Program, and based on their performance in the academy, we are confident they will do well in their next phase of training.



Ross Lunceford, Brian Arrington, & Julian Covella being sworn in by Chief Williams.

New Employees



The Department is excited to announce the hiring of three new officers this December. These new officers increase our sworn staff to 31 officers, and the department currently has one more open position left to fill.

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Chief Williams & Officer Vince Morse at City of Ukiah swearing in ceremony.

Vince Morse and his wife Mary, and daughters Bethany and Sarrah joined us for Vince's Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance on November 27th. Vince is a lateral officer, who worked most recently within the Mendocino County Jail. Before working in the jail, Vince worked as a Deputy for Carson County Sheriff's Office in Nevada. Vince's wife, Mary works for the School District and both of his daughters attend school in Ukiah.

Stats for November 2006 Nov. to Sept. 2006 2005 Totals

Calls for Service:	2,042	24,474	23,798
Average Calls for Service per day :	68.07	70.08	70.42
Misdemeanor arrests:	142	1,526	1,278
Felony arrests:	58	689	698
DUI arrests:	41	452	116
Traffic Warnings	373	5,002	2,481
Speeding Citations	14	301	340
Moving Citations	46	796	549
Non-moving Citations	15	300	302
Traffic Accidents	55	493	618

School Resource Officer Continued:

"His primary duties are working at Ukiah High but he also responds to Pomolita Middle School. Because of the amount of activity, it doesn't give him much free time to work on the other priorities that we have, such as the education and prevention programs," Dewey said. "Our goal is to add a second school resource officer position, and our goal with that position is to work more with the elementary schools on education and prevention programs, such as, bicycle safety, and the GRIP program," Dewey said, noting the UPD and the school district are in the beginning stages of trying to make this happen.

"The other reason to add a second school resource officer is the amount of calls for service. During a 180 day school year, our current school resource officer responds to about 500 requests for police services throughout the school district and writes about 210 criminal investigations during the 180 day school year," Dewey said. "Ukiah Unified School District Superintendent Ray Chadwick said to us recently that he thinks of Ukiah High School as the fourth largest city in Mendocino County," he said, noting on a daily basis there are over 2,000 people on the high school campus.

Baarts will add a feather to his cap when, in October, he will go to Washington DC for a training called Multiple Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools, Train the Trainer Course.

"This is part of MCOE's grant to increase preparedness in our schools. We are lucky that, being a school resource officer, not only can he go, but when he returns he will have the abilities and the skills to plan for, and train for, emergency situations," Dewey said. *Reprinted with permission from the Ukiah Daily Journal.

Background Investigator

FYI, Marcus Young has been hired to assist the Ukiah Police Department in doing background investigations on new hire employees. Marcus now has a mail box in the report writing room as well as a new voice mail number.



Dispatcher Runs



Dispatcher Tanya Schillinsky recently ran in the 1st inaugural Disneyland half marathon. The run was 13.1 miles and Tanya completed it in 2:20:54. Tanya trained for less than a year and it is the longest run she has accomplished so far. She had a blast participating & is looking forward to doing it again in the future.



Ukiah Police Department's 26th annual Christmas Party



The Department celebrated the end of another year at its annual Christmas Party December 8th. Among the highlights of the evening, were the special awards given out to department members who distinguished themselves with their service.

Captain Chris Dewey presented Officer Hoyle with a letter of commendation from the Mendocino County Department of Alcohol and Other Drugs for his commitment in DUI Enforcement. The California Chapter of Mothers against Drunk Driving also presented Officer Hoyle with a commendation letter and a uniform pin for his efforts in arresting more than 220 DUI drivers this year.

Officer Josh Cabral presented Cadet Jeremy Pollard with the Cadet of the Year Award. Cadet Pollard was distinguished for his outstanding service both as a Cadet and as a part-time dispatcher.

Captain Trent Taylor presented Dispatcher Dave Salisbury with the department's Dispatcher of the Year Award. Dave Salisbury was recognized for his years of dedication to the department and his outstanding community service and performance as a dispatcher.

Chief John Williams presented Detective Glen Stark with the Department's Officer of the Year award. This is the second Officer of the Year award for Detective Stark. Stark was recognized for his outstanding work ethics, his dedication to the department, his Gang Enforcement and Gang Expert abilities, and his overall performance during his assignment as the department's Sexual Assault and Gang Enforcement Investigator.



New Employees Continued:



Officer Jeff Andrade

Jeff Andrade, his wife Carrie, son Austin, and daughter Amy joined our department November 7th. Jeff recently completed a 6 year commitment as a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force working as a military police officer, and will be attending the Santa Rosa Police Academy beginning in January of 2007. Jeff and his family are from Potter Valley.



Officer Tyler Schapmire

Tyler Schapmire grew up in Ukiah and attended Ukiah High School and Mendocino College. Tyler is coming to our department after working as a correctional deputy for the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. Many of you may know Tyler's parents, Todd and Shari Schapmire. Tyler will be attending the Santa Rosa Police Academy in January of 2007.

Ukiah Lions Football Team Wins State Championship



Captain Chris Dewey is a coach for the Ukiah Lions Football Team, made up of 12 to 15 year olds from the Ukiah Community. His team competes in the North Bay Youth Football Conference playing teams from Santa Rosa, Windsor, Healdsburg areas. Their team won both their division championship, and went on to play the North Sacramento Pacers, winning the State Championship for their division!

Police Department Website Up and Running

Recently, the City of Ukiah's new website was released, and our staff is extremely excited about getting the new site up and running. If you haven't been there yet, it is certainly worth a quick tour.

The new site has been designed to both inform visitors about the Police Department and it's many different divisions, and quick ways to contact officers directly in the various divisions of the department. In fact, we are proud to announce that we have received our first community request for police services using the new resource found at the website.

Along with it's new design, we have also added an in-depth recruitment link to the site. The recruitment link includes a preparatory work book for potential officers and two recently produced recruitment television commercials in English and Spanish. We have also added access to our newsletters and a section for important press releases and information.

Even with it new features, our staff is continuing to work hard behind the scenes to improve the site. Early next year, our front office staff will be receiving training in updating and maintaining the site.

And, plans are underway to add a new Gang Education and Resource Link, along with recently GRIP English and Spanish Commercials. This new link should provide families information about the GRIP program and Ukiah Police Department's involvement, and contact information and additional resources about Gang Prevention.





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Training corner

Did you know that there are computer classes available to you here in Ukiah through the Mendocino County Office of Education ROP Business School on Old River Road.? It is \$25 dollars for 6 months and the City will pay the fee. You can take Computer Basics, Access, Excel, Power Point, Keyboarding, etc. For a class schedule go to www.mcoe.us.

The Ukiah Police Department is expected to have three Corporal/FTO promotions in the next year. If that is something that you are interested in doing with your future, consider checking into what classes are offered through POST at www.post.ca.gov.

Here are some good web sites you can use to research training options.

Get your Criminal Justice Degree online through the University of Phoenix at www.uphoenixonline.com. Very useful to have if you intend on promoting to Sergeant or above.

There is also an interesting class available on line called "Spanish for Law Enforcement". For more information go to www.spanishonpatrol.com.

- Corporal Eric Baarts will be attending Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning School in Maryland sponsored by FEMA.
- Corporal Cedrick Crook will attend the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Conference in San Diego from September 17-22nd.
- Detective Sam Marsh will also be attending a class on ID Theft & Digital Crimes in Napa, put on by the Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force.
- Sgt. Wyatt, Sgt. Mccutcheon, and Det. Guzman went to Gang Summit in Santa Rosa October 2, 2006.
- Chief Williams, Cpt. Dewey, Cpt. Taylor all participated in local FEMA training 10/5/06.
- Officer Porter, Long, & Hoyle will be attending FTO school in October and November.
- Officer Baarts to attend School Resource Officer training in Alameda in November.
- Sgt. Wojcieszak, & Wyatt attending Explosives Training for Patrol in Santa Rosa in October.
- Sgt. Wojcieszak & Cprl. Johnson attending Background Investigator Update in November.
- All Sworn Personnel attended Arrest & Control/Firearms Training in Windsor, September & October.

