

Ukiah Police Department’s Newsletter

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Great Report Writing: Since January, UPD has submitted 772 cases to the DA’s Office for prosecution. Charges were filed in 682 of those cases.

Job Well Done



Detective Glen Stark, one of our bilingual Officers, is to be commended for his professionalism and great work during two recent situations.

Detective Stark has done a wonderful job presenting a high school class at the Mendocino College commonly known as the summer “Adelante” program. It is made up of students from migrant families that are becoming members of this community. It is our opportunity to present a law enforcement perspective on constitutional issues & police practices to young Hispanic students. We also deliver a presentation on careers in law enforcement and the UPD Cadet program. This program has been very well received by the students and staff. This provides a positive introduction to law enforcement & for most of these students works to eliminate some of the negative stereotypes that already exist about Police in general.

Also recently, Detective Stark’s integral participation in the Mendocino County Sheriff’s case involving an attempted murder was highly appreciated by Deputy District Attorney James L. Nerli. Nerli says, “Detective Stark agreed to be the gang expert for this trial despite the fact that this was not a UPD case. Det. Stark’s actions exemplify the fact that we in law enforcement are all on the same team and that when we all work together we can be highly effective.” He hopes that the Ukiah Police Department’s actions, as reflected through Det. Stark, will set the example of how all law enforcement agencies will work together in the future and once again Det. Stark has done a great service to our community.

Submitted by: Sgt. John McCutcheon

Police Cadet Program

The Ukiah Police Cadets offer their members an opportunity to serve the community of Ukiah and gain a basic knowledge of the internal workings of the Ukiah Police Department and law enforcement in general.

In order to be accepted into the cadet program, applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 19 years of age, maintain at least a 2.50 GPA in school, and pass a background check. The first step to joining the cadet program, is to fill out an application that can be obtained at the Police Department, and provide a current copy of their most recent report card.

Once an applicant is accepted into the Cadet program, they receive the basic training needed to further their interests, or their career in a Law Enforcement field. Training consists of officer safety, defensive tactics, report writing, tactical responses, radio training, call taking, traffic control, and many other areas of Law Enforcement training.

Cadets volunteer their time to the Ukiah Police Department and to the community by riding along with full time police officers, assisting dispatchers in the communications center, providing traffic control for local events, assisting UPD Officers with tasks around the Police Department and much more.

Most importantly Police Cadets learn to conduct themselves in a manner that inspires confidence and respect for themselves and others. Cadet advisors assist cadets in their personal development while learning about the importance of community service and law enforcement profession as a potential career path.

Submitted by: Officer Cabral, Police Officer/Cadet Advisor



Top left to right: Jeremy Pollard, Keith Harpe, Phillip Scott, & Brian Locatelli. Bottom left to right: Tyler Bochman, Derek Ackerman, & Adam Eledge. Not photographed: Katie Hoyle, Tanea Yager, & Brad Furman.

Budget July 2006 through June 2007



July 1st indicates the start of a new budget year for the police department. The City Council has demonstrated their strong support for the department, authorizing a number of improvements.

Along with the four new officers added to the department last year, our most significant change will be the addition of a designated traffic officer for this coming year. Because of our three current vacancies, and two anticipated vacancies, the designated traffic officer most likely will not be assigned until the spring or summer of 2007, but this additional officer will be a much needed addition to our patrol staff. The new traffic officer will be assigned to work on enforcement issues such as school and pedestrian crossing issues, noise abatement, speed and other enforcement activities. The new officer will also be assigned to work on educational programs including bicycle safety and child seat education.

Also included within the new budget is the addition of a public safety mechanic position. This position is a much needed addition, allowing for a single mechanic to support the police department and a single mechanic to support the fire department. With our increased staffing, and increased vehicle fleet, this new position will bring much needed relief to our current overworked mechanic!

Along with the new personnel, look for a number of other changes to come this next year. The Council has approved our request to replace two of our existing patrol cars, and add a third traffic enforcement vehicle to our fleet. Also, a much needed replacement of our records management server, dispatch servers, dispatch voice recording system, a portion of our computer work stations, and a number of new radar guns, have been planned for this coming year.

The department also discussed with the City Council our need to decrease our demands on the dispatch staff, through the implementation of mobile data terminals for our vehicles. This technology, which we plan to fund through a State of California Grant, will significantly decrease radio traffic, allow our units to see all active calls for service, and conduct vehicle, driver license and warrants inquiries from the computers within our patrol cars. Research into the development of this system is well under way, and we should be presenting our plan for this technology to the Council early this fall.

These are promising changes for the department, and the support of the City Manager and the City Council were key to their implementation. These changes will help significantly, as our department grows to meet the needs of our community.

These changes will lead to a department of 32 sworn officers, 6 dispatchers, 3 records clerks, 1 vehicle mechanic, and a part time evidence technician.

Submitted by: Captain Chris Dewey

Stats for June 2006	Jan. to June 2006	2005 Totals	
Calls for Service:	2,459	13,031	23,798
Average Calls for Service per day :	81.97	77.29	70.42
Misdemeanor arrests:	147	809	1,278
Felony arrests:	87	387	698
DUI arrests:	40	221	116
Traffic Warnings	650	2,861	2,481
Speeding Citations	21	189	340
Moving Citations	87	376	549
Non-moving Citations	24	163	302
Traffic Accidents	37	261	618

Other Highlights



Officer Dan Lockart

On June 18, 2005, Ukiah Police Officer Dan Lockart participated in the 40th Anniversary of the Western States Police and Fire Olympic Games, held in San Diego. Officer Lockart competed in Karate, Men's Master Soft Style Kata, Men's Grand Master Weapons and Men's Black-Belt Masters over 195lbs Kumite, receiving a Silver Medal for his Weapons Kata.

Officer Lockart holds the rank of 3rd Sada Degree black belt in Matsubayashi-RYU Shorin Karate-Do, and belongs to the World Okinawan Karate-Do & Kobudo Association. He has been teaching and studying martial arts for over 20 years and is a weaponless defense and impact weapons instructor for the Ukiah Police Department.

Dispatch Update

Please help us in welcoming two new Dispatchers, Darrell Linderman and Jeremy Pollard.

Darrell Linderman has been hired as a full time Dispatcher. Darrell and his wife live in Ukiah. Darrell was born here in Ukiah, graduated from Ukiah High School, attended Mendocino College and was a Reserve Police Officer for our Department from 1985-1995. Darrell has worked at Masonite, the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall, and most recently in Santa Rosa. We are excited that Darrell is back with the Department and confident, based on his experience, that he is going to be a wonderful addition to our team.

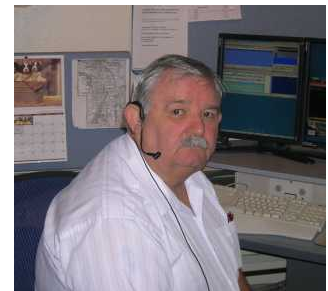
Jeremy Pollard is being welcomed as a part-time intern to the Ukiah Police Department. Jeremy is Marcus & Stephanie Young's son, and has been a Police Cadet with the Department for the last 4 years. Jeremy will be helping us in the Dispatch Center covering shifts and other assignments around the PD as an intern this coming year. We are happy to have Jeremy helping, and are sure that he will make a valuable contribution to the department.

New Recruit: Already At Work



On July 18th 2006 at approximately 8:10 am our new recruit Officer Lunceford accompanied Officer Porter and Officer Pintane to a residence in attempt to serve an arrest warrant. Upon arrival, the suspect was located in front of his apartment and he fled on foot from officers. Officer Lunceford with out direction took the initiative to pursue the suspect on foot and apprehended him by taking him to the ground and detaining him until Officers Pintane and Porter were able to handcuff him. Officer Lunceford should be commended for his immediate action in assisting in apprehending the suspect. The suspect was arrested on the outstanding warrants as well as resisting a police officer and possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Darrell Linderman



Jeremy Pollard



Calls For Service On The Rise

As some of you know, the Ukiah Police Department's Public Safety Dispatch Center has been low on staffing for some time now. Our new employees have come to us just in time. In 2003 our daily average citizen calls for service were 58.47, in 2004 58.88, and in 2005 we were at 70.42 calls a day. In 2006 our average daily calls for service have jumped from 76.32 in May, to 81.97 calls a day in June, which is new all-time high. Many times there is only one Dispatcher on duty at a time working 12 hour shifts. That is a lot of pressure and responsibility resting on the shoulders of our employees. They are doing a great job and we are so thankful to have such skilled individuals that care about serving our community.



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Marcus Young's New Position



If you have not heard, Marcus Young has been hired by the Mendocino Community College as a Coordinator for the Administration of Justice Program. The college is excited to have him on staff. They hope that Marcus will help broaden the ADJ program at the college. His

goals will be to create new courses and update older ones to meet the needs of local law enforcement agencies, to help develop law enforcement classes at the Ukiah High School, and to help with similar projects associated with the fire sciences program at the college. We know that they are lucky to have Marcus because of his education, 20 years experience in law enforcement, and dedication to this community.

A note from Marcus:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Ukiah Police Officer's Association, Darren & Katie Wojcieszak, Chief Williams, Captain Dewey, and all those who participated in my retirement event, which my family and I will remember for a lifetime. I appreciate the support, camaraderie, and relationships over the years. I consider myself fortunate to have served our community, while working with a dedicated group of professionals who make a difference to the people of Ukiah every day.

Thank you and stay safe! Marcus

Underage Drinking



According to Captain Chris Dewey, who sits on the Mendocino County Department of Public Health Advisory Board Underage and binge drinking are serious problems in Mendocino County. Kids who drink tend to start early. In 2004, an eighth of Mendocino County 9th graders and a quarter of 11th graders reported being very drunk or sick after drinking four or more times in their life. In a 2005 survey, almost two-thirds of Mendocino County high school students reported drinking alcohol in the last 30 days. Thirty-eight percent say their parents don't know about their dinking.

Many parents don't know what to do. New research shows that parents are the single greatest influence in their children's lives. Parents make a difference. Every conversation about alcohol that a parent has with their kids can help delay the onset of alcohol use. For more information The Mendocino County Public Health Department has a new website that can help www.stopteendrinking.org. Research shows parents who talk with their kids make a difference even when the kids show no sign of listening.