

Clovis Police Department

Monthly Report to Council, June 2011



CLOVIS POLICE OFFICER ACCOMPLISHMENTS/CRIME UPDATES:

Clovis Police Arrest Two Gang Members in Drive-By Shooting

Clovis police officers arrested two 19-year-old Fresno men after they fired several shots into a Clovis apartment complex in the 1200 block of Harvard on the night of June 17th. A witness told officers the shots came from a dark colored Acura which sped off towards Clovis Avenue. Officers recovered several shell casings in the street and were able to determine the likely target of the shooting as being a party attended by several gang members. No one was hurt. Captain Basgall called this "an example of great teamwork and communication."

Fatal Vehicle Versus Motorized Scooter Case Goes to D.A.'s Office

Clovis police traffic investigators submitted their case to the Fresno County District Attorney's Office following a fatal accident at Clovis and Gettysburg on June 24th. About 6:40 that evening, a car collided with a 14-year-old boy who was riding a motorized scooter. The investigation determined that the 37-year-old driver was at fault for running a red light southbound on Clovis Avenue as the teenager tried to cross the street in or near the crosswalk on a green light for east/westbound traffic. The driver was not arrested. It will be up to the District Attorney's Office to determine what charges may be filed in this case.

Clovis Police Arrest Serial Burglar Targeting New/Foreclosed Homes

Clovis Police returned stolen appliances, vanities, lighting equipment and more to their rightful owners on June 16th after arresting 29-year-old John Reedy of Fresno for a string of appliance burglaries at eight unoccupied (new and foreclosed) homes in Clovis and more in Fresno. Clovis Police detectives served search warrants at several locations to recover the stolen goods. A Leo Wilson employee identified Reedy not only on video, but also after seeing him in person



after Reedy tried to take appliances out of a house in the 4100 block of Richmond in Clovis on June 9th. He also identified the suspect's truck. Clovis Police arrested Reedy

near Highland and Shepherd. Captain Matt Basgall commended patrol officers, gang officers, dispatchers, detectives and community service officers for “a great job and a great display of teamwork in dealing with a crime pattern burglar.”

Click It or Ticket Mobilization Results from Clovis PD



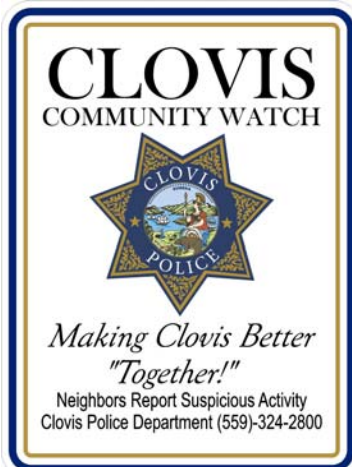
Clovis Police motor officers focused their traffic efforts from May 23rd through June 5th on drivers and passengers not buckled up during the national “Click It or Ticket” mobilization. The three officers assigned to seat belt enforcement cited 26 people for not wearing the restraints. Clovis Police also cited 60 people for illegal cell phone use while driving. Officers observed that while more people appeared to be buckling up as compared with last year, they weren’t putting down their cell phones. Funding for California’s *Click It or Ticket* campaign was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Clovis PD Headquarters First to Offer Prescription Drug “Drop Off”

The “Lock It Up. Clean It Out. Drop It Off.” prescription drug, access use/abuse, and disposal campaign in Fresno County installed its first “Safe Drug Drop-Off” mailbox for prescription and illegal drugs in front of Clovis Police Headquarters on June 15th. The Women’s Initiative, led by Fresno County Supervisor Susan Anderson, Clovis Mayor Pro Tem Lynne Ashbeck and their leadership council came up with the concept of getting drugs out of the hands of our children with this united Fresno County campaign. Clovis Mayor and Fresno County Sheriff’s Captain Jose Flores secured the mailboxes, which are to be installed at a total of 11 law enforcement locations in the county.



“Clovis Community Watch” Promotes Safety in City Neighborhoods



The Clovis Police Department launched its latest crime fighting/citizen safety tool on the City’s website this month and will formally introduce it with a family-oriented event in August. “Clovis Community Watch” is replacing Neighborhood Watch, complete with new signs and the latest information on protection for participating neighborhoods. Residents interested in organizing a “Clovis Community Watch” should contact Community Service Officer Andy Isolano at (559) 324-2589 or andrewi@cityofclovis.com

EVENTS:

Clovis Police Officers See Cyclists Off Safely for the Climb to Kaiser



Three Clovis Police motor units and four officers made sure bicyclists from all over the state got off safely on the Fresno Cycling Club's annual "Climb to Kaiser" bicycle race/ride on June 25th. The cyclists departed from Clovis High school at 5:30 in the morning for the grueling trek. Four officers held over or came in early for their shifts to cover several intersections. Motors handled the majority of the traffic control.

Clovis Officer Joins Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Officer Jesus Santillan once again joined the Central Valley Area 2011 Law Enforcement Torch Run team to support local Special Olympic athletes on June 13th. He ran the last "Fresno to Madera" leg from Fresno's Courthouse Park to Children's Hospital Central California in Madera County. This is the second time Officer Santillan has participated in the run.



Clovis Police Sergeant Speaks at Rotary Youth Leadership Camp



Clovis Police Sergeant Matt McFadden talked with 90 Central California students who were chosen to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership at Camp Royal at Lake Sequoia on June 17th. He not only spoke about Internet safety and police work, but also about life decisions related to leadership and making the right choices to live an honorable life and giving back to society. Matt considered this opportunity a real honor as he graduated from the same camp a number of years ago.

Officer Outreach to Clovis Boys and Girls Club after Bikes Stolen

Clovis Police Officers Jared Binford and Eric Taifane paid a visit to the Clovis Boys and Girls Club earlier this year to find that 6 "loaner" bikes were stolen from a locked shed. There was no money to replace them. Officers Binford and Taifane worked with Captain Leonardo, Property Officers and Patrol Volunteers to secure and deliver 11 unclaimed bikes for the youngsters. The kids couldn't wait to ride them, and once again, have a way to get to and from the club as the bikes were their only means of transportation.



Clovis Pet Adoption Center/Animal Services Successes in June!

A low cost rabies vaccination clinic brought more than 185 pet owners and their dogs to the Clovis Pet Adoption Center on June 28th as part of the Fresno County Department of Public Health's \$6.00 per shot program. While the happy dog owners were there, 136 of them purchased Clovis licenses for their dogs. Seven more purchased microchips and nametags.



The Southern Oregon Humane Society (SOHS), through Animal Rescue of Fresno (ARF), took Leo, Lucky, Nibbles, Emma and Spike on a one-way trip to new homes in the Medford area on June 6th. SOHS has a very successful spay and neuter education program in place. It's so good that its director contacted ARF in search of small dogs more than 2 years ago. So far, the organization has placed more than 300 small dogs with new owners, who are often on a waiting list for a pet. More than 30 of those placed came from Clovis.

Hope, a black Labrador Retriever who had been hit by a car and left in the road, literally lives up to her name. She lost a hind leg and an eye, but not her spirit with the help of Animal Services Supervisor Betty Cochran. This month, Hope's hopes for a loving family were fulfilled. You can see just how happy she now is playing in the park with family in tow.



Another family wrote to Clovis Animal Services about the newest member of its household, "We are pleased to report that Dixie is fitting in very well with her two brothers, who also came from your facility. Thanks so much for your help, Betty. Dixie, Donny (adopted in May 2007) and The Dude (adopted in October 2006) make our family complete!"

Michele Evans of Melody Daggs Professional Dog Training paid a visit to Animal Services on June 28th to teach the staff about dog obedience training through the use of a clicker. The staff, in turn, is now teaching volunteers how to use the clicker to train dogs to sit, stay and fetch until the behavior is established, making the dogs more adoptable.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
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Citizen Surveys of Service: (Above average or excellent)	77%	86%	89%	88%
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Community Development Block Grant Community Service Officer
Municipal Code Notices Issued for June: 114 Compliance: 98

Volunteer Hours for June (@ \$20.50 per hour):
Volunteers: 37 Hours Served: 695 Total Savings: \$14,073.75

Explorer Hours for June (@ \$8.00 per hour):
Explorers: 21 Hours Served: 442 Total Savings: \$3,536.00

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

June 2011 statistics are not yet available.

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