

Ridgecrest Police Department

# RPD monthly report

## Special points of interest:

## Thief caught in Crime Spree

Linda Roth, a 52-year-old female and Ridgecrest resident, was arrested on November 26, 2006, by Detective Rick Smith. Ms. Roth had been arrested the week prior by patrol officers after being involved in the theft of a wallet from K-Mart. She was subsequently released on bail at that time. After her release, Ridgecrest Police Department Investigators developed evidence to link Roth to a wallet

theft crime spree in the city. This crime spree started before her initial arrest and had continued afterwards as well. Roth was booked into the Kern County Jail on 18 –counts of Commercial Burglary. Bail was initially set at \$180,000. The Investigations Division devoted over two weeks of surveillance and investigation time into this crime spree and linked Roth to twenty-four ac-

tive Ridgecrest Police Department cases.

## Monthly Report regarding Community Policing

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During the month of November, Officers continued to receive surveys back that were previously mailed out in their districts. The intent is to identify specific problems in their Districts. In the 100 and 200 block of Balsam, the Officer responsible for that District contacted the majority of all the businesses and handed out introduction

letters.

Several Officers are networking to work with each other in an attempt to bring extra resources and attention to their Districts. The idea is to share the work load to make more progress.



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The new C.H.A.M.P.S. car is well on it's way to completion. Custom painting for the vehicle has been completed and the vehicle is currently at Paul and Sons Automotive where custom audio equipment will be installed.



## Monthly Report regarding Community Policing

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Patrol Officers went through a shift rotation and are assigned to new Watch Commanders. With the changes, Sergeants are learning the new Districts that their Officers are responsible for and what issues are important in those Districts.



## WELCOME ABOARD MCKAY LAURITZEN

McKay Lauritzen has successfully graduated from the Riverside Sheriffs Academy and was sworn in as an Officer on November 7, 2006.

Officer Lauritzen was born in Corona California and has spent 19 years here in the Valley with his family. Born to Alice and David, Officer Lauritzen is one of six siblings, with two brothers and three sisters.

Officer Lauritzen oldest brother Christopher, lives in Provo, Utah. His oldest sister Camellia just return from a Mission last month from Quebec, Montreal. Sister Adrian is going to school in Santa Barbara and his little sister Leah is a senior at Burroughs along with Lester who is a freshman.

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## Going Once, Going Twice, Sold



On December 16, 2006, the City of Ridgecrest will hold its "Surplus Item Auction" in front of City Hall.

Items scheduled to be auctioned off include, jewelry, computer parts and equipment, cameras, stereo equipment, bicycles, police vehicles and more. The auctioneer is Wallace Martin. Property inspection be-

gins at 11:30 am and the auction begins at 1:30 pm.

If you have any questions, contact Sgt. Paul Wheeler at 499-5111.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Sergeant Jon Wheeler**

Sergeant Jon Wheeler recently graduated from the Peace Officer Standards and Training Supervisory Leadership Institute. This course uses experience – based learning techniques to enhance the leadership abilities of first-line supervisors in California law enforcement. This intensive program assists supervisors in analyzing their individual strengths and weaknesses and develops the type of interpersonal skills and strong ethics needed by leaders in law enforcement today. The program consists of eight 24-hour sessions presented over eight months, and culminates in a commencement ceremony.



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Officer Lauritzen graduated from Burroughs High School 2004 and decide to go to college at Cerro Coso, where he study criminal justice and participated in the reserve academy.

Officer Lauritzen joined the explorer program when he was 14 years of age when his best friend Bobby Rosser, invited him to a meeting. After participating in the

program for two month Officer Lauritzen realized that he wanted to be a police officer and has been active in the explorer program and the PACT program up until he left for the academy.

Officer Lauritzen loves being out within our community with new and exciting things happening everyday. Officer Lauritzen feels that police work is an honorable job and that your allowed to learn new things about and life.

Officer Lauritzen enjoys riding dirt bikes, playing drums and spending time with his family.

## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE COLLECTING "TOYS FOR TOTS"

The Youth Advisory Leadership team participated with "Toys for Tots" in collecting gifts for underprivileged kids.

The Team encourage students from their schools to place new toys in boxes that were placed in the front office.

A total of 6 boxes were collected and presented to Ann Ryan the "Toys for Tots" coordinator in the area.



**RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS  
MONTHLY SUMMARY**

**NOVEMBER 2006**

CATEGORY				TOTAL
DIRECT FILES	DA / COURT		63	63
CLOSE OUTS	INVEST.	141		141
	DIRECT	111		111
REFER TO D.A. / JUV. PROB.			12	12
DA COMPLAINT SHEETS RETURNED			38	38
SUBPOENA'S SERVED			06	06
<b>TOTAL</b>		252	119	371

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APPROVED BY: P. Wheeler

**-PACT MONTHLY REPORT  
November 2006**

<u>PACT Volunteer Hours</u>					
Executive Director	2.0				
Financial	2.0				
Fundraiser	0.0				
Training	0.0				
Administrative RPD	166.0				
Administrative Org	48.0				
Vehicle Maint.	0.0				
Animal Welfare	289.0				
Child ID	0.0				
EOC	2.0				
Graffiti Task Force	10.0	# Sites	10	Sites YTD	131
Nuisance Abatement	23.5				
Patrol	196.5	# Houses	18	Houses YTD	203
Preventive Patrol	0.0				
Surveillance	0.0				
PACT HOURS	739.0			YTD Hours for 2006	8813.5
Non-member hours	0.0			YTD Hours for 2005	8567.5
Chaplain hours	10.5				
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>749.5</b>			<b>Total Hours for 2005</b>	<b>9,423.6</b>

Volunteers served thirteen subpoenas and attempted to serve seventeen additional times.  
 Four evidence runs were made to Bakersfield.  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> four volunteers came in to do two juvenile transports to Bakersfield.  
 November 6<sup>th</sup> two volunteers came in to do a juvenile transport to Bakersfield.  
 November 19<sup>th</sup> four volunteers assisted Detectives in a sting operation.  
 November 28<sup>th</sup> one volunteer assisted an Officer with a transport to Bakersfield.  
 November 29<sup>th</sup> two volunteers drove a victim to LAX.  
 Ten graffiti sites were cleaned up with ten volunteer hours being spent.  
 Nineteen volunteers attended the coffee on November 29th.  
 The Chaplain Corps logged ten and a half hours.

Prepared by Virginia Smith, PACT Coordinator

# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

## RESERVE ORGANIZATION

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

November, 2006

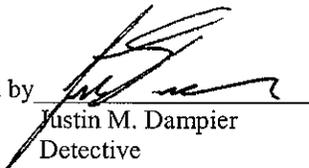
	Current Month	YTD Total
Reserves Hrs.	49.0	914.5

During the month of November, Reserve Officers worked the following hours:

Officer Kiren	0
Officer Dysart	19
Officer Schatz	0
Officer Robbs	7
Officer Dorrell	11
Officer Regan	10
Officer Mitchell	2
Total hours:	49.0

This month, members of the reserve organization augmented patrol, assisted with range, provided prisoner transports, and assisted in CSU and other Investigation Division details.

Prepared by

  
Justin M. Dampier  
Detective

# RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER ORGANIZATION

## MONTHLY SUMMARY

**NOVEMBER 2006**

	Current Month	YTD Total	Last YTD	Percent Change
Explorers	104	717	2166	-302

During the month of October the Explorers worked a total of 1100 hours. The hours were comprised of meetings, range, and ride-alongs. Recruitment for new people is currently on going. B.H.S. continues to run information regarding Explorers as part of their regular announcements. There are currently 10 active Explorers.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explorer Advisor