

The City of Ridgecrest Monthly Report



March 2010

City Manager/Administration

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CITY MANAGER MARCH MTGS.

- Mar 02 - Mtg. with Mayor Morgan
- Mar 02 - Mtg. with Finance Director
- Mar 03 - CITY COUNCIL Mtg.
- Mar 03 - Timm Eckhardt, VP for BofA - Meet & Greet Call
- Mar 04 - Ellen Hall Teleconference
- Mar 05 - City Manager Interviews.
- Mar 08 - Library Mtg.
- Mar 08 - Brian Horton/Recycling Mtg.
- Mar 11 - Media Mtg.
- Mar 11 - Tom Mulvihill Mtg.
- Mar 15 - Benz Mtg.
- Mar 16 - P3 Consulting Mtg
- Mar 17 - CITY COUNCIL Mtg.
- Mar 18 - RACVB Mtg.
- Mar 22 - Solar Project Mtg.
- Mar 22 - CalRecycle Conf. Call
- Mar 23 - P3 Consulting Follow-Up
- Mar 24 - Jerry Helt Mtg.
- Mar 24 - Joe Michaels w/PAM
- Mar 31 - Benz Mtg.
- Mar 31 - Council member Taylor

ADMINISTRATION

Harvey Rose Int. City Manager	Eva Peterson Exec. Secretary
Rachel Ford City Clerk	Pat Anderson HR Clerk
Ann Taylor Adm. Analyst III	Craig Bradley MIS Manager
Karen Guidangen HR/Risk Mgmt.	_____



Interim City Manager

Int. City Manager Harvey Rose - I participated along with Council members in interviewing potential candidates for City Manager. As we narrow the field, prospective applicants for the position will be asked to return for a 2nd interview and to meet with all City Hall employees. Discussions continue with CalRecycle and Benz Sanitation, Inc. At this point in time, the possibility of a residential voluntary program was brought to our last City Council meeting for public input. Congratulations to our former Council member Dan Clark who has announced his plan to retire after 20plus years of teaching at Mesquite High School. He will be remembered by the hundreds of young people in the community whose lives he has influenced in such a positive manner. He will be missed by all.

Administration



Ann Taylor - Still working on the recruitment for the new City Manager. Completed the 5311 grant proposal for 09-10. Received reimbursement of over \$90,000. from 5311 grant funds. Continue to work on the Golden Handshake for several employees.



Eva Peterson – Aided our office assistant with entering updates into our municipal code books and how to scan resolution pages. Set up various meetings for the City Manager and Council (D.A.R.T., PAM Corp., CalRecycle, Dan Thomas, Jerry Helt meeting). I even tried my hand at baking “sugar-free cupcakes” as a treat for the Council’s closed session members; (note: haven’t baked from scratch in over 30+ years and although I was assured that the cupcakes were actually edible, I was also advised not to consider getting into the bakery business just yet.) LOL!



Karen Guidangen - Recruitments have kept me busy this month.....Wastewater Operator interviews are under way and we have closed recruitment for Animal Control Officer. Administrative Secretary will close the 19th of April and Summer Hires will close the 22nd of April. We are still looking for a Mechanic for our Streets Department ;recruitment should be going out within the next 2 weeks. Our offer for City Engineer has been accepted and look forward to the candidate to join us next month. End of year is fast approaching and negotiations are coming to a close. Penny Abbott from ICMA will be here on May 5 from 9am-4pm. Should you wish to make an appointment to speak with her please call me at 760-499-5035 and I will be happy to put you in the calendar.

In Risk Management I attended a Workers Compensation Law Update which always provides me with new information. Our WC Claim review will be next month. We had 30 Workers Compensation claims with 0 new, 1 closed for a total of 29 opened claims. As always I want to thank you for your continued support.

Y.E.S! *Youth Employment Services*



Starla Shaver - March 2010, three additional youth intake packets have been approved for our year-round Program and are ready to begin Program activities.

March 31, 2010 ended the ARRA Stimulus Program for all Out of School Youth. While the In School Youth for the ARRA Stimulus will continue in Program activities until June.

The Program has met as many areas as possible to cleanup past issues and is currently compliant in all areas.

Billing for Oct through February was submitted to Employers' Training Resources in Bakersfield and the City has received reimbursement.

In the month of March 10 youth began Work Experience's at various partner locations throughout the Community.

The Program completed a four-week Pre-Employment Workshop series in March for fourteen new youth participants whom all completed and received goal attainments.

Please remember, the interest you show today in our youth of this community will ultimately shape our community and our country tomorrow.

Show a positive interest and secure all of our futures.

Ridgecrest Police Department

RPD monthly report

March 2010

RPD monthly report

RESPECT FOR LAW DINNER

3/26/10

2009

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

RICK SMITH

SERGEANT DAMPIER

P.D. REPRESENTATIVE



MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING
RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
OPEN HOUSE.....

MAY 12TH, 6:00 P.M.

- ** RECEIVE A TOUR
- ** SEE A DEMONSTRATION
- ** GET TO KNOW POLICE STAFF
- ** BRING THE KIDS, MAKE IT A FAMILY NIGHT

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

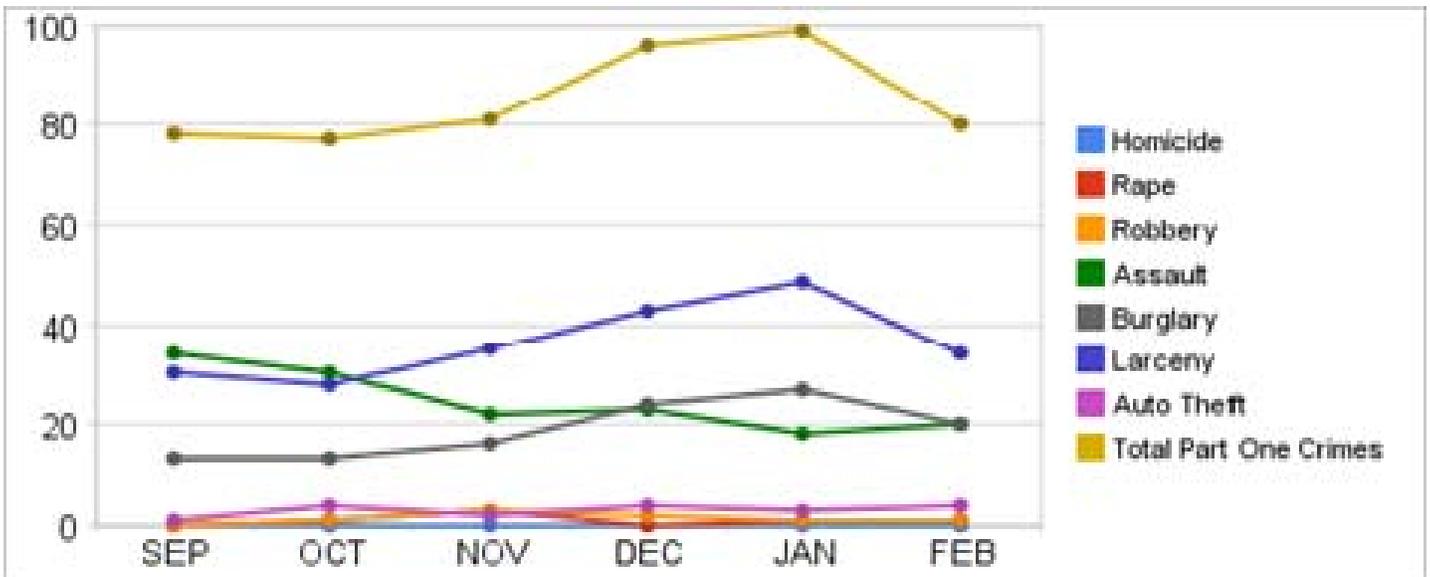


Ridgecrest Police Department

CrimeStatistics

Prepared March, 2010
Last Six Months

Crimes	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	Total
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	3	0	1	1	6
Robbery	0	1	3	2	1	1	8
Assault	34	30	22	23	18	20	147
Burglary	13	13	16	24	27	20	113
Larceny	30	28	35	43	49	34	219
Auto Theft	1	4	2	4	3	4	18
Total Part One Crimes	78	77	81	96	99	80	511
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	Total
Total Incidents	3,179	3,058	2,773	2,969	3,177	2,971	18,127



INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Castaneda led the investigation into the illegal discharge of a firearm and stabbing that occurred in the 200 block of N. Cisco St. on 03-22-10. A physical altercation involving numerous subjects resulted in the arrest of Leon Lewis on a parole violation and assault with a deadly weapon charge, Richard Caine on charges of felon in possession of a firearm and reckless discharge of a firearm, and Charles Poole for accessory to a felony. Timothy Williams is presently outstanding and is being sought for his involvement (RPD Case #10-984). Detective Castaneda also assisted the other RPD Detectives with numerous priority cases this month.

Detective Castaneda attended a 40-hr Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) class this month and an 8-hr Phone Wiretap class

Detective Atkins recovered a stolen laptop computer that had been taken from a local church and made the arrest of the juvenile suspect (RPD Case #09-3541). He also assisted the other Detectives in the investigations of the Cisco St. shooting/stabbing (RPD Case #10-984), a later, unrelated stabbing (RPD Case #10-1114), investigation into bloody clothing found in a dumpster at the Rose Garden Inn (RPD Case #10-1008), and a missing persons case from the Rose Garden Inn (RPD Case #10-1024).

Detective Atkins spoke at a Neighborhood Watch Meeting and gave a presentation to a group/association of retired school teachers. Detective Atkins attended a 40-hr Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) class this month. He also attended a 16-hr Police Association Leadership Seminar.

Detective Hanley investigated a sexual assault case where an 8-year-old victim was brutally sodomized by her older brother for months. The juvenile suspects were arrested and transferred to Juvenile Hall – Bakersfield (RPD Case #10-1074). Detective Hanley led the investigation into suspicious bloody clothing and sheets found in a dumpster at the Rose Garden Inn (RPD Case #10-1008), and a missing persons case from the same location (RPD Case #10-1024).

Detective Hanley attended a 40-hr course on Domestic Violence Training this month.

INVESTIGATIONS

On 03-03-10, CSU Detectives Smith and Sloan came upon a fight/argument between two males in the area of N. Sanders St. and W. Haloid Ave. Upon contact they were identified as Matthew Guidangen and Jeffery Cornelius. Guidangen was placed under arrest PC 148/HS 11350/BP 4149/HS 11550. Cornelius was arrested for HS 11350 and HS 11550 (RPD Case#10-774).

On 03-17-10, CSU arrested Amanda Britz and Jessica Luker on charges of fraudulent checks within the city. Both were charged with PC 460(b) and PC 470 and PC182 (RPD Case #09-4198).

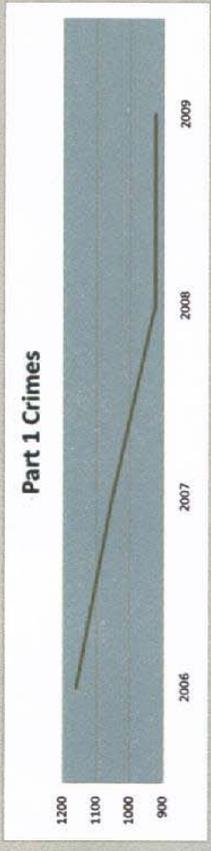
On 03-26-10, CSU located several guns in a shed located at 317 N. Cisco St. The guns were suspected of being used in RPD Case #10-984 where the suspect was suspected of firing a shotgun. The guns were seized and sent to the Crime Lab for shell casing analysis/comparison (RPD Case #10-1040).

On 03-29-10, CSU contacted a suspicious juvenile was in the area of S. Sierra View and W. Coral looking into vehicle and residences. The contacted the suspect who had an active juvenile warrant for his arrest. The juvenile was transferred to Juvenile Hall – Bakersfield.

Ridgecrest Police Department Statistics

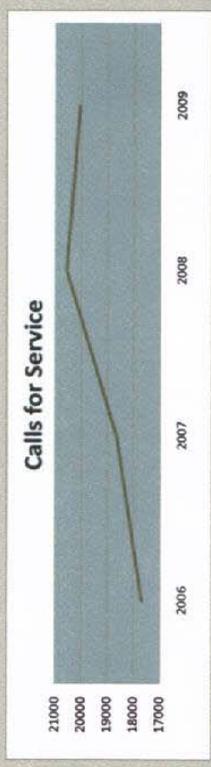
Crime

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	Mar 09	Mar 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Violent Crime	5	13	160%	41	30	-27%
Murder	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Rape	1	1	0%	5	3	-40%
Robbery	0	2	200%	1	4	300%
Property Crime	4	10	150%	35	23	-34%
Aggravated Assault	48	46	-4%	147	189	29%
Burglary	7	20	186%	40	67	68%
Larceny	37	19	-49%	82	103	26%
Auto Theft	3	7	133%	12	14	17%
Arson	1	0	-100%	13	5	-62%
Part 1 Crimes	53	69	11%	188	219	16%



Performance Measures

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Mar 09	Mar 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Patrol Activity	3370	3266	-3%	10076	9354	-7%
Total Incidents	1790	1749	-2%	4897	4906	0%
Calls for Service	1590	1517	-4%	5181	4448	-14%
Officer Initiated Incidents	662	552	-17%	2375	1733	-27%
Traffic Stops	918	965	5%	2806	2715	-3%
Other OIA Incidents						
Reports Taken	338	373	10%	1077	1112	3%
Total Arrests	205	257	25%	645	688	7%
Felony Arrests	24	67	179%	92	143	55%
Juvenile Arrests	45	62	38%	135	124	-8%
Drug Related	19	29	53%	62	93	50%



Personnel

	Allocated	Filled	Vacant
Total	51	50	1
Sworn	35	34	1
Professional Staff	16	16	0

Vacant Positions
Police Officer
ICOPFS grant position left open - salary savings

Traffic

	Monthly Comparison			Year To Date		
	Mar 09	Mar 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Citations	375	411	10%	1271	1168	-8%
Moving	155	33	-79%	383	161	-58%
Non-Moving	23	44	91%	130	112	-14%
Other	197	334	70%	758	895	18%
Collisions	8	14	75%	41	52	27%
Fatal	0	0	0%	0	1	100%
Injury	4	4	0%	10	11	10%
Non-Injury	2	8	300%	28	37	32%
DUI Related	2	2	0%	3	3	0%

Top 5 Collision Intersections YTD

1. Drummond/Norma
2. Ridgecrest Blvd./Desert Candles
3. Triangle Dr./W. Inyokern Rd.
4. S. China Lake Blvd./Upjohn Ave.
5. S. China Lake Blvd./Bowman Rd.

Top 5 PCFs YTD

1. Unsafe speed
2. Failure to yield
3. Fail to stop at stop sign
4. Drive on wrong side of roadway
5. Travel more than 200 ft. in c/n in

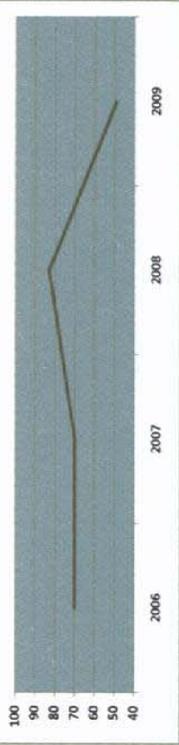
Investigation

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Mar 09	Mar 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
News Cases	215	445	107%	906	1018	12%
Cleared DA or Other	110	150	36%	348	328	-6%
Arrests	33	21	2100%	100	71	7100%
Inactivated	113	52	56%	535	110	10%
Active		324	187%	535	864	67%

K-9 Deploy

	Monthly Comparison			Year to Date		
	Mar 09	Mar 10	% Change	2009	2010	% Change
Deployments	0	24	2400%	0	78	7800%
Apprehensions	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Building Searches	0	0	0%	2	2	200%
Vehicle Searches	0	9	900%	0	33	3300%
Drug Finds	0	3	300%	0	17	1700%

Injury Traffic Collisions



PACT MONTHLY REPORT March 2010

<u>PACT Volunteer Hours</u>			
Executive Director	7.0		
Financial	4.5		
Fundraiser	0.0		
Training	17.5		
Training Administration	9.0		
Administrative RPD	97.5		
Administrative Org	71.0		
Vehicle Maint.	12.0		
Animal Welfare	322.0		
Child ID	12.0	# of ID's issued - 7	
EOC	2.0		
Graffiti Task Force	36.5.0	# of sites: 122	
Nuisance Abatement	4.0	(20 shopping carts rounded up)	
Patrol	98.5		
Vac. House checks		#of sites: 8 #of checks: 4	
Preventive Patrol	0.0		
Surveillance	19.0		
Neighborhood Watch	2.5		
PACT HOURS	715.0	YTD Hours for 2010	2,287.0
Non-member hours	22.5	YTD Hours for 2009	2,544.5
Chaplain hours	0.0		
TOTAL HOURS	737.5.	Total Hours for 2009	9,639.0

Volunteers served two subpoenas and attempted to serve two more.
 Five evidence runs were made to Bakersfield.
 One Hundred and twenty two graffiti sites were cleaned up in March with a total of thirty six and one half volunteer hours being spent.
 There were 59 PACT members attending the Annual Awards Dinner along with Capt. Wheeler and Chief Strand, Mayor Morgan and Councilman Taylor. There were also several other community guests attending.
 There were 20 carts were rounded up in March. A total of 2108 carts have been rounded up so far since PACT started the round-ups.
 PACT was called out March 22 to assist with a crime scene at Rose Gardens, 2 volunteers responded.
 Twenty one Victim letters were sent out for Neighborhood Watch.
 Four Code Enforcement sign violations were turned in to Code Enforcement in March.
 There are four pending AW members and one new full PACT member, welcome Randy Kirkendoll! We also have one pending full PACT member.
 Commander Henry Wilson held a PACT Academy class for two new PACT volunteers on March 20th.

Prepared by Nancy Young, PACT Coordinator

RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESERVE ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY SUMMARY

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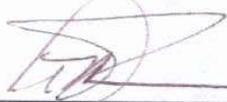
	Current Month	YTD Total
Reserve Hrs.	67.5	174.5

During the Month of **MARCH** Reserve Officers worked the following hours:

Officer Kiren	0.0 (On Personal Injury)
Officer Dysart	10.0
Officer Schatz	02.0
Officer Robbs	08.0
Officer Dorrell	32.5
Officer Regan	09.0
Officer Mitchell	04.0
Officer Kinslow	02.0
Officer Podell	04.0

This month, members of the Reserve Organization augmented Patrol, Range, Training and assisted with Teen Court.

Prepared by;



Tony Brown
Sergeant

Reserve Report for the Month of March 2010

The Reserve Officers achieved a total of 67.5 hours for the month of March. Officers Dorrell and Dysart contributed 32.5 and 10 hours respectively.

Reserve and Range meetings accounted for 24 percent of administration time with 16 hours.

Detail time was accumulated during the month.

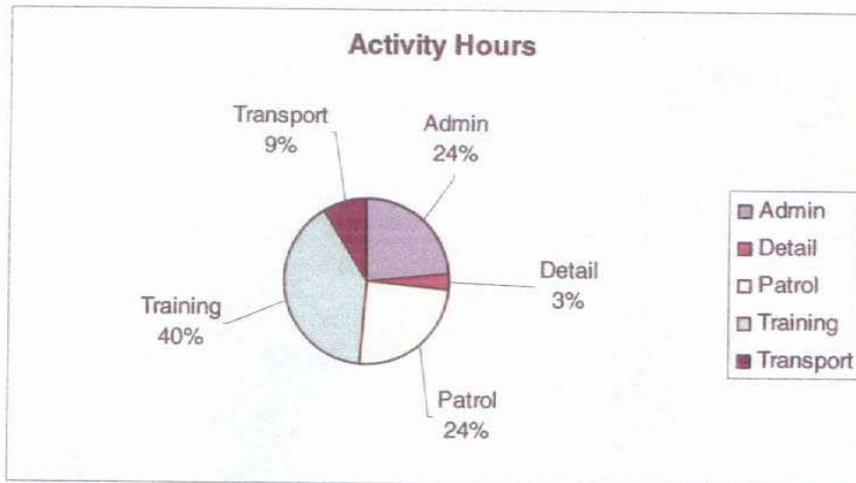
Patrol time accounted for 24 percent of the total reserve hours. Officers Dorrell and Dysart contributed 8.5 and 8 hours respectively.

Training accounted for a total of 27 hours and made up 40 percent of the reserves' time. This included Firearms Qualification and Less Than Lethal training.

Officer Dorrell provided 6 hours of transportation time which accounted for 9 percent of the Reserve's total time.

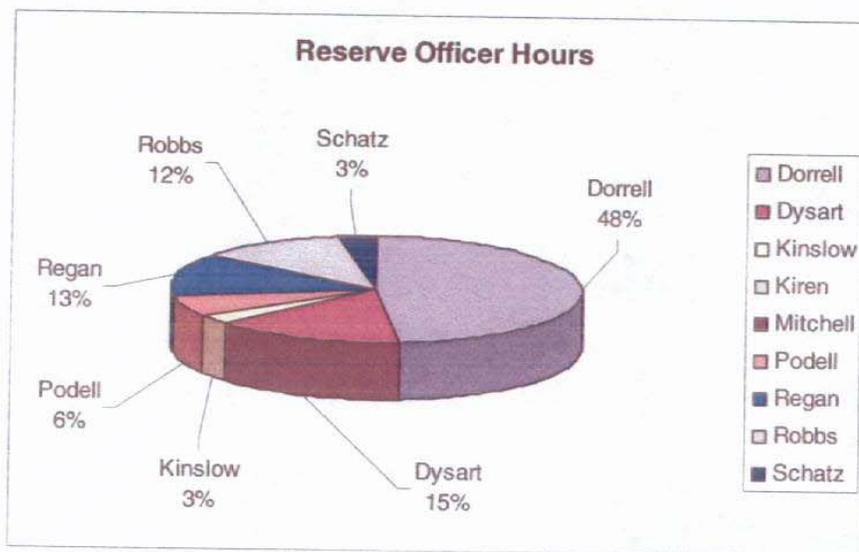
The following is a breakdown of the Reserve hours:

Administration	16.0 hours	24%
Details	2.0 hours	3%
Patrol	16.5 hours	24%
Training/Range	27.0 hours	40%
Transportation	6.0 hours	9%



Reserve Officer hours for the month of March:

Dorrell	32.5 hours	48%
Dysart	10.0 hours	15%
Kinslow	2.0 hours	3%
Kiren	0.0 hours	0%
Mitchell	0.0 hours	0%
Podell	4.0 hours	6%
Regan	9.0 hours	13%
Robbs	8.0 hours	12%
Schatz	2.0 hours	3%



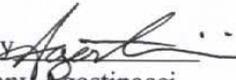
RIDGECREST POLICE DEPARTMENT
EXPLORER ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY SUMMARY

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EXPLORERS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	MTD	YTD	MTD	YTD
	29	229	0	80

During the month of March, the explorers worked hours.
The hours were comprised of meetings, ride-a-longs,
and Teen Court. Recruitment for new members is currently on going.
There are currently 13 active Explorers.

Prepared by 
Ofc. Anthony Agostinacci
Explorer Advisor

**Ridgecrest Police Department
Code Enforcement Division
April 2010 Monthly Report
Current Open Cases - 8**

File #	Address	Description	Open Date
09-000165	620 West UPJOHN Avenue RIDGECREST	Owner of 25 mobile homes that are in various degrees of disrepair has left the blight in the park without pulling permits or making a continuous effort to fix them up and resell them.	6/16/2009
09-000237	1051 North SHERRI Street RIDGECREST	Dry waist high weeds in the front and back yards. Dead tree in the back yard and a fence that is falling apart or is being damaged by vandals.	8/13/2009
09-000293	1109 South MAYO Street RIDGECREST	Open case file in regards to properties owned by Dale Howard and any associate or other property owner where Howard's property is stored and constitute a blight within the community.	12/8/2009

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Front yard is full of personal property that makes the home look unsightly in the community. See attached photos. All personal property with the exception of vehicles and yard furniture must be removed to abate this case. 12/16/2009

608 West ATKINS Avenue
09-000314 RIDGECREST

Abandoned structure has been vandalized with graffiti and the garage has been broken into. Building is an eyesore to those entering the community. 1/7/2010

1024 South SPRINGER Avenue
10-000007 RIDGECREST

Property is a mess with junk and debris. Boats parked in the yard, access to the home is a fire hazard. 3/1/2010

1445 South MAYO Avenue
10-000022 RIDGECREST

528 East COMMERCIAL Avenue
10-000032 RIDGECREST

RPs moving out of 528 E. Commercial Ave, which they feel is a hazard to live in. 3/3/2010

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Property owner called and said she has just bought the property and it is a mess. Once deed clears she will be there to clean up everything. Probably mid-May finish. 3/3/2010

437 West WILSON
Avenue

10-000033 RIDGECREST

**Ridgecrest Police Department
Code Enforcement Division
April 2010 Monthly Report
Cases Closed with Aging - 31**

File#	OpenDate	CloseDate	Description	PropertyAddress	CycleTime
09-000172	6/23/2009	3/17/2010	Pool full of green water at neighbor's house. Treat with pesticides and contact owner for cleaning.	1052 North SIERRA VIEW Street	267
09-000211	7/29/2009	3/17/2010	Furniture such as washer, dryer and chairs and other debris in fornt driveway	321 SANDERS Street	231
09-000249	8/18/2009	3/17/2010	Home has many weeds and old car in the yard. Looks like a dump.	731 West REEVES Street	211
09-000264	8/11/2009	3/17/2010	Two refrigerators in the driveway as of Aug. 11. Attractive nuisance to children in the area.	232 East CISCO Street	218
09-000279	10/8/2009	3/17/2010	Family moved away from home over two months ago and left a lot of stuff in the back yard.	301 North NORMA Street	160
09-000292	11/24/2009	3/17/2010	Home down the street deteriorating. Renters moved out. Pool is green.	824 West SONJA Avenue	113
09-000295	12/11/2009	3/17/2010	Property in yard is "spilling over" into property that reporting party is trying to sell.	812 West Graaf Street	96
09-000315	12/19/2009	4/2/2010	Residence has six vehicles parked on the lot and three may be inoperative. Trash is piled inside and outside of a vehicle and there are two trailers parked on the street.	301 West MOYER Avenue	104

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09-000316	12/19/2009	4/2/2010	Yard has a collection of junk and debris in the yard that has come from the Salvation Army, where the property owner works. He is also storing a couple of oversized vehicles on a vacant lot two lots west of his home. he does not own the property.	402 West MOYER Street	104
09-000317	12/22/2009	3/17/2010	RP states a homeless family is living in a trailer on an empty lot behind the Rose Garden Inn. Also there are three abandoned vehicles facing Fire Opal on a vacant lot.		85
09-000322	12/22/2009	3/17/2010	Graffiti on fence facing Rader St.	632 SHERWOOD Court	85
10-000002	12/22/2009	3/17/2010	Anonymous voice mail indicating a RV parked "Forever" at Gwen and Cottonwood.		85
10-000003	12/22/2009	3/17/2010	RP reported local business has a lot of cats in its store. The stench makes him sick and have allergic reactions.	1034 West WARD Avenue	85
10-000004	1/7/2010	3/17/2010	RP reported heating in the home does not work and landlord failed to repair.	121 South VALLEY Street	69
10-000005	1/6/2010	3/17/2010	RP reports there are people living in a pop-up trailer in the backyard next door and whomever it is, urinates into the RP's back yard.	236 North WARNER Street	70
10-000006	1/7/2010	4/2/2010	Tree(s) overhanging fence into street and or public right of way. Fire Department responded to a structure fire. The home is totally exposed at this point.	1233 TAMARISK Avenue	85
10-000008	1/13/2010	3/17/2010		412 South LENORE Street	63

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10-000009	1/12/2010	4/2/2010	Abandoned vehicle (Subaru) parked adjacent the sump has been there nearly two years. Needs to be removed.		80
10-000010	1/26/2010	3/17/2010	Home owner has established alarm system. Delivery of Alarm update, registration, and fee request was delivered.	1637 South Farragut Street	50
10-000011	1/13/2010	3/17/2010	Alarm Violations - RMC 4-17.101 - Pay Alarm Bill - Serve paperwork.	413 South MARGALO Street	63
10-000012	1/13/2010	3/17/2010	Dumped wood and trash in an empty lot.	527 West WILSON Avenue	63
10-000013	2/11/2010	4/2/2010	Trying to sell home and subject house is filthy with trash and junk.	207 West FRENCH Avenue	50
10-000016	2/24/2010	3/17/2010	RP complaining Salt Cedar trees in vacant lot are growing into his property and the root system is damaging his sewage system.	411 West WILSON Avenue	21
10-000017	2/3/2010	3/17/2010	RP indicates home has been a drug house for 10 years and it is now unoccupied. There are four cars on the property - 2 in front yard and 2 in the back - with flat tires and full of trash.	328 FLORENCE Street	42
10-000018	2/16/2010	3/17/2010	RP indicated the living conditions she has to endure are hazardous. There are plumbing, mold, electric issues throughout the house.	240 West PERDEW Avenue	29
10-000020	2/25/2010	3/17/2010	Truck on jacks.	310 South Valley Street	20
10-000023	2/2/2010	3/17/2010	Pick up on stands.	1300 West Boston Avenue	43

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10-000024	3/2/2010	4/2/2010			741 West HALOID Avenue	31
10-000025	2/15/2010	4/2/2010	Pickup on Jacks.		213 West ALENE Avenue	46
10-000026	3/2/2010	4/2/2010	Pickup on Jacks.		137 South RICHMOND Street	31
10-000028	2/8/2010	3/17/2010	Car on blocks.		725 West RIDGECREST Boulevard	37
			Posted sign on stop sign,			

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MARCH—APRIL 2010



**Parks,
Recreation, &
Cultural Affairs
Department**



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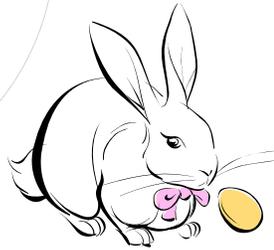
Parks Recreation And Cultural Affairs Department

E A S T E R B U N N Y V I S I T S P R E S C H O O L



Easter Eggs covered the grounds of KMCC for the Park Preschool kids to hunt!!

Lets Go On An Egg Hunt!!!



Park Pre-School class hunts for Easter eggs in front of KMCC.



SUMMER 2010 BROCHURE

AVAILABLE 2ND WEEK OF MAY

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE BECOMES REALITY...

THANKS TO... Gary Charlon's Local State Farm Office for sponsoring this years League!!



NEW Youth Volleyball League HUGE SUCCESS!!

The 2010 Gary Charlon State Farm Insurance Youth Volleyball program through the Ridgcrest Parks and Recreation Dept is off to a great start. A new approach in Recreation Volleyball... Parks and Recreation changed the program around offering boys and girls from ages 9-19 more quality instruction and equal levels of play with each other. During the seven week season, beginners level practice on Monday, intermediate level on Tuesday and advanced level on Wednesdays; they have been having a great time developing their skills in becoming a better volleyball player. What has made the program special is that Head coaches Kelly & Phil Teuscher have had special volunteer visits by the Burroughs High School coaches, the Ridgcrest Starlings club Volleyball Coaches and future special guest Gwen Alden, Missouri Tiger Collegiate Alumni Player. Looking forward to the next few weeks...



SPRING SOCCER LEAGUE UNDER WAY...

Approximately 400 youth, spread out over 34 teams; signed up for this years Spring Soccer League. Teams practice in the evening once a week Monday-Thursday and games are played on either Friday nights or Saturday mornings at Leroy Jackson Youth Sports Complex.



KMCC Weekly Schedule

**March 15, 2010 -
March 21, 2010**

March 2010							April 2010								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	14			1	2	3	4	
11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
13	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
14	29	30	31					18	26	27	28	29	30		

15	Monday	16	Tuesday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	3:00pm	9:30pm BHS Boys Basketball Banquet; Pinnacles
5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym	5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym
5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
		6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates - CXLD; Petro
		8:00pm	10:00pm Starlings Vball; N/S Gym
17	Wednesday	18	Thursday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	9:30am	12:00pm SSI; Fossil Falls/Ballarad
11:00am	7:00pm Houchin Blood Bank; Pinnacles	5:30pm	6:30pm Soccer Coaches Meeting; Red Rock/Chimney Pk
11:00am	1:00pm YAC Leadership Meeting; Red Rock/Chimney	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym	5:45pm	8:30pm Adult Cooking; Kitchen
7:00pm	8:30pm CERT Meeting; Ballarat	6:30pm	9:00pm High School Basketball Games; N/S Games
8:00pm	10:00pm ACES Volleyball Club ; N/S Gym	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
19	Friday	20	Saturday
		8:00am	9:00pm Gym Closed for Resurfacing
		8:00am	6:00pm SCA (Water OFF); Freedom Park/Sr. Center
		4:00pm	12:00am Big Band Xpress; Pinnacles
21	Sunday		

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**March 22, 2010 -
March 28, 2010**

March 2010							April 2010								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	14			1	2	3	4	
11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
13	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
14	29	30	31					18	26	27	28	29	30		

22	Monday	23	Tuesday
8:00am	9:00pm	Gym Closed for Resurfacing	↻
9:00am	10:30am	Waxie Video; Fossil Falls/Ballararat	
9:30am	10:30am	ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	↻
3:30pm	5:00pm	Quickstart Tennis; Petro	↻
24	Wednesday	25	Thursday
8:00am	9:00pm	Gym Closed for Resurfacing	↻
		12:00pm	12:00am
			Lions Club; Pinnacles/Petro
26	Friday	27	Saturday
8:00am	9:00pm	Gym Closed for Resurfacing	↻
		10:00am	12:00pm
			High School League Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
		12:00pm	4:00pm
			Open Gym; N/S Gym
28	Sunday		

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**March 29, 2010 -
April 04, 2010**

March 2010							April 2010								
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S		
10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	14			1	2	3	4	
11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	16	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
13	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
14	29	30	31					18	26	27	28	29	30		

29	Monday	30	Tuesday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	8:30am	6:00pm Patrice; Kitchen
3:30pm	5:00pm Quickstart Tennis; Petro	5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym
5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
31	Wednesday	1	Thursday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	11:30am	1:30pm IWVESC; Red Rock/Chimney
5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym	12:00pm	1:00pm Quality of Life; Fossil Falls/Ballararat
8:00pm	10:00pm ACES Volleyball Club ; N/S Gym	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
		6:30pm	9:00pm High School Basketball Games; N/S Games
		6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
2	Friday	3	Saturday
		10:00am	12:00pm High School League Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
		12:00pm	4:00pm Open Gym; N/S Gym
4	Sunday		

KMCC Weekly Schedule

**April 05, 2010 -
April 11, 2010**

April 2010							May 2010						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
14			1	2	3	4	18				1	2	
15	5	6	7	8	9	10 11	19	3	4	5	6	7	8 9
16	12	13	14	15	16	17 18	20	10	11	12	13	14	15 16
17	19	20	21	22	23	24 25	21	17	18	19	20	21	22 23
18	26	27	28	29	30		22	24	25	26	27	28	29 30
							23	31					

5	Monday	6	Tuesday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	12:00pm	1:00pm Local 8 ; Fossil Falls/Ballarad
3:30pm	5:00pm Quickstart Tennis; Petro	5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym
5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro	6:30pm	8:00pm CERT Mtg; R/C rm
6:00pm	9:00pm Desert Artists; Red Rock/Chimney	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
		8:00pm	10:00pm Starlings Vball; N/S Gym
7	Wednesday	8	Thursday
9:30am	10:30am ZUMBA Fitness; N/S Gym	5:35pm	6:35pm ZUMBA; Petro
12:00pm	5:00pm Harrison Nichols; Red Rock	6:30pm	9:00pm High School Basketball Games; N/S Games
5:30pm	7:30pm Youth Volleyball; N/S Gym	6:40pm	7:40pm Pilates; Petro
8:00pm	10:00pm ACES Volleyball Club ; N/S Gym		
9	Friday	10	Saturday
6:00pm	8:30pm WSI; Red Rock/Chimney Pk	8:00am	11:00pm Maturango Museum Dinner; Pinnacles/Petro
		10:00am	12:00pm High School League Basketball Practice; N/S Gym
		12:00pm	4:00pm Open Gym; N/S Gym
11	Sunday		

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Public Services

MARCH MEETINGS

- Mar. 04 - RRA Bond Tele-confr.
- Mar. 04 - KCOG Awards Dinner
Mr. Avery- Bakersfield.
- Mar. 15 - Benz mtg.
- Mar. 15 - Kern Co. Hazardous
Waste Facility Open Hs.
- Mar. 16 - P3 Consulting mtg.
- Mar. 16 - IWV2000 mtg.
- Mar. 22 - CalRecycle Tele-confr.
- Mar. 23- CalRecycle & P3 Tele-
Confr.
- Mar. 24 - Pam Corp. mtg.
- Mar. 24 - S.S. Boys & Girls Open
House Warner St.
- Mar. 24 - Town Hall Meeting .
- Mar. 24 - CLA mtg.; Council confr.
rm.
- Mar. 30 - RAHO mtg. Hampton
- Mar. 31 - Benz mtg.

James McRea
Public Services Director

Gary Parsons
Economic Development Manager

Matthew Alexander, AICP
City Planner
Pam Hill
City Planning

Vacant
Administrative Secretary

Community Services Department

The Public Services Department lost its interim Administrative Secretary and we wish Desiree Becker, a WIA employee, the best and a thank you for her efforts as both Secretary and Recycling Coordinator. Staff worked in partnership with the City Council, CalRecycle, and Benz Sanitation to improve the level of service and resolve many of the concerns reported and expressed by the community with respect to Mandatory Curbside Pick-up and Recycling Program. The Commercial on-site Recycling will allow right sizing and will remain mandatory. The forth billing cycle for residential accounts under the Universal (Mandatory) Curbside Pick-up and Recycling Program is scheduled for May and will included a flyer as to program modifications and additional information. Billing corrections are still in process and pending. A letter from the City of Ridgecrest will be forwarded in the near future to effected individuals with respect to concerns reported and delinquent accounts. **Information may be obtained from:**

24 hour Hotline: 760-499-5069
recycle@ridgecrest-ca.gov
City Website: <http://ci.ridgecrest.ca.us>
Benz Sanitation: 760-375-8455

Staff additionally made application to the Coca Cola Company Keep American Beautiful Bin Grant Program. The City is hopeful that the grant request will be funded for ten Recycling containers for distribution through out the community and for Community Events.

D.R. Horton has constructed two model homes on Salt River Road and College Height and begun construction on ten new homes on Majestic Sky Court. Opening is scheduled for mid April.

The OTAP Committee has initiated three sub-committees reviewing the Olde Towne Action Plan. These are Activities & Marketing; Public & Private Improvements; Signage, Art & Murals. A community workshop is being scheduled in May .

City of Ridgecrest Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Plastic materials with these numbers are accepted in your BLUE recycling bin®

Public Works Monthly Report

FLASHING BEACONS

Flashing beacons (sometimes called flashers or flashing lights) are frequently requested in the belief that they will slow down traffic. However, the real purpose of flashers is to attract attention to unexpected hazards. The following discussion of flashing beacons is offered to clarify the real effects of flashers, and what must be considered before flashers are installed.



What are the right conditions for flashing lights?

A flashing beacon is most effective as a warning of unexpected or hazardous conditions not readily visible to drivers. One of the more common locations where a flashing beacon is effective is at a stop sign controlled intersection located just beyond a curve that is hidden from the view of approaching motorists.

That suggests there is a flip side, perhaps situations where a flashing beacon should not be used?

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Wastewater Department

The City of Ridgcrest WWTF operated within design and compliance directives issued under Board Order No. 6-00-56. The Treatment Facility operated with no discharge violations or abnormal conditions. The department inspected and passed (6) new connection to the sanitary sewage system. The Department responded to (2) requests for service, after inspection (1) proved to be related to the home-

owners service lateral, (1) odor complaint that was proven to be unfounded. The Department performed annual maintenance on the pivot lines at the reclamation facility. The Reclamation Department reclaimed 1.7 million gallons of secondary effluent for use as fodder crop irrigation. The Department hydro flushed 17,182 ft. of main line sewer for compliance with the SSO and SSMP pro-

gram. The Department in compliance with Board Order directives collected samples from Pond No. 3 for semi-annual water quality analysis. The laboratory analyses are included with this month's SMR.



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Immediately after seeing a flasher, drivers must consistently see an unusual condition which requires special attention. The condition also must be viewed as serious enough to justify having been alerted. For any traffic control device to be effective it must command the respect of motorists. If it seems arbitrary or unnecessary, drivers tend to ignore it.

Then there are actually problems associated with the installation of unnecessary flashing beacons?

When flashing beacons are used where not warranted they soon lose much of their effectiveness. After continually being alerted to a condition which does not appear to be truly unusual, research and experience has shown that drivers actually stop seeing a flashing light. This can result in a disregard for all beacons, even those that are truly needed.



But if I see a safety problem, or an accident waiting to happen, there must be something we can do about it.

There are usually several options available to improve the safety of an intersection or roadway when a problem truly exists. It helps to approach the situation with an open mind and to work together toward solutions.

For example, say we get a request for a flashing beacon above a busy, unsignalized intersection crossed by children on their way to and from school. The traffic engineering investigation reveals that:

1. About 30 children cross the intersection during a fifteen minute period both in the morning and afternoon.
2. There is no safe route to school plan for the area. (available from your local school)
3. There is no pedestrian safety program or crossing guard program in the school.

Safe route to school plans or crossing guards would be much more effective in a situation like this. If a flashing beacon was installed under these conditions, we can expect the following results:

1. The flasher will become part of the normal driving environment and be ignored because children are seldom present.
2. A safe route to school plan or crossing guard program might be delayed because the flasher might provide a false sense of security.
3. A possible spin off effect that other justified flashers will also be ignored by motorists.

“The Flasher will become part of the normal driving environment.”

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If I think there is a problem, and a flashing beacon isn't the answer, what should I do?

Contact the City Engineering Division. Ask the traffic engineer to look into the situation. Ask them about other forms of traffic control that might apply.

When requesting a flashing beacon, don't be surprised if the traffic engineer seems skeptical or difficult to convince, it's for a good reason: it is essential to prove that there is a problem which can be solved by a flasher before one should be installed. It is of the utmost importance that flashing beacons be kept to a minimum if a high degree of respect is to be maintained for flashers that are truly needed.