

GLENDALE CITIZENS FOR LAW AND ORDER



Summer 2005

Glendale Police K-9 Program

After a 20 year absence from the Glendale Police Department police canines are being re-introduced into the Glendale Police Department. Under the leadership of Chief Randy Adams, the department is **planning to bring** four K-9's into the department to perform patrol related duties. The K-9's will be trained to search out hiding and fleeing crime suspects along with the ability to detect the presence of illegal narcotics and explosives.

Costs associated with the implementation of the K-9 program will run \$375,000. This figure includes the selection and purchase of the K-9's, basic training for the K-9's and their handlers, specialized skill training (narcotics and explosive detection), the purchase of holding kennels, specially designed police patrol vehicles, along with veterinary and other support services.

After the initial implementation has occurred, the cost to maintain the program on an annual basis is estimated at \$38,000.

The City Council has unanimously voted to support the re-introduction of police K-9's, the Council recognizing that police K-9's are an invaluable tool in the fight against crime.

Chief Adams has made a pledge to the City Council that he will make every effort to support the costs associated with a K-9 program through various government grant funding sources and through community donations in order to minimize and even eliminate the need for the City budget to support the program. Currently, the police department has obtained \$161,000 in grant funding.

Citizens for Law and Order have been designated to receive private donations to support this project. Our goal is to raise \$200,000. A plaque will be placed inside the police facility with the names of all donors giving \$1000 or more. To date we have raised \$23,000 toward our goal.

We ask for your help and support through your private donations to support our law enforcement men and women in the on-going attempt to protect Glendale citizens from crime and to keep Glendale one of the top ten safest cities in the country.

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Thank you for helping keep our officers and citizens safe in Glendale.

From the President.....

For the tenth year in a row, GCLO, the Kiwanis Club of Glendale and the Glendale Bar Association awarded commendations, plaques and ribbons to Glendale police officers and civilian employees at the Glendale Appreciation and Awards Luncheon in May. These men and women are voted on by their peers for their outstanding heroism in action. It was a very special day for officers, their families and friends. Thank you to all our sponsors and community-minded individuals who make this event possible each year.

Currently, GCLO along with other community organizations is planning opportunities to raise funds for a Canine Unit for the police department. The department hopes to purchase two dogs as early as August and begin K-9 and handler training in September. Community donations will be used to purchase the two dogs. Federal grant money will be used to purchase two vehicles for the K-9's.

Ken Doty

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Community Policing

by Lt. Don Meredith

Currently the Community Policing Unit is composed of four details. Those details include the Galleria Retail Community Police Unit, the School Resource Officer Unit, the Community Oriented Problem Policing Unit and the Air support Unit. Within each unit are also a number of other assignments. This month we are going to focus on the School Resource Officer Unit.

The School Resource Officer Program in Glendale has its genesis in the late 1960's with officers like Rick Reyes (ret.) and Dave Calame (ret.) who set the tone for cooperative partnership between the Glendale Unified School District, the Glendale Police Department and the community. In their roles as SRO's both Dave and Rick served as role models and mentors to middle school children. They interfaced with school staff, teachers and parents as well. The SRO would teach such classes as the Law and Youth, Drug Prevention Awareness and Good Citizenship.

Serving in the capacity of an SRO, these officers would also help coach sports teams, serve as substitute teacher and handle law enforcement related issues on campus. Most significant was their personal outreach to the community, especially to kids at risk for gangs or drug use. Many of their students are now community leaders and have the highest respect for Rick and Dave as well as the department because of their actions as SRO's.

Over the years many well respected officers have served in the SRO unit including Lt. Rick Young (ret.). In 1986 the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program was added to the duties of the School Resource Officer along with the creation of an additional SRO position. Then in 1989, Lt. Rick Young (ret.) joined with Lt. Don Meredith in creating the Gang Investigations Unit. In the creation of this unit, four new positions were created to staff the gang unit and two positions were created to add an SRO at each high school in support of the Gang Unit and to expand the SRO role from the middle schools to the high schools.

During the late 1990's a series of tragedies occurred at or near the high school campuses. These included a homicide in a high school parking lot, a homicide in front of a high school and a homicide at Brand Park that stemmed from an earlier fight at a high school. These high profile events coupled with several assaults and gang fights at the high schools resulted in two more SRO positions being created. The two new positions were assigned to be an additional officer on each high school campus.

During the 35+ years that the SRO program has existed, it has transitioned from the low profile mentoring program into a multi-role, uniformed assignment on the school campus. Today School Resource Officers are assigned to Hoover High School, Glendale High School, Allan Daily High School, Roosevelt Middle School,

Wilson Middle School and Toll Middle School. Crescenta Valley High School is two blocks into unincorporated La Crescenta and has an SRO from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Currently the School Resource Officer becomes immersed in the daily activity of their assigned schools. They provide a police presence on campus that allows them to mentor, counsel and provide guidance to the students. They also become the visible enforcement arm of the department to maintain a safe school environment. School Resource Officers become very active in all aspects of school life right down to cheering the school on at sporting events.

The SRO's assigned to the Community Services Bureau oversee and participate in a variety of youth programs off campus. These programs include the Police Explorers for teens that are interested in law enforcement, PAL (Police Athletic League) which includes programs in boxing, yoga, equestrians, basketball and football. The SRO's also oversee the STAR program for at risk youth.

In the fall of 2005, the SRO's will also begin using the community problem policing model to address quality of life issues that effect the students, schools and surrounding neighborhoods. There are 24 schools, (4 high schools, 3 middle schools and 17 elementary schools) within the city of Glendale. Despite the small size of the unit at 1 sergeant and 8 officers they have a tremendous impact on the youth of the city and its future. It is only through the strong work ethic, caring hearts and dedication to this city that these officers manage to handle this demanding task.



Lt. Donald Meredith is a 33-year veteran of the Glendale Police Department and was recently appointed by County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich to serve on the Probation Commission.

The Glendale Citizens for Law & Order Tenth Annual Police Appreciation Luncheon
We are so proud of all of you. Here are some of the Honorees, relatives and friends on a very special day.



Ofcs. Jr, Matt Gunnell, Ernesto Torres, Robert Williams, Guido Drogemuller, Shawn Sholis and Lt. Kirk Palmer and Agent Sam Hopper.



Officer of the Year, Detective Robert Breckenridge, and two of his children, Alexandria and Billie



Divisional Awardees: Jr, accepting for Ofc. Joseph Rodriguez, his father-in-law, Oscar Valencia, Ofc. Jacob Phillips, Ofc. Scott Holmes, Ofc. Jeremy Aliaga, Ofc. Ceaser Castro and Det. Tyrone Hunter.



GCLO awarded special plaques for service involving the Metrolink crash. Accepting for the Fire Dept., Fire Chief Christopher Gray, on behalf of the City of Glendale, Dep City Mgr. Yashmin Beers and accepting for the Police Dept., Police Chief Randy Adams.



Distinguished Service Awards went to: Ofc. David Kellogg, Sgt. Brian Cohen, Agent Carlos "Chick" Dominguez, Sgt. Tom Kuli and Det. Matt Irvine.



These yearly appreciation luncheons would not be possible without the complete involvement of and help from Sgt. Susan Hayn and CSO, Jenny Lau.



Officer of the Year, Det. Robert Breckenridge, Reserve Police Officer of the Year, Matthew Zakarian, Volunteer of the Year, Staci Dizon and Civilian Employee of the Year, PC Specialist Walter Calles.

Glendale Citizens for Law & Order is endorsed by Glendale Police Chief Randy Adams and the Glendale Police Officers' Association. Glendale Citizens for Law & Order is a 501c3 corporation and, as such, contributions are tax-deductible.

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The goals of a quarter century ago continue to be fundamental today. Glendale has grown into a thriving center of finance and trade. With that growth have come many of the problems typical of large metropolitan areas. However, through the efforts of the Glendale Police Department with the support of its citizens, Glendale remains one of the safest cities in California and in the country.

GCLO's stated mission was and is to encourage every citizen to become active, involved and responsible in supporting law enforcement to fight crime.

Reflecting Glendale's long-standing commitment to law enforcement, a group of local citizens led by Raymond D. Edwards, then Chairman of the Board of Glendale Federal Bank, organized and incorporated the non-profit Glendale Citizens for Law & Order in February of 1968.

HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

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