



# COMMUNITY BRIEFING

## Westminster Police Department

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### Words from Chief Hall

As another year comes to a close, I want to once again express my thanks to the community of Westminster for its tremendous support of the Westminster Police Department. The success we enjoy as a law enforcement agency is a reflection of your consistent and gracious support. This edition of the Community Briefing highlights the people and programs that make our department among the very finest. It is my honor to lead an organization of such high quality and serve a community and City Council who place so much trust and confidence in their police department. As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback on how we can do even better. Please feel free to contact me directly at [admin@ewpd.org](mailto:admin@ewpd.org). Happy Holidays and best wishes for a safe New Year!

### "Shop with a Cop"



Partnering with Wal-Mart this holiday season, the Westminster Police Officers' Association (WPOA) and the Fountain Valley Police Officers' Association (FVPOA) hosted the annual "Shop with a Cop" program.



This program invites underprivileged children to go on a Christmas shopping trip at Wal-Mart, accompanied by an officer to help them select a gift.

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"Shop with a Cop" took place on December 17, 2006, at the Wal-Mart located at 13331 Beach Blvd. "Santa" arrived via motorcade at Wal-Mart at 7:30am. McDonald's graciously donated breakfast for all the participants.

The WPOA, FVPOA, and Wal-Mart also donated gift certificates for each child along with a grocery shopping certificate to their families.

### Promotion: Police Sergeant Tim Vu

Officer **Timothy Vu** (left in picture) was sworn in as Police Sergeant on December 4, 2006, at the Rose Center located across the street from the police station. Sergeant Vu will also participate in a swearing-in ceremony during the first City Council meeting in 2007.



Tim was hired as a WPD officer in 1994. Throughout the past 12 years, he has worked as a patrol officer, financial crimes detective (for 3 years), homicide detective (for 4 years), and special investigations detective (for 1 year).

While working full-time, Tim also worked on getting his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University at Fullerton. He is married with two children. Tim is the first Vietnamese officer to be promoted to supervisor in the Department's history.

### Front Counter Hours

7:00am – 7:00pm, Every Day

### Phone Number

714-898-3315, extensions 371, 372, 373, 374, or 375

## WESTMINSTER EXPLORER POST

The **Westminster Police Explorer Post** participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Orange County Law Enforcement Explorer Competition on November 4-5, 2006. Thirty-one 4-person teams from Orange County police agencies (and Long Beach Police Department) competed.

Events included testing the explorers' handling of Traffic Accident Investigation, Suspicious Persons, Felony Car Stop, DUI Stop, Officer Down, Domestic Disputes, Arrest and Search, Hostage Negotiation, Burglary in Progress, and Tubular Assault (bus hostage situation).



In addition, each explorer competed in individual events for Physical Fitness. Explorer Advisors and Orange County Sheriff Deputies served as judges.

We are proud to announce that:

- **Explorer Kelly Dies** was the First Place Winner for *Female Physical Fitness*.
- **Explorer Billy Le** was the Second Place Winner for *Male Physical Fitness*.
- **Westminster Explorer Post** was Fourth Place in the *Domestic Disputes* event.
- **Westminster Explorer Post** was Fourth Place in the *Suspicious Persons* event.



From Left to Right: Police Explorers Tyler Goetz, Billy Le, Christina Hall, Jake Hagan, Alex Dochmaschewsky, and Kelly Dies.

## EXPLORER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR!



On September 28, 2006, the National Exploring Committee presented **Officer Al Brackett** (left) with the *William H. Spurgeon III Award*, an honor given to individuals and corporations that have provided tremendous support for the continuing development of the Police Explorer Program. Al was named "*Orange County's Explorer Advisor of the Year*."

Al started his police career as an Explorer in 1979, and he was the first Explorer to be hired by the WPD. Al has spent the last 24 years as an Explorer Advisor, mentoring countless Westminster Police Explorers. In fact, over 40 Explorers under his guidance have gone on to become police officers throughout Orange and Los Angeles Counties. Congratulations Al!

## "Safe Return"

### Officers Trained to Locate Lost Elders

After the August 2006 "*Safe Return*" training for all WPD Police Managers and Supervisors, representatives from the **Alzheimer's Association** returned in September 2006 to give short presentations to all Police Officers during each shift's daily briefing.

This nationwide program provides law enforcement with the necessary tools to help locate and return registered Alzheimer's or dementia sufferers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information about "*Safe Return*," go to their Website at [www.alz.org/safereturn/](http://www.alz.org/safereturn/).

## Pastor Charlie Wilkins Sworn in as WPD Police Chaplain



On October 8, 2006, **Chief Andy Hall** (left) surprised **Pastor Charlie Wilkins** (right) and his congregation, *the Greater Grace Church of Deliverance*, by conducting a swearing-in ceremony during the Sunday service at the Westminster High School. About 200 people witnessed Pastor Wilkins take the oath as the newest Westminster Police Department Police Chaplain.

Mayor Margie Rice, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Fry, Captain Mitch Waller, Lieutenant Kevin Baker, and other WPD members were also in attendance. Welcome aboard!

## Missed our last issue?

You can now read and print past issues of the *Community Briefing* on our website! Go to [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov), click on "Police Department" for a link to the WPD homepage. You can find the newsletters under "Community Outreach."

## Update on the Use of Federal & State Funds

The WPD continues to benefit from our success in securing Federal and State grants. These funds are used to supplement our operational budget, allowing staff to purchase extra equipment, enhance enforcement services, pay overtime for specialized work, and attend training courses relevant to police work.

### Forensics Grant

As the year comes to an end, here is a recap of how **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)** funds were used to enhance our Forensic Services Unit in Year 2006.

- Almost **\$34,000** was used to purchase two (2) fingerprint evidence processors and three (3) high-powered digital cameras and accessories.



- Almost **\$20,000** was used to send forensic staff to various professional training courses.

- Almost **\$4,000** was spent on overtime pay for examination of backlogged latent fingerprint comparisons.



The WPD has received permission from DOJ to extend our project period. We hope to be able to spend all remaining grant funds on training courses in the upcoming months.

### DUI Grant

It has been over a year since the WPD implemented the **W.I.D.E.** (**W**estminster **I**mpaired **D**river **E**nforcement) program to combat drunk driving. DUI, *driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs*, is a serious crime. The WPD is

committed to educate the public on the dangers of DUI and to enforce all relevant traffic laws.



A suspected drunk driver was asked to follow the finger of Motor Officer Bill Drinnin as part of a field sobriety test.

During this first year, grant efforts yielded the following:

- **2** educational presentations
- **1** "Every 15 Minutes" presentation at Westminster High School (*impacting over 300 students*)
- **1,190** DUI enforcement stops on suspected drunk drivers
- **295** Field Sobriety Tests
- **167** drunk drivers arrested (*430 DUI arrests department-wide*)
- **128** cars from drunk drivers towed and impounded

*Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

## Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez Helped Secure Federal Funding

With assistance from the office of **Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez**, the **Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force** (co-chaired by **WPD Lieutenant Derek Marsh**) received almost \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice to raise public safety awareness of human trafficking. Grant program partners include the WPD, Santa Ana Police Department, Community Service Programs, Inc. (CSP), and all task force members.



## WPD Community Involvement Beyond Policing

### "S.H.U.E. Project" Christmas Sponsor

Once again, employees at the police department assumed the role of "Secret Santa" and used their own money to purchase holiday gifts for children from the **S.H.U.E. Project**.



S.H.U.E. stands for "*Safety, Health, Understanding and Education*," and it reaches out to children in first and second grades who are "at risk" in our community due to the area they live in. Our Senior Center volunteers assist in providing a structured after-school program to these children including tutoring, computer skills, health education and reading.



Since each child has written a letter to Santa with a wish list, these employees can be sure that the gifts are exactly what the children want!

### "Santas for Seniors 2006" Christmas Sponsor

WPD employees also participated in the annual "Santa for Seniors," a wish tree program designed to provide gifts to more than 600 home-bound seniors living in our community.



Using their own money, employees bought gifts such as stamps, clothing, blankets, and household or toiletry items for 44 seniors.



### WHAT'S THE 2-1-1?

2-1-1 is a free, accessible, 3-digit telephone number that will enable everyone to access the vital community services that they need. The call center can also be reached by another toll free number: 1-888-600-4357.

When you call this abbreviated dialing code, 2-1-1, you will reach live information specialists that are specially trained to direct those in need of health and social services and support 24 hours a day. In Orange County, the designated provider for this service is 2-1-1 Orange County.

### DIAL 2-1-1 today for assistance for the following:

- Food
- Shelter
- Child Care
- Workforce development
- Services for persons with disabilities
- Resources for Older Adults and their caregivers
- Alcohol and drug services
- Public information during small and large scale disasters
- And much more...



For more information about 2-1-1, go to [www.211oc.org](http://www.211oc.org).

### Special Awards And Community Recognition



### Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Award of Appreciation

FBI Special Supervising Agent Gina Osborn presented Sergeant Marcus Frank with a plaque on November 21, 2006 to recognize work he has done throughout his

police career on behalf of the federal agency.

In 1999, Marcus led a team which consisted of investigators from WPD, FBI and the Orange County District Attorney's Office, in solving the first and largest single seizure involving \$56 million worth of counterfeit Microsoft software and product components.



Sergeant Marcus Frank worked closely with Gina Osborn when she was an FBI Special Agent assigned to WPD.

Marcus was also recognized for his career-long contribution to the investigations of Asian organized crimes in Westminster, Orange County, and elsewhere in the country. Congratulations, Marcus!

### Narcotics Seizure



Detectives from our **Crimes Against Public Unit** (above) worked with **Drug Enforcement Administration** agents to successfully investigate drug-related cases in the City. In one specific case, over 9,000 ecstasy pills and \$23,000 in cash were seized. This was the largest ecstasy seizure in our department's history!



### Crime Prevention Tip from WPD

#### SUBTLE SCAMS

Although many scams can be blatant and outrageous, some can be very subtle – especially when the elderly are the intended victims.

For example, if you are a magazine subscriber, you have probably received notices in the mail that ask for an extension of your subscription. If you do not keep track of when your subscription actually expires, and you routinely send in a payment because you believe “it is time,” you may unknowingly extend your subscription several times.



*Did you know?* During the course of an investigation, a WPD Detective found victims to have paid their subscriptions forward for seven years!



Another example: While going through paperwork, family members of a deceased elderly woman discovered that she has been making yearly pledges to an organization she believed in. However, they also found that the organization had spent the last several years billing her twice-a-year for the full amount of her pledge. The elderly woman paid each and every one in full, believing she was fulfilling her obligation. When contacted, the organization said they would look into the matter, but never responded back.



#### What should you do?

Double-check everything! Try to arrange payments or renewals around certain birthdays or holidays so you have a reference point to help you remember proper payment dates.

# Fact or Myth?

## Frequently Asked Questions

Let this column help separate facts and myths about police work!

**Myth.** *Police officers cannot hide under an overpass to catch speeders because that would be unfair. They need to have their brake lights visible so people will know they are there.*

**Fact.** Police officers use a variety of tactics to enforce traffic laws. There are times when they make themselves more visible as a deterrent for would-be violators. Other times, they may be more covert in their tactics which could include hiding under an overpass or behind a sign. Regardless of how police go about enforcing traffic laws, all drivers are urged to follow the rules of the road whether or not they see a police officer.



**Myth.** *I came home and my house has been ransacked... I've been robbed!*

**Fact.** If you return home and find your house ransacked, you are actually the victim of a burglary, not a robbery. Burglary is defined as "entry into a structure with the intent to commit a theft or other felony." Robbery is the "felonious taking of personal property in the possession of another by means of force or fear."



If your house has been burglarized, do not touch anything! Leave your residence immediately and call the police. The police will respond to check the interior of your residence and insure that the suspect has left.

# Pet Safety During the Holidays!

There's no place like (a safe) home for the holidays. Here are some helpful and useful tips to make sure your pets stay safe and healthy this holiday season.

- Holiday lights mean extra cords and plugs. Tape down or cover cords to prevent shocks, burns or more serious injuries to your pets.
- Secure Christmas trees to keep them from crashing to the ground when a good game of doggie wrestling gets going. Keep tinsel decorations high on the tree.



- During holiday parties, provide pets with a quiet place to retreat.
- Mistletoe and holly berries, as well as poinsettia plants, can be poisonous to pets.
- DO NOT give pets as gifts! Many people do not have the time and energy (or money!) to care for an animal over the long term. A new owner may enjoy the animal for a few weeks, but the novelty may wear off when the cute puppy starts growing into an active, needy, and larger dog.



If you have your heart set on getting your family a pet, or giving a pet "as a gift" to a friend or family member, visit your local shelter and make a donation for a gift certificate. If the right pet is there, a selection can be made after the holidays. If not, the donation to the shelter will be well used. That is also a very thoughtful gift.

# Park Dedication to Councilmember Russell C. Paris



Palos Verdes Park was officially renamed as the "Russell C. Paris Park" on October 19, 2006, in honor of the late Councilman. The City Council voted for the name change after Councilman Paris's death in March 2006.



Fire Captain Steve King (left) and WPD Honor Guard Officer Brian Perez (right) stood by a portrait of Councilman Paris.



Standing on guard are WPD Honor Guard members (from left to right) Officer Anthony Orban, Officer Stan Watanabe, Officer Jason Stouffer, and Orange County Fire Authority Honor Guard member.

A dedication ceremony was held at the park. Chief Andy Hall (below) spoke of Councilman Paris's daily morning walks at his beloved park in front of the Paris Family, community members, City representatives, then-Orange County Supervisor Lou Correa, Assemblyman Van Tran, and Congressman Dana Rohrabacher. It is fitting that the City chose this very spot to honor



his lifelong work and contribution to the City.

*Helen, wife of the late Councilman Paris.*



**In Attendance** from left to right: Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, Councilman Andy Quach, Mayor Margie Rice, then-Orange County Supervisor Lou Correa, Ms. Versie Brady, and Mayor Pro Tem Frank Fry.

## Traffic Bureau

### Your Question

**Q:** *"The holidays are here... what do the police want to remind people of the most?"*

**A:** *'Tis the season to be jolly... but to this holiday saying, we at the WPD would add ...and sober.*

This time of the year brings about some additional opportunities for us to get together with family and friends in celebration of the season. We would like to remind you



that if you are going to drink alcohol, please do so in a responsible manner. Alcohol related accidents

(of all types and not just vehicle-related) account for more deaths and injuries than those resulting from assaults.



Here are just a few tips to remember about alcohol consumption that should be used year-round:

- DO NOT drink and drive;
- Always have a designated driver;
- Remember **HALT** -- never drink when you are **Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired** -- as alcohol can affect you more under any of these conditions.



Enjoy your holidays and have a wonderful New Year. Remember:

*'Tis the season to be jolly, safe and sober!*

## Police Department News

### Officer of the Month August 2006



While in the area of a local liquor store, **Officer Scott Gump** spotted a male walking towards a parked car. Once the individual noticed he had been spotted by Officer Gump, he turned and walked back into the liquor store. Officer Gump thought the action was suspicious and decided to keep an eye on him nearby. Once the suspicious male returned to the car and drove off, Officer Gump pulled him over for a routine traffic violation. Through the car stop, Officer Gump learned the driver had a suspended driver's license. A consensual search later resulted in Officer Gump finding almost 12 grams of heroin (in baggies ready for sale) in the car. The male was

subsequently arrested for drug charges. Officer Gump demonstrated great instinct in helping get drugs off the streets of Westminster. Great job!

### Officer of the Month September 2006



While investigating a burglary report, **Officer Jim Wilson** contacted and interviewed a neighbor in hopes of obtaining additional information. Although the neighbor vehemently denied any involvement at the time, his answers to Officer Wilson's questions raised suspicion. Convinced that the neighbor knew more about the case than he was disclosing, Officer Wilson returned a week later to the neighbor's house for another interview. While under questioning, the neighbor eventually broke down and confessed his involvement in the burglary, confirming Officer Wilson's original suspicion that he was the suspect. Because of his confession, the neighbor was placed under arrest. Trusting his experience and doing his own follow-up, Officer Wilson displayed patience, diligence, and perseverance in ensuring a quick resolution to a burglary. Great "detective" work!

### Employee of the Month September 2006



**Information Technician Chau Hoang** was asked to assist a citizen with a computer related problem. The citizen had great diffi-

culties in saving the PowerPoint presentation he had prepared for a City Council meeting onto a computer disc. Without hesitation, Chau volunteered to help. She eventually had to retype the entire presentation before she could save the project onto a disc! Chau's level of commitment to help the citizen did not just end there; she even drove the completed project back to the citizen in time for him to use it at the council meeting! Chau showed great customer service and went above and beyond the scope of her duties. Thank you, Chau!

**Note:** Chau Hoang was also given the *Quality Customer Service Award* for her assistance to the citizen!

## Quality Customer Service Award

### Police Services Officer Judy Mangiameli



Two elderly citizens came to WPD in hopes of locating their vehicle. Their son had driven it last and had been arrested while the car was in his possession. All they knew was that the vehicle was left somewhere on Beach Blvd. Using limited information provided by the elderly couple, **Police Services Officer Judy Mangiameli** was able to find out that the son had not been arrested by the WPD (thereby we would not know where the vehicle was located). Instead of ending her "investigation" there, Judy committed herself to take extra steps in locating the vehicle. She used a variety of resources to find the son (who was booked at the Orange County Jail), the agency that arrested their son (Huntington Beach Police Department), and the exact location where the vehicle was left. The elderly couple was ecstatic to see that Judy's persistence, dedication, and commitment to them paid off. Great customer service, Judy!

### Police Officer Adriana Naranjo



While working at the Westminster Mall Substation, **Officer Adriana Naranjo** was approached by the father of a missing 15 year old boy. The man inquired about the status of his son, whom he had reported missing two days prior. Instead of just referring the father to a detective in charge of missing persons, Officer Naranjo took the time to do some investigative work for the man. Although she was not able to locate the boy, Officer Naranjo exhausted all means available to her. The father was relieved that something was being done and was extremely grateful to Officer Naranjo for working outside her normal duties to help him out. Officer Naranjo's sensitivity, compassion, and hard work are appreciated by all!

### Police Dispatcher Jessica Parsons



While **Police Dispatcher Jessica Parsons** was on her lunch break, she saw a subject who matched the description of an armed robbery (and burglary and forgery) suspect. She immediately contacted **Lieutenant Jack Davidson** (who was walking in the area at the time) and advised him that the suspect was at a local business. Jessica also recalled that the suspect had a disease which could be transmitted to officers, so she contacted Dispatch to relay the information to all other officers. Lt. Davidson and additional police officers were able to make contact with the suspect and arrest him for the listed crimes as well as outstanding warrants. The suspect's associate was also arrested for additional charges! Because of Jessica's quick thinking and good memory of suspect information, our officers were well protected and prepared to get violent criminals off the streets. Thank you Jessica!

## New Faces at WPD

### *Officers-in-Training*



*Mayor Pro Tem Frank Fry, Mayor Margie Rice, and Councilman Andy Quach (front row, left to right) showed their support at the swearing-in ceremony for our new officers.*

Four new officers, who graduated from the Golden West College Police Academy, joined the WPD family on October 9, 2006. They were sworn in by **Chief Andy Hall** in front of family, friends, and co-workers.



### Officer Alicia Anaya

was born in French Camp, CA. She grew up in Los Angeles and earned a Bachelor's Degree from U.C. Irvine. Previously, Alicia worked as an Investigative Assistant for the NASA Office of Inspector General. As a Spanish speaker, she is one of our bilingual officers.

**Officer Ryan Costelloe** was born in Newport Beach and grew up in Costa Mesa.



In high school, he played baseball and was in the marching band. Ryan's band experience paid off, earning him the position of Bugler while in the police academy.

### Officer Andrew Stowers

was born in San Diego



and grew up in Escondido. He played football, basketball, and baseball in high school. Andrew attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado, Golden West College, and received a Bachelor's Degree from California State University at Fullerton.

**Officer Justin Weeks**

was born on the island of Guam

and grew up in Huntington Beach. During his graduation ceremony, Justin was honored as the top recruit in the Report Writing section of his Police Academy class. He also has a background in martial arts, so bad guy – beware!



**Reserve Officer**

**John Phan** was sworn in as a Reserve Police Officer on December 19, 2006. He graduated from the Golden West College Police Academy in March, 2006.

John has been working in the



WPD Traffic Division as a part-time Parking Control Officer since July, 2006. He has a Bachelor's Degree from UC Santa Barbara and lives in Huntington Beach with his brother, WPD Officer Keith Phan.

**Retirement**

After 27 years of outstanding service with the City of Westminster, **Sergeant Marcus Frank** retired from the Police Department on December 1, 2006.



Marcus spent the majority of his career in investigations where he

developed an interest in Asian Organized Crime. He quickly became an expert in the field and was frequently requested to instruct on the topic. He received numerous honors during his career, including the *Asian*



*Gang Investigator of the Year* from the International Association of Asian Crime Investigators. His dedication to public service and vast knowledge in the area of Organized Crime will truly be missed. Luckily for the WPD, Marcus will continue to be available to work on a part-time basis. Still, we wish Marcus the best in his retirement!



**Police Services Officer Sue Reeds** is retiring after 33 years of service to the City on December 31, 2006.

Sue started working for WPD as a Dispatcher in 1973. Her career with the City covered many diverse areas including her assignment to the Water Department at City Hall. Sue was also a Special Services Clerk at the City Yard where she kept tabs on every pothole and tree that needed to be trimmed in the City! In 1992, Sue returned to the WPD as a Police Services Officer (PSO). She was a valued member of the TARGET gang unit for many years, and Sue concluded her career in the challenging positions of WPD Desk Officer and WPD Traffic PSO.

Sue will be greatly missed by all her friends and co-workers throughout the City. Her loyalty and service to the City are very much appreciated. We all wish her the best in her retirement!

**OFFICER TRAINING: "DRAG NET"**

On September 7, 2006, the **Riverside County Regional Street Racing Task Force** presented a

training seminar on street racing.



The training took place at the Westminster Council Chamber.

Thirty-six (36) officers from 11 different law enforcement agencies in Orange and Los Angeles counties attended the training. The task force brought two modified cars to show the officers what to look for when enforcing street racing laws and vehicle modifications.

**OFFICER TRAINING: Police Background Investigation**

On October 28, 2006, the **Westminster Police Department** and **Coastline Community College** hosted a seminar on police background investigations.

Presented by the Commission on Police Officer Standards & Training (POST), the seminar aimed to update background investigators on new procedures and requirements.



This seminar was one of ten being presented in different POST regions in California.

The seminar was held at the Coastline Community College. Over 50 different background investigators from 20 law enforcement agencies were in attendance.

**OFFICER TRAINING: Low Light Training**

During November 2006, our officers participated in low-light, simulation training at the **Los Alamitos Reserve Training Center**. The training consists of "real life" scenarios that officers face on a daily basis. To create this experience, officers carried special "Sim" guns that operate like their firearm, but fire paint pellets. This allowed us to use actors instead of paper targets. Officers were evaluated in a variety of scenarios

including building search techniques, felony car stops, and an armed ambush.

## OFFICER TRAINING: Team Building



On December 4, 2006, all police supervisors (civilian and sworn) met at the Rose Center for an 8-hour session to review the past year's accomplishments and to develop goals and objectives for the upcoming year. Projects planned for 2007 include enhancing building security, an upgrading of the jail video system, and the planning of a city-wide disaster drill.

## *Behind the Scenes: Meet the Employees Who Work Inside the WPD*



This is the sixth issue where we introduce you to civilian staff members who have important jobs inside the police building.

Past focus has been on *Administration, Records Bureau, Information & Technology Unit, Property Division* and *Dispatch Communications Center*.

## Administrative Services Bureau



From Left to Right: Intern Malisa MacArthur, Intern Leslie Cao, Sergeant Darrick Vincent, Special Services Clerk Lupe Eason, Police Services Officer Ken Edwards, Officer Bill Eifert, and Officer Don Webb. Missing are Lieutenant Kevin Baker and Officer Dave Bridgewater.

The Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) is comprised of a lieutenant, a sergeant, three officers, two civilians, and two interns. ASB handles the following tasks:

### RECRUITMENT & HIRING

Hiring new police personnel is a complex procedure. ASB is responsible for recruiting and processing applicants for all positions at the police department.

### TRAINING

ASB is in charge of coordinating on-going training for the entire department. Officers, dispatchers and civilian employees all attend training classes on a regular basis. ASB maintains training records for all employees and coordinates in-house training such as firearms range qualification.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

ASB oversees several programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Citizen's Academy, and our award winning violence prevention program SHIELD. All requests for appearances at community events and schools are coordinated by ASB staff.

### LOGISTICS

ASB is responsible for making sure that the WPD has the supplies and equipment needed to provide quality service to the public. The bureau handles purchasing and maintenance of equipment and uniforms, maintenance of police vehicles, and researching new equipment as it becomes available.

## Westminster Police Officers Association Events & News

### WPOA Shootout!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual WPOA Shootout took place on Friday, October 13, 2006, at Raahauge's Pistol Range in Norco, CA.



From Left to Right: Lieutenant Kevin Baker, Sergeant Jim Kingsmill, Reserve Officer Todd Baldrige, Sergeant Dan Schoonmaker, Officer Michael Nguyen, Motor Officer Stan Watanabe, and Sergeant Darrick Vincent.

About a dozen officers participated in the competition that tested their shooting proficiency with various weapons in a variety of situations.



THANKS TO WESTMINSTER LANES  
FOR DONATING BOWLING PINS!



At the end of the day, Reserve Officer Todd Baldrige took home the honor as "Top Gun." Sergeant Darrick Vincent was a close second, followed by last year's winner, Sergeant Dan Schoonmaker.

## "Old Timers" Extend Winning Streak -- Beat "Rookies" in Softball

### Sport Challenge Scoreboard

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OLD TIMERS	ROOKIES

The friendly competition between the old timers (*worked more than 5 years*) and rookies (*worked less than five years*) has been the hottest "talk" of the department. After three sport challenges that in-

clude football, basketball, and softball, the old timers dominate the rookies with a 3-0 record!

To save face, the rookies are practicing hard for the upcoming football "rematch" game. Will they finally turn things around and score a "win"? Stay tuned!

## "Fun Facts" about your WPD staff

Outside of their work in law enforcement, our staff has some interesting life stories to share. Here are two examples!

### Fishing Champion! – Sergeant Jim Kingsmill

In 2004, **Sergeant Jim Kingsmill** was honored by the premiere fishing magazine, *Western Outdoors*, as one of the top anglers on the West Coast. This year, he adds "Champion" to his bragging rights.



Sergeant Jim Kingsmill (far right) celebrated with his teammates when they received the \$3.9 million check!

Jim's boat *Bad Company 55* won the "Bisbee's Black and Blue Tournaments" in Cabo San Lucas in October 2006. During the two day event, Jim and his crew competed against 186 other boats while facing off Hurricane Paul. They caught two blue marlins (at 361 and 422 pounds), easily winning the tournament grand prize of \$3.9 million! Congratulations, Jim!

### Collage Artist! – Police Services Officer Judy Mangiameli

**Police Services Officer Judy Mangiameli** is a respected local

artist, whose artwork has been featured in galleries, exhibits, and numerous art publications (including *Gallery Magazine*,



*ArtErratica*, *Beauldeals*, *Artitude*, *Observation*, and *Somerset Studio Magazine*.) Judy specializes in mixed media collage pieces.

Judy currently has several pieces of artwork in a store in Laguna



Beach called *Solutions*.

Next year, she is going to be in an exhibit at the *Huntington Beach Art Center*

(January 2007) and in a collage exhibit at the *Amorviejo Art Gallery* in Santa Ana (March 2007).

## Goodbye & Good Luck

In the Year of 2006, the following employees left the WPD to pursue other opportunities. We want to acknowledge their many years of service to the Department and City, and wish them all good luck!

**Part-Time Police Dispatcher Linda Burnett**  
(11 ½ years of service)

**Part-Time Forensic Technician Kheim (Michael) Cao**  
(10 years of service)

**Part-Time Police Intern Heather Frey**  
(2 years of service)

**Part-Time Traffic Control Officer Melissa Grove**  
(1 year of service)

**Traffic Police Services Officer Rhonda Johnson**  
(3 ½ years of service)

**Records Supervisor Danielle Martell**  
(8 years of service)

**Police Officer Rafaelo Papale**  
(3 years of service)

**Part-Time Police Intern Philip Storey**  
(2 ¾ years of service)

**Police Officer Stanley Watanabe**  
(9 years of service)

## Police Department Phone Numbers

**If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1!**



**For non-emergency or other business, call (714) 898-3315**

General Information	ext. 425
Dispatch	ext. 326
Records Bureau	ext. 371
Traffic Division	ext. 339
Administration	ext. 301

### E-mail List



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**Mayor Margie L. Rice**  
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