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Police Academy Graduation



On Friday, July 25, 2008, Westminster Police Department had three new officers graduate from the Golden West College Police Academy- Bo Kim, Jerad Kent, and Omar Ayala. The ceremony took place at the Rose Center and every seat was filled.

Bo Kim, Jerad Kent, and Omar Ayala were sworn in on Monday, July 28, 2008, at 0900. The swearing in ceremony took place in the Briefing Room at the PD. These new officers were joined by family and friends.



Chief Andy Hall

Words from Chief Hall

Welcome to the Fall 2008 edition of the Community Briefing. As you know, we are celebrating our 50th year of service to the community. In this edition, you will see photos from our golden anniversary dinner which was held in

September. The event was spectacular as it united our current employees with many of our retirees. This provided us with an opportunity to learn about our past and see the many changes which have occurred over the last 50 years.

As part of looking at our past, we recently reviewed crime statistics for the past twenty years. We are pleased to report a 25% decrease in Part I crime. We will continue to develop innovative ways to serve you as we move into the future.

I hope you enjoy this quarter's edition of the Community

Briefing and be sure to share it with your neighbors and friends. We truly appreciate all the support we receive from the community and encourage any feedback regarding the service we provide.

Community Feedback



Members of the community often take the time to let us know how the Police Department is doing. We appreciate your letters, emails, and phone calls. Hearing from you is the best way for us to ensure that we are

servicing your needs. As always, we strive to provide the best public safety services to each and every one in Westminster.

New Faces at WPD

Officers-in-Training

Bo Kim was born and raised in Seattle, WA. Bo has a Bachelor's Degree from CSULB. He served in both Iraq and Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of the USMC. Prior to being hired and sponsored through the academy Bo was a Volunteer at the front counter of WPD.



Officer Bo Kim

Jerad Kent was born in Fountain Valley, CA and raised in Huntington Beach, CA. He graduated from Marina High School and has an AA degree from Golden West College. Jerad has worked for WPD as an Intern and a Parking Control Officer. He is also a USMC reservist and is looking forward to serving our community.



Officer Jerad Kent

Omar Ayala was born in Yauatepec, Mexico, and raised in Garden Grove, CA. Omar graduated from Bolsa Grande High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Army. While in the Army, Omar served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and was deployed to Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Omar is currently assigned to the United States Army Reserve.



Officer Omar Ayala

Safety Day

Organized by the Community Service Department, *Public Awareness Safety Day* took place on July 29, 2008. This educational event is intended to provide children and their families an opportunity to become familiar with the City's safety staff and services. Staff from the Police Department were on hand to distribute public safety information, assist with bicycle registration, answer questions, and interact with the public. The Westminister Police Explorers provided fingerprinting services. There were displays and demonstrations by the West County SWAT Team, the WPD, and the Orange County Fire Authority. One of the highlights of this annual event was the SWAT demonstration.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE EVENT



On Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 10:00 A.M., Mayor Rice and the City Council held a brief remembrance program at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park located at 14180 All American Way.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, the face of this nation was forever changed. That day a series of coordinated suicide attacks were set into motion against the United States. Thousands of innocent lives were lost that day and thousands more were forever changed. The 9/11 Remembrance ceremony was one which took time out to reflect on what happened and how far we have come since the events of that tragic day.

The Master of Ceremonies was Chief of Police Andrew Hall. The program included flag ceremony by the Westminister Police Honor Guard, a moment of silence and remarks from Mayor Margie Rice.

RETIREMENT



On Wednesday, September 12, 2008, Judy Mangiameli said goodbye to Westminster Police Department. After 36 years of service to the City of Westminster, Judy Mangiameli decided to retire. There was a special lunch in Judy's honor held at the PD and City employees from several departments stopped by to say farewell. It was always a pleasure to work with Judy and her positive attitude and cheerful demeanor will be missed.

O.C. Task Force Receives Federal Grant To Combat Human Trafficking



The Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) is the recipient of a federal grant. The federal funding represents a three year, \$1.2 million commitment of funding to the OCHTTF, and ensures that aggressive victim advocacy and law enforcement strategies will be pursued. Core members of the OCHTTF include the US Attorney's Office, Immigration and

Customs Enforcement (ICE), the FBI, the Federal Department of Labor Wages & Hours Division, Community Service Programs, Inc (CSP), The Public Law Center, the Salvation Army, and the Westminster Police Department.

OCHTTF began as a small, informal group of concerned public, private, and nonprofit agencies wanting to address the special needs of victims and the prosecution of suspects in the growing crime of human trafficking. Today, led by the Westminster Police Department, CSP Victim Assistance Programs, and the US Attorney's Office, OCHTTF is a collaboration of more than 40 agencies. Besides the listed core members, the OCHTTF is also supported by a host of passionate non-governmental agencies and individuals from the community. Agency representatives participate on a voluntary basis, often as a collateral duty to their primary job responsibilities.

In order to build up its infrastructure and to enhance its ability to properly respond to human trafficking incidents, Westminster PD pursued and received federal funding through the office of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. This funding was successfully used to hire personnel dedicated to the improvement of training and outreach to law enforcement and the community. These efforts have established a greater, more active presence for OCHTTF in Orange County and neighboring counties. This has led to an increase in community tips to the National Human Trafficking Resource phone number (888) 373-7888.

Golden Jubilee

In honor of 50 years of service to the City of Westminster, the Police Department held a "Golden Jubilee" 50th Anniversary dinner. The event took place in an elegantly decorated banquet room at the Rose Center on September 19, 2008. Retirees and current employees came together to make this event a success. The highlights of the night were listening to the Master of Ceremonies retired Lieutenant Rick Main and Keynote Speakers: Robert Bonnet, Donald Saviers, James Cook and Chief Andy Hall. They all shared stories about the Police Department during those first 50 years...things were definitely different back then!



Little Saigon Satellite Office

City Council members approved a leasing agreement for a

Special Investigations Unit, whose goal is to target Asian crime. It could open its doors as early as January 1, 2009. The proposed location for the office is 15496 Magnolia St., Unit 108.

The Little Saigon investigative team will proactively investigate a variety of crimes that originate in the Vietnamese American enclave, including video piracy, extortion, human trafficking, loan-sharking and money laundering.

The Special Investigations Unit detectives will seek out "Asian criminal enterprise" and establish a strong relationship with the community. A big part of their investigation will target counterfeit products and piracy. This unit recently concluded a 10-month investigation into a computer software piracy case, which linked to a company in China that manufactures pirated software.

Council member Andy Quach said Little Saigon business owners will be happy to have more of a police presence there. "That area has evolved into a tourist destination and it's important to make it safer for residents, business owners and visitors," he said.

Preventing Identity Theft

Identity thieves don't need much information. Your name, address, Social Security number and birth date are more than enough to let them pretend they are you. You cannot completely protect yourself from identity theft, but here are some steps you can take to reduce the chances that you will become a victim.

- Never give your personal information to anybody. If

someone asks for your Social Security number, driver license number or other personal information, say you want to know how the information will be used.

- Shred any documents that contain your Social Security number, birth date, account numbers, and other personal information before throwing them in the trash. Cross-cut shredding is best, but scissors can also be used to cut documents.
 - Keep your cellular phone on you at all times. Find out if your phone has security features such as a password or key lock and use them. If you have a laptop computer, password-protect it. Phones and computers often contain personal information, which can be retrieved by identity thieves if the items are stolen.
 - If you participate in online social networking, limit the personal information that you post on a site.
 - Beware of emails and pop-up ads on your computer that say you've won a prize and you must provide your personal information to claim it. They may direct you to a phony website that looks identical to that of a reputable company and ask you to provide your information there. Do not fall for these scams.
 - Remember, the Internet is a public resource and any one can see what you post. People can misrepresent their identities in chat rooms and emails, so be cautious about the amount of information that you reveal to people over the Internet.
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Shopping Tips for the Holiday Season



When going shopping this holiday season, there are certain things you must think about before you leave your home that will help you with your personal safety and the safety of your personal property. You should always think about shopping with a friend or group. This will allow you to watch out for each other and perpetrators are less likely to commit crimes against a small group. When arriving at your desired shopping destination, try to park your vehicles in well lit areas that are close to the actual building. This will prevent you from having to walk a great distance back to your vehicle with all your belongings and thieves are less likely to burglarize vehicles that can be seen by everyone else as well. Before walking into any mall or shopping center, make sure all your vehicle doors are locked and make sure there is nothing in plain view they may be of value such as shopping bags, purses, wallets, backpacks, portable GPS devices, MP3 players, and cell phones. I would also suggest you not place your shopping bags inside of your trunk because you never know who is watching you in the parking lot. Be aware of your surroundings because thieves usually work together in groups of 3 or more.

While conducting your shopping, it's important to know where your purse, wallet, and shopping bags are at all times. Never leave any of these items

unattended when you are walking around any store or trying on items because it takes about a second for someone to pick these items up and leave the area with them. I would suggest you not carry large amounts of cash with you in the event your purse or wallet does get taken because cash in most cases is hard to recover and trace. Lastly, you should have the phone numbers of all your banks and credit card companies with you just in case your credit card or ATM cards do get stolen while you are shopping. Many thieves will attempt to use these credit cards and ATM cards right away, so this will allow you to call your financial companies and stop any transactions these thieves are attempting to make. Never be afraid to call the police to report anyone who may be acting suspicious. Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe!

New Police Building



The plan for the new police station is a 98,715-square foot building. It will consist of three floors and an adjacent four-level 600-stall parking structure. The new police station will be located in the surface parking areas north of the current police station and south of city hall. The first floor will comprise of 42,4754 square feet of area. The second and third floors are approximately 24,640 square

feet each. The new police station will include an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), a Regional Police Dispatch Center and a Certified Forensic Science Laboratory. The main entrance to the building will be located on the west elevation, facing the courthouse. An emergency generator and loading dock will be located adjacent to the east elevation.

The adjoining parking structure, to be sited south of the new police station, will be accessed from the police station via a *sally port*. The parking structure includes 200 secured stalls reserved for police department use and the remaining 400 stalls will be available for the general public.

Historical Crime Statistics Overview

Recently, Chief Hall called for a study on the historical trend of crime statistics over a twenty year time period. An analysis was conducted on Part I crimes covering the years 1987 through 2007. Part I crimes consists of seven offenses-homicide, burglary, robbery, rape, vehicle theft, aggravated assault and larceny. The study revealed an **25% decrease** in Part I crimes over the last twenty years!

For more details refer to the last page of this newsletter. There you will find the chart of the Historical Overview.

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Westminster Police Department Historical Overview - A 30 Year Retrospective

THE 1980's											Decade Total Part 1 To Date	Decade Review 1989-1981	Average Crimes Per Yr
Part 1 Serious Crimes	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989			
Homicide	0	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	27	-60%	3
Rape	0	20	17	11	13	20	16	26	23	22	168	10%	19
Robbery	0	167	156	126	174	164	172	192	166	178	1,495	7%	166
Aggravated Assaults	0	186	96	128	127	130	147	118	132	146	1,210	-22%	134
Burglary	0	1,480	1,293	1,342	1,289	1,312	1,153	1,107	1,030	1,058	11,064	-29%	1,229
Larceny	0	2,393	2,292	1,944	1,956	2,160	2,303	2,237	2,936	3,219	21,440	35%	2,382
Auto Theft	0	351	358	386	445	589	634	711	745	879	5,098	150%	566
Arson	0	21	23	15	18	18	23	14	7	8	147	-62%	16
Total Part 1 Crimes	0	4,602	4,215	3,940	4,025	4,396	4,451	4,407	5,042	5,512	40,649	20%	4,510

THE 1990's											Decade Total Part 1 To Date	Decade Review 1999-1990	Average Crimes Per Yr
Part 1 Serious Crimes	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999			
Homicide	4	5	4	10	5	6	9	8	4	6	61	50%	6
Rape	14	27	16	11	18	23	20	26	14	15	184	7%	18
Robbery	205	302	259	202	185	208	220	145	116	138	1,980	-33%	198
Aggravated Assaults	185	192	192	175	195	172	175	148	167	208	1,809	12%	181
Burglary	1,185	1,231	1,408	1,210	913	879	792	794	731	795	9,938	-33%	994
Larceny	3,171	2,809	2,855	2,557	2,630	2,466	2,330	2,258	1,778	1,820	24,674	-43%	2,467
Auto Theft	1,117	986	941	984	831	1,058	848	616	533	601	8,515	-46%	852
Arson	12	18	17	10	11	19	33	34	32	46	232	283%	23
Total Part 1 Crimes	5,893	5,570	5,692	5,159	4,788	4,831	4,427	4,029	3,375	3,629	47,393	-38%	4,739

THE MILLINEUM											Decade Total Part 1 To Date	Decade Review 2007-2000	Average Crimes Per Yr	20 Yr Review 2007-1987
Part 1 Serious Crimes	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009				
Homicide	2	2	4	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	17	0%	2	0%
Rape	18	18	17	16	23	14	19	20	0	0	145	11%	15	-23%
Robbery	118	132	131	110	96	96	119	124	0	0	926	5%	93	-35%
Aggravated Assaults	191	206	189	203	211	238	176	206	0	0	1,620	8%	162	75%
Burglary	458	466	524	506	535	561	505	503	0	0	4,058	10%	406	-55%
Larceny	1,785	1,638	1,772	2,061	1,786	1,769	1,578	1,766	0	0	14,155	-1%	1,416	-21%
Auto Theft	492	570	471	480	572	536	412	358	0	0	3,891	-27%	389	-50%
Arson	14	6	47	21	15	27	25	25	0	0	180	79%	18	79%
Total Part 1 Crimes	3,078	3,038	3,155	3,398	3,240	3,244	2,835	3,004	0	0	24,992	-2%	2,499	-25%

10 year comparisons reflects last year of the decade compared to first year of the decade, available. (i.e. 1989 compared to 1981)

20 year comparisons reflects last year of the current decade compared to first year of the twenty year span. (i.e. 2007 compared to 1987)

*1980 data unavailable by DOJ

Red font denotes increase in crimes

Blue font denotes decrease in crimes