

Community Services

Children's entertainers Greg & Steve (nominated for a 2009 Grammy for Best Children's Recording) were given the keys to the City by Mayor Ann Johnston during a program at the Chavez Central Library on Thursday, February 4, 2010. Greg & Steve were in town for a series of concerts, and entertained the crowd with a couple of songs and signed autographs for their fans. In addition, children were treated to a puppet show and a craft activity.

Peacekeepers

The Principal from Merlot school requested Peacekeepers assistance in mediating a conflict between Hispanic and African American students. Outreach Workers met with the two students that initiated a riot after school to find out the root of the hostility. The two African American Outreach Workers, together with the two Hispanic Outreach Workers, then held an assembly with about 250 students to promote racial unity.

A mother of a youth who was murdered requested Peacekeeper's assistance in attending the defendant's sentencing hearing.

Outreach Workers were requested to assist Modesto's Chief of Police, District Attorney and U.S. Attorney during a "Forum" targeting Modesto Juveniles that are documented Gang members on Probation. This was the first such "Peacekeeper-type" effort by Modesto. A subsequent letter of appreciation was received for our assistance.

Outreach Workers were deployed to the downtown Cineplex area on Friday evening to monitor and interact with gang related youths to prevent potential violence.

Peacekeepers took eleven clients on an incentive field trip to the snow. The students were chosen based on their academic, attitude, image, and behavior improvement.

Police Department

The Stockton Police Department Fiscal Affairs Section, in conjunction with Renown Solutions Corporation, has developed a new database system to operate the Alarm Reduction Program.

"PADS" (Permit and Alarm Database System) is designed to streamline processing, while automating and accelerating communications with alarm users within the City of Stockton's jurisdiction. The main goal of the Alarm Reduction Program is to reduce the number of alarm activations called to our dispatch, which in effect will reduce the number of Officer hours spent on false alarm activations.

Starting February 3, 2010, the Alarm Reduction Unit will begin, on a daily basis, generating and mailing letters to locations that have alarm activations without an Alarm Permit on file. The letter will be mailed, on average, two days after the alarm activation and will require the alarm user purchase an Alarm Permit within 30 days of the date of the letter.

Officers responded to the 4900 block of Kentfield, on a report of a person shot. The victim stated he was standing outside when the suspects drove by in dark-colored vehicle. As the suspects passed the victim, the victim heard approximately 25 gun shots, with one round striking the victim in his left calf. The victim was able to walk to a relative's residence and call the police. The suspect vehicle was last seen going southbound on Kentfield. The victim was taken to a nearby hospital with a non life-threatening injury. Shell casings were located at the scene. A short time after the shooting, Officers stopped a dark-colored vehicle at West Lane/Atchenson. A search of the vehicle located a semi auto handgun with two fully loaded magazines. The shell casings located at the scene matched the bullets in the magazines. The four occupants of the car were arrested for weapons violations. Three adult suspects are documented gang members. The suspects were interviewed in connection with the shooting.

The victim had just finished loading sheetrock into his vehicle in the 3800 block of E. Hammer. Suspect #1 approached and pointed a sawed-off rifle at him, demanding his money and vehicle. Suspect #2 was

standing nearby and acting as a lookout. The victim grabbed the barrel of the rifle and pushed it away from his chest. The victim grabbed both suspects and began to fight with them. Several citizens began yelling at the suspects and they fled in a white pickup. A citizen followed the suspects to the Flea Market on Wilson, where Suspects #1 & #2 met with Suspects #3 & #4. All four suspects got into a white sedan and fled eastbound on Newton from Wilson. The citizen continued to provide updates until Officers arrived and stopped the suspects in the 4200 block of Newton. Officers subsequently arrested the suspects without incident and confiscated a loaded/sawed-off .30 caliber rifle.

Officers conducted follow-up regarding the Chase Bank robbery that occurred last week and located the suspect sleeping behind some undergrowth at Mormon Slough/El Dorado. Investigations was notified and a Detective responded to interview the suspect. The suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail.

An 11-year-old female victim reported she took her 7-year-old cousin to use a restroom in the park at 100 E. Eighth. She reported that while they were in the restroom, the suspect entered and grabbed the victim by both arms and asked her for a kiss. When the victim refused, the suspect threatened to force her "to smoke." The victim screamed and the suspect fled on foot. Officers located the suspect at a nearby bus stop and took him into custody. High bail was requested and granted by a Judge.

Gang Street Enforcement Team Officers spotted a vehicle at Main/David that came back to an address associated with a suspect who has a "no bail" warrant for an attempt murder case. The suspect was also wanted for questioning in a murder case. The car was parked at an address in the 2900 block of E. Main. Officers in an unmarked vehicle saw the suspect in front of the residence with three other Hispanic males and watched them enter the location. Officers surrounded the house. A Sergeant was able to make contact via phone with the suspect and have everyone step out of the house one at a time. The suspect was then taken into custody without incident. All subjects were interviewed by Detectives. A search warrant was written for the residence and Detectives responded for the search.

Officers responded to the 4700 block of McCuen on a report from an alarm company that they were hearing voices and movement from inside a classroom. Upon arrival, Officers saw Suspect #1 and Suspect #2 running away from one of the classrooms and getting into a vehicle driven by Suspect #3. The vehicle fled the area but stopped at Henry Long/EWS Woods due to mechanical problems. Suspect #1 and Suspect #3 were taken into custody without incident. Officers conducted further investigation and arrested Suspect #2 at his home. The suspects also admitted to a prior burglary at the school.

A witness saw the suspect steal mail in the 3100 block of Beaufort and followed him until Officers arrived. When the Officer attempted to contact the suspect, he fled on foot, but was located and arrested in a nearby backyard. The suspect was found to be in possession of stolen mail and a .22 caliber handgun.

Officers stopped to assist a vehicle that was stalled at March/Pershing. Upon contacting the female driver and two male occupants, they found the driver had a \$25,000 warrant. After arresting her, a search of the vehicle found a loaded 9mm handgun under the front passenger seat. The rear seat passenger was on parole and arrested for parole violation.

Public Works

The 2010 Speed Hump, Speed Cushion, Speed Table Project 10-01 has advertised for bids, which are due February 18, 2010. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program staff submitted an Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant application to purchase three Speed Feedback Signs for use at both the Oakwood and Creekside Elementary schools. Lodi Unified School District has agreed to pay all installation costs for these signs. In addition, if approved, the grant funding will provide major upgrades to 15 Speed Feedback Signs currently located in school zones throughout Stockton.

A Neighborhood Traffic Management Program kick-off meeting was held January 27, 2010 at Oakwood School for the Stonewood/Sunnyoak neighborhood in Council District 1. Residents in attendance voted to proceed with the expedited Speed Hump Program. A Traffic Calming Committee (TCC) was formed from neighborhood volunteers to begin canvassing the neighborhood for support or opposition to possible speed hump locations. TCC will meet in one month.

City Manager's Message

Have a great weekend!

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