Coffee With A Cop

The Riverside Sheriff’s Department frequently host Coffee with a Cop events. The purpose of these events is to bring together Deputies and members of the community they serve to discuss events effecting their neighborhood and, to promote closer ties between both parties, and get a cup of free coffee. The “Coffee With A Cop” program was started in 2011 in Hawthorne, California and in less than six years, Coffee with a Cop events have been hosted in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, and Africa. The Sheriff’s Department has been kind enough to also include Members of the Palm Desert Citizens on Patrol at these meetings. This has been a great opportunity to promote our program with the citizens of Palm Desert. Pictured above are Gerard Romanet, Renee Standhardt, Stan Thomas and CSO Stacey Austin. Photo is courtesy of Dyana Swanson, who also participated in the event.

MARCH MEETING
Tuesday 3-13-2018
9:00 a.m.
Administrative Conference Room
ON THE SCENE WITH PALM DESERT COPS

Dennis Lindoff and Stan Thomas with Jim Dunn, former Canadian basketball star.
COP Duties Include More Than Just Traffic Control

In addition to traffic control at accidents and city events, COP members are sometimes called upon to assist in unexpected situations. While out on a training patrol recently, Members Jeff Alley and Harry Stone (pictured) came upon two Yorkies running in traffic on Fairway Drive. With the assistance of several passing motorist, they were able to catch the dogs and return them to their homes. It turned out that the pool person had left the gates open and that is how they escaped. Their owner’s were extremely thankful for catching and returning them.

PERSONAL SAFETY WHILE ON PATROL

Our training subject at the January Member’s Meeting was personal safety while on patrol or talking to the public. A presentation was made by Troy Lawrence from the Palm Springs Police Department. He broke this subject down into three parts: Before, During, and After. BEFORE: Always be aware of your surroundings. Know where you are at all times. Always have an escape route planned. Don’t get complacent. DURING: Keep paying attention to your surroundings. Avoid profiling. The person you think is not a threat can be just as dangerous as the person you think looks dangerous. If something feels wrong, it probably is. That is the time to discontinue what you are doing and leave! AFTER: Review in your mind the day or situation you were in. Try to see how you could have been better. Network with others about your experiences. We can teach each other a lot.

Dave MacFarlane Promoted To Patrol Lieutenant

Dave MacFarlane has been promoted to the position of Patrol Lieutenant, replacing Jeff Alley. Lt. MacFarlane has been with the CVOPS Program since 2012 and is moving up from the Training Sergeant position. As the Training Sergeant, Dave instigated a new system for tracking member’s training and brings those extraordinary organizational skills to his new position. Pictured above is Captain Alley pinning Lt. MacFarlane’s new bars on.

CRUISE NIGHT

Palm Desert Cruise Night happens on the first and third Friday of the month with a few exceptions. Running from November through April, the cars begin arriving at the upper level at the Gardens On El Paseo, around three. After an hour or so they begin to drive out onto El Paseo and cruise up and down for more several hours. You will see many residents and visitors lined up along the street to watch the cars cruise by. The Palm Desert COPS provide traffic control in the parking structure.

COPS Volunteer Hours Report for 2018

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1,117 hours X $51.54 hr. = $57,570.18

If you have any questions, suggestions, photos that you would like included in a future newsletter, feel free to e-mail Jeff Alley or leave him the info in his mail box at the office. cops@adjustablebedmart.com 760-641-1456

FASHION WEEK

Fashion Week El Paseo is almost upon us. This event will run from March 17th through the 24th. The COPS Program is tasked with providing traffic control at the event. This is one of our busiest events and all members are needed to assist. We will begin taking sign up at the February Member’s Meeting so check your calendars and try to save a night or two to participate.

Palm Desert Cruise Night