

Northwest Area News

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Welcome.....

......To the first edition of the Northwest Area Command newsletter. We hope this newsletter will be a way for us to share information with the community and foster a greater understanding of what our officers are doing for you and how you can be a part of creating a safer community.

The Northwest Area Command is the larger geographic region of the county, in which the town of Salida resides. We currently have a staff of six patrol officers and a Community Service Officer dedicated to providing the best possible service to the community and surrounding areas. These officers are assigned to the Salida substation for no less than two years, which gives them time to get familiar with the problems and concerns unique to Salida. In addition, the Sheriff's office on Hackett Road provides additional patrol coverage allowing the community officers time to become involved in many different aspects of police work.

Each month we will be bringing you information on safety tips and activity in your town. We have created an email address (salidasub@stanislaussheriff.com) that you can use to share information with us concerning potential criminal activity in your neighborhood or just to share your thoughts about how we are doing business. We encourage you to stop by the substation on Broadway Avenue during regular business hours to meet with the staff or if we are out driving in your neighborhood, just wave and say "hi".

Once again, let me say "Thank You" for your support and assistance in making Salida a safe and healthy community. It is a pleasure to be assigned to Salida as your Area Commander.



Lt. Charles Grom

Meet Our Staff



Lt. Charles Grom



Deputy M. Andriese



Deputy J. Freeman



Deputy C. Hill



Deputy R. Paris



Deputy E. Ridenour



Deputy D. Wallace



CSO D. Allen



Who to call? When to call?

Many times we need help, but aren't sure which number to call for assistance. We have many options, such as an emergency number to law enforcement or a non-emergency number to a dispatch communications center. You may also call your local substation or the main office.

As you know, 9-1-1 is staffed 24 hours a day to report crimes in progress or to request help for an emergency. An emergency may be defined as immediate harm to a person or property. You should not call 9-1-1 unless it is an actual emergency.

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Salida substation is located at 4600 Broadway in Salida. It is staffed by a Community Service Officer (CSO) from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The Lobby is open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. At times the substation is also staffed by a STARS Volunteer. Whenever the lobby is open, there is always someone there to help you.

If you need assistance with a problem on the weekend or when the substation is closed you should contact the Public Service Office (PSO desk). The PSO desk is staffed by a Community Service Officer (CSO) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is located at the main Sheriff's Office on Hackett Road in Modesto. Their voice mail is checked continually and you may leave a message for a call back at any time.

If you need a Deputy and the substation is closed, you may call the non-emergency number at the dispatch communication center. The PSO desk can also enter a request for a Deputy to respond to your residence.

Here are numbers for your reference:

Emergency – 9-1-1 Salida Substation – 543-7355 PSO Desk – 525-7114 Non-Emergency Dispatch – 552-2468

Other Important Numbers

Animal Control – Dispatch 24hr – 575-5262 Graffiti Abatement – 525-6700 Stanislaus County Public Works – 525-4130 Stanislaus County Sheriff – Civil Division – 567-4210



Community Concerns

School/Neighborhood Traffic

The substation has received several complaints about Salida citizens unsafe driving in and around the school zones before and after school. A reported incident last week of a car bumping a child walking to school and changes in weather with foggy mornings, serves as a reminder for us to slow down. So..... Are you driving 25 MPH or slower in School Zones? Is everyone in the vehicle buckled up? Are you looking out for the children riding their bicycles to school? Are the children wearing their bicycle helmets?

The Sheriff's Department's focus is prevention, education and enforcement for the traffic problem in coordination with the California Highway Patrol. Unfortunately, I've observed major congestion around schools in the morning with unbuckled children being transported to school; parents failing to stay out of restricted "Bus Only / Emergency Parking" areas on school campuses; speeding; and failing to stop at posted stop signs in school areas.

Please take the personal responsibility to be a good neighbor and slow down to benefit the safety of our community. No one likes a ticket/citation, but they serve to prevent accidents, injuries, or death. Drivers are educated to slow down or stop. When the public sees the traffic enforcement, they hopefully slow down.

Due to similar citizen complaints two years ago, the Stanislaus County Traffic Task Force came to Salida, and wrote over 200 traffic citations in a three hour enforcement period.

I'm sure some citizens loved seeing the large traffic enforcement presence, while others didn't appreciate being educated. So, lets work together to keep Salida Safer!

Deputy Dennis Wallace Salida Community Deputy



STATS AT A GLANCE:

In December, 2007

Residential Burglaries – 7 Vehicle Burglaries – 19 Commercial Burglaries – 3 Grand Thefts – 14 Vehicle Thefts - 3

Vandalism (including Tagging) - 15

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE - 480



