



Police Chief's Annual Report covers crime, traffic & more

Chief Cynthia Renaud presented the Police Department's 2013 Annual Report during last week's City Council Meeting, sharing crime trends and patterns, and her staff's response efforts. She noted that Folsom has seen a consistent downward trend in overall crime for the past 5 years, and significant decreases in traffic fatalities and collisions last year.

"Our main mission is to keep our community safe," Chief Renaud said. "Our residents expect us to fight crime and to keep our crime rate low."

Chief Renaud's presentation including the following highlights:

- Communications Center staff responded to more than 101,000 calls, including 21,286 9-1-1 calls, an 8 percent increase over the previous year. They answered more than 96 percent of those calls in 10 seconds or less.
- Traffic Safety staff worked hard to reduce the total number of collisions by 8 percent. Fatal collisions were down 43 percent.
- Overall, there were 1,328 collisions in Folsom, and the most frequent locations were E. Bidwell Street & Iron Point Road; Greenback Lane & Folsom Auburn Road; Folsom Boulevard & Blue Ravine Road; and Folsom Boulevard & Iron Point Road.
- Residents surrendered 733.5 pounds of prescription drugs at the local Drug Take Back drive last fall.
- Citizens Assisting Public Safety (CAPS) volunteered 12,454 hours, the full-time equivalent of six additional personnel.
- School Resource Officers and other staff worked hard to mentor and guide the community's youth through numerous programs at schools and in the community.

California Highway Patrol Commissioner Joe Farrow, a long-time Folsom resident, offered high praise for Chief Renaud and the Folsom Police Department. He noted that statewide fatal accidents increased 9 percent in the past year, while Folsom experienced a 43 percent decrease. He also praised Folsom's dispatchers for achieving a better than 96 percent 10-second call answer rate, saying that must be one of the highest in the nation.

"The way most people measure safety is do they feel safe when they walk the streets at night . . .," said Commissioner Farrow. "I know I speak for many citizens when I say that we do feel safe and protected in Folsom."

Video of Chief Renaud's 2013 Annual Report is available at
http://folsom.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=1173