



## 2016 Year In Review SCV Sheriff's Foundation

Another Big Year for our board and our station! Some exciting news that came right at the beginning of 2017 – that came as no surprise to our board – is that Captain Roosevelt Johnson is being promoted to Commander. So, we will have a new Captain to welcome to our station in the near future.

Community and fund raising events included our partnering with College of the Canyons, and producing a concert in June with Tanya Tucker and comedian Tom Arnold. The Concert followed a V.I.P. dinner held at COC's iCUE facility, with the college culinary staff working in conjunction with Wolf Creek to produce a wonderful dinner. The concert was great and, although we did not sell all the tickets, we gave many away to people in our community who were very pleased to have had the opportunity to attend what turned out to be, a *fantastic* concert. Elliot Wolfe, Steve Leach, Jill Mellady, and other board members did a great job pulling off this event.

As with any event we host, we look to not only raise money to support our mission, but also to steadily develop our reputation within the community as a group dedicated to support those that serve to keep our community safe. Each year, our Foundation, and that mission, is becoming more respected. One exciting outcome of the event was the great partnership we developed with College of the Canyons, and their tremendous support with allowing us the use of the PAC Center.

In terms of our financial performance, we started 2016 with a bank balance of \$98,158, (\$30k over 2015 start), and we raised \$116,451, with total expenditures of \$133,641. We ended the year with a balance of \$81,801 in our account. Of the expenditures, \$71,358 was spent on fund raising support costs, with \$9,134 spent on Foundation expenses such as insurance, credit card fees, etc. The Balance of \$53,149 was spent on specific Station support expenses that are detailed below. The significant funds spent on fund raising events were as a result of our not selling nearly as many tickets to the Tanya Tucker event as expected, so the costs of the concert had quite an impact on our event income. Nevertheless, supporting the station was still one of our largest expenditure years in the history of our Foundation, and the concert went a long way in making our Foundation, and our mission, much better recognized in our community.

We rolled off the concert event right into our third year with the *Dancing With Our Stars* event. In 2016, Tami Edwards danced the night away with Willy Arroyo, of D'Wilfri Dance Studio. Tami's performance was fantastic, and many of our board were in attendance. My wife, Betty-Lou, and I hosted a pre-dance fund raising event at our home in Piru, and many of our board and guests had a relaxing evening under the stars in preparation for Tami dancing *with* the stars!

One of our successful fund raising appeals this year was to fund two posters that will be located in the Briefing room at the station. One says: "Your Community Stands Behind You" – and the other says "Be Safe Today." 92 individuals paid \$100 to have their name appear on one poster, or \$200 to appear on both posters. The posters are in the process of being printed, and will be on display in a few weeks.

Our third fund raising event was the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. The SCV Sheriff's Foundation and SCV Search & Rescue Team shared the net profits of \$34.4k, with over \$19k of that going to our Foundation. This year, Jessica Lee was my Co-Chair for this event and she was a great help. We recognized several organizations that had been part of the event for all 10 years including board member companies – Accurate Freight, SCV Auto Dealer's Group and AMS Fulfillment. We also acknowledged the City of Santa Clarita and the legendary Laker Girls for their 10-year support.

We are proud to say that we helped orchestrate a donation by the Assistance League of Santa Clarita to donate Teddy Bears to be carried in the Deputy patrol vehicles to be used at scenes where a the gift of a teddy bear to a child might be just the remedy for the accident or violent scene that they had just encountered.

We received a wonderful letter from a parent of an autistic adolescent who was having a violent episode along the 5 freeway. Our deputies arrived on scene and were amazing at getting control of the scene, and calming the adolescent. The Deputies told the mother that they had both received training on how to deal with individuals with autism, and that is what they utilized in the calming the situation. As the parent pointed out, the outcome could have been much different without the training.

New members included Russ Briley, EVP and co-owner of The Signal. We also had a reduction of two board members, Brandan Stein and Mark MacArthur, who chose to move on but remain supportive of our mission. We thank ALL for their support of our Foundation. Also, due to the enormous support of College of the Canyons, we bestowed Honorary Board Member status upon Jerry Buckley and Murray Wood. We finished 2016 with 18 Board members, 2 honorary Board members, and 2 LASD advisors in the SCV Sheriff's Foundation.

**Our current Board of Directors includes:**

- Captain Roosevelt Johnson, Chairman / Ken Wiseman, President / James Biscailuz, Vice President  
Cookie Diaz, Secretary / Neil Fischer, Treasurer.
- **Directors:** Don Fleming, Jill Mellady, Moe Hafizi, Mike Delorenzo, Todd Stevens, Tony Demma, Donald Spiller, Jerry Cain, Jessica Lee, Steve Leach, Cliff Wong, Elliott Wolfe, Russ Briley.
- **Honorary Board Members:** Jerry Buckley and Murray Wood
- **Advisors:** Lieutenant Todd Weber, Deputy Kevin Duxbury.

**Our Board funded several initiatives for our station that included the following:**

- Ballistic Shields
- Vehicle Escape Tools
- Traffic Scene Accident Camera and Technology – allows 80-90% faster processing of accident and crime scenes.
- Ez-Ups for Station, Mobile CP, Volunteer Trailer
- Ham Radio Setup for Mobile CP
- Generator for Volunteer Trailer
- Volunteer Dinner
- 2-Surprise Holiday meals fed to Deputies on duty Thanksgiving evening, and one other holiday.
- Funding for Baker-to-Vegas Team
- “Simulation” ammunition for training exercises – specifically, active shooter training at schools, etc.

**Training for Staff included:**

- Managing Threat Training
- Robbery Training Seminar
- Social Media Seminar
- Use of Force Training

**Other:**

- The Robotics Education for Val Verde
- New Website for the SCV Sheriff's Foundation
- Robotics Competition to support the Sheriff's Youth Foundation and Boston Scientific
- YAL Van – arrived and is now fully in use for the Val Verde youth.

**A new addition to our annual letter is to include some of the highlights of accomplishments at our station:**

- Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station held two community academies.
- Two VIDA academies.
- In conjunction with the City of Santa Clarita, we have been recognizing Station personnel monthly, for their achievements and excellent fieldwork at the City Council meetings.
- Our most notable incident in 2016 was the Sand Fire.
- Crime Prevention Deputies conducted foot patrols throughout downtown Newhall.
- Continued outreach to homeless population, offering resources.
- Continued partnership with the City for the Special Needs Registry.
- Zone Crime Prevention Deputy Program; providing residents direct contact for neighborhood issues and weekly crime prevention reports.
- Addition of a MET (Mental Health Evaluation Team) at station to assist patrol deputies.
- Announcement of the SCV Sheriff's Station to be constructed in the Golden Valley area - expected completion a few years out.
- Approval received for new Sheriff's Station.
- Free Club program for residents with vehicles that are "at-risk" for theft.

It always seems it is at that point when we reflect on our activities of the year, and share them all in one document, that we can best appreciate all that our board has accomplished in the past year. Thank you, everyone, for all your hard work and dedication to our Board, and your generous support of your time, donations, and resources in the support of our Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station and the amazing professional and volunteer staff that are dedicated to protecting our community.

Most sincerely,

*Ken Wiseman*

President, SCV Sheriff's Foundation

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