

2008 Fallbrook Substation Highlights and Accomplishments

DID YOU KNOW?

Fallbrook has realized significant decreases in both property and violent crimes in 2008 as compared to 2007.

Fallbrook is the Sheriff's Department's largest substation with a service area over 140 square miles.

Fallbrook deputies handle over 1,200 radio calls for service per month and nearly match that number in self initiated activity contacts per month.

Fallbrook deputies write close to 2,200 crime cases per year.

Arrest of Serial Burglary Suspect

In the beginning of 2008, numerous commercial burglaries occurred in the Fallbrook business district. Deputies recognized the series early and, when responding to the calls, made every effort to locate and collect evidence from the crime scenes. At the same time, they proactively worked every lead and detained and questioned potential suspects. In early February, while conducting operations specifically directed toward catching the perpetrator of these commercial burglaries, a detective caught Thomas Sim Young running from the direction of closed businesses in the downtown district. Young was taken into custody and has been formally charged with 19 burglaries. Evidence collected by the deputies who first responded to the call were able to link the burglaries to Young.

Fallbrook Citizen's Crime Prevention Committee

In 2008, the Fallbrook Substation was an active participant in the community-based "Fallbrook Citizen's Crime Prevention Committee". The substation supported the committee by participating in monthly meetings and providing presentations open to the entire community. The committee also runs a very active mentoring program for area youth.

Fallbrook Avocado Festival Security

Once again, the Fallbrook substation successfully provided security during the 2008 Fallbrook Avocado Festival. The one-day, annual event, sponsored by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, is a community arts and crafts street fair that attracts 350 vendors including several food and craft vendors. The estimated attendance was about 70,000 people.

Rice Wildland Fire

At the end of 2007, the Fallbrook Substation responded to the Rice Wildland Fire. The Fallbrook Substation served as the primary law enforcement command center for the Rice Fire, effectively managing and coordinating the activities of Sheriff's deputies, responding federal and state police officers from many jurisdictions, and California National Guard soldiers.

Anti-Graffiti Task Force

To address the problem of graffiti in Fallbrook and to expedite its removal, the Fallbrook Substation created a community-based "Anti-Graffiti Task Force" in collaboration with the department and a number of community groups. Participants included the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Fallbrook Rotary Anti-Graffiti Enforcement Program, Keep Fallbrook Clean and Green, Crime Stoppers, and the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance.

Immigration Demonstrations

The Fallbrook Substation responded to immigration demonstrations throughout the community held by anti-immigration activists and counter-protesters. Deputies minimized threats to public safety and ensured an orderly assembly during all demonstrations.

Sheriff's Advisory Group

The Fallbrook Substation created a community-based "Sheriff's Advisory Group" intended to address issues affecting the community and department. Goals include the following:

- Create a closer link between segments of the community and the Sheriff's Department
- Develop community awareness, support and guidance with the intent to enhance the quality of life for the residents of Fallbrook
- Participate in a forum where citizens and the Sheriff's Department come together to resolve or better understand issues that affect us

Quality First Training

The Fallbrook Substation successfully participated in the monthly Work Safe Stay Healthy ("WSSH") - Quality First Training. Each deputy at the station received training in numerous areas within this program.

Quarterly Training Program

The Fallbrook Substation developed and implemented a scenario-based quarterly training program. Training has been accomplished in the area of High-risk Vehicle Stops. Building Search Training is currently being developed.

Collaborative Operations

In a collaborative effort with other governmental groups the Fallbrook Substation conducted a number of operations intended to address specific problems within the community. They include:

- Edward Byrne Grant (Gang Sweeps)
- Deputy Adopt-A-School Program
- Gang Prevention Video Dissemination Project
- K-9's Drug Detection Program at Schools
- Juvenile Sweeps
- Proactive ID and Field Interviews of Gang Members
- Marijuana Eradication Program
- NTF Operations
- Gang Task Force Operations
- ICE Team Operations
- Fugitive Task Force Operations
- Gang Awareness Training and Presentations to School Parents
- Addition and training of a narcotics detection K9
- Crime Prevention Strike Teams Project - Commercial District
- Commercial Burglary – Undercover Detective Project
- Anti-Graffiti Task Force
- Incident Command Post Build Project
- Sex Offender Compliance Checks
- "Operation Mastiff"
- Crime Free Multi-Housing Project and Presentation
- Fire Patrols
- Citizen's Academy
- Crime Trends Projects (Crime Analysis)
- ABC Decoy Operations
- Curfew Sweeps
- Neighborhood Watch