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PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JEANNE LEWIS

Forty years ago on August 20, 1969, Parking Enforcement Officer Jeanne Lewis began her career with the Redding Police Department. She has the distinct honor of being the longest-serving employee with the City of Redding.

Jeanne has served under five different Police Chiefs in a variety of positions including dispatch, transporting and searching prisoners, working in the department's jail, and as a member of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program as a parking enforcement officer. Jeanne has directed traffic at every Air Show and Kool April Nites, and has worked overtime at Freedom Festivals, Christmas Parades, Redding Rodeos, and pancake breakfasts for the past 39 years.

Jeanne has many memories she loves to share. One in particular occurred sometime around 1971 or 1972 when Jeanne was riding as a passenger with a sworn officer. They received a radio call about a wanted vehicle, and when Jeanne spotted the vehicle, the officer affected a traffic stop. While the officer was conducting the investigation, she told the officer she thought the female may have a gun. She said it was "just a feeling." A short time later, the female passenger reached into the glove box and removed a pistol, shooting three rounds; one of which just missed hitting Jeanne. After a brief struggle, the officer got the gun away from the female, and she was taken into custody.

What advice could Jeanne give to all of us? She says, "Enjoy every day."

When she is not working, Jeanne's hobbies include riding horses and getting the opportunity to work with friends on a cattle ranch. She also enjoys the time she gets to spend with her family; her son and two daughters and several grandchildren.

Jeanne is known to most of us as a very caring person who always has a smile on her face. Her work ethic is impeccable, she takes pride in her work, considers co-workers as her family, and the public she serves as her customers. In 2001 Jeanne was honored as the Police Department's "Service Employee of the Year." In 2007, Jeanne was recognized by the City Manager as part of the "Redding Employee Awards Program" (REAP) for an idea she had that has saved the city thousands of dollars.

Please join the Redding Police Department in thanking Jeanne Lewis for her 40 years of dedicated service to our community.

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