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- Captain **Ben Reed** will retire effective June 24, 2010.

Captain Reed started with the Redding Police Department as a police cadet in June 1979. He was hired by the Woodland Police Department in June 1980, working there until June 1985, at which time he was hired by our department as a police officer. Ben was promoted to the rank of sergeant in September 1990 and lieutenant in September 2003. Captain Reed was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned as the Division Commander of the Administrative Services Division on May 6, 2007.

During his career, he has worked in all divisions within the department and has been a supervising sergeant in the Administrative Unit, Investigations, and Patrol. He has been an active member and supervisor of many of the department's programs and specialty units, including the Honor Guard and the Crowd Control Team, which he helped develop from the start-up of the team in 1993.

As the Program Manager of the Canine Unit, Captain Reed successfully planned the expansion of the unit in 2004 by adding two Police Service Dogs. These specially trained canines are primarily used for tracking of suspects and missing persons, the apprehension of violent subjects, and the protection of our officers in extremely dangerous situations.

Following the events of September 11, Captain Reed was an integral part of the planning and implementation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the City of Redding, which included strategic guidelines which would be followed in the event of a major catastrophe in our area. He also represented the Police Department on the county-wide committee and is an expert in the area of homeland security techniques.

Captain Reed also served as the department's liaison to Shasta County Citizens against Racism (SCCAR) for several years. In 2008, Captain Reed received their "Law Enforcement Award" which was presented to him at the annual Civil Rights and Social Justice Ceremony held in October.

Captain Reed also spent many years involved with both the Police Cadet and the Redding Police Explorer programs which provide opportunities for youths interested in a career in law enforcement. Police cadets are paid part-time employees who are currently attending college. The Explorer program is an all-voluntary program in which high-school aged

youths participate in a variety of activities which are intended to expose them to police work.

Captain Reed attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, successfully completing the program in 2005. He also completed the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Supervisory Leadership Institute in 1994 with high standings and was asked to be an Auditor where he assisted the course facilitators at a future session.

Currently, Captain Reed is the 3rd Vice President of the California Peace Officers' Association, a state-wide organization which serves the needs of professional law enforcement through issue exploration, resource development, educational opportunities and legislative advocacy.

Captain Reed has an Associate of Arts degree from Shasta College, attended the California State University Sacramento majoring in Criminal Justice and received his Bachelor's of Art degree from National University.

We wish Ben, our co-worker and friend, the best in his retirement.