



It's Grunion Season

Grunion Greeter training workshops are well underway with over 180 people attending so far. These volunteer "citizen scientists" will be out on the beaches monitoring for grunion runs in April, May, and June. We will have six more workshops and you are welcome to attend if your schedule permits. Please rsvp to Melissa Studer, melissastuder@san.rr.com so we can accommodate you.

More info at www.Grunion.org

"Thank You"

Kenneth Wong, Region 1

Many times when government agencies replace their old equipment with new equipment, the corporation yard staff has the unfortunate task to destroy valuable and serviceable equipment prior to deposing it for trash or recycling.



Given the limited budgets of many park ranger agencies, Region #1 made inquiries with the East Bay Regional Park District – South County Corporation Yard about pre-owned public safety equipment. Working with Mechanic Supervisor Paul Golling, an agreement was made where pre-owned public safety equipment from their police department would be donated.

On April 7, 2010, Sonoma County Regional Park Ranger Mike Chiesa and California State Park Ranger Elizabeth Moore met with Mr. Golling and a Region #1 representative from the East Bay Regional Park Police Department at the South County Corporation Yard. Numerous pre-owned emergency lighting equipment and parts were provided to Mike and Elizabeth for their agencies' use.

I wish to offer my thanks to Paul Golling for the donation and to Jerry Liberty for helping us move and load Mike's truck, which left fully packed.



**A Public Safety article published in the “The Leaf”
News from around the East Bay Regional Park District, April 2010.
Kenneth Wong-Region 1**

Protecting the Districts K-9s

Thanks to the nonprofit program Vest’N P.D.P., the Park District’s two canine patrol dogs are now both outfitted with bulletproof vests for their protection. As reported in the [Mercury News](#), the program’s director, Susie Jean, came from New Mexico to the Bay Area to present vests to three dogs from the Palo Alto police and one from the District. The other District police dog already received a vest earlier.

Susie has dedicated her career to protecting public safety dogs. Her organization **Vest’N P.D.P.** relies on contributions, which it uses to buy the specially made vests at a discount price of \$700 each (normally over \$1,500 each).

It’s good to know the smallest members of our public safety team are protected too! For more information visit: <http://www.vestnpdp.com>



**Officers David Irvin (left) and Joseph Scott (right) with Susie Jean and dogs
Photo by Jon King.**

Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.

John Muir

(21 April 1838–24 December 1914) John Muir was a Scottish-born American naturalist, author, and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States.

Park Rangers Association of California Presidential Citation Award

At the 2010 California Parks Conference I had the honor to present the Presidential Citation Award to the following to Petaluma City Park employees. Here is their heroic story.....

On February 26th 2010 two Petaluma Park employees put aside their personal safety to render aid to another.

According to Petaluma police, two Petaluma Park employees were working around the baseball fields on the north edge of Lucchesi Park on Friday when they ventured into an overgrown creek area and discovered the attack.

The workers were headed into a creek area and came upon a grisly scene. A man was holding a bloodied, nude woman by a cloth ligature around her neck as he strangled and beat her in the face....her feet off the ground.

Her attacker threatened to kill the city workers if they approached—when they stood their ground the attacker fled, leaving the 47 year old woman behind.

The woman might have been killed if two city parks workers had not interrupted the attack and scared him off, police said.

One of them called 911 while the other ran to the woman's aid. She was taken to Petaluma valley Hospital for her serious injuries.

Officers arrested the suspect, who later was identified by the two city workers—A homeless Petaluma man with a history of alcohol abuse and domestic violence.

The suspect was arrested for suspicion of attempted murder, battery with serious bodily injury, threatening a crime with the intent to terrorize and intimidating a witness or victim.

On behalf of the Park Ranger Association of California it is my honor to present the President's Citation award to:

- Chris Peck, a 27 year Petaluma Parks employee
- Steve Mejia, an 11 year employee

Dave Updike

PRAC President

“In Recognition of Service”

(Kenneth Wong-Region 1)

I would like to recognize and thank the following Public Safety personnel who assisted and donated their time with the 2010 California Parks Conference that was held in South San Francisco.



Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority Ranger Kim Coast, Operation Supervisor (Law Enforcement), National Park Service-Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Ranger Coast's presentation at the conference was on Tactical Communication, which is the art of engaging people through empathy, listening better and always being heard. The emphasis of the presentation was to teach the audience to respond, not react, to situations; and apply techniques to use your words to redirect the negative force of others toward positive outcomes. Ranger Coast also teaches this course at the Santa Rosa Public Safety Training Center-Ranger Academy.

Ranger Coast has an AA degree from State University of NY and a BS degree from Slippery Rock University, Pennsylvania in Recreational Land Management. In 1987, she graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy-Land Management. In her 26 years in federal

service, Ranger Coast has worked many park assignments including:

- Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, FL
- Everglades National Park, FL
- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, IN
- Buffalo National River, AK
- Santa Fe National Forest, NM
- Big Thicket National Preserve, TX
- Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, LA
- Manassas National Battlefield Park, VA
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area, CA

Deputy District Attorney Andrea Tavenier, Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office.

DDA Tavenier's presentation at the conference was on Legal Update, which gave the audience the opportunity to ask questions regarding new statutes, search & seizure and arrest laws.

DDA Tavenier is currently assigned to the Juvenile Prosecution Unit where she is in the process of developing the position of a juvenile gang prosecutor. The unit that DDA Tavenier is assigned to prosecutes all cases involving juveniles. DDA Tavenier is also assigned as the Mental Health/Sexually Violent Predator prosecutor. DDA Tav-

enier's prior assignments were the felony trial team-crimes against person/gang prosecution, felony law & motion team and sexual assault unit.

DDA Tavenier is a graduate from University California, Davis, where she earned her BA degree in English and Sociology. DDA Tavenier earned her Juris Doctor with Great Distinction from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

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Prior to being a deputy district attorney, DDA Tavenier was also a law student of the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California and Post-Bar certified law clerk.

DDA Tavenier is a member of the California Bar

Association, American Bar Association, California District Attorney's Association, and Contra Costa County District Attorneys Association California Narcotic Officer's Association. She also teaches at the county's training academy.

Ranger Steve Ingallis, Sacramento County Regional Parks

Ranger Ingallis' presentation was on Weapons Recognition. Ranger Ingallis' knowledge and experience with firearms was very evident given his lecture and displays of various firearms and other weapons that he had with him to show to the audience. Ranger Ingallis' collection of weapons required several tables and with the assistance of his son provided a very interesting and informative presentation.

Ranger Ingallis has worked with Sacramento County Regional Parks for 31 years. 2 ½ years

managing the Effie Yeaw Nature Center; worked in the living history program regarding mountain men and the American River. The remainder years as a patrol ranger (peace officer). Ranger Ingallis has a BS degree from CSU Sacramento in Environmental Interpretation, an AA degree in anthropology and Horticulture. Ranger Ingallis has been the department's firearms instructor and armorer for the past 8 years. Ranger Ingallis has worked with and taught medical plants classes for CSP and is currently working on publishing a book on the topic.

Sergeant George Carrington (Range Master), San Francisco Police Department.

Sgt. Carrington assisted the committee with a venue for the Conference's Pistol Match that was held on March 15, 2010 at the SFPD Lake Merced Range. PRAC members competed in the match with the highest score going to Dave Updike. The range itself has an interesting history. It was the site of the department's first helicopter unit in the 1970's and a movie location for one of the Dirty Harry movies (Magnum Force) in the 1970's. The range is situated along Lake Merced with the building resembling a European style vacation home.

Sgt. Carrington started with SFPD in 1979 after leaving the DOD Navy Police at Mare Island, Vallejo. Sgt. Carrington has 31 years in law enforcement and has been the range master since 2008. Prior to being the range master, Sgt. Carrington was assigned to the department's film liaison unit for 10 years and a patrol sergeant at the Southern Station. Sgt. Carrington told me he enjoys training recruits and officers to become proficient shooters.



Sgt. G. Carrington (Range Master)



Sgt. Carrington (MRCA volunteer), Dave Updike (PRAC President), Matt Wilken, (MRCA volunteer), Kenneth Wong (Region #1 Director)

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Jenny Donovan, Public Safety Superintendent, California State Parks–Russian Rivers

Ranger Donovan's presentation was on Drug Recognition, which was very informative given her training and experience.

Ranger Donovan has been with CSP since 1994. Her first assignment was Lake Perris SRA in Riverside where she became a drug recognition expert (DRE). In 1999, she was transferred to San Clemente, Orange County where she used her DRE expertise to become the instructor for the POST Learning Domain #12 – Controlled Substances at CSP's academy.

In 2006, she was promoted while working in the North Coast Redwoods (Humboldt/Mendocino County) where she gained first hand knowledge and experience in the legendary "Emerald Triangle" – an area known for large marijuana cultivation.

In 2009, Ranger Donovan was promoted to superintendent at the Russian River District where she is currently assigned. She still teaches at the

POST Academy and has started instructing at the College of the Redwoods. Besides being an academy instructor, Ranger Donovan is also an active FTO with her agency and enjoys her present duty station.



Ranger Donovan—confiscated marijuana plants from Humboldt County, 2008

Warden Roxanne Bowers, California Department of Fish and Game—Central Region

Warden Bowers' presentation was on warden duties related with detection K9 and how their role contributes to natural resource and conservation protection.

Warden Bowers is a boating officer and K-9 handler for DFG. Her K9 partner is "Cooper", a great dog that Warden Bowers acquired from the shelter. They patrol Alameda County and enforce environmental regulations, which include, but are not limited to, sport fishing, commercial fishing, endangered species protection, hunting, illegal live imports, and wildlife habitat protection.

They have statewide jurisdiction and although their primary function is to enforce Fish and Game Code, they may be called upon to enforce any of California's laws. Warden Bowers attended the Department's first k9 academy with her companion dog and watched proudly as "Cooper" received his badge from Chief Foley in March of 2008.

As a boating officer, Warden Bowers patrols the bay of the SF Bay Area, patrolling for any F&G violations and assisting the general public.

Warden Bowers is one of the department's firearms and defensive tactics instructor. Warden Bowers is a good source of knowledge regarding DFG codes and has been very accommodating with assisting other agencies with their F&G investigations.



Warden Bowers and Cooper

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Dave Updike, Fire Management Officer, Mountain Recreation Conservation Authority

FMO Updike's presentation was on S-110, Basic Wildland Fire Suppression Orientation is a session which provides essential information for individuals interested in wildland fire management. It may be used as a companion to S-130, Firefighter Training, and is particularly useful for indoctrination of non-fire management employees to the world of wildland fire. The class provides information on personal preparedness and responsibility, mobilization, incident procedures, proper clothing and equipment, and living conditions in wildland fire camps.

FMO Updike also presented S-133, Look Up, Look Down, Look Around. This course is designed to train Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5) and Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) to identify environmental factors and indicators of hazardous fire conditions, and how to use these indicators when implementing the Risk Management Process. The course is DVD-based training, based on facilitated exercise.

FMO Updike is currently PRAC's president and has been an active member of the association. FMO Updike is has been with MRCA for several years and manages his agency's fire program

and works with AmeriCorps in regards to their agency's seasonal fire personnel program.



Dave Updike and Matt Chisea

(My apologies, but due to some technical difficulties in the downloading of photographs from my digital camera, I had lost many of the photographs I had taken during the conference for my article – Kenneth Wong, Region 1.)



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