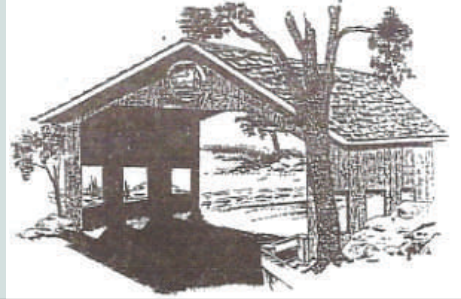


The Stallion Springs Bridge



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Build a bridge, not a barrier; make a friend, not a fuss; find a cause, not a controversy; be a cheerleader, not a critic; seek a solution, not a standoff

SHREDDING TIME!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GATHER YOUR CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS YOU WANT TO DESTROY. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH FROM 10 AM UNTIL 11:30 AM A SHREDDING COMPANY WILL BE AT THE CSD OFFICE TO ACCEPT ALL YOUR ITEMS FOR DESTRUCTION ON SITE.

TURN A NEW LEAF IN 2009

Have you visited the Interpretive Trail at Comanche Point Park? This is a loop trail of about one mile with some elevation change for a hiking challenge. Native trees and bushes are identified by trailside signs and there is an interpretive guide available with more information. Each season of the year will offer a different experience. The parking lot area is wheelchair accessible. There are also benches along the trail for resting and watching. To reach Comanche Point Park take Banducci Road west, about one quarter mile past Jack's Hill Road, turn left at the Comanche Point Park sign. Pick up a trail guide at the trail head and turn right at the fork in the trail.



For a 3 mile loop, begin at Horse Thief Park by the covered bridge. If you go past the back of the restroom building you will pick up the Lakeshore Trail heading sort of northwest. Pick up the Pipeline Trail near the golf course and head west to-

ward the 4 Seasons timeshares. Turn west and head toward Stallion Springs Drive. Cross the drive and go uphill past the Lodge. Pipeline Trail crosses Stallion Springs Drive, Lucaya Drive and Spyglass Drive. After Spyglass the trail is more level and downhill into Deer Canyon.

There are no more roads until you come back to Stallion Springs Drive by the covered bridge in two and a half more miles. This hike offers a lot of chance for wildlife sightings and stunning views of Chanac Creek Canyon.

With older children you can instill the value of volunteering by working together on a trail work crew. Trail days are scheduled each month (usually the last Saturday). The general format is to meet at Horse Thief Park at 9:30 am, work for a couple of hours and have refreshments. Watch for details posted at your mail box bulletin board.

Susan Wellington



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January 14, 2009

The Honorable Roy Ashburn
California State Senate
P.O. Box 942848
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Dear Senator Ashburn:

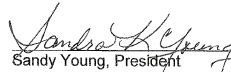
The Stallion Springs Community Services District's Board of Directors would like to encourage and support your desire for the State of California to develop a good balanced budget WITHOUT taking property tax money designated for local government such as Stallion Springs C.S.D.

Please note that Stallion Springs C.S.D. relies on the property tax money received each year to support the police operations in Stallion Springs and the parks and recreational activity in the community. Any additional loss of property tax money will greatly impact the community of Stallion Springs.

We also want to thank you for the support you have given over the past few years in regard to retaining the COPS funding in the State budget and encourage you to continue to support this necessary funding. Stallion Springs receives \$100,000 from this funding and this makes up 25% of the police budget.

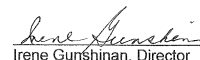
As officials elected by the people of Stallion Springs, we hope this letter will assist you as you speak to your fellow Senators in expressing the concerns the people have, not just in Stallion Springs but throughout the State of California. The people want to keep property tax money that has been designated for local government IN the community supporting the programs that are vital and important to their quality of life.

Sincerely,


Sandy Young, President


Susan Mueller, Vice-President


Dave Burt, Director


Irene GunShinan, Director


Glenn Simpson, Director

On Tuesday, January 13th, the Board of Directors met with Senator Ashburn's representative and discussed the status of the State of California's fiscal situation in relationship to Stallion Springs C.S.D. In response to that meeting the Board of Directors

wrote the above letter to Senator Ashburn expressing clearly their concern for the financial well-being of the Stallion Springs community. The Directors felt it important for this letter to be shared with the residents.

The new Police/Administration building moves forward! Grading took place and the plans have been approved by Kern County. Request for bids have gone out to numerous subcontractors and, weather permitting, the actual construction should begin shortly. The police officers and staff wish to thank the property owners in Stallion Springs for supporting this project.

-INFORMATION & NOTES-

- ◆ For emergency police, fire and medical calls dial 911 and specify to the dispatcher that you live in Stallion Springs. To reach the police for non emergency purposes you may call 822-3268 during normal business hours or 800-861-3110 for off business hours.
- ◆ For District emergencies off hours, such as a main line water break you may call 822-3268. Upon receiving the recording, press one and leave a message with the problem, your name and contact number and an on call district staff will be paged.
- ◆ Bulletin boards at the mailbox sites are for current information. Please date the 8.5 x 11 flyers, and please no business cards.
- ◆ The CC&R's are on our website at www.stallionspringscscd.com.

YOUR TRASH AND STALLION SPRINGS C.S.D.

Most residents don't think too much about Stallion Springs Solid Waste. The garbage containers in their garage gets full and they take it to the waste site and dump it, so simple.

Following are some things you should know about our waste site. The site is regulated by permit from the County/State; the site by law, cannot accept certain items, hazardous waste, tires, etc. Illegally dumping these items can result in a fine, but the impact is felt by everyone because of the cost involved in removal and clean up. In January the contract with Benz Sanitation was increased by \$50 per 50-yard bin for pick-up and delivery. Benz will sort all of the trash picked up and recycle those items that can be recycled. The CSD sets aside certain days each year for green waste chipping and provides the opportunity to discard items not normally accepted.

Each resident can assist the CSD in keeping a lid on the costs by the following rules: 1) have a current decal on your vehicle window, 2) only deposit trash that is acceptable, 3) clean up after yourself, trash should be placed in the bins, not on the ground next to the bin. When accidents happen and spills occur, please clean up before you leave. 4) Be respectful of your fellow neighbors and staff when around the trash site. The Board and General Manager are looking at options for expanding the solid waste site, hopefully within a two year time period.

If you need to dispose of unacceptable items, the district staff can provide you with the name, address and phone number of a disposal site.

Community Emergency Response Training

Stallion Springs class Monday evenings 6:30 pm—9:00 pm

March 9 through April 27, 2009

Stallion Springs Community Center

27850 Stallion Springs Drive

For more information and/or to register for this class contact
Sandy Young 661-822-8900

This valuable course is designed to help you assist yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in an emergency situation. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference.

The CERT class is sponsored by FOR-CERT, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. A tax deductible donation of \$25 is suggested for each attendee to cover costs of manual, CERT safety helmet, vest and identification card.

POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE NEWS

The Stallion Springs PAL had a very busy holiday season. We worked with the POA on the caroling, the kids and parents had a pancake breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus and the annual Jamison event was hosted together with the employees from CCI at the Woodward West dining room. PAL will be starting a story time for all the kids in the community in the CSD Library. If you have excess couch pillows you are not using we would appreciate them as a donation. Our Preschool is a working wonder with Andrea and Alyssa creating many exciting activities. Stop in and see them sometime.

STALLION SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC.

The SSPOA invites all residents (owners/renters) to join the POA. Dues are \$12.50 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family.

The mission of the POA is to provide a conduit for information and support; and to utilize volunteers and fundraisers to serve the community in the most beneficial manner.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at the CSD building. The time will vary between

6:30 pm and 7:00 pm (depending on whether we have a potluck or not).

Upcoming events will be a Valentine's Dance, Tour of Woodward West, and Round Up (a flea market type event).

This is a wonderful way to get to know your community and make friends. Please visit our website at stallionsprings.com or contact SSPOA President, Myra Fletcher at 823-8682.

THE GREAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT DRILL

The Stallion Springs Community Emergency Response Team (SS CERT) recently participated in the The Great Southern California Shakeout Drill conducted on November 13, 2008 by the State of California in its southern counties. Our exercise was very successful with 17 enthusiastic SS CERT personnel in attendance at the SS CSD Community Room. The CERT Telephone Tree notification method was used to notify our CERT members to report to the CSD by 9:00 am. The 7.9 simulated earthquake disaster scenario on the San Andreas Fault was broadcast over the Internet, and So Cal commercial radio stations and television stations. This simulated earthquake scenario included an area from Santa Barbara to Ensenada, MX on the coast, to Bakersfield through Palm Springs and the Salton Sea to the east.

The next three hours were spent at the CSD accepting radio calls from involved SS CERT members, monitoring websites, maps and radio disaster information regard-

ing the simulated earthquake, its impact to respective So Cal areas, (including Kern County) communicating by radio with other Tehachapi Valley CERT Teams regarding their status and emergency activities, etc. The primary website used for the drill information was <http://www.shakeout.org>, which can still be accessed for earthquake information, safety and procedures.

The lessons learned from the SS CERT's involvement in the Shakeout Drill will be published soon and a plan is in the works to conduct a formal Earthquake Drill in the SS community to include CERT, CSD and staff, fire and police departments.

Anyone who is interested in joining CERT, training classes begin March 9th at the SS Community Building. These classes are open to anyone in the Tehachapi Valley area for training, makeup missed classes or simply to refresh your memory. Please join us and learn great safety, disaster and survival skills!

TRAIL WORK DAY—SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30 AM—HORSE THIEF PARK

STALLION SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2008 STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, A YEAR IN REVIEW

The SSPD began collecting statistical data of its various law enforcement related contacts in January of 2008. The main purpose of this was to track the rise and fall of the department's contacts and to better understand crime trends in the general area. In doing this, the department can utilize more effective crime fighting techniques, educate the public as to the types of calls that are generated and develop a transparency for the benefit of the citizens it serves.

This report is a compilation of the total number of various law enforcement contacts the department responded during 2008. During the creation of this document, it was discovered that simultaneously, as the general economy worsened, crime trends began a steady rise. Additionally, the types of calls for service increased in the areas of domestic and neighbor disputes, child custody issues and identity theft. Our department observed a general disruption in the normal harmonious attitude of neighbors in the area.

The number of abandoned homes as well as rental properties has increased as well and the department discovered that the majority of its call load was generated by renters. This is not to say that renters do not have a vested interest in the community but it should be stated that owners of rental properties may be more lenient in the screening process for potential renters.

Besides the normal calls for service, the department discovered a greater call load during the hours of darkness. Upon responding, the officers found that individuals were more likely to be under the influence of either alcohol or methamphetamine. Moreover, the department discovered an increase in juveniles experimenting with marijuana.

It must be noted that the majority of contacts began from officer initiated activities such as the observation of crimes in progress and vehicle code violations that the officer witnessed firsthand. To combat the fear and incidence of crime, the department will focus on crime prevention during the 2009 year.

The SSPD is truly grateful for all of the outstanding support it received regarding the new station. Upon completion of the station,

the departments mandate will be to educate the public utilizing dynamic seminars taught by subject matter experts. As an example, these seminars will concern such topics as home security, narcotics awareness, identity theft prevention, etc.

Although we remain the smallest police department in Kern County and possibly in California, we are among the most respected law enforcement agency in the area. This is due to our humble attitude and our willingness to share our expertise and resources with other departments. During 2008, our officers were consistently sought out for their opinion and knowledge by fellow officers of all ranks from outside agencies.

The SSPD prides itself on its stellar record of safeguarding the lives and property of the citizens of Stallion Springs, serving with honor and integrity and conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards.

The SSPD will continue to provide impartial service without regard to race or social standing. We will continue to offer individual service and friendship to all members of this community by the ready exercise of courtesy and friendly good humor. We shall always be ready to offer individual sacrifice in protecting and preserving life.

2008 SSPD Highlights

- Police Activities League began
- Completed SSPD firearms training manual
- Capture of forgery and burglary suspect who victimized Stallion Springs resident
- SSPD invited by KCSO to become members of East Area Special Enforcement Team
- Stopped female subject on parole from committing suicide who swallowed 52 pills
- Senior Officer Gary Crowell graduated from Evidence School in Burbank, CA
- Discovered "Arvina" gang members trespassing in Stallion Springs. Worked Arvin gang task force and arrested 3 individuals including a male "Arvina" veteran gang member on parole

- Received citizen commendation for arrest of subjects in Stallion Springs for littering, loud noise, loose Pit-bull dog, illegal vehicle sales, vandalism and vehicles blocking the street
- Assisted KCSO with safe detention of suicidal man with gun in his mouth
- Arrested male burglary suspect who failed to register as a sex offender and found to be in possession of pornographic materials
- Senior Officer Gary Crowell received SSPD commendations for the following:
 - ◆Arrest of subject for narcotics, suspended license, fraudulent registration and false information
 - ◆Arrest of combative, ex-con subject want for sex offense
 - ◆Arrest of a "Bakers Street" gang member with a weapon
 - ◆Leadership displayed during search of residence in Stallion Springs, leading to the arrest of a male parolee and recovery of weapons and narcotics
 - ◆Arrest of "Mojave Barrio Locos" gang member for child endangerment and narcotic
- Sgt. Michael Grant successfully graduated from Supervisors School with the Ventura County Sheriff's Dept.
- Began POST approved Police Mountain Bicycle School and trained officers from the Tehachapi PD and the Arvin PD
- Began POST approved Gang Awareness Course and trained 50 officers from all over Kern County
- Provided gang training to the SSPOA
- Provided gang training to the American Association of University Women as well as members of the Tehachapi City community
- Officers received citizen commendations for the following:
 - ◆Location of missing adult
 - Rescuing stranded motorist in the snow
 - ◆Handling of intentional poisoning of juvenile
 - ◆Assisting citizen in recovering item from dumpster
 - ◆Professionalism during investigation
 - ◆Sensitivity during investigation

TOTAL YEARLY ACTIVITIES FOR SSPD, 2008

Radio Calls Received	344	Vehicles Impounded	49	Felony Arrests	43	Misdemeanor Arrests	84
Moving Citations	72	Medical Aids	34	Reports Completed	43	Want/Warrant Checks	550
Citizen Flag Downs	70	Assist Outside Depts.	177	Average Response Times	5 minutes		



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Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Notes

Special and Regular Meeting Held December 16, 2008

- ...The Board of Directors voted Sandy Young Chair of the Board
- ...the Board heard a presentation in regard to the Fiscal Year 2008 Audit and approved the Audit
- ...the Board approved moving forward with a road contract for the summer of 2009
- ...the Board approved borrowing money for the new police/administration building
- ...a discussion took place in regard to increasing fire protection around tank 7 on Buckpasser

Special Meeting Held January 7, 2009

- ...the Board took a tour of the entire district and facilities
- ...a discussion ensued relative to the responsibility of the C.S.D. for all the various departments and the short and long range issues that affect each department
- ...the Board approved a comp roof for the new police building as opposed to a metal roof due to safety issues.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CLEAN UP DAYS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

