

## TOWN OF DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MID-YEAR UPDATE TO THE  
DANVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
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## Scam Investigations

During 2012, there has been an increase in the number of Town residents victimized by a variety of criminal scams. These scams include fraudulent foreign lottery winnings, the alleged incarceration of family members overseas, and the classic “pigeon drop” in which the victim is tricked out of money in the hopes of obtaining a larger amount of money.

The Police Department has taken an aggressive role in these scam cases. Through press releases and speaking at community events, the Police Department has increased community awareness of these scams. Awareness is being coupled with action as the Police Department has actively investigated the scam incidents reported by residents.

One successful investigation led to the arrest of a suspect in Los Angeles for his role in scamming a Danville resident, along with many more victims nationwide. That case was given to federal authorities for closure. Detectives also solved a “pigeon drop” case; the suspect was identified and an arrest warrant has been issued.



Victims are contacted by mail, telephone and e-mail

## Traffic & Crime

In 2011, the Town experienced an increase in traffic collisions. In an effort to bring those numbers down, the Police Department’s Traffic Unit focused their enforcement activity by using data from prior traffic collisions to determine potential hot-spots. With three months left in 2012, the Town is on track to experience a 10% decrease in reported traffic collisions.

Preliminary analysis of crime data shows no noteworthy changes with the exception of robbery. In 2011 the Town had a total of 7 robberies. In the first three quarters of 2012, there has been only one actual robbery. That particular case involved a drug sale in a business parking lot that ended with an armed robbery. Officers located the suspects fleeing the scene and made arrests, ultimately closing the case within minutes of it being reported.



Officer Jimmy Adams & OTS Director Chris Murphy

The Police Department was also honored to have Officer Jimmy Adams recognized by Office of Traffic Safety Director Chris Murphy for outstanding traffic safety and DUI enforcement efforts.

## Summer Special Events

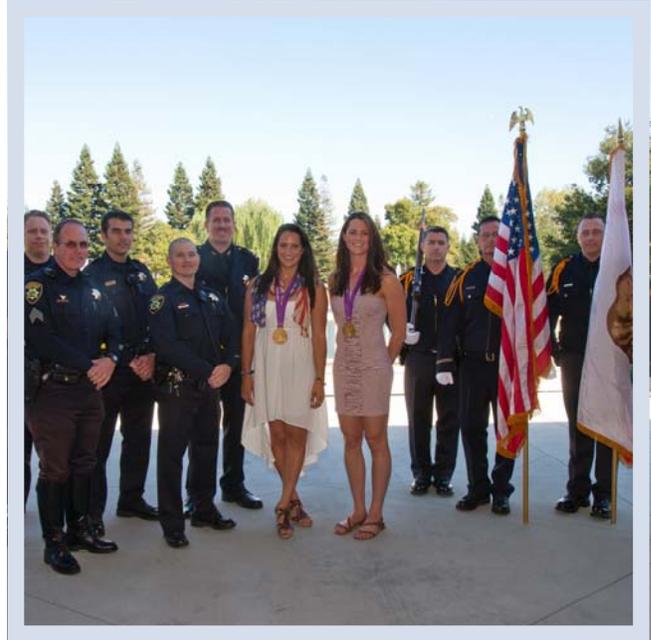
The Town of Danville hosted several special events this year which included the July 4th parade and the Hot Summer Nights car shows. The events were attended by thousands of people and went without incident. Along with the Police Department and Maintenance Services personnel, special events are staffed by volunteers from the Police VIP Program and Reserve Officers, along with support staff from the Sheriff's Office. These important yearly events could not be held without the assistance of a large number of volunteer staff.

The Town also held a special event recognizing residents Jessica and Maggie Steffens. The Steffens sisters were part of the gold medal winning U.S. Women's Water Polo Team at the London 2012 Olympics. The event was attended by dignitaries and hundreds of residents.

## New K-9 Team

With the retirement of K-9 Donna in July came a new team of Officer Tom Rossberg and K-9 Chef. Tom and Chef have already attended a number of community events, with Chef doing an excellent job of filling Donna's role as ambassador to Danville's youth. They were also on hand recently at the Emergency Preparedness Fair and gave several demonstrations.

Chef's on-the-job record is already a shining example as well. In Chef's brief tenure in Danville, he has already located a missing juvenile and a suspect in a battery case. Chef has also been instrumental in the seizure of illegal drugs on traffic stops and on probation searches leading to the arrest of several individuals.



Welcome Home for Olympic Gold Medalists



Officer Tom Rossberg & K-9 Chef with Cub Scouts

## Citizen's Academy & New VIPs

The Police Department sponsored a Citizen's Academy from May through June. The instruction covered a wide variety of topics to give an in-depth look at how policing is handled in Danville. The students attended a special day that included an opportunity to drive on the emergency vehicle training course at Buchanan Field and use of the force options simulator. Students used the simulator to experience first-hand the quick decision making that officers face in the field.

The Police Department also welcomed two new VIPs this year, Steve Barnett and Craig Shotwell. The Police Department will be conducting another Citizen's Academy in the spring and has a list of participants ready.



Danville PD VIPs Aeschbach, Wilhelm & Victor

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