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Reflecting Back to August

**Inv. Chuck Knight #771
Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Agricultural Liaison Officer – Indio Station**

During the month of April 2001 Sheriff Larry Smith started a county wide agricultural liaison officer program. This program consisted of a full time agricultural liaison officer that would work with part time individual station agricultural liaison officers to further serve the agricultural communities of Riverside County.

The stations that were to designate deputies to serve as agricultural liaison officers were Banning, Blythe, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, and Southwest. I was selected to be the county wide liaison officer and also the Indio station liaison officer. It will be function of the station agricultural liaison officers to monitor activity within their station's jurisdiction related to agricultural concerns and report these through the chain of command. Their function will be to listen to the concerns of the agricultural community within their station's jurisdiction.

My function as the county wide agricultural liaison officer will be to monitor the station liaison officers and provide them with training when necessary. My function will also be to attend meetings involving agricultural groups and to monitor legislation that involves the agricultural community. In conjunction with this new program, Sheriff Smith wants to stress the importance of crime prevention by using the already existing 10-digit identification number that has been in existence since the early 1980's.

This 10-digit number is part of a national identification system that can be used to identify both property and equipment. It is a number that can be given to an individual or company, upon request, by the Riverside County Farm Bureau or the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Once the number is obtained and it is affixed to a piece of equipment, that piece of equipment can be traced by any law enforcement officer in the country by using a computer. This number can also be placed on a sign or building. By doing this you will be identifying the owner of the property.

The 10-digit number consists of the following:

CA - indicates California

033 - indicates Riverside County

0001 - personal sequence number (your number)

F - the first letter of the farm, business name or individuals last name

Once this number is issued, owner information, including daytime and nighttime telephone numbers, will be placed into the computer. Then when a deputy has a problem at a property location, or has a question about ownership of a piece of farm equipment, he/she will just enter to 10-digit number into the computer, find out who owns the property, or piece of equipment, and will be able to contact the owner, or his/her representative, immediately.

If anyone wants a number assigned to them please contact me at 760-863-8946.

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