

MEMO FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Residents,

2011 has come to a close and has proved to be a very busy year. I have put together a brief description of what we have been working on.

www.columbinevalley.org

We had a new website built this year and I am sure you will agree that it is a substantial improvement over our old one. Additionally, this is a Commerce website which is capable of processing credit cards. This has substantially reduced the caseload of our court system as well as our operating costs.



Video

We have installed a new video surveillance system at the Town Hall. This was in response to some recent vandalism to our Public Works vehicle as well as some other minor incidents. The Town Hall is now recorded 24 hours a day and includes night vision recording.

Follow us on Twitter!!!

We are changing the way that we communicate information with our residents. We will be sending out information such as crime notices, crime prevention tips and scam alerts via Twitter. This will allow each resident to individually decide if, when, and how they will receive alerts. This will also make it possible for Officers to send out notices immediately from their vehicles. These messages can be received via computer, mobile phone app, email or text messaging. There are numerous apps and widgets available for free download on the internet and the notification process is almost instantaneous. Go to www.Twitter.com/cv_police and sign up for an account. You can register at Tweet-mail.com and receive our messages directly into your existing email account.

It's fast and free.

Training:

During the course of the year our officers attend monthly training. Here is a list of some of the training that officers attend every year.

- Legal Update
- First Aid / CPR
- Firearms
- Use of Force
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Arrest Control
- Suicide Prevention
- Taser Qualification
- Anti-Biased Policing
- Report Writing
- Sexual Harassment
- Officer Safety

and that just names a few of the classes.

It has been a great year and we appreciate the support and feedback that we receive from each of you. In an effort to keep you informed of who we are, I have listed a brief bio of each of our Officers. Please give us a call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bret Cottrell
Chief of Police



Chief Bret Cottrell

Bret is a Colorado native and graduated from Thornton High School. Bret started his career when he joined the United States Air Force Security Police in 1985 where he attended the Community College of the Air Force. After serving six years in the Air Force he was hired as a Reserve Police Officer and attended the police academy with Cherry Hills Village. In 1994 Bret was hired by the Columbine Valley Police where he obtained the rank of Sergeant. Bret then accepted a Patrol Sergeant position with the Sheridan Police Department until 2000. After Sheridan, Bret accepted a position with the Elbert County Sheriff's Office where he served as the Investigations Sergeant, Detentions Commander and eventually Patrol Commander. In 2002 Bret returned to Columbine Valley and has served as the Chief of Police since 2005.

Sergeant Greg Bowman

Greg is a Colorado native graduating from Columbine High School. He attended the police academy through the Colorado State Patrol and began his career in Columbine Valley in 1989 and has been serving Columbine Valley for 23 years. Greg is married with 1 child.

Officer Janna Ohlinger

Janna is a Colorado native and graduated from Littleton High School before attending Arapahoe Community College. Janna began her Law Enforcement career in 2002 after graduating from the Arapahoe Community College police academy. She was hired in 2002 as a part-time Officer and was quickly offered a full-time position 2 months later. Janna is married and has two children and 1 grandchild.

Officer Jonathan (J.B.) Walters

J.B. was born in Ohio and began his career in the United States Air Force where he attended the Community College of the Air Force. After serving 7 years he moved to Colorado, where he attended the police academy. After graduating from the police academy he was hired by Columbine Valley in 2010. J.B. is married with two children.

Officer Nathan Fischer

Nathan is a Colorado Native and recently graduated from Denver Metropolitan State College with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. In 2011, he graduated from the police academy and began his career in Columbine Valley. Nathan is recently engaged.

Officer Ed Kazmirski

Ed was born in New York and began his career in 1995 with the United States Army. He accepted a position with the Onondaga Sheriff's Office in Liverpool NY. Ed then moved Colorado where he worked for the City and County of Denver before taking a full-time position with Cripple Creek Police. After Cripple Creek, he moved to the Grand County Sheriff's Office and shortly after accepted a position with Columbine Valley in 2011. Ed is married with 3 children

Officer Devin Marciano

Devin is a Colorado native who studied Criminal Justice at UNC before beginning his career 1998 with the Evans Police Department. He accepted a position with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office where he worked for 12 years in the patrol division. Devin currently enjoys running his own business; however, he continues to work in Law Enforcement as a part-time Officer with Columbine Valley since 2011

