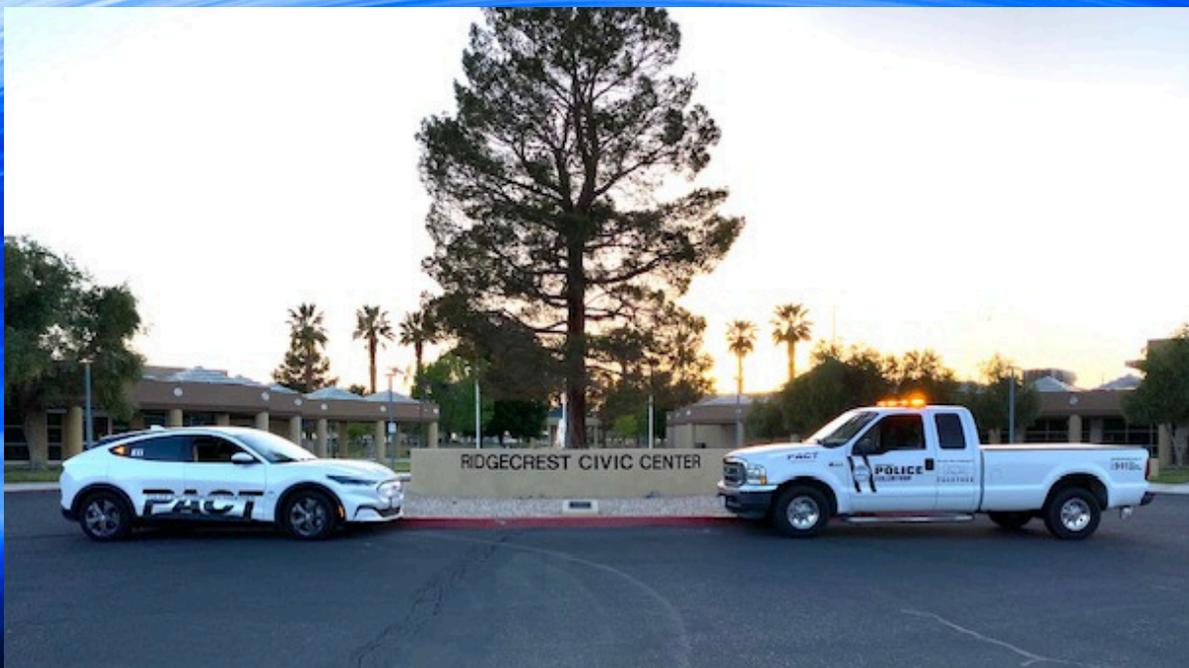


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THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY**



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Message from the Chief

The men and women of the Ridgecrest Police Department are committed to public service, crime prevention, and in making our community safe for those who live, work and visit our beautiful City. Community partnerships are a vital element in the effort to enhance the quality of life in Ridgecrest.

To that end, the Ridgecrest Police Department has expanded its community policing effort to include citizen volunteers as part of the Department. The PACT volunteers are dedicated members of this community who serve the city by assisting the police department in providing such service in a variety of ways.

Safety and crime prevention is everyone's job. I hope you will join us in this exciting and rewarding effort as a member of the PACT volunteers.

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Chief of Police





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Message from the Directors

Thank you for taking the time to check into the Police and Community Together (P.A.C.T.) page. We are a volunteer organization that provides crime prevention support to the City of Ridgecrest. PACT is a vehicle that allows the police, and the citizens they serve, to come together in a cooperative spirit helping each other achieve a crime free community. Citizen volunteer members are comprised of volunteers having an interest in helping their law enforcement agency. We find the people of Ridgecrest warm, caring, and striving for a safe area in which to live, work, and play. The Ridgecrest Police Department is here to serve you. All the resources of the department are at the disposal of every community member.

Mission Statement

The Organization, Police and Community Together (P.A.C.T.) is a volunteer group which provides services to the Ridgecrest Police Department in community crime prevention, public education of safety issues, public health and provide the community with responsive, proactive public safety services.





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PACT HISTORY

VOLUNTEERING AT THE RPD

In 1991, the Ridgecrest Police Department began to feel the crunch of its budget and knew that it had to seek outside help so that it could continue to serve the people of this community. The Ridgecrest Police Department Citizen Volunteer Program began in May 1991, when Chief of Police Randy Narramore began looking for people to help in the office so he could release officers for outside duty. A part-time Civilian Service Officer was hired to act as Volunteer Coordinator. Potential volunteers underwent an extensive background check, before completing a 32-hour initiation and training program, which entailed an overview of the duties of a dispatcher, a front desk officer, a records clerk and an investigative clerk. By 1993, over 20 volunteers were helping the police department. Volunteers worked in records, staffed the front desk, registered bicycles, fingerprinted people, maintained police department vehicles, and made vacation house checks.



Barbara Pudgorski, PACT Coordinator, Stan Austin, PACT Commander and Sgt. Bill Groves, PACT Supervisor, would like to thank Wal-Mart for their very generous donation. PACT was able to equip PACT volunteers with GO-BAGS. These bags consists of all the needed PPE items when responding to call outs.
 Pictured L-R: Benny Wegner, Associate, Arian Garner, Associate, Barbara Pudgorski, PACT Coordinator, Richard Allen, Wal-Mart Manager, Christina Rogers, Associate.
 Not Picture: Stan Austin, PACT Commander, Sgt. Bill Groves, PACT Supervisor





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They also participated in traffic control at the fair and Christmas parades, and helped at the DUI checkpoints. They transported evidence to Bakersfield, as well as children to Jamison Children's Center and to Juvenile Hall, relieving officers of the need to make the 4-hour round trip to Bakersfield. In May 1993, volunteers were sought to help combat the rising Graffiti problem. The Graffiti Task Force (GTF) was originally formed by Detective Division and four volunteers at the request of Chief of Police Randy Narramore. The volunteers grew to 30 members and were extremely successful in their attack on cleaning up graffiti. Through their hard work, graffiti was removed nearly as soon as it was placed. However, as soon as sites were cleaned of this blight, the "taggers" repeated their offense. Discouraged by this, but encouraged by the success of the GTF, Detective Division and GTF volunteer Jim Tooker suggested the department authorize a surveillance team of volunteers in an attempt to catch the culprits.

AMERICORPS

PACT is also a proud member of Americorps and has received a Presidential Service award.

In 2003, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President's Volunteer Service Award to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action too.





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FUNDING

PACT is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. All donations are tax-deductible. PACT is a member of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce. Donations are also accepted from individuals, organizations, and businesses. In May 2021 PACT archived a milestone in its career of 30 Years of community service.

PACT volunteers provide labor as the major contribution. PACT also support various community events.

PACT funds are used to purchase graffiti removal supplies, safety equipment such as radios, flashlights and vests, computer equipment for the PACT office, Child ID film, some vehicle maintenance, program brochures, and many other program items.

The City of Ridgecrest pays the PACT Coordinator's salary, provides office space, telephone, office supplies and equipment.

In addition, PACT also helps with the Cerro Coso College Graduation, Burroughs High School Graduation, Safe Grad Night and the annual Ridgecrest Christmas Parade, and sometimes PACT gets to help with movie productions, like (Just Add Water).



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PACT

With these success stories behind them, the volunteers were asked to revive the Neighborhood Watch Program and consider other new programs to help the RPD with crime prevention. A handful of volunteers met one evening to brainstorm current and new programs along with management methods. The result was formalizing GTF and Surveillance along with adding Neighborhood Watch, Child I.D. and Eyes & Ears to the program. This program soon became known as Police And Citizens Together, as suggested by a volunteer. The PACT acronym was later changed to mean Police And Community Together.

PACT GOALS

- 1) To serve as a community policing outreach program of the Ridgecrest Police Department.
- 2) To support the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California in any appropriate task in the event of an emergency or disaster when requested through the City of Ridgecrest Police Department.
- 3) To respond to requests for assistance with crime prevention activities by other governmental agencies when requested by the City of Ridgecrest Police Department.





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Over the last 2 years PACT has saved the community:

California Value

In 2021 PACT performed - 6,737.5 Hours X \$35.56 = \$ 239,585.50

In 2022 PACT performed - 11,769.5 Hours X \$ 37.32 = \$439,237.74

In 2023 PACT performed - 9755.5 Hours x \$\$ 38.61 = \$376,659.85

Volunteers

Total = \$ 1,055,483.09 - California Value on a \$ 38.61 estimate came from value of volunteer time.





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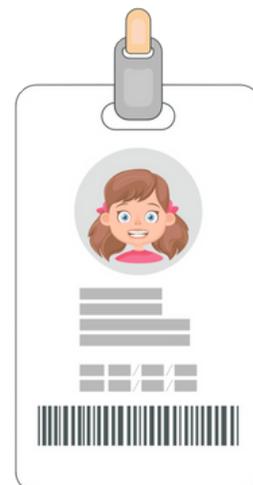
PACT PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The nine programs include:

Administrative Support -Volunteers perform crucial clerical and administrative tasks such as assisting at the front counter, helping with various paperwork in the admin area.

Animal Welfare -The unit provides personnel to assist at the Ridgecrest Animal Shelter, working with the animals, cleaning, and performing various administrative duties.

Child I.D. - The Child I.D. team provides fingerprint and photo I.D.s of children to their parents. The program's goal is to provide this vital information on an ID card to the parents of every child in the community. Parents are encouraged to keep the information in a safe place so that it would be easily accessible and helpful to the police in locating a lost or missing child as well as Seniors and at risk adults . This program actively participates in numerous family and children's events in the community in order to facilitate the identification process for as many children in the Indian Wells Valley as possible. In 2021 Desert Valleys FCU donated a new laptop, in 2022 PACT bought a new printer to help facilitate and speed up the process of printing ID cards.





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Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

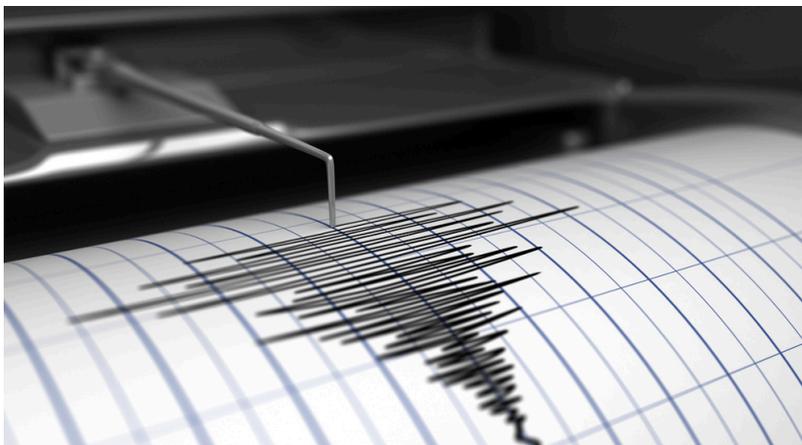
The E.O.C. provides supplemental support to Emergency Operations Center personnel within the Ridgecrest Police Department in the event of a disaster such as; large fires, floods, and earthquakes. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: manning phones at the E.O.C., assisting with vital communications, traffic control, movement of people and equipment to the area that needs resources.

Graffiti Task Force

The goal is to have any graffiti in the city limits removed within 24 hours thus reducing the incidents of additional graffiti and tagging. Sites are chemically cleaned or painted with a color matched to the surface.

Nuisance Abatement

The goal of this unit is to reduce blight in the community through enforcement of city ordinances. The Nuisance Abatement Captain works in cooperation with the City of Ridgecrest Code Enforcement Officer and utilizes volunteers to help find solutions to various related problems within the city.





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Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

On August 20, 2023 the city of Ridgecrest, Ca. declared a state of emergency due to the advance of Tropical Storm Hilary. This in turn activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Ridgecrest Police Department. That in turn activated the following organizations to report to the Ridgecrest Police Department for assessment: Police and Community Together (PACT), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Ridgecrest Gear Grinder 4 Wheel Drive Club.

The groups were then tasked with driving the city and calling in and giving the conditions of roads and streets around the community. The Gear Grinders 4 Wheel Drive Club was tasked with driving the officers around in areas where water was too deep to drive their patrol cars.

In 2023 Police and Community Together (PACT) received a plaque and a Thank You from the City of Ridgecrest for its services during the storms.





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Patrol

This unit provides proactive law enforcement by utilizing marked PACT patrol cars to perform vacation house checks, business checks, and other responsibilities. It provides an important presence in the community. This unit is also called upon for help with:

1. Traffic control
2. Help with DUI Check Points
3. Crime scene containment
4. Child Transport to Miriam Jamison in Bakersfield, CA.
5. PACT is sometimes called upon to wait for the Coroner at the scene of a death. The process of waiting for the Coroner can take from 3 to 4 + hours.
6. Support for parades, Biker Blessing, Parades of a Thousand Flags, Christmas Parades, Viewfinder Motorcycle race, Dual in the Desert Motorcycle Race
7. Security Patrol for: Night on Balsam Street , Desert Empire Fair, Petroglyph Festival
8. Burroughs High School and Cerro Coso College Graduation
9. Safe Grad Night





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Surveillance

This special assignment unit provides additional "eyes and ears" at the request of the police department. Although used primarily for graffiti or tagging investigations and narcotics abatement, it also assists with traffic control and crime scene containment.

Neighborhood Watch

Is a nationally recognized program that promotes a common sense approach to home and neighborhood security

Special Events

In the earlier years, PACT only had 4 events a year. PACT once again had to learn to meet the needs of the community and the Ridgecrest Police department. In 2024 PACT supports 49 events, such as helping with film productions. These events require PACT to be more in tune with the community needs. Special Events Captain is to coordinate getting food for the people, making sure people and equipment is where it needs be and working with the people that require our help.





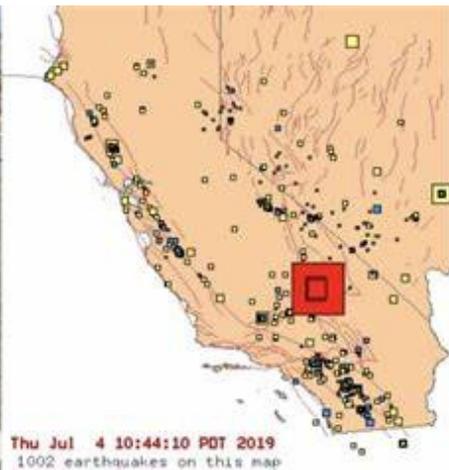
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Earthquakes Hit Ridgecrest, Ca

On July 4 and 5 2019 a series of earthquakes hit Ridgecrest, CA. 6.4, 5.4 and 7.1. PACT and CERT were called out to help with disaster support. PACT supported the City by working with Ridgecrest Police Department, and worked with the Kern County Fire Department by providing support by closing the streets so they could lay out their fire hoses.

Working with PGE, Edison, and the water company, they closed streets for downed power lines, open gas lines, and broken water lines. PACT also helped moving water into different areas of the city. PACT provided additional patrol in the areas damaged by the earthquake and supplied information on the areas damaged. They had no phone or power to report fires or building damage. From July 4, 2019 to July 7, 2019 PACT Volunteers worked a total of 642 hours.





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In Memory



Frances Simpson
4/20/1924 - 3/10/2023
Badge #21 - Retired



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PACT COORDINATOR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Director

Law Enforcement Director

Secretary

Director / Treasurer

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director



PACT CHAIN OF COMMAND

Law Enforcement Captain

Law Enforcement Director

PACT Coordinator

PACT Commander

Support Captain
&
Lieutenants

Administrative
Support

Patrol Divison

Special Events

Nuisance Abatement &
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Vehicles

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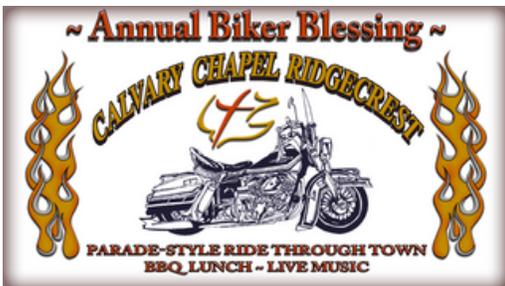
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AmeriCorps



American Red Cross



SAFE GRAD NIGHT
Burroughs High School



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