

## GREETINGS FROM JOHNNY LAW....JUNE/JULY 2002

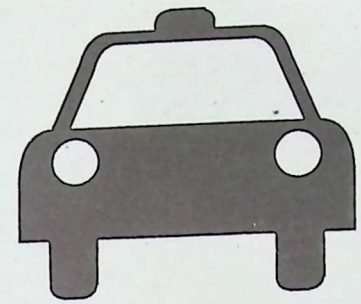
AS MOST OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, I BECAME YOUR NEW CHIEF OF POLICE ON JUNE 17TH. IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION RATHER QUICKLY THAT THE TOWN OF BUTTE FALLS HAS HAD DIFFICULTY RETAINING POLICE PERSONNEL LONG TERM DUE TO FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS. I WASN'T SURPRISED, THEREFORE, WHEN PEOPLE STARTED ASKING ME, "DO YOU LIVE IN TOWN?" AND "ARE YOU GOING TO STAY AROUND LONGER THAN THE LAST CHIEF?" I GUESS THE FEAR IS THAT IF I DON'T LIVE IN TOWN THAT I WON'T STAY LONG TERM. RESPONSE TIME HAS ALSO BEEN A CONCERN OF MOST PEOPLE. THE ANSWER TO THE FIRST QUESTION IS YES. I DO LIVE IN TOWN. ANSWERING THE SECOND QUESTION WOULD ONLY CONSTITUTE SPECULATION. I WAS, HOWEVER, COMMITTED ENOUGH TO CLOSE DOWN MY CALIFORNIA LAW PRACTICE IN ORDER TO TAKE THE POSITION. I'VE EVEN ADOPTED A CAT. NOW THAT'S REAL COMMITMENT. WE ARE NOW PROVIDING THE TOWN WITH ON-DUTY POLICE SERVICE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. I BELIEVE THIS DAILY COVERAGE HAS ALREADY HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE OVERALL SERENITY OF THE TOWN. ANY TOWN OR COUNTY RESIDENT INTERESTED IN IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN AND AROUND THE TOWN IS WELCOME TO CONTACT ME AT 865-3200 TO SCHEDULE AN OFFICE MEETING ON THE SUBJECT. IN SPITE OF OUR BEST EFFORTS, THERE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS. TWO ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN. THE FIRST IS THAT OF VANDALISM. ALTHOUGH IT ISN'T THE ONLY INCIDENT, THE FIRST THING I HEARD ABOUT WHEN COMING TO BUTTE FALLS WAS THAT NEW PICNIC TABLES AT THE FALLS HAD BEEN THROWN INTO THE CREEK. THAT ACT HAS TO HAVE COME FROM THE NOT-SO-INSPIRED THINKING OF A MENTAL WIZARD. WOULD IT BE TOO MUCH TO EXPECT THE SAME PEOPLE TO RECTIFY THE DAMAGE BY VOLUNTARILY PULLING THE TABLE OUT OF THE CREEK AND

REPAIRING THE DAMAGE? PROBABLY, SO. BUT GREATER MIRACLES HAVE HAPPENED. THE SECOND PROBLEM IS ONE THAT WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF MANY OF THE TOWN'S CITIZENRY TO CORRECT. THIS IS A MATTER OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT. PERSONAL PROPERTY ITEMS ARE BEING STORED ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS ALONG ROADS OR IN ALLEYS. THEY INCLUDE INOPERABLE VEHICLES OR AUTOMOBILE PARTS, PORTABLE CAR COVERS, TRAILERS, PILES OF WOOD, TRASH AND OTHER SUCH ITEMS. THESE ITEMS BLOCK ACCESS DURING FIRE, POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCIES. NUMEROUS PORTABLE CAR COVERS ARE INSTALLED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY OR ARE INSTALLED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT REQUISITE BUILDING PERMITS. MANY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES CONTAIN LARGE AMOUNTS OF UNSIGHTLY, OFFENSIVE OR HAZARDOUS DEBRIS CONSTITUTING PUBLIC NUISANCES. IT WILL BE THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS DEPARTMENT TO CAUSE EACH OF THESE CONDITIONS TO BE CLEARED. IT IS NOT MY OBJECTIVE TO DICTATORIALLY TELL PEOPLE WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY. I AM STRONG ADVOCATE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS. HOWEVER, IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON OFFENSIVE OR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF PROPERTY MUST BE ENFORCED FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE IN A COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER YOUR PROPERTY CONTAINS A CODE VIOLATION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME, BEFORE I CONTACT YOU. IF YOU FIX IT. I DON'T TICKET. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING FOR YOU AND WITH YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDLY WELCOME, ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION....

JOHN F. LAWSON,  
CHIEF OF POLICE.

(The song "I Fought the law,  
but the law Won" keeps coming  
to mind.... I like this  
guy... Cory H.)



### WATER AND SEWER BILLING POLICY

1. EDU'S (equivalent dwelling units)
  - A. ALL EDU's and all services will be charged Operation and Maintenance fees and Bond fees each month.  
EXCEPTION on O & M fees:
    - 1). Disconnection for demolition will be pro-rated to disconnection date.
    - 2). Shut-off for non-payment will be pro-rated to disconnection date.
  - B. VACANT EDU'S:  
Only Bonds and O & M fees will be billed against property if land owner/agent notifies Town Recorder of vacancy.
  - C. Empty lots with sewer and water hookups will be billed for bonds and O & M only.
  - D. Empty lots with water (no usage) and no sewer hookup will be billed for water bonds and O & M only.  
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2. LAND OWNER/AGENT
  - A. Will be responsible for payment of water and sewer services.
3. LATE PAYMENTS
  - A. After 30 days of non-payment a shutoff notice will be mailed to the landowner or agent and services will be shutoff after a 15 day grace period.
4. RECONNECT FEES
  - A. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged to reconnect services.
5. DEPOSITS
  - A. Owner/agent billing for services will require one (1) month basic rate deposit before service can begin.
  - B. Empty lots with no water and sewer hook-ups will not be billed.

This billing policy will take effect with the July 2002 billing cycle. The bills will be mailed out to the Landowner/Agent the first week of August. If you have any questions, please contact Butte Falls City Hall between the hours of 8 AM and 1 PM at 865-3262.

THE BUTTE FALLS TOWN COUNCIL