



Rosamond Community Services District

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Rosamond Welcomes the AV Wall

Since 2009, the AV Wall, a half-scale tribute monument of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., has offered healing to the Vietnam generation while helping those who have come before and after them understand their pain and sacrifice.

This solemn community-funded and volunteer-staffed display will be hosted by the Southern Kern Unified School District this year at Rosamond's own Westpark Elementary School. Open 24 hours a day from 4:00pm on November 7th through 3:00pm on November 12th, all are welcome to view the over 58,000 names on the wall and hear their stories.

Learn more about the AV Wall, it's incredible history, and details of upcoming displays at <https://avwall.org>.

AV Wall 2023 Display
November 7th - 12th
Westpark Elementary School
3600 Imperial Avenue, Rosamond, CA

Special events at this year's display include:

- **Taps** - played nightly at 9:00pm
- **Motorcycle escort of the wall from its storage location in Palmdale to its display location in Rosamond** - Tuesday, November 7th, at 8:00am
- **Display opening** - Tuesday, November 7th, at 4:00pm
- **Candlelight Ceremony** - Friday, November 10th, at 8:00pm
- **Veterans Day Ceremony and Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin Presentation** - Saturday, November 11th, at 11:00am
- **Display closing** - Sunday, November 12th, at 3:00pm



Looking for a deputy? You won't find them at RCSD

While it is true that RCSD once hosted a Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) substation, the sheriff's deputies no longer occupy the RCSD offices. The nearest KCSO substation is now in Mojave, despite what Google, online maps, and even the KCSO's own website say.

Back in 2016, the KCSO closed the Rosamond substation due to budget limitations. In an effort to help keep our community safe, RCSD offered KCSO space at the RCSD office for the substation. While the idea seemed



good on paper, both RCSD and KCSO realized that having the substation at the RCSD office was not a good fit, and soon closed the substation.

Despite the substation closing, Google, online maps, and the KCSO's own website still list the RCSD office as an active KCSO substation. This is incorrect. RCSD staff is in the process of working with the different organizations to fix these listings. In the meantime, we still have community members come into the RCSD office each week looking for deputies who are not there.

If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1. For non-emergency matters, you can find deputies ready to assist you at the Mojave substation located at 1771 Highway 58, Mojave, CA. You can also call the KCSO dispatch at (661) 861-3110.

Falling Behind on Your Bill? Come See Us for Help

Money doesn't seem to go as far as it used to, leaving many of us struggling to make ends meet. It's easy for those who fall behind financially to feel overwhelmed by delinquent accounts and payoff amounts.

RCSD is here for you and we want to help.

If you are struggling to pay your RCSD bill in full each month and have fallen behind, please come into our office and talk to one of our customer service specialists. Together, we can map out a repayment plan to get your account back into good standing. These payment plans can only be made in-person in the RCSD office. Please stop by the RCSD

office at 3179 35th Street West, Rosamond, CA, any time during our regular office hours so we can work on reducing the stress of your unpaid balance together.

LIHWAP Program Extended

If you're falling behind on your payments or need help with your current bill so you don't fall behind, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help.

LIHWAP is a federally funded utility assistance program that is administered locally through the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK). Households can qualify for LIHWAP based on their income. Qualifying households can use LIHWAP even if they have not fallen behind and their accounts are still in good standing.

This no-cost-to-you program is not funded or administered by RCSD, but can be applied to your RCSD bills. Learn more and see if you qualify at <https://energy.capk.org/water-utility-assistance/>

Fighting Holiday FOG

As families and friends gather together and enjoy delicious meals, remember to keep Fats, Oils, and Grease, or FOG, out of our drains and sewers. FOG goes into our sewer lines as liquids but become solids as they cool down. These solid FOG logs cause major backups and clogs in our sewer system, requiring extra cleaning to clear them and more frequent maintenance. This means more man-hours and higher operations costs. Do your part to keep our sewers flowing and our costs down by putting all FOG where it belongs: in the trash.

