



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Public Education Program

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** Chico Police Department & THE INTERNET

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED:** August 1, 2016

**INCIDENT CASE NUMBER:** None

**VICTIM:** None

**SUSPECT:** None

### **NARRATIVE:**

Your Police Department recognizes that communication and information sharing is imperative to maintaining a strong working relationship with the citizens it serves. Therefore, beginning the week of August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Department will start the “Ask a Cop” program. The idea behind the program is for anyone, to ask just about any question, related to law enforcement, and have it answered by a local police officer via social media. Sort of a “Dear Abby” for questions about law enforcement.

Questions will be submitted for the program via email and each week a new question will be answered on the Department’s official Facebook page. The questions can be about items or insignia on an officer’s uniform, police procedures, Department Policy, vehicle code violations, etc.

Here’s how it works. Citizens are asked to submit their questions to the email address listed below. With your question, you must include your name and a telephone number so that the officer can contact you and confirm that your question is understood correctly. The officer will also ask if you have a Facebook identity that you wish to have “tagged” in the response or you will simply be referred to as “John/Jane Doe, from Chico/Paradise/Oroville, etc.

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**As with almost anything, there are a few caveats. Questions that may inhibit officer safety, Department security, or current investigations will not be answered. Comments that are not informative or helpful will be deleted. We want to try and keep this program positive and helpful.**

**So, if you've ever wondered what the stripes on an officer's sleeve mean, when it's ok to drive in the bike lane, or why some people accused of heinous crimes are allowed to bail out of jail, but didn't know how to get the answer, here it is. [AskaChicoCop@gmail.com](mailto:AskaChicoCop@gmail.com)**

**Be informed and be safe.**

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