



City of Red Bluff

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PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number: 1901160077 and 1901160082

Contact Person: Sergeant Bill Williams

CRIME/INCIDENT: Severe Weather Incident/Localized Flooding
LOCATION: Red Bluff, CA
DATE OCCURRED: 01/16/2019 08:19 PM

SUMMARY:

On January 16, 2019 at about 08:19 P.M.:

The Red Bluff Police Department was dispatched to South Main Street and the train trestle for a stranded motorist blocking the roadway. The city had experienced a severe weather event that produced a large amount of rainfall in a short period of time.

RBPD Officers arrived on scene and discovered the roadway beneath the train trestle was flooded with water several feet deep. The motorist was assisted and the decision to close the roadway was made. The Red Bluff Public Works Department was called out to assist with the road closure. The roadway was opened at approximately 9:09 PM when the water finally receded enough to let traffic pass safely.

At approximately 9:52 PM, the Red Bluff Public Works Department was alerted to possible flooding in the area of Aloha Street and Jackson Street. Police and Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and discovered the 900 block and 1000 block of Aloha Street, west of Jackson Street, was flooded. Reeds Creek had crested its banks and was flooding the area.

Water continued to rise at an alarming rate while personnel assessed the situation. City officials were contacted, and it was determined out of an abundance of caution, to begin voluntary evacuation of residents. Several families were safely evacuated out of the area. The Red Bluff Community Center was opened as an emergency evacuation center for affected residents. The water finally receded, and evacuations were canceled at approximately 11:35 PM. The emergency evacuation center remained open during the night in case the weather changed for the worse.

Due to the close working relationship of the varied departments within the City of Red Bluff, the emergency was handled professionally and efficiently.

Sergeant B. Williams

January 17, 2018

The City of Red Bluff is an equal opportunity provider.

We, the members of the Red Bluff Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods throughout the city.