

## A Law Enforcement *Camel*?

We've all heard of law enforcement canines, and police officers mounted on horseback. But a law enforcement camel? Meet Bert, the Sheriff's Department camel!

For those of you who don't know Bert, he is a 15 year old camel owned and tenderly cared for by Reserve Deputy Nance Fite. Nance has been a Reserve Deputy for over 25 years as an active member of the Mounted Posse. She and Bert make appearances at schools and other children's activities to talk about right and wrong, as well as building good relationships with law enforcement officers. A few months ago, Nance and Bert made an appearance at Eckstrand Elementary School in San Dimas. The principal kissed Bert because she had a friendly wager with her students regarding test scores. The students did better than expected, so the principal kissed Bert. It was a great event and the kids loved having Bert at their school.

Bert joined the Sheriff's Department in 2003 and has made many appearances at schools, summer camps, and many other kid events promoting good behavior, doing well in school, and staying away from drugs. Nance has always had an affection for camels, and when Bert came available, she brought him home and he has been part of her family for all of his life.

On Monday, October 1, 2012, a film company from the BBC (British Broadcasting Company) came to San Dimas Sheriff's Station and filmed our very own, Bert the camel. The company is producing a television program for children called "Officially Amazing." They are currently travelling the United States filming amazing things and Bert is definitely amazing. It is anticipated Bert's segment could appear on British television in March of 2013. We anxiously anticipate seeing him on the medium screen.

Bert has an affinity for public events. He definitely knows when he is going to make an appearance and "hams it up" for the cameras. In the filming he was the main topic of conversation and he knew it. He was a perfect gentleman while the humans were standing around him, talking about what else, Bert.

Bert plans on being in the upcoming San Dimas Western Days parade this Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you want to see Bert up close, plan on attending the parade and say hello. He would love to see you all.

If you have an interest in becoming a member of the San Dimas Mounted Posse, please contact Sergeant Joe McDonald at the phone number below. We are always looking for new members to join our station family.

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