



# CITY OF MORGAN HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Animal Control Officer Saves Goose**

On Thursday, May 19, 2011, at approx. 12:40pm Morgan Hill Police Department's Animal Control Officer Daniel Pina was on patrol at Community Park when he noticed three geese trying to drown a smaller male goose in the pond. As he approached the pond the smaller male goose was upside down--head under water. ACO Pina removed the goose using a catch pole and gave it small chest compressions. The goose coughed up water and began looking around. ACO Pina took the goose to his truck and placed an "Air for Paws" animal oxygen mask over the goose's bill hoping to revive it. Five minutes later the goose picked up its head and tried to stand up. ACO Pina said, "It was really awesome to bring the goose back to life!" The goose was taken to a Vet Hospital where it received medical care and will be release to a small farm outside of San Martin. According to ACO Pina geese fighting in the pond at Community Park is a natural occurrence that happens once a year where dominate male geese will kill off weaker males to mate.