



Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation

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Fall 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The greatest "Officer of the Year" Spring Awards Dinner ever! This is what the audience told me right after the event. Angela Barton, Greg Sturges, Sophie Zimmermann, Pauly Wren and the Stockdale Country Club staff out did last year and put on an emotional fast paced program presenting over 45 awards to law enforcement officers, private citizens, and business community leaders.

Mayor Harvey Hall of Hall Ambulance Service, Harold Meek of 3-Way Chevrolet, Arnold Johansen of H.M. Holloway and Wayne Ketcherside formerly of Carter Pump & Machine Company received 20 year sponsorship awards for always being there with whatever we needed; when we needed it.



Tom Sheets

The founders of this organization; retired Sheriff John Smith and first president Bill Dolan (97 years old), received the Founders Award for starting this organization 20 years ago. We are now over \$400,000 in donations, \$22,000 in law enforcement scholarships, and numerous "in-kind" grants and gifts to agencies when they needed it.

We were able to help several law enforcement families this past year with cash grants while they recovered from life threatening injuries from being injured while on duty.

I am excited to announce we are working with the Kern Chiefs Association to establish local joint agency training funds for management.

We continue to expand services and grow. I would to recognize our newest business sponsors; CommWorld of Kern County (Gregg and Tamara Sturges), Tejon Ranch (Vice-President Joe Drew and President Bob Stine). What a wonderful job Tejon Ranch did this year on their new development and putting thousands of acres of Tejon Ranch land in a conservancy. A win-win for everyone.

We are also proud to welcome Randy Winkle of Randy's Towing to Board as an "at large" board member and fund-raising committee. Mr. Winkle plans to expand the "DragFest" and start quarterly meets to get the kids "off the street racing." Over 7400 people paid to see the first DragFest and the reviews were frankly "off the hook." Congratulations to all who helped Randy Winkle and Greg Sturges put it together.

New membership enrollment is open September 1st and it is still only \$100.00 per year for citizen membership and \$50.00 per year for active and retired law enforcement.

We encourage you to look at Walter Morton's website at www.kernlaw.org for new information, applications and past newsletters.

Hope to see you at the Stockdale Country Club on October 8, 2008 for the Fall Luncheon. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served at noon with our exciting program and guest speaker Chief Jerry P. Dyer of the Fresno Police Department. ■

KEYNOTE SPEAKER JERRY P. DYER CHIEF OF POLICE, FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Topic: "California Gang Activity"

Fall Luncheon on October 8th, 2008 at Stockdale Country Club

Chief Jerry Dyer has served the Fresno Police Department for twenty-nine years. As a sergeant, Jerry supervised several high profile units such as the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT); The Patrol Tactical Team; The Major Narcotics Unit; and served as an Internal Affairs Investigator. In 1993, Jerry was promoted to Lieutenant and served as a Field Commander; Operations Commander; and Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police.



In 1997, Jerry was promoted to Captain and served as the District Commander in Southeast Fresno. In February of 1999, Jerry was promoted to Deputy Chief, and in December of 1999, Jerry was promoted to and served as the department's first Assistant Chief of Police. On August 1, 2001, Jerry was appointed to the position of Chief of Police. During his tenure as Police Chief, Fresno has experienced six consecutive years of crime decreases resulting in a 43-year low in the 2007 and crime index.

Chief Dyer has also made traffic safety a top priority for his department by quadrupling the size of the Traffic Bureau, which has resulted in significant reductions in traffic collisions and fatalities since 2002. The Police Department has received national and state recognition for its traffic safety efforts to include the prestigious

California Highway Patrol Commissioner's Award; first place in the International Association of Chiefs of Police "Law Enforcement Chiefs Challenge", and "impaired Driving Enforcement Award"; as well as five consecutive first place awards in the "California Law Enforcement Chiefs Challenge". In 2006 the Fresno Police Department was selected by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers as the top law enforcement agency in the nation for its efforts to combat impaired driving and in 2007 the Department received the prestigious Peter K. O'Rourke Award from the National Governor's Highway Safety Administration.

In 2002, Chief Dyer initiated the rigorous process to have the police department nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

On July 30, 2005 the Fresno Police Department was awarded accreditation status and became part of an elite group of law enforcement agencies as fewer than 4% of law enforcement agencies in the United States are accredited. The Fresno Police Department also has the distinct honor of being the largest municipal law enforcement agency in the state of California to have accreditation status.

Chief Dyer has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from California State University Fresno; a Master's Degree in Management from California Polytechnic University at Pomona; and he is a graduate of the California Command College, where he was recognized by his peers as the Most Inspirational Student. Jerry serves as the President of the California Police Chief's Association and as an Advisory Board member on Governor Schwarzenegger's California Gang Reduction Intervention Program. He also serves as a voting member of the Sacramento Regional Threat Assessment Center Governance Board, and is the Chair for the Central Valley "High Intensity Drug Trafficking" Board.

Jerry and his wife Diane have been married for twenty-eight years and they have two children; Jeremy and Janelle. Jerry serves as a Deacon and Sunday school teacher at the Harmony Freewill Baptist Church in Fresno. ■

CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

A NEW VALUABLE TOOL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

By JOHN R. SMITH



As a young Chicago police officer, 53 years ago, we were taught to always take command of the situation when arriving at a call. It was called, "Command Presence". If some-

one didn't listen, you simply, "take them down". We were also taught, "the crazies always come out in force when there is a full moon" and you needed to be extra alert. When grandma got dementia, you locked her in the attic or upstairs bedroom so she wouldn't be an embarrassment to the family's good name. No one would ever have wanted the stigma of mental illness in their family known.

Thank God, we are finally coming out of the dark ages and slowly but surely we are recognizing who the mentally ill people are. They are Moms and Dads, Grandparents, Children, Aunts and Uncles, returning Veterans from our armed forces or other favorite people in our lives. It is difficult to find anyone whose family has not been affected in some manner.

Law Enforcement Officers are usually first on the scene when a mentally ill person is in a crisis state and how they are trained to deal with the situation should be of concern to all of us. All too frequently, we read about jail deaths as a result of combative prisoners, officer involved shootings, suicide by cop and other incidents involving mentally ill people. The results aren't good, human lives are destroyed, law enforcement officers lose their careers, we pay out millions of dollars to settle lawsuits and the entire criminal justice system gets a black eye. There are no winners in the current situation.

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) has

proved to be a valuable tool for cities, and counties across our nation. It is a collaborative effort/partnership between local law enforcement agencies, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the local County Department of Mental Health. The first program started in 1988 with the Memphis Police Department as a result of the shooting of a mentally ill 27 yr. old man. The outcry from the people in Memphis-including the police department, city administration, family members of the mentally ill and the individuals themselves were determined to change law enforcement crisis services and to do so within a context of safety, understanding and dignity. They wanted an immediate response from trained personnel to deal with mental health crisis calls. Only CIT provided this response; officers are taught how to talk them down rather than take them down.

In an article I recently reviewed, Major Sam Cochran, M.P.D. (the founder of CIT) stated the following, "What makes CIT so successful? It is more than just training. Although the 40 hours of training is substantial, what really makes CIT effective is the foundation of sensitivity and understanding interwoven within the framework of community partnerships. This gives birth to community ownership - which is the heartbeat of CIT".

He further stated, "Although many law enforcement agencies are

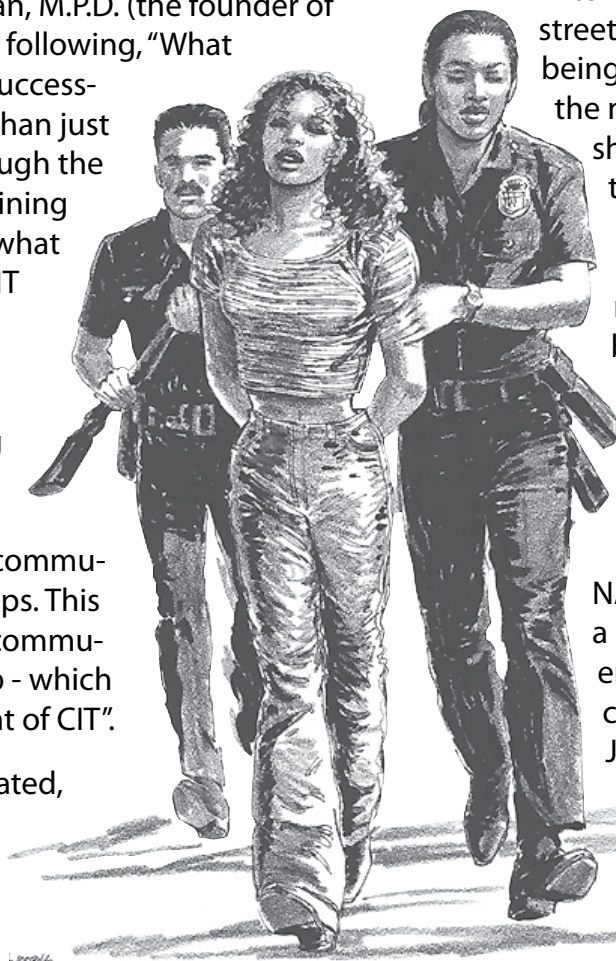
making positive strides towards meeting the demands and complexities of crisis events, these are more often than not formatted within the context of training hours only. However, the expectation that training by itself will resolve the stigma is not realistic. Mere training by itself is not enough to compensate when there is no infrastructure of services and care. To combat the devastating effects and trauma brought about the stigma of mental illness requires a profound community outcry, joined with the linkage to appropriate community service infrastructures. CIT is a profound course of action. It is a hope, a voice, a plan necessary to correct the harmful and life taking tragedies of stigma past and present".

The results in Memphis (which I believe are replicated in many cities and counties throughout California) showed the following results:

After the Memphis CIT hit the streets, the number of people being put in jail decreased and the number of officers injured showed a significant reduction in regards to crisis calls. Law enforcement officers became advocates for the mentally ill and both sides benefited.

KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIT--MOVING AHEAD

1. In October, 2007, NAMI-Kern County hosted a meeting of over 100 law enforcement leaders, including District Attorneys, Judges and Mental Health Professionals to discuss CIT training and other mental health issues.
2. On May 8, 2008, NAMI-Kern hosted a local



meeting for law enforcement leaders at the Bakersfield Police Department meeting room. A great deal of interest was shown by the participants. Kern County Mental Health was a major participant and currently have a number of programs in place to assist Kern County Law Enforcement

3. As of this date, local law enforcement has three trained CIT Officer, Commander Shelly Castaneda, KCSO and 2 additional deputies have received the training. She is leading the Sheriff's Office efforts to bring this training to her department. Currently there are two additional Deputies who will receive this training at out of county facilities. Other Departments are planning to send personnel for this training in the near future.
4. The slow start in Kern County in CIT is understandable. Law enforcement has a massive amount of training mandated by the State and a lack of available personnel to send to the classes. It will

even be tougher this year due to State and Local budget cuts.

OUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Kern County will start its own regional CIT programs and will form a collaborative with NAMI and K.C. Mental Health to provide a higher level of service to our mentally ill. All first responders to mentally ill crisis calls will have the opportunity to receive this training at the local level.

The number of mentally ill people in our jails will dramatically decrease as CIT and other resources kick in. The mentally ill are often referred to as "frequent fliers" because of the revolving door method currently used due to jail overcrowding.

Our Court system will add a court to deal with the mentally ill. They have special problems and needs. Many communities have already successfully met this need.

You, as an interested citizen/taxpayer

and your heart as a compassionate human being, will join with us and become advocates for those who have no voice, our mentally ill citizens.

Coleen Peters, a locally involved community leader and Board Member of NAMI-CALIFORNIA, is the co-chairperson and John R. Smith, a retired Chief of Police (Tehachapi P.D.) and the former Kern County Sheriff, is the other co-chairperson of NAMI-KERN CIT. If you have questions or desire more information, please give us a call. We both have children who have suffered from mental illness and have been in and out the Criminal Justice System. We know, first hand, the current system has made tremendous gains over the past few years but still needs to be drastically improved. (Coleen-334-2161) (John-823-8070)

Thought for today: What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters to what lies within us. **RALPH WALDO EMERSON ■**

Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Over the past fourteen years the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation has proudly sponsored over \$20,000 in scholarships to deserving students in Kern County. To qualify for the program, you must be enrolled as a full time student in a Law Enforcement or Criminology program. You must also maintain a 3.0 grade-point average, have lived in Kern County for the past five years, and plan on working in a local law enforcement organization.

The recipient is awarded a \$4,000 scholarship paid each semester or quarter based on proof of eligibility. Past recipients have been high school students entering college or students already attending college.

Our most recent recipient is Jonathan Happel. Jonathan graduated from Centennial High School in 2008 with a 4.235 GPA and was ranked 12th in his class. He was recognized by local media for attending every single day of school, Kindergarten through his Senior Year of High School. Additionally, he volunteered over 500 hours as a Kern County Sheriff Explorer.

Jonathan is attending LaRoche College in Pittsburgh, PA majoring in biology with a concentration in Forensic Science. His goal is to obtain his Masters Degree, return to Kern County and work for local Law Enforcement and then apply to the FBI Academy.

Jessica Boden was the recipient of our 2007 scholarship. Jessica graduated in 2007 from Bakersfield High School and is currently enrolled at Bakersfield College majoring in Criminal Justice. After BC, she hopes to attend Fresno State and stay involved in the Air Force ROTC. After serving her 4 year military term, she plans to come back to Bakersfield and apply to the Bakersfield Police Academy.

This program is exceptionally rewarding to our Board of Directors, reinvesting in our future Law Enforcement leaders is a goal of our Foundation. We wish both recipients continued success.

We will begin accepting applications for the 2009 scholarship in March. For additional information contact Sharon Scoggins of Hall Ambulance Service, Inc., at (661) 322-1625 - or any Board Member. ■



Lisa Boydston
Scholarship Committee



Spring Awards Dinner 2008

Held at the STOCKDALE COUNTY CLUB

20TH ANNIVERSARY "OFFICER OF THE YEAR" AWARDS DINNER – A WINNER

Approximately 45 awards were given out to business and community leaders, citizens who dared to get involved, and deserving law enforcement officers from all of Kern County who continue to make a difference.

To recap the evening's winners, we provide a list of the categories and selected winners; they are:

BUSINESS AWARDS

Mayor Harvey Hall,
Hall Ambulance Service

Harold Meek,
3-Way Chevrolet

Arnold Johansen,
H.M. Holloway

Wayne Ketcherside,
formerly Carter Pump & Machine Co.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jonathan Happel

FOUNDER'S AWARD

Retired Sheriff,
John Smith

1st President,
William R. Dolan

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A CITIZEN AWARD

Jeanette Merjil, Bakersfield
Tiffany Taylor, Bakersfield
Pedro Lopez, Bakersfield
Anonymous Award

Presenter: Sgt. Greg Terry
Bakersfield Police Department

Jacob Pierson, Bakersfield
Andrew Ramirez, Bakersfield
Presenter: Captain Brian Smith
California Highway Patrol

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Amanda Pipkin, Ridgecrest

Sherry McInerney, Ridgecrest

Presenter: Sgt. Justin M. Dampier
Ridgecrest Police Department

CITIZEN VOLUNTEER AWARD

SAR Dive Rescue Group
Captain Jim Grundt

Presenter: Sgt. Gary Rhoades
Kern County Sheriff's Department

EXCEPTIONAL OFFICER AWARD

Senior Deputy John Money,
KC Sheriff's Department

Presenter: Sheriff Donny Youngblood/Lt. Mike Dunham

Officer Jared Diederich,
Bakersfield Police Department

Officer John Dunn,
Bakersfield Police Department

Presenter: Chief William Rector

Officer Patricia Stewart,
Arvin Police Department

Presenter: Chief Tommy Tunson

Officer Matt Iturriria,
California Highway Patrol

Presenter: Captain Brian Smith

Sr. Deputy Derek Brannan,
KC Sheriff's Department

Presenter: Sgt. John Craig

Sgt. Drake Massey,
KC Sheriff's Department

Deputy John McAdoo,
KC Sheriff's Department

Deputy Ray Martinez,
KC Sheriff's Department

Deputy James Veon,
KC Sheriff's Department

Deputy Patrick McNeal,
KC Sheriff's Department

Deputy Abel Hernandez,
KC Sheriff's Department

Presenter: Lt. Ed Komin

MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD

Officer Kelley Walker,
California Highway Patrol

Officer Aaron Taylor,
California Highway Patrol

Officer Benjamin Galpenske,
California Highway Patrol

Officer Kelly Valdez,
California Highway Patrol

Presenter: Captain Brian Smith

Officer Eric Littlefield,
Bakersfield Police Department

Officer John Bilddt,
Bakersfield Police Department

Presenter: Chief William Rector

OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Technical Sergeant James P. Pilkenton,
Edwards Air Force Base

Presenter: Major Steven R. Heffington, Edwards Air Force Base

Officer Dennis Eddy,
Bakersfield Police Department

Presenter: Chief William Rector, Bakersfield Police Department

Everyone was appreciative and the Stockdale Country Club continues to provide a first class setting and dinner was just excellent. The committee members active on this year's dinner were: Angela Barton, Lisa Boydston Jon Busby, Greg Sturges, Sophie Zimmermann, Frank Williams, and Pauly Wren.

The Fall Luncheon is scheduled for October 8, 2008 at The Stockdale Country Club. Keynote speaker, Chief Jerry P. Dyer of the Fresno Police Department will speak on California Gang Activity.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

If you would like to become a sponsor of next year's event, please contact one of our board members or officers at:

(661) 835-5040 OR Visit our website at **www.kernlaw.org**

Photographs taken by member and retired KC Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Serrano, of Serrano Investigative Services and Gotta Go Bail Bonds.

All awards done by Randy Raymond & family at "Raymond's Trophy & Awards."



Sheriff Donny Youngblood, claimed winner of DragFest competition.



Past President Frank Williams; Vice-President, Jon Busby; President, Tom Sheets; John Smith, Bill Dolan and Mayor Harvey Hall.



Officers Eddy, Littlefield, Bilddt, Diederich and Dunn, all from the Bakersfield Police Department.



Officer Eric Littlefield & guest and Officer John Billdt & guest.



Sr. Deputy John Money & guests.



Tom Sheets presenting Andrew Ramirez with Outstanding Contribution by a Citizen Award.



Pauly Wren presenting Jeanette Merjil, Tiffany Taylor and Pedro Lopez Outstanding Contribution by a Citizen Award.



Past President Frank Williams presenting the Trade Center with sponsor award.



First President Bill Dolan & Founder, former sheriff, John Smith receiving the Founder's Award.



Mayor Harvey Hall receiving a business plaque award from Vice President Jon Busby.



Mayor Harvey Hall, Harold Meek of 3-Way Chevrolet, Arnold Johansen & Wayne Ketcherside receiving business plaque awards for 20 years of service.



Pauly Wren and Angela Barton receiving awards of service – THEY DO IT ALL!



Chief Bill Rector, Officer Jared Diederich and Officer John Dunn of the BPD receiving the Exceptional Officer Award.



Captain Brian Smith of the CHP presenting Officer Matt Iturriria with the Exceptional Officer Award.



Deputies John McAdoo, Ray Martinez, James Veon, Patrick McNeal & Abel Hernandez of the KC Sheriff's Depart. receiving Exceptional Officer Award.



Officers Kelley Walker, Aaron Taylor, Benjamin Galpenske, Kelley Valdez & Captain Brian Smith of the CHP receiving Medal of Valor Award



Officer Eric Littlefield, Officer John Billdt and Chief Bill Rector of the BPD presenting Medal of Honor Award



Technical Sergeant James P. Pilkenton and Major Steven R. Heffington of Edwards Air Force Base presenting the Officer of the Year Award.



Chief Bill Rector of the BPD presenting Officer Dennis Eddy with Officer of the Year Award, with his wife at his side.



Sheriff Donny Youndblood, Captain Brian Smith and Trice Harvey arguing over who really won the race at the "DragFest".



Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino receiving another "Event Sponsor Award".

20th Annual OFFICER of the Year Awards Dinner

THANK YOU SPONSORS Main Event Sponsors: Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino and CommWorld of Kern County, Other Sponsors: Viscon, Golden Empire Towing, Barber Honda and The Trade Center; Media Sponsors: KGET-TV and KERO.



Amanda Pipkin and Sherry McInerney of Ridgecrest receiving Citizen of the Year Awards.



Chief Tommy Tunson of Arvin Police Department presenting Officer Patricia Stewart with the Exceptional Officer Award. Arvin is so quiet NOW!

A JOB WELL DONE

KERN LAW ENFORCEMENT 5 – BAD GUYS 0



“Kern Law Enforcement Prevent Major Felony Casino Robbery”

By Senior Deputy Sean Pratt

On 9-13-07 at 0244 hours, four suspects entered the Golden West Casino armed with an AK-47 assault rifle, a hand gun, and an additional assault rifle. The four suspects ordered patrons and employees to the ground and robbed the Casino cash cage of \$60,000.00.

The suspects fled the casino in a vehicle. A few minutes later Bakersfield Police Officers responding to assist Kern County Sheriff's Deputies located the getaway car abandoned. Deputies responded to the casino and the abandoned getaway car to take the initial report and process both scenes for evidence.

On 10-31-07 an informant contacted the Sheriff's Office with information and evidence from the robbery of the Golden West Casino. Sheriff's Detectives from robbery homicide contacted this informant who was able to provide one suspect's true name and three monikers, or street names for additional suspects. The informant also identified the suspects as members of the Mona Park Compton Crips criminal street gang.

Kern County Sheriff's Deputies with the Gang Suppression Section used law enforcement records and the assistance of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies to identify the suspects who had only been named by moniker.

With the information and evidence provided by the informant and evidence collected from the getaway car Sheriff's Technical Investigations was able to match two suspects, with two latent prints recovered at the scene of the robbery. Deputies were able to locate phone numbers for two of the suspects. Deputies from the Gang Suppression Section conducted surveillance of suspects in the Los Angeles area and were able to identify vehicles and homes being used by suspects.

On 3-28-08 Gang Suppression Section Deputies obtained an order to wiretap the suspect's phones. As Deputies listened to phone calls made by suspects it became apparent that they were planning another robbery at the Golden West Casino

in Bakersfield. On 3-30-08 and 3-31-08 a plan was quickly put into place to intercept the suspects before they could complete another robbery.

Kern County Sheriff's Department Deputies from Special Operations and Major Violators began surveillance of one suspect's home in Palmdale. Deputies watched as the suspects gathered and prepared for the planned robbery. Deputies followed as they gathered cars and other items they planned to use in the robbery.

In the morning hours of 3-31-08 Deputies followed the suspects into Kern County. The Kern County SWAT team waited on highway 58 near Towerline Rd. Due to the suspects being heavily armed the SWAT team deployed a spike strip with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol. Only after both suspect vehicles became disabled did the SWAT team approach and conduct high risk traffic stops, taking five suspects into custody.

Arrested was Jajuan Bell age 29, Deon Joseph age 24, John Williams age 19, Lynell Lewis age 31, and Michael Johnson age 23. Deputies recovered an AK-47 assault rifle, two 9mm handguns, one 25 cal. handgun, two twelve gauge shotguns, and an SKS assault rifle. Jajuan Bell, Deon Joseph, John Williams, and Lynell Lewis have been charged in the robbery of the Golden West Casino on 9-13-07 and the attempted robbery of the Golden West Casino on 3-31-08. Michael Johnson has been charged in the attempted robbery of the Golden West Casino on 3-31-08.

All the above listed suspects were found to be members of Mona Park Compton Crip criminal street gang.

This investigation took six months and was conducted in Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Orange County's. Officers from five agencies assisted in this investigation. ■





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Kern County Law Enforcement Makes a Great Showing!

Shafter and Bakersfield Police Departments and Bakersfield California Highway Patrol Office Honored for Excellence in Traffic Enforcement Programs



6th Annual California Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Presented in Sacramento September 4, 2008

The International Chiefs' of Police Association and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sponsors the National Law Enforcement Challenge Program. This competition is a friendly way for law enforcement agencies to increase their attention to traffic safety. CHP offices and police departments throughout the state compete against similar sized departments for the honors. The California Law Enforcement Challenge program allows law enforcement agencies to set comprehensive goals, to strive to reach new heights in traffic safety, to share their experiences with others, and to be recognized for their traffic safety accomplishments; in short, to make a difference in the communities their officers serve each day. This competition has no losers - only winners: for saving lives and reducing the frequency and severity of injuries are the true rewards of law enforcement's efforts. Traffic safety experts from across the country come together to review and rate applications and determine award-winning programs.

There were three Major Traffic Awards for Kern agencies, plus special recognition for the CHP Bakersfield Office. The CHP Bakersfield Office

Chief Charlie Fivecoat, Shafter PD and Becky McCurry, Shafter Police Office Technician

received the Commissioner's Overall Excellence in Traffic Safety Award. That award is presented to the law enforcement agency with the most comprehensive traffic safety program. This year, the Bakersfield CHP was recognized for the top honor along with the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo University Police Department. The Shafter Police Department placed 1st among all small departments, the Bakersfield Police Department placed 1st for mid-sized departments and the Bakersfield Office of the CHP was a second place winner as a mid-size California Highway Patrol Area. ■



LEFT TO RIGHT
David Manning, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Christopher Murphy, Director, California Office of Traffic Safety; myself, Police Office Technician and Charlie Fivecoat, Chief of Police; Joseph Farrow, Commissioner, California Highway Patrol; and Stephen Hardy, Director, California Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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Fall Luncheon

Proceeds benefit the foundation aiding Kern County Law Enforcement

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Wednesday, October 8th, 2008

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Stockdale Country Club
7001 Stockdale Highway



Doors open at 11:30am
Lunch Served at 12:00pm

TICKETS

\$20.00

For More Information or Tickets Call Pauly Wren at 661-861-7911

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**Kern County
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Our membership Committee made up of Jon Busby, Greg Sturges, Wayne Ketcherside, Mike Larsen, David Merritt, Frank Williams and the newest member SOFIE ZIMMERMANN of Ticor Title Company are working on our mailing lists for the newsletter and membership information for soliciting new members.

If you have ever been a member and did not get your renewal; all you have to do is go to www.kernlaw.org to download an application to mail to us. Please indicate what years you were a member so we can rush your updated background check through the Sheriff's Department with Board Member Stan Moe.

If you are a new member wanting to join review, our history and bylaws are on the website and you can also download an application and the sponsor can be any board member or law enforcement officer.

If you don't know anyone of us, then put "open" in the recommendation and it will be forwarded to our background committee. The website has all of the information on membership and backgrounds.

You can read about many of the projects and events that have taken place over the years as we continue to improve and add to the website. Individual memberships are only \$100 per year and are tax deductible under 501c rules, check with your accountant to confirm. Our business sponsorships are \$500 and \$1000 per year and go towards awards, grants and scholarships given by our organization.

We have given out over \$400,000 since we began in 1988. You can be as involved as you want to be and are always welcome at our annual events like the annual clay shoot, the officer of the year awards dinner and fall forums.

Look over this newsletter and see the many things we do.

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