



Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

20 Years Supporting Kern County Law Enforcement

As we begin our 20th year, we are announcing our annual membership and fundraising drive for this year. As you know, we have been in existence since 1988 and have given over \$350,000 in grants, gifts and scholarships to local law enforcement in Kern County. In the last year, we have given over \$8,000.00 for law enforcement purposes.

Our scholarship committee has given over 20 law enforcement scholarships to local students pursuing a career in law enforcement. We are pushing this year to grow the membership and sponsors and recruit young new members as well. New Board Members, Jon Busby, Greg Sturges, Angela Barton and Mike Larsen have already made their presence known by attracting many new members and new sponsors. KERO and KGET-TV has given several public service announcements to broadcast our goals and objectives and further inform the public of the positive things law enforcement does in Kern County. We are mailing to retired and active law enforcement members who can also join for \$50.00 per year.



Tom Sheets

Saturday, April 26, 2008, will be the date of our new improved Clay Shoot at Five Dogs Range with more law enforcement teams, a firing demonstration and a fine BBQ luncheon, (go to our new web page kernlaw.org for information and applications), or call Stan Moe 703-7663.

On Friday, June 13, 2008, we will host the annual Law Enforcement Officer of The Year Awards Dinner. Yes, this year it will be a dinner at the Stockdale Country Club, which will be a first class awards presentation. Seating is on a first come, first serve reservation basis and we are expecting over 300 people who support law enforcement to attend; the website also has information on this event. We will celebrate and recognize our 20th anniversary of our Foundation.

We also have joined forces with the "Nostalgia Drag Races" on May 3, 2008 and May 4, 2008 to eliminate street racing and promote a safe place to race at Formosa Raceways (see article for details).

If you renewed your membership after September 1 of 2007, your membership is for 15 months. We encourage all of to renew or join now; an application is enclosed for both and you may reproduce copies for people you would recommend or encourage to join. In addition, we offer business and group memberships for larger donations. For \$1,000, you now can have up to five friends or employees as members, receive a beautiful badge plaque for your wall and also be placed on our sponsorship site on our web page. Any donation given is tax deductible as we are a 501(3) c foundation.

Finally there are many other sponsorship opportunities, so if you just want to give a donation please free to do so. There is no overhead or salaries; all money goes to local law enforcement projects. We need and want your help and participation in any and all ways, so join now and help Kern law enforcement thrive and enjoy our continued support.

MULTI-AGENCY TASK FORCE IMPLEMENTS "MEET THE KERN 'AVOID THE 18'"

By Chief Charlie Fivecoat

In October 2007, the California Office of Traffic Safety awarded 680,000+ dollars to Kern County to continue DUI enforcement efforts. This funds a second three-year grant cycle, and the dollar amount tripled from the previous grant. Eighteen departments have joined forces to combat drinking and driving. Those involved are: Arvin, Bakersfield, Bear Valley Springs, California City, California State University Bakersfield, Delano, Kern High School District, Maricopa, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Stallion Springs, Taft and Tehachapi Police Departments, Kern County District Attorney, Probation and Sheriff Departments, California Highway Patrol and Alcohol and Beverage Control. Participation grew from 11 agencies during the first grant period, to this year in which all 18 agencies are participating.

California's 'Avoid' program started in Santa Clara County with the 'Avoid the 13' in late 1973. The term 'Avoid' refers to a cluster of law enforcement agencies in a particular region that join forces during peak holiday periods to fight drunk driving. The number after the name - Avoid the 13, for example - indicates the number of police agencies in that region's task force. The name of the program - 'Avoid' is a message to motorists that simply means this: don't drink and drive and you'll therefore avoid being arrested.

Each year, law enforcement in California, including the 'Avoid the 18' in Kern County, prepare for



events and activities where those in attendance will over indulge in the consumption of alcohol. Recognizing the need to educate the public about designating non-drinking drivers and reporting suspected impaired drivers, law enforcement utilizes tools including sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, warrant sweeps and court stings. All of these resources are utilized in an effort to remove impaired drivers from our roadways before they hurt or kill themselves or others. We plan, prepare and coordinate efforts to make as much of an impact with limited resources as possible. It truly is a matter of life and death. Although collaboration between agencies is vital, law enforcement throughout California is asking for the public's help in spotting suspected drunk drivers by calling 911. We are asking motorists to be prepared to report the location, direction, make, model and license plate of the vehicle to the authorities so we can follow up appropriately.

Utilizing citizens and motorists to alert law enforcement to possible impaired drivers can greatly enhance the efforts of local law

enforcement and California Highway Patrol officers. And this outreach should also serve as a deterrent to potential drunk drivers. Their fellow motorists will have their eyes open, and with more than half of all motorists using cell phones, those who choose to drive impaired run a much greater risk of being caught.

The Kern 'Avoid the 18' appreciates the assistance of all citizens to prevent impaired driving and thanks in advance those citizens for their support. One call really can save a life.

Shafter Police Chief Charlie Fivecoat, and the City of Shafter have stepped forward and continue to administer and oversee this collaborative effort. This endeavor exemplifies the importance of agencies with limited resources working together to impact a problem. Roadways in Kern County are safer for residents and visitors due to the commitments of Kern Chiefs and law enforcement on behalf of their departments. ■

KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION | TWENTY YEARS & GOING STRONG

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Jim Garner, Harvey Hall, Ken
Reed, Frank Williams, John Woltz



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The KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION founded TWENTY (20) years ago as the "KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S ADVISORY COUNCIL" fulfilled a campaign promise made by Former Sheriff John Smith to create a largely citizen assistance group whose purposes was to promote efficient law enforcement by providing assistance and support to the various police agencies of Kern County (federal, state or local); to provide scholarships for students who aspire to become involved in a law enforcement career, and to recognize outstanding accomplishments of law enforcement officers and lay citizens who, at risk to themselves, have courageously taken action to resolve a law enforcement emergency.

Bill Dolan, a former Kern County Undersheriff and retired Arvin High School teacher, served two years as its first president and at age 95 serves as our oldest Board Member. Succeeding presidents were Jim Garner, then owner of Bakersfield Envelope; 1 year, John Woltz, of BIA Insurance Agency, 2 years, Ken Reed, owner of the Alley Cat, 2 years, Tom Sheets, then administrator of Young Wooldridge law firm, 2 years, Harvey Hall, Hall Ambulance Services and present Mayor of the City of Bakersfield, 2 years, Frank Williams, retired commander of the Kern County Sheriff's Department, and 3 years, Randy Boggs, retired police detective of the Bakersfield Police Department. Presently Tom Sheets of The Law Offices of Young & Nichols is again serving as President of The Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation.

By the end of the second year, memberships had grown to more than 300 plus, many brought in through the enthusiastic support of Sheriff Smith personally.

During its brief history, the organization has undergone two name changes. Early, during the administration of Sheriff Carl Sparks and at his request, the Council's name was changed to "THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION." During the presidency of Tom Sheets and with the approval of Sheriff Sparks, the Board of Directors expanded the scope of the Foundation so that it might serve the needs of all law enforcement agencies in Kern County without the restriction of ties to any one department. The Board of Directors was aware that the smaller departments in the County, as well as the Bakersfield Police Department, and the California Highway Patrol also had unbudgeted needs. The Board also hoped that

by expanding its service it might be able to expand its membership base sufficiently to cover the additional requests for donations.

The first major and very successful contribution was a drug sniffing dog by the name of Murphy, valued at \$5,000.00. During Murphy's career, he earned a sizable sum in forfeitures of drug money and equipment which his buddies on the Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Task Force were able to locate and seize as a result of his trained sniffer. Murphy was such a celebrity in his heyday that he was an honored guest at several of the Council's general meetings. Murphy retired in April of 1996 after an illustrious career in narcotics enforcement with the Sheriff's Department. He was a trained narcotic detector and was the first major gift to the department by the Advisory Council. When asked what plans Murphy had for his retirement, his handler, Deputy Bruce Saunders said that he had purchased Murphy from the department and that Murphy would spend much of his time lying about in Saunders' backyard. According to Saunders, Murphy proved to be an excellent investment. During his final 4 years, according to department records, Murphy participated in 276 searches for narcotics which resulted in the arrest of 180 suspects. Drugs with a street value of \$5,841,393.00 were seized and \$36,803.00 in cash was forfeited. In one 90-day period in 1991 with handler Deputy Al Crespo, Murphy was involved in 23 searches and the seizure of \$1,023,640.00 of narcotics and \$84,430.00 in U.S. Currency. Murphy was also involved in the seizure of vehicles with a forfeiture value of approximately \$80,000.00.

On another occasion, The Berry Petroleum Company of Taft gave the "KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION", another opportunity to make a usual dog related contribution. Berry Petroleum had discontinued use of a large house trailer which had been converted into a field office. Berry Petroleum offered it to the Sheriff's Office at no cost, but on a come and get it basis. The Sheriff's Office was looking for an office for a canine training center that it was preparing at its Norris Road location. The department had no funds to pay for the trailer's removal to the Sheriff's proposed dog training center. Two Foundation Board Members, Bobby Shain and Doug Zimmerman, drove out on their own time to examine the building, which was located

near Taft, to determine what was needed to move it. They then arranged to have the building moved at a cost of a bit over \$4,000.00 which was funded by the Foundation. Old River Sod contributed the sod for ground cover which was installed by inmate laborers from the jail under the supervision of sheriff's officers. The contribution of the sod was a major individual gift to the project. The Foundation made other donations for doors, locks and other necessities.

The Foundation's Board of Directors took a special interest in this project and after its completion held its July, 1999 luncheon meeting at the Sheriff's Dog Training Facility. Sheriff Sergeant, Wim Leyder, commander of the unit, welcomed the group and reported that the facility was in daily use. A great deal of time and effort went into the making of this first class facility, which Leyder said is the envy of the Kern County Law Enforcement community.

More recently, a vital project benefiting our entire judicial system has been funded through the collaborative efforts of many. Law enforcement officers, who had just gotten off the midnight shift subpoenaed to court to testify, spent long hours sitting on hard marble benches along with the defendant's family and friends. This caused additional officer safety concerns about staying alert in a public environment. The Sheriff's Department developed the idea of a law enforcement waiting room. The Sheriff's Department converted an existing employee locker room and equipped the room with amenities to make the wait for court a little more agreeable. Protocols for use of the room were developed jointly by the District Attorney and the Court. Superior Court originally donated a large conference table, chairs, and 3 couches. There couches were old and mismatched. At this point, the Sheriff's Department asked for donations to replace the couches and received a significant donation from the Kern Law Enforcement Association, additional funding from the Kern County Sheriff's Employee Benefit Foundation, Kern County Prosecutors Association, Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation, Bakersfield Police Officer's Association, and the California Highway Patrol's 420 Club. R&D Leather Furniture extended special pricing which made it possible to purchase 3 couches, a recliner, a coffee table and an end table. The room has been very well received. It is used daily by as many as 16 officers at a time. It has provided a semi-secure location for officers to wait in comfort.

Deputy District Attorneys have used the room to talk to law enforcement witnesses out of the presence of the defendant's family. The room is located in the basement of the 'old' Superior Court building at 1415 Truxtun Avenue.

The Foundation has received requests for many other useful items and services. The list includes \$22,000.00, which is the largest gift thus far, for an automobile to the Sheriff's Dare Program; night vision glasses to the Sheriff's Search and Rescue, a substantial shared contribution with the Farm Bureau for a computer system for use of the Rural Crime Detail. Another shared contribution was made to the Kern River Valley Search and Rescue Team for 50% of the cost of an inflatable rescue boat to replace one that had been wrecked and destroyed. The other half of the cost was raised by a group of Kern Valley businessmen. Other examples include \$2,000.00 for Sheriff's Swat Team flak jackets, \$2,500.00 for a lap top computer for the Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Detail to prepare search warrants in the field to speed up preparation for drug busts, a STARX computer for the Sheriff's command center, \$494.35 for 20 jackets for the Sheriff's Gang Suppression Unit, and \$1,649.00 for two global position receivers for Search and Rescue. Most recently, \$3,820.82 was given to Shafter Police Department to refurbish defibrillator units instead of buying new ones; \$3,000.00 was given to Stallion Springs to purchase tasers. With the help and dedication of such Board Members as Mayor Harvey Hall (Hall Ambulance Service) and Harold Meek of Three-Way Chevrolet, things happen exactly when needed; law enforcement request have become

important realities.

In May of 1998, Tom Sheets completed his second term as President of the Foundation, during which time he spearheaded the expansion of the "THE KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION." Into the new "KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION." Sheets said that he wanted the expansion so that the Foundation could respond to the needs of any county law enforcement agency unrestricted by ties to any one department, "We have had a great relationship with the Sheriff's Department, and it will continue to be closely associated with the Foundation." Harvey Hall became the first president of the Foundation under its present name, "THE KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION."

Over the past 13 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, the student must be enrolled as a full time student in a law enforcement or criminology program at Bakersfield College, Cal State University Bakersfield, Taft College or Cerro Coso College. The student must maintain a 3.0 grade-point average, have lived in Kern County for the past 5 years and plan on working in a local law enforcement organization. Each scholarship awarded is a total of \$4,000.00 paid each semester or quarter based on proof of eligibility. Past recipients have been high school students entering college or students already attending college. This program is exceptionally rewarding to our Board of Directors,

reinvesting in our future law enforcement leaders is a goal of our Foundation.

We are now in the middle of our membership and fundraising drive for this year. We are pushing this year to grow the membership and sponsors and recruit young new members as well. Jon Busby, Greg Sturges, Angela Barton, Mike Larsen and Sofie Zimmermann have been great assets to our Board. Sometimes new members bring new ideas and "fire up" our longstanding members to try new projects.

Our annual Clay Shoot on April 26, 2008 at Five Dogs Range is the first of our fundraising projects for the year. The shoot will include teams from different law enforcement agencies in Kern County, a firing demonstration, prizes and a fine BBQ luncheon will be served at the event.

Our annual Spring Law Enforcement "Officer of the Year" Awards Dinner to be held on June 13, 2008 at the Stockdale County Club was a huge success last year. There will be presentation of awards to law enforcement officers and citizens who have gone beyond the call of duty to protect people living in Kern County. Seating is on a first come, first serve reservation basis and we are expecting over 300 people who support law enforcement to attend. There will be a silent auction as well as other prizes given at the dinner. ■

Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

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Lisa Boydston
Scholarship Committee

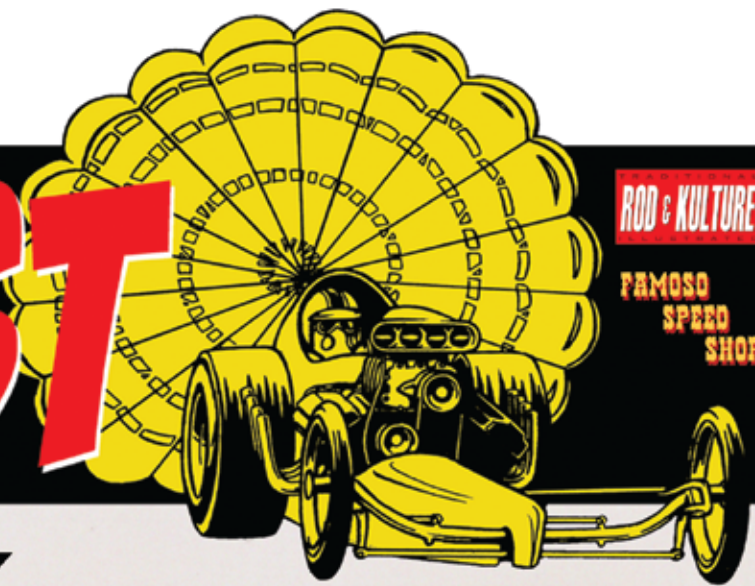
At this time, we have one student active in the program. **Jessica Boden** was the recipient of the 2007 scholarship presented by the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation. Jessica graduated in June, 2007 from Bakersfield High School. She is currently enrolled at Bakersfield College majoring in Criminal Justice. After BC, she hopes to attend Fresno State and stay involved in the Air Force ROTC. Upon graduation she plans to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force. After serving her 4 year military term, she plans to come back to Bakersfield and apply to the Bakersfield Police Academy. We look forward to monitoring her progress and wish her much success!

We will begin accepting applications for the 2008 scholarship in April of next year. For additional information contact Sharon Scoggins of Hall Ambulance Service, Inc., at (661) 322-1625 - or any Board Member. ■



Jessica Boden sitting with her mother at the 2007 KCLEF Spring Awards Dinner.

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Dragfest- May 3&4, 2008. The idea behind Dragfest is to create a nostalgic drag race that transports you back to the early 1960's. Back to a time when drag racing was pure and real. Back when you could race your parent's brand new car and actually win. Back to a time when honest innovation and guts made history and set records; not limitless funding computers. Back to a time when the cars looked cool.

Rod & culture magazine is the authority on traditional rods and customs and has a passion for all things vintage quarter-mile. We intend to take our strict, "period perfect" criteria and apply it to a drag race with an eye for the true nostalgic look and feel. A "Billetproof-style drag race," if you will.

To do this, we have teamed up with **Famoso Speed Shop** to put on an event like no other. Our goal is to cultivate a "spot-on" event that hopefully will inspire racers to make their cars "look the part" in the future. Often times a simple wheel change is all that is needed.

Initially we will be admitting cars that are 1972 and under in most classes. To help separate us from other nostalgia meets, we plan on rolling that date back to 1965 in the future. We hope the current '72 cut-off date will help us attract racers and spread the word of what we are doing. We will also have Fuel Altered, some fairly modern, to provide the mph fix of real fast cars. We hope the old-style fuel altered, straight-axled gas cars, and door slammers will attend and inspire others to join in the fun. Many famous



front engine dragsters from days gone by will line up at the lights and do so side-by-side exhibition burnouts for a virtual "rolling crackfest."

We will also include a "Billetproof-Style" car show that will feature traditional rods and Kustoms. Only period-perfect, traditionally-styled cars will be admitted into the show area, but there will be plenty of "preferred parking" past the Grove for show cars 1972 and under of any style. The event will be set at the historic **Auto Club Famoso Raceway** and will feature a cash prize for the best 60's style back-up girl, honky tonk bands to keep the Bakersfield spirit alive, and a drive-in screen playing Scott Hamilton's Dreams of Legends footage on Saturday night. For those of you that just can't wait, and show up on Friday, there will be a cruise down **Main Street in Wasco.**

Please make plans and join us for this inaugural event and help us make history in the process. Check out www.randkdragfest.com for more details. ■

CURRENT CLASSES AVAILABLE:

Nostalgia Top Fuel • Nostalgia Funny car • Fuel Altered
Nostalgia Slingshot 1-2-3-4 • Nostalgia A-B-C-D-E-F Gas
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Flathead & 6Cyl • Hotrod • Nostalgia Bike • Exhibition

SHOW INFO-661-852-0106 | RACE INFO- 661-201-1369 | WWW.RANDKDRAGFEST.COM

It's Spring Time...

...which means it is time for our Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008. This event is a major fundraiser for the KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION, which allows us the opportunity to achieve our goal of promoting efficient law enforcement by providing support to the different law enforcement agencies in Kern County.

There will be competition in two divisions, Civilian and Law Enforcement. Last year's winners, Team Busby (civilian) and the Kern County Sheriff's Department (law enforcement) will be back to defend their titles. Awards will be given for the top team in each division, the top shooter in each division and a silver belt buckle for the top overall shooter.

Additionally, there will also be an opportunity for those present to see and take part in an automatic weapons demonstration.

Competitors will be provided a great BBQ lunch, and there will be opportunities to take home many prizes, including several guns.

SIGN UP A TEAM AND JOIN US FOR A DAY OF GREAT SHOOTING. GO TO OUR WEBSITE, www.kernlaw.org, TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION. ■



The 4th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament

Proceeds benefit the foundation aiding in
Kern County Law Enforcement

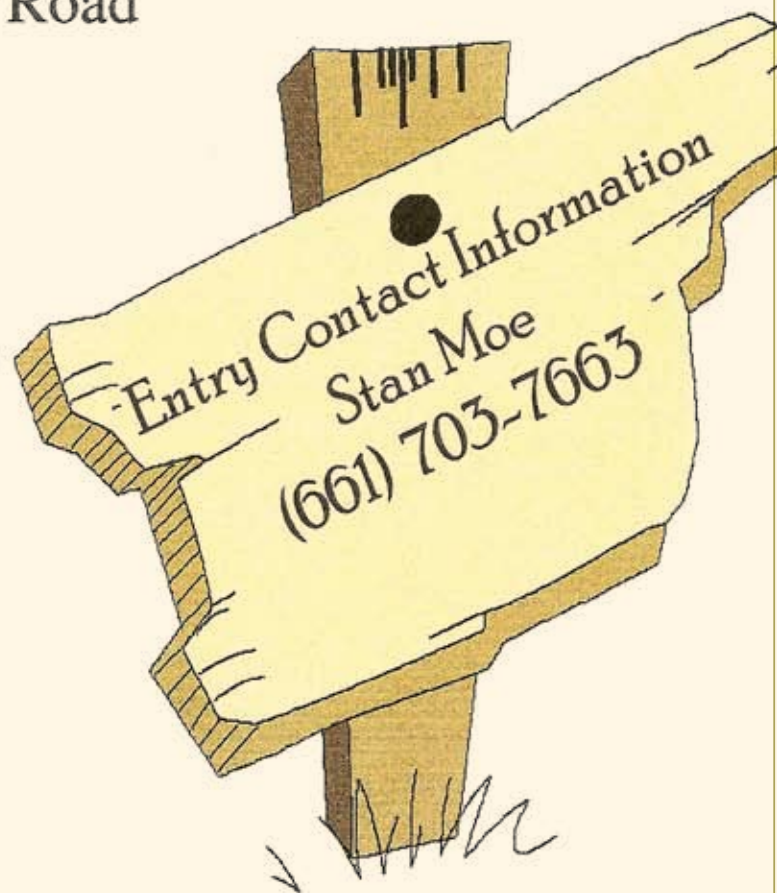
When: April 26, 2008
Check in at 7:00am
Shooting 8:00am- 11:00am

Where: 5 Dogs Range, Inc
20238 Woody Road

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CAPTAIN

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Captain Brian Smith assumed command of the Bakersfield CHP area on February 1, 2006. He currently commands 2 lieutenants, 11 sergeants, 93 officers, a communications center staffed with 25 dispatchers, 3 dispatcher supervisors, and a clerical staff of 7 with one clerical supervisor, 2 automotive technicians and 1 custodian. He is also the current president of the Kern County Chiefs of Police Association.

Bakersfield CHP has felt the strain of the growing population and the increase of motorists as have the other Kern County law enforcement agencies. The Bakersfield CHP has been trying to use its current staffing to handle the demands of an ever increasing population.

In 2007, Captain Smith challenged the Bakersfield CHP officers to do more with less. He set a strategic plan for the area that would really push the officers beyond their limits. By year's end, the officers of the Bakersfield CHP area had

not only met the goals established by Captain Smith, but they exceeded them. Area traffic injury collisions were reduced by 9.2% and fatal accidents decreased by an impressive 16.9%. Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests increased by 2.2% and the Bakersfield area officers issued 10,466 more citations in 2007 than in 2006. The occupant restraint usage rate increased from 95% to 96.1% by the end of 2007. This is attributed to the increase in occupant restraint citations, as well as the increase in public safety presentations made by the Bakersfield CHP's Public Affairs Officer.

To sum things up, the Captain, lieutenants, sergeants, officers, and staff of the Bakersfield CHP work extremely well as a team to provide safer highways for the motoring public. The Bakersfield command also enjoys a close relationship with other law enforcement agencies in Kern County. The CHP assigns officers to task forces for DUI programs, drug intervention, and programs, commercial enforcement, vehicle theft, and the FBI, to name a few. Captain Smith is very proud of the men and women who work so hard for the Bakersfield CHP area. ■

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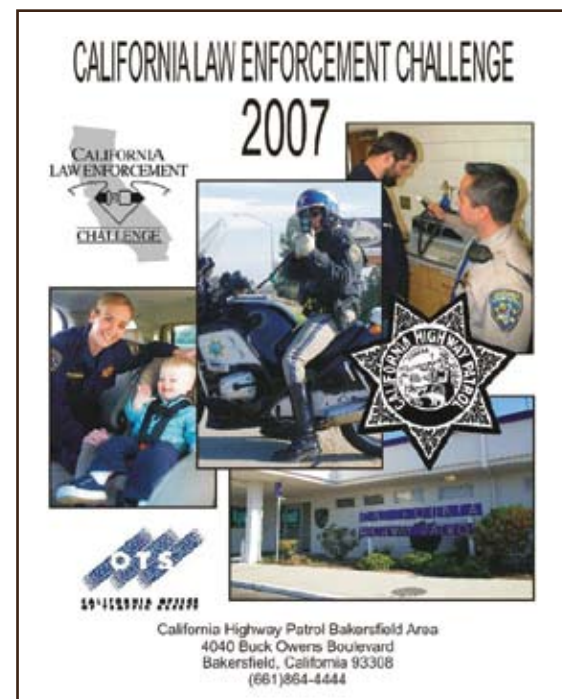
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KCLEF Spring Awards Dinner 2008

Proceeds benefit the foundation aiding Kern County Law Enforcement

WHEN

Friday, June 13, 2008

WHERE

Stockdale Country Club
7001 Stockdale Highway



Doors open at 6:00pm
for No Host Cocktails

Dinner Served at 7:00pm

Silent Auction & Drawings

For More Information Call:

Angela Barton @ 345-8091 or Sofie Zimmermann @ 342-1532

Want To Join



**Kern County
Law Enforcement
Foundation**

Our membership Committee made up of Jon Busby, Greg Struges, 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 \$350,000 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.

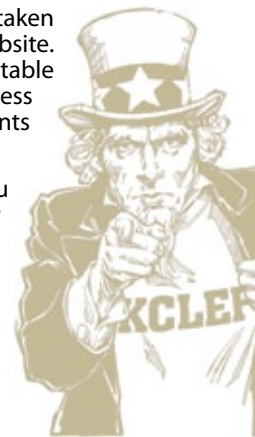
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