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Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation

"The right things... for the right reasons"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This was a very busy year for the Kern Law Enforcement Foundation and new board members as they rose to the task of hard work, fund raising and positive recognition of those in law enforcement. Our membership drive is on again and we need former and present members to recruit new members; please see our website at www.kernlaw.com for details and an application.

New members to the board this year are Dennis Brostrom, KERO-TV; Lynn Watkins, retired KCSO/DMV; Randy Winkle, Randy's Towing and Sofie Zimmermann, Tigor Title Company. Members at large include Lisa Boydston, Bank of Sierra, Kristina Elholm-Spitzer, KGET-TV, Dr. John Gruber, consultant, Samuel Kisselburg, Target, Dave Merritt, retired KCSO and Arthur Shain, Buildings and Trade. We have developed expanded committees and if you want to volunteer, contact our membership chairs; Jon Busby and Greg Sturges, or Angela Barton, Sophie Zimmerman and Lynn Watkins of our fund raising committee. You can also view the website for their phone numbers and contacts.

Some important dates for upcoming events are April 15, 2010 for our "Fallen Officer BBQ" sponsoring the Sheriff Department and BPD honor guards to attend the National Memorial Services in Washington D.C. in May 2010. Chairperson Sophie Zimmerman can be contacted at Tigor Title Company (342-1532) for sponsorship information. This BBQ will help defray the cost of food, hotel and transportation expenses for the honor guard to attend the National Memorial Service.

Stan Moe and Lynn Watkins are planning a new and improved Clay Shoot, which may include a law enforcement pistol competition if details can be worked out. The tentative date is April 17, 2010 at the Five Dogs Range in Woody.

The Spring Awards "Officer of the Year" dinner was a fabulous event and sold out again. Congratulations to all involved, it is the event of the year for law enforcement. Jim Scott of KGET-TV was the master of ceremonies and did a great job as always.

KERO will host the Fall Luncheon "Legends of Law Enforcement", which will spotlight 6 people who have made a difference in this county for the past 30 years or more. As has been said before; NEVER in the history of Kern County Law Enforcement has cooperation meant so much and been this good. The new leaders will have a model to follow and we encourage continued cooperation. The "Legends of Law Enforcement" event tickets are going fast, so contact secretary Pauly Wren at Young & Nichols Law Firm for reservations and information; 861-7911.

Finally, GET INVOLVED, join, contribute, help or refer people to us. We cannot do all we do without the help of the public and our officers and board. We are proud of the 21 years of service to Kern County Law Enforcement and mourn the loss of our Founding President Bill Dolan just recently. For those of you who knew him, he was a kind and gentle man who helped so many people. Special people like Bill are rare and a treasure to befriend. The entire board appreciates the legacy he leaves, and will continue to make his memory go on through our Foundation efforts and contribution to local law enforcement. ■



Tom Sheets

KERN COUNTY "Legends of Law Enforcement" Retirement Honoree Luncheon



Chief WILLIAM RECTOR
Bakersfield Police Department



District Attorney EDWARD JAGELS
Kern County District Attorney's Office



Chief CHARLIE FIVECOAT
Shafter Police Department

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"Legends of Law Enforcement"

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Fall Luncheon

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Doors Open 11:30am • Buffet Lunch 12:00pm

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Chief JOHN ROBERTS
Kern County Probation Department



Chief LARRY BENTLEY
Kern County District Attorney's Office



Chief CLAUDIA NEAL
California State University/Bakersfield;
Police Department



Spring Awards Dinner 2009

"Officer of the Year" Awards Dinner 2009 • July 10th • Stockdale Country Club Ballroom

Our 21st "Officer of the Year" awards banquet was again an event to remember. Over 300 people attended the first class event with music, great messages about law enforcement exemplary actions and citizens of the year. A special treat was Monsignor Stephen Frost from Christ the King Church in Oildale who made the invocation and benediction fun, informative and different from those before. Ask someone who was there; he knows just what to say and his meaningful comments will be remembered for some time to come. In fact, we are inviting him back to our Fall Luncheon. Our vice-president's wife, Kim Busby, had a special birthday wish from the Monsignor for being there on her 50th birthday supporting law enforcement.

As usual, Randy Raymond's trophies were beautiful and a fit tribute to our honorees. As you can see from the photographs on these pages, everyone had a great time. The Stockdale Country Club continues to impress and provide a great setting for the annual event. A list of the winners on this page does show some of the emotion, honor and pride delivered at this event.

Shafter City Manager John Guinn was awarded with the "Citizen of the Year Award" for his "over the top" leadership and support of quality law enforcement in the City of Shafter. All of us on the Board felt he is one of the most progressive and open minded City Managers in the valley.

"Exceptional Citizen of the Year Award" was given to Ricardo Cordova Nieves for his willingness to get involved and assist law enforcement in apprehension of criminals even with danger to himself. Drew Heredia was also awarded an "Exceptional Citizen of the Year Award" for his bravery in keeping a pit bull from injuring a girl. His karate training and moves paid off in the end.

"Public Service Awards" were presented to Kern County Probation Correctional Officers Mark Lora, Bill Williams, Darrick Duran for exemplary performance and going the extra mile to make the Kern County

Probation Department programs work.

Real everyday HEROS were presented with the "Exceptional Officer of the Year Award"; Master Sgt. Thomas Dina of Edwards Air Force Base, Officer Gabe Sanchez and Officer Mark McGary of the California Highway Patrol and Officer Brent Stratton of the Bakersfield Police Department. Officer Mark McGary received recognition for achievement above and beyond the call of duty.

One of our top honors for bravery came next; our "MEDAL OF VALOR" for those public safety officers who put their lives at risk in an attempt to save others. CHP Captain Brian Smith presented Officer Joshua Hatfield the honor for heroism and his willingness to enter a burning vehicle and try to save accident victims in the vehicle. He was seriously burned and injured and the car blew up shortly after his last exit. He was very reserved, recognizing the emotional trauma he endured and the terrible tragedy he went through. After listening to Captain Smith's description of an unselfish attempt of Officer Hatfield to save these people; you just don't think of what our officers are exposed to daily until you have walked in their shoes.

The "Officer of the Year" award was presented to two deputies with the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Thomas John Moore was presented our highest award for his exceptional service with the KC Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Donny Youngblood stated that Deputy Moore responded to a residence in McFarland, on a report of a male suspect who had possibly shot his wife, and was still armed at the family residence with children inside. The suspect, who was in the front year immediately confronted Deputy Moore and fired at Deputy Moore. Deputy Moore was shot in the face by the suspect, causing a rupturing of his left eye. Deputy Moore put his life on the line to protect the citizens of McFarland, and the suspect's own family members. For his outstanding bravery, he was recognized by the crowd with a standing ovation.

Sr. Deputy Sean Pratt was also awarded the "Officer of the Year" award for his outstanding service with the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Pratt was involved in several cases; McNew Triple Homicide; Golden West Casino Robbery; Grange Homicide; Brownbey Attempted Homicide; Niles Street Homicide and Delano Gang Investigation, just to name a few.

Our committee of Angela Barton, Pauly Wren, Dennis Brostrom, Sophie Zimmerman and Greg Sturges are to be commended for another great event and special appreciation goes to all the people who helped and donated to make this event possible. We hope to see you next year and get your tickets early as it is a sellout every year. Please patronize our sponsors which are mentioned on this page.

A W A R D S

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Drew Heredia

Presenter: Assistant Chief Lyle Martin
Bakersfield Police Department

Security Guard, Ricardo Cordova Nieves

Presenter: Chief Charlie Fivecoat
Shafter Police Department

EXCEPTIONAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Shafter City Manager John Guinn

Presenter: Chief Charlie Fivecoat
Shafter Police Department

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

KC Probation Juvenile Correction Officers

Mark Lora Bill Williams Darrick Duran

Presenter: Elizabeth B. Gong
*Probation Division Director
KC Probation Department*

EXCEPTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Thomas A. Dina, Master Sergeant

Presenter: Lt. Col. Steven R. Heffington
Edwards AFB

Officer Gabe Sanchez,

*California Highway Patrol
Presenter: Lt. Rick Odom
California Highway Patrol*

Officer Mark McGary,
*California Highway Patrol
Presenter: Captain Brian Smith
California Highway Patrol*

Officer Brent Stratton,
*Bakersfield Police Department
Presenter: Captain Joe Bianco
Bakersfield Police Department*

MEDAL OF VALOR

Officer Joshua Hatfield,
*California Highway Patrol
Presenter: Captain Brian Smith
California Highway Patrol*

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Deputy Thomas John Moore,
*KC Sheriff's Department
Sr. Deputy Sean Pratt, KC
Sheriff's Department
Presenter: Sheriff Donny Youngblood
Kern County Sheriff's Department*

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"Legends of Law Enforcement"

Chief **CHARLIE FIVECOAT** Shafter Police Department

Chief Charlie Fivecoat was raised in Kern County and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He has a Masters Degree in Public Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Chief Fivecoat began his career in Public Safety in 1974, working for both the Taft Fire and Police Departments. He later became a Deputy Sheriff ultimately obtaining the rank of Division Commander. Chief Fivecoat retired from the Kern County Sheriff's Department in October of 2001 and spent the next five years as a full-time college professor at Bakersfield College. During his tenure at Bakersfield College, Chief Fivecoat taught International Relations, Comparative Politics, and American Government. He was also voted the Bakersfield College "Professor of the Year" for 2003.

In July of 2006 his passion for law enforcement was again re-kindled when the City of Shafter asked him to become their Chief of Police. During the past three and one-half years Chief Fivecoat has been responsible for building a new police department, animal control facility, and remodeling the City's contract prison facility. He has

also instituted several citizen and youth programs including a Police Activities League and is the countywide administrator of the Kern AVOID anti-drunk driving task force. His single greatest vision for the Shafter Police Department was to make the organization an integral part of Kern County Law Enforcement and he is currently completing a regional firearms facility which will be used by several agencies throughout the County.

During his career with the Kern County Sheriff's Department he worked all over the County at various substations and in metropolitan Bakersfield. Chief Fivecoat seems to work best at change. He relocated the Sheriff's Technical Investigations Unit to the Norris Road Facility and modernized its photographic and automated fingerprinting capabilities. He then took control of the Sheriff's fleet from the General Services Department and modernized it to meet the department's increasing needs. He later worked to help consolidate the Coroner's Office with the Sheriff's Department and then introduced and fought for legislation which funded the Sheriff's Rural Crimes Detail. He has worked many special assignments including undercover narcotics and was a member of the Sheriff's Special

Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team for fifteen years. During his tenure on the SWAT team he instituted the Scout Sniper Team and obtained F.B.I. Accreditation for the Bomb Squad. He ultimately served as the SWAT/ Bomb Squad Commander for the department prior to retiring in 2001.

He and his wife Dolores have been married for four years and enjoy time with their six children and five grandchildren. Dolores and Charlie also enjoy running ½ marathon and marathon distance events, sailing, and other outdoor activities.

Charlie plans on returning to Bakersfield College as an adjunct professor and has not ruled out other career opportunities in the future. ■



Chief **WILLIAM RECTOR** Bakersfield Police Department

Chief Rector was born and raised in Bakersfield. He attended local schools, graduating from Garces Memorial High School. His college education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology from Fresno State University; Vocational Teaching Credential from UCLA; and a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from Cal State University, Bakersfield. He is also a graduate of the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, Command College.

Chief Rector has been with the Bakersfield Police Department for 27 years. He has worked in all divisions of the department during his career including Patrol, SWAT, Training, Sex Crimes, Narcotics, and in Headquarters as the Assistant Chief for five years, prior to being appointed as Police Chief in 2004.

Chief Rector focused the department on the following goals:

1. Reducing Part 1 Crime, gang crimes, and increasing traffic safety.
2. Enhancing the department's transparency through accessibility to the community.
3. Increasing the use of technology for smarter policing

through crime analysis and data sharing.

4. Enhancing the department's relations with the community and other law enforcement agencies.
5. Ensuring a positive outcome from the Department of Justice Investigation
6. Preparing leaders for the future

Over the course of his tenure, staff at the department has completed many competitive grant applications and achieved these goals.

Over the past five years the department has been fortunate to receive approximately 10.6 million competitive/non-competitive grant dollars.

During Chief Rector's tenure, the department has also received three state awards for the following:

1. 2005 (CCPOA) Crime Prevention Program of the Year for the "Citizens' Forum Program."
2. 2008 Helen Putnam Award for the top Public Safety Program of the Year for "A Life Interrupted Program."

3. 2009 (CCPOA) Crime Prevention Program of the Year for the "A Life Interrupted Program."

Chief Rector has been recognized for his efforts in the community and law enforcement:

- Law Enforcement Award - MLK Breakfast Committee.
- Distinguished Leader Award - Domestic Violence Advisory Council
- Compassion Award - Nancy Mendiburu Foundation
- Hall of Fame inductee - Cal State University, Bakersfield

He has been married to Whitney (the Dining Diva) for nearly 25 years. They have two children; Dan who attends Garces, and Taylor (a Criminal Justice Major) at Boise State, Idaho. ■



Chief **JOHN ROBERTS** Kern County Probation Department

Chief Robert's thirty-two year career with the Kern County Probation Department includes service that spans the operational range of field, administrative, institutional, and management. After directing programs at juvenile hall and Kern Crossroads Facility, he was appointed Assistant Chief Probation Officer in 2001, overseeing both Adult and Juvenile Probation Field Service units. Appointed as Chief Probation Officer in 2004 by the Kern County Superior Court, Chief Roberts heads a department of 549 employees, three juvenile treatment facilities, and one detention facility. Chief Roberts, a graduate of Garces Memorial High School and California State University of Bakersfield, has been involved in numerous professional and volunteer activities, among which are:

- Chief Probation Officers of California
- President, Kern County Chiefs Law Enforcement Association
- Past President, Kern County Network for Children
- California Association of Probation Service Managers
- California Association for Probation Institution Administrators

- California Probation, Parole and Corrections Association
- Kern County Management Council
- Chairman, Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council
- Board Member, Kern Youth Connection
- Honorary Board of Directors, Bakersfield Police Activity League
- Board of Directors, Sheriffs Activity League
- Assistant Varsity Football Coach, Garces Memorial High School (1979-2002)

Accomplishments

- Increased public safety by enhancing armed units within the department for improved responsiveness to public needs
- Introduced evidence-based programs into Juvenile System to reduce recidivism (ART)
- Developed marketing strategies to enhance image of the Department to the public
- Incorporated technology as a tool to improve efficiency for supervision (GPS & GIS mapping)

- Implemented evidence-based Risk/Needs assessment program
- In-house development of state of the art Case Management System
- Implemented K-9 program (2 canines)
- Established a multi-room Probation Training Center at the Stockdale Office
- Created and implemented Bridges Career Development Academy
- Participated in the Camp Erwin Owen (CEO) Land Exchange and future design and build of the CEO mess hall
- Added 125 vehicles to fleet

After Retirement: Focus on Family, Fishing & Football!



Chief **LARRY BENTLEY** Kern County District Attorney's Office

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Chief Larry Bentley began his Law Enforcement career with the Kern County Sheriff's Department on August 4, 1969 after a year as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. During Larry's tenure with the Sheriff's Department, he served as a Deputy, Investigator and Sergeant

with assignments to Corrections, Patrol, Detectives, Vice/Intelligence and the Narcotics Unit as well as being assigned to SWAT. During Larry's assignment to Vice/Intelligence, he developed his career long love for anything "gang related" and eventually became an expert on the subject. During this period and into his assignment as the Sergeant in the Narcotic's Unit, Larry served on California's Prison Gang Task Force Steering Committee and became a life member of the California Narcotic Officer's Association. Along the way, Larry earned a Lifetime Limited Teaching Credential (limited to Criminal Justice Subjects), and was given the opportunity to instruct Peace Officers in the areas of Narcotics, Vice and Gang related subjects. Larry also became involved with instructing the private sector in the areas of drug testing, identifying and supervising employees believed to be abusing alcohol and/or drugs in the workplace.

In December of 1987, after 18 years with the Sheriff's Department, Larry transferred to the Kern County District Attorney's Office as an Investigator until his promotion to

Lieutenant. In August of 2000, District Attorney Ed Jagels appointed Larry as Chief Investigator with oversight of the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

Larry asserted that his proudest accomplishments stem from gang investigations. While working alongside State and Federal Agencies with the State Prison Gang, the Nuestra Familia (NF), Larry and others assisted with indicting and convicting the leadership of the organization under Federal R.I.C.O. statutes that had historically been used for organized crime offenders. Many of those indicted had ties to, or were residents of Kern County.

Larry said that his decision to transfer to the DA's Office was a difficult one because his career at the Sheriff's Department was rewarding. He said that he enjoyed working with his many friends and Command Staff, but at the same time he felt that his career with the Sheriff's Department had stagnated due to a slowdown with hiring and promotional opportunities. Larry said that the opportunity to work with District Attorney Ed Jagels, coupled with the opportunity to grow professionally were the deciding factors in his final decision to transfer. Larry's promotion to the position of Chief Investigator is proof that he made the correct decision.

Larry says his plans for retirement include volunteer work with the American Red Cross and doing some teaching in the Criminal Justice Field. With 41 years of experience in criminal investigations, Larry has a wealth of information to share. Larry and his wife Pat, a Marriage/Family Therapist, will also enjoy traveling as much as possible. ■



Photos Courtesy of Joe Serrano

Chief **CLAUDIA NEAL** California State University/Bakersfield; Police Department



Claudia was raised in South Lake Tahoe and after graduation from South Tahoe High School; she attended Southern Oregon College and the University of California Santa Barbara where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology.

From there Claudia continued on to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for a fifth year where she earned her lifetime teaching credential. However, a series of unanticipated events led her down a different career path and Claudia started a career in law enforcement with the Kern County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff on June 4, 1979.

Claudia attended the 26th Basic Peace Officer Academy which, with 52 cadets, was the largest class in the Academy's history; and, yes, Claudia found she was the only female. Claudia graduated 2nd in her class and worked a variety of assignments as a deputy and senior deputy, including corrections, metropolitan patrol, the Emergency Vehicle Operations course, Communications, undercover assignments in Vice, and as an acting sergeant in the Wasco Substation.

The year 1985 began a series of "firsts" for Claudia. In that year, she was the first woman in the history of the Sheriff's Department to reach the rank of sergeant. During the four years Claudia was a sergeant; she applied for and was accepted into the Master's program at Cal State Bakersfield, and in 1988 was awarded a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

In 1989, she became the first woman to reach the rank

of lieutenant, and in 1990 she became the Sheriff's Department's first female commander. Claudia remained the only female commander in the Sheriff's Department for the following 11 years.

During her management years in the Sheriff's Department Claudia worked various positions, including watch commander in metropolitan patrol, Litigation Coordinator in Personnel, Area Commander for the East Kern Substations Divisions, Volunteer Services Commander, and the Training Division Commander. As a Commander, Claudia has left her footprint on the Sheriff's Department with projects like the remodeling of the Sheriff's Gym, refurbishing of Building F, Construction of the POST & STC training rooms, and the reconstruction of the firearms training facility including construction of the live fire house.

After completing 25 years of service with the Sheriff's Department, Claudia retired in March 2003, but her law enforcement career did not end there. After a brief 2 month retirement, Claudia again accomplished a "first" when she was selected as the first female police chief California State University, Bakersfield has had. After a very rewarding 7 years at CSUB, Claudia will be retiring May 1, 2010.

Claudia enjoys physical activities including running, regular gym workouts, biking, tennis, and skiing; and she is looking forward to having more time to spend in pursuit of those interests; as well as being able to spend more time with her husband, Steve and daughter, Janelle. Claudia is looking forward to some relax time after retirement, occasionally helping Steve out in his fourth grade classroom, and seeing her daughter off to college; but she may consider other career opportunities should they present themselves. ■

District Attorney **EDWARD JAGELS** Kern County District Attorney's Office

By Lynn Watkins, Associate Editor



The day Edward R. "Ed" Jagels announced his retirement was a sad day for the multitude of supporters he's accumulated in the span of a 35 year career (27 of those years at the helm) with the Kern County District Attorney's Office. His compassion for crime victims will be missed by all citizens who reside in Kern County. His decision to retire was undoubtedly a joyous event for a

gaggle of Defense Attorneys and the criminals they defend, who no longer have to face the tenacious leader of one of the most successful District Attorneys Offices in the State of California.

Ed grew up in San Marino in the Southern California area. His father was an attorney and businessman so it was a natural progression for Ed to eventually become an attorney himself. Ed graduated from the prestigious Stanford University and UC Hastings College of Law.

In early 1975, Ed joined the Kern County DA's Office as a Junior Prosecutor under the tutelage of then District Attorney, Al Leddy. A young Ed Jagels hit the ground running and it wasn't long until he had earned a reputation as a tough prosecutor who possessed excellent courtroom skills enabling him to garner the respect of his fellow Prosecutors, Judges, Law Enforcement Officers and the adversaries he faced in the courtroom.

I met Ed Jagels when he was a freshman with the DA's Office and had the boyish look of a 17 year old. At that time, I was a young Deputy Sheriff working at the Lamont Substation. Ed prosecuted a number of felony cases in which I was the arresting Officer or played a major role in the case. I too began to respect his ability as an attorney and his courtroom savvy.

In 1982, Ed announced that he was a candidate for the top job as the District Attorney. When I was asked to support Ed and join his campaign, there was no hesitation on my part. At one of the initial campaign meetings, we were brainstorming for a campaign slogan. I suggested "ask a cop" and it was embraced immediately because Ed overwhelmingly had the support of all the Kern Law Enforcement Communities. Ed was tough on crime as are Deputy

Sheriffs and Policemen so the slogan spoke volumes about the man and his intentions if elected. Obviously Ed won the election and has run unopposed in every election since his first.

During Ed's 27 years as the District Attorney there have been controversies along the way, but Ed always attempted to do the right thing, often from the heart, and never lost sight of the victims and the oath he took. He demanded that his prosecutors pursue the truth and aggressively try their cases in the interest of justice and represent the people to the best of their ability.

During Ed's tenure as the District Attorney his office gained the reputation for putting a lot of people behind bars. In fact, there is only one county in the state that puts more criminals behind bars than Kern County. That statistic has its critics, but there is little doubt that many lives have been saved due to the efforts of Ed Jagels and his team of prosecutors. It should also be noted that the effort to place criminals behind bars is what is desired by the vast majority of people in Kern County and is what they expect from their DA's Office. The fact that Kern County once had the highest per-capita prison commitment rate of any California County, but recently dropped to 2nd place, is a source of pride for Jagels.

Ed's influence has reached far beyond Kern County. Former Assistant District Attorney, Dan Sparks, said "Jagels has been outstanding for the state of California. Prosecutors from around the state seek and respect his advice on almost every issue of public safety." In 1986, Ed Jagels led a statewide campaign to remove Rose Bird and two other justices from the California Supreme Court over their opposition to the death penalty. This was critically important for the safety of the people of California. The Bird court overturned virtually all the death penalty cases before it. Also during his tenure, Ed was appointed to the Governor's Law Enforcement Steering Committee and later was appointed as the Chairman of the Attorney General's Council on Violence Prevention.

Ed was later to spearhead reform under Proposition 115, which sped up the preliminary hearing process, allowing peace officers to testify about what witnesses told them. No longer could Defense Attorneys keep rape victims on the stand for days. Proposition 115 also refined the jury selection process, restored grand jury indictments, created the crime of torture and streamlined criminal procedures.

Ed Jagels is and always has been a strong supporter of the Three

Strikes Law in California, which allows a defendant with two prior serious felony convictions to be sentenced to 25 years to life in State Prison. Jagels said that the law goes after "those guys who are most likely to re-offend."

Given his background and history as a crime fighter, it should be no surprise that Ed is opposed to California's effort to release dangerous felons from prison early. During his last months in office, Jagels has been working tirelessly to minimize the effort State Officials are making to have inmates released back into the mainstream of society prior to serving the time adjudged.

At the local level, Ed says he is most proud of the good relationships his office enjoys with the Law Enforcement Agencies in the county, the strengthening of his office's investigation unit and transforming the crime lab into one of the premier labs in the state. Ed is always pleased when his office is able to obtain a conviction by using a broad array of innovative techniques available today. Ed gives his prosecutors a lot of praise for their hard work and credit for their extraordinary record of success, especially in light of the heavy case loads they routinely encounter.

Ed's latest year long endeavor has been the targeting of 115 "shot callers" in local gangs and attempting to place as many as possible behind bars or put them out of commission. By the end of summer about 90% were off the list by either being in custody, dead, moved out of state or subject to warrants and pending cases.

When you look back at the career of Ed Jagels and what he has accomplished just in the form of convictions, it is truly mindboggling. Then, consider the positive impact he has had with the implementation of various procedural changes that have streamlined the trial process, you are in awe. It is difficult to comprehend what Ed Jagels' contribution has meant to the people of Kern County and the State of California because he has done so much. Many of us have had the privilege of working alongside Ed Jagels' to make Kern County a safer place but every citizen has benefited from the passion he brought to his job.

Ed's plan for well deserved retirement is to do some hunting, fishing, snow skiing, reading history and spending time with his 10 year old son, Jeff. Ed has no plans to run for another elected office and intends to continue living in Bakersfield. Enjoy yourself Ed, you'll be sorely missed! ■

Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Over the past fifteen 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 Kelsey Taylor. Kelsey graduated from Ridgeview High School in 2009. Her GPA has ranged from 3.2 to 4.4 with an overall average of 3.5. She has been in the GATE/Honors program since her freshman year. She earned the honor of National Honors Society and was ranked 38 out of about 700 students in her

senior class. This ranking has given her an automatic acceptance into the Hawks Honor program at California State University and a guaranteed open at a university of the University of California system. She has been volunteering at the Bakersfield Police Department as a Law Enforcement Explorer since October 2006. She has been required to put in at least 15 hours a month of volunteer work through this program.

Kelsey's first choice of college is CSUB and her second choice is Bakersfield 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 wish both recipients continued success.

We will begin accepting applications for the 2010 scholarship in March. For additional information contact Sharon Scoggins of Hall Ambulance Service, Inc., at (661) 322-1625 - or any Board Member. ■

-Scholarship Committee



LEFT Kelsey Taylor and family.
BELOW Mayor Harvey Hall presents Kelsey Taylor with the KCLEF Scholarship.





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Remembering... William R. "Bill" Dolan

By Lynn Watkins, Associate Editor

Lawman, teacher, Lmentor, commu- nity activist, friend and god fearing fam- ily man are all words that describe William R. "Bill" Dolan. His passing will leave a void in our community that will be difficult to fill.

Bill was born in 1912 and spent most of his youth in the Was- co area. He moved to Bakersfield in 1937 after earning a degree from the University of California at Berke- ley. In that same year, Bill began his Law Enforcement career as a Bakersfield Police- man. In 1940 he took a leave of absence for 1 year to attend the U.S. Border Patrol Academy which helped to hone his Span- ish Language skills. This experience would serve him well later in life. After returning from his leave of absence, Bill would even- tually take a job as an Investigator with the Kern County District Attorney's Office. In 1951, Bill was appointed to the position of Undersheriff with the Kern County Sheriff's Department.

In 1960 Bill earned his Teaching Cre- dential and began his second career, teach- ing Spanish and Creative Writing at Arvin High School. While Bill was a teacher and mentor he touched the lives of many and was always there to help anyone in need. That trait would earn him the respect of his students and fellow teachers. Bill had a positive influence on many, especially his students, guiding and motivating them to become productive members of their com- munities.

Jon Busby and I both grew up in the Arvin area and attended Arvin High School. We recently shared information about Bill after his passing. Jon told me that "he no- ticed that during the funeral services ev- eryone referred to Bill as Mr. Dolan. This was because of the respect they have for the man and the positive impact he had on their lives." Jon remembers when he was in Mr. Dolan's Spanish class; he insisted that the students get it right. Jon said that the love Mr. Dolan had for his students had been overwhelming.

When I was a senior at Arvin HS, Bill and I once spoke about my plans for the fu- ture. I told him that I planned to become a Deputy Sheriff. That's when I first learned



BILL DOLAN (1912 – 2009) and former Sheriff John Smith, Founders of KCLEF

that he was a former Un- dersheriff. I remember how impressed I was. The first time I ran into Bill when I was in uniform was several years later at an Arvin HS football game. We remi- niscised about our conversa- tion when I was a senior in High School, about my ca- reer goals and his Law En- forcement background. I'll always remember how ap- proachable Mr. Dolan was and that he always had time to listen to what you had on your mind. I'll miss that.

Law Enforcement was always part of Bill's life even after he switched careers to become a teacher at 48 years of age. In 1988 Bill joined forces with John Smith, then Sheriff of Kern County, and others to form the Kern County Sheriff's Ad- visory Council, currently known as the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation. Bill proudly served two years as the organiza- tion's first President and remained an active member of the Board of Directors until his death on October 4, 2009. During Bill's tenure on the Board of the Kern L/E Founda- tion he played an active roll, often taking the lead with obtaining funds or vital equipment for Law Enforcement Agencies within Kern County.

Bill Dolan accumulated a long list of accomplishments during his 97 years of life. His shining example as a human being touched the lives of so many and positively influenced all who knew him. Bill will surely be missed by all of us at the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation and we will do our best to continue the good work that he started when he co-founded the organization 21 years ago. The Kern County Law Enforce- ment Foundation will always be part of the legacy he leaves behind and there is no doubt that Bill is looking down on us. We will carry on with the good work he started and try to make him very proud. ■



WILLIAM R. DOLAN – 1937, when he started as a police officer

Fallen Officer BARBECE

Proceeds benefit the honor guard from Kern County to the National Peace Officers Memorial event in Washington, DC in the spring of 2010.

WHEN	Thursday, April 15 th 2010
WHERE	Riverwalk Park
TIME	5:30pm - 10pm

For Additional Information Contact:
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KCLEF CLAY SHOOT

WHEN	Saturday, April 17 th 2010
WHERE	Five Dogs Range
TIME	Check-in at 7 ^{am}

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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 \$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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