



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

April 27, 2023



A Word of Welcome...

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee (LEAC), I would like to welcome you to our annual dinner and recognition ceremony which is being held for the first time at the March Field Air Museum. It is such a unique venue which honors our nation's aviation history and all military veterans. I would like to thank our venue hosts for being so accommodating and supportive of our committee and our law enforcement community. I am honored to serve as the Chair for this year's event and I want to also thank each of you for joining us on this special night to demonstrate our support for law enforcement.

For over 40 years, LEAC has provided the opportunity for members of the community to recognize and honor the brave men and women from the law enforcement agencies throughout Western Riverside County. LEAC is comprised of leaders from our businesses, communities, and our local law enforcement agencies. This fine group of dedicated volunteers has worked very hard during the last year to carry on the tradition of LEAC.

The honorees are nominated by their agencies for duty performance worthy of special recognition. Those categories this year are Excellence in Community Service, Distinguished K9, Investigative Excellence, Lifetime Achievement, Exceptional Lifesaving, and Act of Valor. Additionally, LEAC gives recognition for the Founder's Award, Community Business Partnership, Collaborative Investigation, and Collaborative Critical Incident.

Sadly, some have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. This past year, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office suffered three line-of-duty deaths: Correctional Lieutenant Steve Taylor, Deputy Isaiah Cordero, and Deputy Darnell Calhoun. We will honor these heroes with a touching tribute to all the fallen in Riverside County. Now more than ever, peace officers face some extremely difficult challenges, and yet they go to work each day to serve and protect us. Tonight, we will celebrate their outstanding efforts and thank them for a job well done.

Dennis Vrooman, 2023 LEAC Chair

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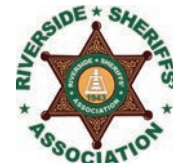


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EVENING PROGRAM

Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner and Recognition Ceremony

Greeting *Dennis Vrooman, 2023 Chair*

Welcome Riverside County Officials

Introduction of Riverside County Sheriff and Chiefs of Police

Invocation *Riverside County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Robert Peebles*

DINNER

Thank You to Our Sponsors

Posting of Colors *LEAC Memorial Flag, Streamers and Pledge of Allegiance:
Larry Gonzalez, Riverside Police Chief and Past Chair*

National Anthem *Officer Colin Acda, Murrieta Police Department*

Tribute to Fallen Officers *Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco*

TAPS *Deputy Daniel Garcia, Riverside County Sheriff's Office*

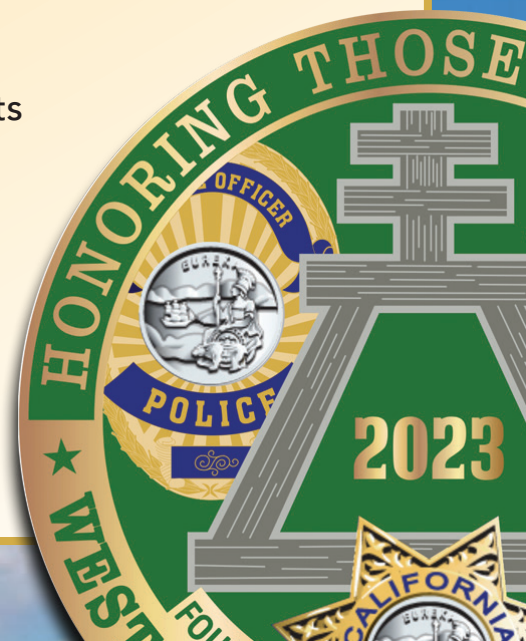
Recognition of 2023 Honorees

- Excellence in Community Service
- Distinguished K-9 Team
- Fritts Founder's Award
- Investigative Excellence
- Lifetime Achievement
- Exceptional Lifesaving
- Act of Valor
- Police and Sheriff Explorer Scholarship Recipients
- Collaborative Investigative Recognition
- Collaborative Critical Incident Recognition

Installation of 2024 Chair

Closing Remarks

Adjourn



Honoring Our Fallen Officers



STEVEN MICHAEL TAYLOR was born on November 12, 1970, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to Frank and Florence Taylor. He is the youngest of three children, survived by his older sister, Gail Taylor-Smith, and older brother, Kevin Taylor. Steve graduated from Bell High School in Bell, California, where he played football and became an all-star for his skills. Steve then attended East Los Angeles College and played as an offensive lineman on the school's football team. On Sept 9, 2009, Steve married his forever love, Lilia.

On June 8, 1995, he joined the Riverside County Sheriff's Office where he faithfully served the department until his death. During his time as a Correctional Deputy, Steve worked assignments at the Indio Jail and the Southwest Detention Center. On September 14, 2006, he was promoted to Correctional Corporal and transferred to the Robert Presley Detention Center. On December 1, 2011, he was promoted to Correctional Sergeant and worked at the Southwest Detention Center and SITE-B in Banning. Steve was promoted to his rank of Correctional Lieutenant on January 17, 2019, and again transferred to the Robert Presley Detention Center.

Throughout the pandemic, like many other jails, the Sheriff's Office was hit hard with COVID-19 positive cases. Steve contracted COVID-19 at work and it quickly affected his cardiovascular system and heart. Sadly, on February 24, 2022, after a long hospitalization, he courageously lost his battle with the illness. He is survived by his wife, Lilia, and his siblings.

LEAC remembers Correctional Lieutenant Steven Michael Taylor for the life he lived and the nearly 22 years of honorable service he gave to the citizens of Riverside County.



ISAIAH ALBERT CORDERO was born on May 13, 1990, to Gilbert and Rebecca Cordero in Los Angeles, California. He grew up with one older brother, Jonathan. Isaiah grew up between Los Angeles and the greater Inland Empire, and graduated from Cajon High School in San Bernardino, California, where he played football for two years as an offensive tight-end. He also had an aspiring music career and started a punk rock band in high school, "The Fleas," which routinely practiced in his garage. His band continued to perform in gigs throughout the Inland Empire after high school.

Isaiah began his service with the Riverside County Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Deputy on May 5, 2014, and was assigned to the Robert Presley Detention Center. During his time as a Correctional Deputy, he also worked assignments at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility and the Indio Jail. In February 2018, he began the 204th Basic Academy and was promoted to Deputy Sheriff later that same year. As a Deputy, he worked at the Robert Presley Detention Center and the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility before transferring to the Jurupa Valley Station. Deputy Cordero completed Motor School in September 2022 and was assigned to Motor Enforcement.

On Thursday, December 29, 2022, Isaiah conducted a routine traffic stop in the City of Jurupa Valley and was shot and killed by a career criminal. He is survived by his parents and his brother.

LEAC remembers Deputy Isaiah Albert Cordero for the life he lived and the nearly nine years of honorable service he gave to the citizens of Riverside County.



DARNELL ANDREW CALHOUN was born June 24, 1992, in Pomona, California to Lonnie and Renee Calhoun and was the oldest sibling to his sister, Darnice, and brother, Darson. Darnell was raised in the Murrieta community and was homeschooled through high school. After high school he attended California State University San Marcos where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and Justice Studies.

On March 26, 2017, he married his wife, Vanessa Nichele Quinn. From this union, God blessed them with three sons: Russell Jay, Troy Ezekiel, and baby boy Malcolm Sean. Throughout his childhood, he was raised in Mountain View Community Church and Diamond Valley Community Church, where he was a committed servant and faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. As an adult, he was an active and beloved member of Covenant Grace Church in Menifee, California.

For many years and before his law enforcement career, Darnell worked at their family-owned restaurant, "Calhoun's Family Texas Barbeque" in Murrieta. Darnell was hired in August of 2019 by the San Diego Police Department, and attended the San Diego Regional Academy, and then transferred to Riverside County Sheriff's Office on February 24, 2022, to be close to home in Lake Elsinore, California. He was assigned to patrol operations at the Lake Elsinore Station.

On January 13, 2023, Darnell responded to a domestic violence call for service in the Lakeland Village community, and was shot and killed by the resident when he arrived on scene. He is survived by his immediate family, which includes his wife, three sons, sister, brother, parents, and a large extended family.

LEAC remembers Deputy Darnell Andrew Calhoun for the life he lived and the three and one-half years of honorable service he gave to the citizens of both San Diego and Riverside Counties.

Excellence in Community Service

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Recognize an officer for exceptional execution of responsibilities in a community service program or project that has had a significant impact on public safety in a community or communities within Western Riverside County.

University of California Riverside Police Department



**Detective
Megan Debaca**

Since the pandemic, 2022 was the first year in-person classes resumed at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). With increasing anti-law enforcement sentiment amongst some college students in recent years, Detective Debaca has been crucial in helping to rebuild the student community's trust with the law enforcement profession and the University of California Riverside

Police Department (UCRPD). Detective Debaca has been able to do this through her use of social media; engagement events; safety presentations; partnering with several departments on and off campus; and in the extended UCR community.

Detective Debaca highlighted some of her peer officers and their accomplishments on social media by posting events in which officers participated and notices of significant arrests. Thanks to the posts, the department received tips on crime trends in the area and has received positive comments and ratings regarding what the department has been doing on a daily basis. The community is better informed of what goes on in and around campus.

Detective Debaca also partnered with a videographer to produce public awareness and safety videos for social media. One example is a video she created that made the community aware of a scam targeting UCR students. The scam had victimized many students out of thousands of dollars. The video resulted in a significant decrease in the number of scam and fraud victims reported to UCRPD.

Some other events Detective Debaca has spearheaded or partnered with include working with the Women's Resource center to provide general safety tips on the topic of sexual assault and abuse and the safety protocols/tips for online dating sites and apps. She led the department's involvement in the campus' Health, Well-being and Safety Fair; shared cyber security awareness social media posts, videos and presentations; and provided

meaningful tips on campus life and safety to new students at the annual Highlander Orientation fairs. She actively worked to improve campus safety by conducting multiple security assessments for many of the departments and buildings on campus to identify and correct security and safety deficiencies, and conducted numerous campus safety and active-shooter presentations.

Detective Debaca served as the department's sole-contact and partner of the university Crisis Intervention Team and Summer Involvement Fair and built a relationship with the local mental health facilities to develop a plan to better serve our university students and staff. Detective Debaca took the time to engage the department with the greater Riverside community with her involvement in the NAACP "Breaking Bread Together" event.

In recognition of her dedication to engaging and protecting UC Riverside students, faculty and community, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to present the Excellence in Community Service Award to Detective Megan Debaca.

Murrieta Police Department



**Corporal
Matthew Mozingo**

Corporal Matthew Mozingo has been a police officer for 27 years, serving his last 19 years with the Murrieta Police Department. In 2014, Corporal Mozingo brought the concept of a Citizen's Academy to the Murrieta Police Department with the goal of providing a comprehensive overview of all programs, operations, and services provided by the department to the commu-

nity. The initial academy was opened to city employees and their families. Since that time, the program has grown to include members of the community, business owners, civil rights organizations, and elected officials. In an effort to remove any barriers to attending the academy, it is conducted with weekly classes over a course of 12 weeks, and is free of charge for the attendees. The only requirement is that the attendees either live, or work within, the City of Murrieta. Due to its success, the Citizen's Academy has been visited by other police agencies looking for a template to start their own academies.

The content of the academy has matured as well, with Corporal Mozingo actively soliciting department and non-department instructors and subject matter experts to speak to the classes. The dialogue is not only educational but also engaging by

allowing attendees to ask the questions during the classes. The academy even includes a field trip to a firearms and use of force simulator at the Ben Clark Training Center. This format helps to not only enhance the academy's content, but also ensures that every academy is a unique experience for all attendees.

While the Citizen's Academy had to be put on hold during the pandemic, it was not forgotten. Corporal Mazingo continued to work on ways to make it better. When in-person meetings were allowed again, Corporal Mazingo restarted the academy, inviting new attendees into the police department. To date, the Citizen's Academy has hosted more than 150 members from the community.

In addition to his work with the Citizen's Academy, Corporal Mazingo is currently in the process of restarting the Youth Court and Police Activity League programs which were also inactive during the pandemic.

For his actions, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to recognize Corporal Matthew Mazingo with the Excellence in Community Service Award.

Banning Police Department



**Officer
Alyssa Roebuck**

Throughout her career, Officer Alyssa Roebuck has provided outstanding community service to the City of Banning and has exemplified dedication to public service by helping the youth and the children of the San Gorgonio Pass area. She has continually demonstrated her willingness to take time to positively interact with the children of the city by stopping by sports fields and

city parks and taking the extra time to listen, give advice, play a game, or by responding to a call for service where a child may be in need of a positive role model, advocate, or friend.

Officer Roebuck shows up to work every day with a positive attitude, a great demeanor, and wearing the biggest and most contagious smile. Those she meets can see that she genuinely cares about the community. Officer Roebuck is frequently seen visiting local schools and talking with students, answering questions, showing the kids her police vehicle, or just simply taking the time to interact with them.

Officer Roebuck participated in several community outreach

events over the last year, with much of her involvement taking place on her own time. This included appearing at community events as McGruff the Crime Dog; conducting school and education meet-and-greets at local campuses; singing the national anthem for the State of the City; participating in the Shop with a Cop event; delivering Christmas presents to children in the Pass Area; and travelling to many of the hospitals in the Inland Empire during Operation Holiday Cheer in an effort to give encouragement and hope to hospitalized children during the Christmas season.

Because of her strong work ethic and her passion for helping the youth in her community, Officer Roebuck was the obvious choice for a recent School Resource Officer assignment. Her positivity, caring heart, and willingness to help and mentor our youngest residents has been nothing short of outstanding. For her actions, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to honor Officer Alyssa Roebuck with the Excellence in Community Service Award.

Beaumont Police Department



**Officer
Raelyn Nevarez**

In November 2022, Officer Raelyn Nevarez was assigned to the Beaumont Police Department's Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Team as the Homeless Liaison Officer.

As the Homeless Liaison Officer, Officer Nevarez works to address the unique challenges of our homeless communities. The Homeless

Outreach Officer enforces municipal codes as well as applicable state laws when necessary and appropriate in the performance of their duties to address nuisance issues; however, their efforts are generally focused on providing assistance options and resources to those in need who desire to receive assistance. The officer also partners with county mental health officials to connect individuals with quality, timely, and often critical mental health services.

In her new position as the Homeless Liaison Officer, Officer Nevarez quickly identified the homeless persons in the community and took the time to learn personal details, such as how they became homeless and if they had any specific needs.

One recent example was when Officer Nevarez contacted a woman who has been homeless within the City of Beaumont

Excellence in Community Service, *continued*

for over 16 years. Nevarez learned that she formerly owned a home in Beaumont where she raised her children, then lost everything due to alcoholism. This woman had continually refused any assistance from previous officers.

Officer Nevarez built a rapport with this woman and identified distant relatives. Officer Nevarez was able to locate this woman's siblings in the state of Washington, who expressed a desire to help. Within a month of starting her new assignment, Officer Nevarez was able to partner with local faith-based organizations to help the woman with food, clothing, a shower, and coordinated transportation to her family in Washington.

Officer Nevarez's out-of-the-box thinking and diligence created a positive resolution for a long-term issue within the community and reunited a homeless woman with her family, who can help with her recovery from alcohol dependency. For her actions, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to honor Officer Raelyn Nevarez with the Excellence in Community Service Award.

Corona Police Department



**Sergeant
Kevin Stofila**

Sergeant Kevin Stofila has been a police officer for the City of Corona for 28 years and is currently assigned as a relief watch commander on patrol. In addition to his regular assignment, he is responsible for numerous collateral duties at the department, including defensive tactics supervisor, K-9 supervisor, honor guard team member, and peer support member.

In addition to his busy work schedule, Sergeant Stofila has volunteered to help coordinate the Corona Police Department's annual "Kids and Cops" holiday toy drive for the past 15 years. Kids and Cops was started 25 years ago for the department to give back to the community by ensuring underprivileged children receive gifts during the holiday season. During Sergeant Stofila's tenure, Kids and Cops has grown from serving a few dozen children each year to 1,035 children in December 2022.

The event included Mr. and Mrs. Claus, a snow play area, a petting zoo, live music, free lunch, and other family activities. Every child participant received an age-appropriate gift. For some of the children, this was the only gift they received for the holidays.

Sergeant Stofila volunteers a significant amount of his time collecting toys donated by businesses and individuals throughout the year. He also coordinates approximately 50 volunteers, including his family members, to wrap each gift and put on an ever-growing event that brings joy to many people.

For his actions, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to recognize Sergeant Kevin Stofila with the Excellence in Community Service Award.



Distinguished K-9 Team

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Outstanding effort on a particular case, or a long-term high level of performance in the field of police K-9 work or recipients risked severe personal injury or death to accomplish their mission, or to save another threatened with severe personal injury or death while performing their duties as a K-9 Team.

Hemet Police Department



**Sergeant Derek Maddox
and K-9 Partner River**

Hemet Police Sergeant Derek Maddox and his K-9 Partner, River, had a very productive 2022. Sergeant Maddox was originally hired by the Hemet Police Department in 2004 and was assigned to patrol. During this time, he achieved the position of patrol K-9 handler and gained extensive experience working with his

first dog, Rosco. He then promoted to sergeant and has been assigned to the Riverside County Post-Release Accountability Compliance Team, or PACT, since 2019. The Central PACT team is responsible for home visitations of convicted felons, probationers and parolees who have a high probability of recidivism and are likely to reoffend and victimize others. In 2021, due to a personnel change, K-9 River transitioned to Sergeant Maddox on his team from another task force. K-9 River is a small, but mighty, 55-pound female Belgian Malinois from the Netherlands with extensive credentials.

Part of Sergeant Maddox and his K9 partner River's assignment on PACT is utilizing K-9 River's expertise in seeking and alerting on firearms and items related to firearms. In 2022, the duo assisted the task force in locating 118 firearms, in addition to gun related materials like bullets and gun magazines, which are all illegal for felons or those on supervised release to possess. The areas of many of the "finds" this past year were in locations such as attics, crawl spaces, open fields, buried in yards, and even inside walls which would be difficult or impossible to find without the assistance of a highly trained K9 such as River. A few of the finds included Polymer 80 (P80) build kits and molds used to make untraceable ghost guns, which were concealed in a weapons cache under a plywood floorboard in a residential home.

There is no doubt that many of these firearms would have gone undetected and still be on the street without this amazing team. For their exceptional efforts, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Sergeant Derek Maddox and his K-9 partner River for their service and is pleased to present them with the Distinguished K-9 Team Award.



Fritts Founder's Award

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Individual or couple who has made an exceptional or extraordinarily positive impact on the quality of life in his/her community through sustained support and/or in partnership with local and/or regional law enforcement. This award is not presented every year, it is at the discretion of the LEAC committee..

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Emergency Response Team Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit



**Volunteer
Glenn Henderson**

The Riverside County Sheriff's Office is responsible for all Search and Rescue calls for service within the Riverside County area. They manage and coordinate the calls for service with the help of several Search and Rescue teams. One of the teams is the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, or commonly referred to as RMRU, which was established in 1961.

RMRU Search and Rescue Specialist Glenn Henderson has played a crucial role on RMRU for 41 years. He was issued volunteer number V0134 when he joined RMRU on January 1, 1981. Our county has since issued over 8,000 volunteer numbers.

Glenn has held the position of RMRU President several times and has served on its Board of Directors for 20 of those years. Glenn has performed hundreds of rescues over the years. He has given up many family holidays to help in a search for lost or injured hikers. Over the years, he has missed work with his employer to help with missions. Now that Glenn is retired, he has found more time to dedicate himself to his passion of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit and attends every mission when he is in the immediate area.

Glenn has participated in more than 800 rescues within his tenure with RMRU. In 2022 alone, he took part in 65 missions which is equivalent to over five missions per month. In addition to active participation on missions, he has devoted thousands of hours of training to bring new team members up to speed and grow the skills of colleagues. Over his 41 years of service, Glenn has put in over 30,000 hours as a volunteer. Currently, Glenn has served more consecutive years on the RMRU than any of the other team members. Unofficially, the team considers him the "Commander of the team." He has the respect and admiration of all team members.

Glenn has become the RMRU subject matter expert. His commitment to service has not stopped with his service to Riverside County. He has also served on The California Region of the Mountain Rescue Association and the National Mountain Rescue Association Board of Directors.

In recognition of his more than four decades of steadfast dedication not only to the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, but also to the residents and visitors to the Riverside County area, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is pleased to present the Fritts Founder's Award to Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit volunteer Glenn Henderson.



Investigative Excellence

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Recognize an officer for exceptional execution of responsibilities by successfully concluding a major investigation or by demonstrating outstanding investigative or interrogative techniques in the course of an investigation.

Riverside Police Department



**Detective
Brett Stennett**

On March 16, 2022, Officers responded to the unattended death of an 18-year-old female found in her home with minor visible injuries. A subsequent autopsy revealed the cause of death was asphyxia due to strangulation. The autopsy also showed signs of blunt force trauma and sexual assault.

Detective Brett Stennett was assigned the investigation a day later with few leads. He immediately returned to the victim's residence with a search warrant but found the room cleaned and items thrown away. He located surveillance video from the victim's apartment complex and the surrounding area. He interviewed family and friends and found out on the morning of her death, the victim was asleep when an ex-boyfriend showed up at her apartment to return property. The victim's brother took the property and the ex-boyfriend left. The brother left for school, leaving the victim home alone. A few hours later the family found her deceased in her bedroom.

Detective Stennett served a search warrant at the ex-boyfriend's residence, interviewed him, and collected his cell phone. The ex-boyfriend said he had not seen the victim in over a month. However, statements he gave were inconsistent with cellphone data and surveillance video. He was released at that time pending further investigation.

During the investigation, Detective Stennett conducted an in-depth examination of the ex-boyfriend's cell phone which showed he took video of himself assaulting the victim on the social networking site Snapchat. The videos occurred after he returned the victim's property and after her brother left the apartment. The ex-boyfriend attempted to delete the evidence off his Snapchat account, but the determination of Detective Stennett and computer forensic technicians led them to the discovery of the hidden videos. The techs at Snapchat were even baffled at how they were able to recover the deleted videos. The evidence ultimately revealed he was present at the time of the victim's death.

The suspect was arrested and a search warrant of his parent's residence revealed evidence related to the crime. A jailhouse operation was conducted, and the suspect admitted to committing the crime. He is awaiting trial.

The young victim of murder and sexual assault and her family would be without justice if it weren't for the hard work and tenacity of Detective Brett Stennett. The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Detective Brett Stennett with the Investigative Excellence Award.

Hemet Police Department



**Investigator
Katie Rabago**

On July 27, 2022, The Hemet Police Department responded to a report of a missing person. The reporting party advised that his mother had not been seen in two days, had not gone to work, and could not be reached by phone. He added that his mother's boyfriend and his mother's Honda were also missing.

The following day, the son reported to police that his mother's ATM card was used at a local carwash. Surveillance at that location recorded his mother's boyfriend alone at that location in her Honda. Because this seemed suspicious, he attempted to call his mother's boyfriend, but an unknown female answered. She told him that the mother's boyfriend had been arrested in San Diego for a felony warrant.

The Hemet Police Department's Investigations Bureau assumed responsibility of the investigation and Investigator Katie Rabago was assigned as the primary detective. Investigator Rabago learned that on the night the missing victim was last seen, the San Diego Community College District Police had stopped the victim's vehicle and the missing victim's boyfriend was driving the vehicle when he was taken into custody. Investigator Rabago learned the identity of the female passenger and that she was released from the scene with the victim's vehicle.

Detectives obtained a warrant to search the victim's home and discovered trace evidence of a possible homicide in the garage. Additionally, police contacted the female passenger at her home in San Diego County and detained her. Police personnel located the victim's Honda in a park-and-ride lot less than a hundred yards from the female passenger's home. Indicators led police to suspect there might be evidence in the Honda. A search confirmed the deceased victim was inside the Honda. Investigator

Investigative Excellence, *continued*

Rabago and her team demonstrated exceptional execution by concluding this homicide investigation and bringing closure to the victim's family.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Investigator Katie Rabago and present her with the Investigative Excellence Award.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office

In the past three years, the opioid epidemic took a drastic turn as the introduction of the deadly drug fentanyl swept the nation, impacting numerous lives of Riverside County residents of all ages. With the number of poisoning deaths rising, Sheriff Chad Bianco took a hard stance, and with the cooperation of District Attorney Michael Hestrin, the department created the Overdose Deaths and Investigations/Narcotics (ODIN) Unit.



**Lieutenant
Ryan Marcuse**



**Investigator II
Leonard "Danny"
Hollingsworth**



**Master Investigator IV
Robert "Mike" Cornett**

Sergeant Ryan Marcuse and Investigator Leonard "Danny" Hollingsworth were first tasked with creating the fentanyl response team for the Riverside County Sheriff's Office. The team's responsibilities were to establish a protocol for dealing with fentanyl poisonings and, when applicable, develop a case that would lead to the successful prosecution of fentanyl dealers for first-degree or second-degree homicide. With the success of the team, ODIN was requested by local and out-of-state agencies to begin teaching how to investigate fentanyl poisonings and how to successfully present cases for fentanyl-related homicide filings. Master Investigators Jim Peters, Robert "Mike" Cornett and Humberto Garcia-Flores were added to ODIN as the number of fentanyl poisonings exceeded 750 cases. The severity of the issue brought Deputy Daniel Shaffer to the team. Through 2022, ODIN investigated nearly 1,000 fentanyl-related poisonings.

The team worked diligently through numerous investigations which led to filings in state court for second-



**Investigator II
Humberto Garcia-Florez**



**Master Investigator IV
Jim Peters**



**Deputy
Daniel Shaffer**

degree homicide and federal court for furnishing fentanyl resulting in great bodily injury or death. To date, ODIN has successfully filed 20 state and four federal fentanyl-related homicide cases, with more anticipated to be filed.

Additionally, ODIN has taken the lead in helping other county, city and state agencies train their investigators on responding and investigating fentanyl-related poisoning deaths. They have created a model or protocol that is being used by agencies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office to the Honolulu Police Department. They have also worked with Canadian authorities to construct protocol that matches the laws in their country.

The team's development of ODIN has helped establish a strong line on how those responsible for fentanyl poisonings will be brought to justice. For their contribution to the residents of Riverside County and jurisdictions far and wide, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to recognize Sheriff

Chad Bianco for his vision and efforts in locally addressing a national crisis, and honor the inaugural ODIN team of Sergeant Ryan Marcuse, Investigator Danny Hollingsworth, Master Investigator Mike Cornett, Master Investigator Humberto Garcia-Flores, Master Investigator Jim Peters, and Deputy Daniel Shaffer with the Investigative Excellence Award.

California Highway Patrol Riverside Area



**Officer
Steve Cuevas**

On September 24, 2022, Officer Steve Cuevas, Officer Jerry Martin, and Officer Niko Le Beau of the California Highway Patrol, Riverside Area Office Investigation Unit, arrested a suspect believed to be responsible for shooting another motorist during a road rage incident.



**Officer
Jerry Dean Martin**

The suspect was driving his Mercedes erratically in the city of Ontario, and after cutting off a Scion several times, the suspect vehicle and the Scion came to a stop next to each other. The driver of the Scion put both of his hands up and made eye contact with the suspect. The suspect pointed a pistol at the driver of the Scion. Fearing for his safety, the victim drove off and headed southbound on the I-15 freeway.



**Officer
Niko Le Beau**

The suspect chased the victim onto the freeway and rammed his vehicle from behind. The suspect then drove past the victim and stopped on the right shoulder of the freeway. As the victim drove past the suspect, the victim used his phone to take a picture of the Mercedes. The suspect again chased the Scion and fired two rounds into the vehicle.

One of the rounds struck the victim. The victim took the SR-60 eastbound and called 911.

Through comprehensive investigative means, Officers Cuevas, Martin, and Le Beau worked to obtain significant case-related evidence. Officer Cuevas took on the primary role in this investigation. Officer Martin responded to the hospital and contacted the victim to obtain a detailed statement. Officer Le Beau contacted a witness to show him a photographic lineup and obtain video evidence. Once they obtained the license plate of the suspect's Mercedes, the suspect's information was broadcast to allied agencies. Officer Cuevas received a call from a Menifee police officer who said the suspect vehicle had activated an emergency alert as it drove through the city of Menifee. The officer later located the now parked Mercedes.

A search warrant was served on the suspect's residence. During the search of the residence and vehicle, the CHP investigators located evidence and the firearm believed to be used during the shooting. As a result, the suspect was taken into custody. This incident is one of many that this team has investigated and brought to a quick resolution. Officers Steve Cuevas, Jerry Martin, and Niko Le Beau exemplify the mission of the CHP, "Safety, Service, and Security."

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Officer Steven Cuevas, Officer Jerry Dean Martin, and Officer Niko Le Beau for their service and is honored to present them with the Investigative Excellence Award.

Corona Police Department



**Detective
Mike Placencia**

In April of 2022, Corona Police Department Detective Michael Placencia was assigned a possible child abuse investigation. A 2-month-old infant arrived at a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Doctors stated the infant had suffered a non-survivable brain injury and had multiple healing rib fractures. The parents were ultimately unable to provide the hospital staff with a

plausible explanation for the infant's injuries.

After several hours of interviewing doctors, hospital staff and the infant's parents, Detective Placencia determined the injuries were suspicious. The infant later succumbed to the injuries and the investigation was deemed a homicide. Detective Placencia led the investigation that involved multiple members of the Corona Police Department Detective Bureau.

A forensic examination was conducted on the infant's sibling and Detective Placencia discovered the sibling also had healing injuries that were indicative of child abuse. However, due to the sibling's age, the sibling was unable to communicate the details of the abuse. Child abuse and homicide investigations of infants and toddlers involve unique obstacles and are considered some of the most challenging types of investigations. This is due to the crime often occurring in a private place, the lack of witnesses, and the victims' inability to communicate the history of the abuse.

Detective Placencia spent numerous weeks gathering evidence and speaking with doctors specializing in child abuse cases. Detective Placencia knew he needed to re-create the infant's

Investigative Excellence, *continued*

shortened lifespan so he could articulate the abuse that eventually led to the baby's death. Detective Placencia was able to gather numerous photographs and videos of the child and created a photographic timeline of the infant's life. Doctors were able to use this photographic timeline to identify the timeframe of when the deadly abuse occurred, as well as when previous incidents of abuse had occurred. Detective Placencia presented his investigation to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and both parents were arrested for murder and willful cruelty to a child. Detective Placencia continued the investigation and uncovered additional information that will be crucial in the prosecution of the parents.

Detective Placencia's determination and attention to detail in this investigation led to the arrest of the victim's parents and potentially saving the life of the victim's sibling. The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Detective Michael Placencia with the Investigative Excellence Award.

Lifetime Achievement

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Officer has completed a minimum sworn law enforcement service of 25 years, Officer has continuously displayed the highest level of professionalism, has continuously exceeded expectations, has had a sustained positive impact on his/her service community and has consistently performed his/her duties in a manner in harmony with the department's goals, mission, objectives and values, Officer has served as a peace officer in Riverside County for at least the last five years (e.g., a CHP officer completing his/her career in Riverside County).

University of California Riverside Police Department



**Sergeant
Wayne Kanemoto
(Ret.)**

In 1989, Sergeant Wayne Kanemoto was a transfer student to the University of California at Riverside (UCR). Once enrolled, he took a student job as a Community Service Officer with the UCR Police Department and would spend the next 34 years working for the department in various roles.

Wayne's life as a sworn officer began in June of 1993 when he graduated the Riverside Sheriff's Academy and began the Field Training Officer (FTO) program. From there he moved through a succession of roles and ranks, including FTO, Corporal, Community Service Officer coordinator, and finally the rank of Sergeant where he was assigned to both the campus and the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team. He currently serves as the supervisor of the department's traffic collision investigations unit, as well as a sergeant for the department's assigned Special Response Team (a statewide crowd management team with representatives from each of the ten campuses), and finally, as a defensive tactics instructor.

Wayne has always stated that his time as an FTO was his favorite. In fact, his experience as an FTO was so expansive, that at one point every sworn officer in the department could point to at least one phase spent with Wayne as their FTO. Many officers later had Wayne as their CSO coordinator, FTO, and now as their sergeant. There are few aspects of department operations over the past three decades which have not included his influence or participation. His direct influence of those he has trained, coached and mentored throughout his career will impact the organization long after his retirement later this year.

Wayne embodies his role as a protector and servant of his community. He has always acted in the best interest of his department and his community, even when doing so was to his own detriment; including sacrificing his personal time with his family. He has always placed others above himself, which is why his legacy and his impact at UCRPD will long be remembered. His efforts will continue to have an influence on the department, the community, and on the people who were fortunate enough to have served with him over his 34-year career.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Wayne Kanemoto for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Banning Police Department



**Sergeant
Patrick Kelly
(Ret.)**

Sergeant Patrick Kelly has been a Police Officer for 35 years and has spent the last 15 years with the Banning Police Department. Sergeant Kelly began his law enforcement career by serving in National City as a Reserve Officer, then the San Diego County Sheriff's Department in the Corrections Division. Sergeant Kelly was then hired by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, where

he spent several years serving the citizens of Riverside County, before lateraling to the Banning Police Department in 2008.

Sergeant Kelly has enjoyed his time serving the citizens of the City of Banning. As a dedicated, hardworking Police Officer, with a professional background in traffic enforcement, Sergeant Kelly spent years assigned to enforcing state traffic laws throughout the city as well as community education efforts. He has the ability to communicate in a manner that shows his caring and kindness, all while keeping the public safe. Sergeant Kelly often "sold" the citation to the violator in a manner that gained the understanding of the subject, and with a balance for both the violator and the public's trust. Sergeant Kelly would spend extra time educating the violator and building relationships that were equitable and fair. Because of this, Sergeant Kelly often gained compliance and was able to keep his public contacts positive, even when arrests and citations were involved.

Sergeant Kelly's caring heart for the community and his dedication to public service, led him to take the proactive step of re-establishing the Banning Police Department's Explorer Post. He has since recruited and successfully staffed the Post with young dedicated and motivated individuals that work hard in the com-

munity. Sergeant Kelly also works tirelessly to help the youth of the community and successfully runs the Banning Police Department's Shop-with-a-Cop program during the Christmas season. With Sergeant Kelly's hard work and dedication, he has grown the program to a level that services more youth in our community than ever before. Whether he is conducting traffic enforcement, responding to a call for service, or taking the proactive leadership role of effective Community Oriented Policing, Sergeant Kelly exemplifies the ideal Banning Police Officer.

For his hard work, caring demeanor and desire to serve the community the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Sergeant Patrick Kelly.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office



**Investigator
Steven Leone
(Ret.)**

Investigator Steven Leone graduated the Riverside Sheriff's Basic Peace Officers Academy on November 9, 2006, and was assigned to patrol at the Moreno Valley Station. As a new patrol deputy, Investigator Leone quickly learned not only to handle calls for service with a high level of service, but to investigate crimes at the level of an Investigator. He utilized online platforms such as Of-

ferUp and Myspace to solve both property and persons crimes; an investigative method rarely seen at that point in time.

This knack of arresting criminals at a successful rate earned Investigator Leone a position with the Moreno Valley Station's Special Enforcement Team, investigating narcotics cases and managing informants. He was the case agent on many street-level and mid-level drug investigations which resulted in the seizure of large quantities of illegal drugs and firearms.

In 2013, at the rank of Deputy, Steven Leone earned an assignment at the Special Investigations Bureau's West County Narcotics Task Force, where he continued his career in narcotics enforcement and became an expert in wiretaps and working with task force officers on several major level narcotics investigations, resulting in the seizure of numerous drug loads which were prosecuted either at the state or federal levels.

In 2015, Investigator Leone returned to the Moreno Valley Station as a Field Training Officer, then was selected for a second tour with the station's Special Enforcement Team. A year

Lifetime Achievement, *continued*

later, Investigator Leone was formally promoted to the rank of Investigator and assigned to the Professional Standards Bureau, where he worked internal administrative and investigations. He quickly gained a reputation as a fair, hardworking and thorough investigator with his peers and supervisors.

In 2019, Investigator Leone was selected for assignment to the Special Investigations Bureau's Major Crimes Unit. He was one of the unit's most productive members. He was the first member of the unit to be cross-sworn with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as a Task Force Officer. He ran numerous federal investigations resulting in the seizure of dozens of assault weapons and drugs. Investigator Leone's efforts routinely provided investigative information on dozens of murders to the department's Central Homicide Unit.

In 2023, Investigator Leone voluntarily transferred to the Lake Elsinore Station before his planned retirement later in the year. He used this opportunity to mentor several junior members of the station's Special Enforcement Team. In his first week, he assisted the team in the seizure of a large amount of fentanyl and \$50,000 in US currency. Investigator Leone has replicated this passing on of institutional knowledge and mentoring others in every assignment he has worked throughout his career.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to present Investigator II Steven Leone with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Corona Police Department



**Lieutenant
James "Jim" Auck
(Ret.)**

James "Jim" Auck served the citizens of Corona with distinction for over 27 years before retiring as a Lieutenant in 2022. Hired as a police officer for Corona in 1995, Jim's impressive career saw him take on a variety of roles including field training officer, traffic collision investigator, and promotions to Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. As a dedicated member of the honor guard for

17 years, Jim represented the department at numerous events, including awards ceremonies, police officer memorials, and funerals. As a Detective, he was recognized for his leadership in several complex fraud investigations and was a member of the officer involved shooting team. As a Sergeant, he supervised patrol officers and worked in the professional standards unit. As a Lieutenant, Jim played a key role in developing the success-

ful Homeless Outreach and Psychological Evaluation (HOPE) team and served as the Corona Police Department LEAC representative, where he continues to volunteer in retirement.

Jim's impact extended beyond his official duties, as he also served as a board member of the Corona Police Officers' Association for 20 years, including an astounding 15 years as president. He led the association through some of the most difficult times with his personal commitment and conviction. His strong relationships with the community and his dedication to representing the views of Corona police officers earned him the respect of both his peers and command staff. This was exemplified by the fact that Jim was simultaneously re-elected as the employee association president while serving as the professional standards unit sergeant, a position that often conflicts with the association. Jim was able to balance the responsibilities of both positions because of his level-headedness and superior conflict resolution skills.

Jim's greatest legacy at the Corona Police Department is his ability to bring people together with his genuine and easy-going personality. He developed deep and meaningful relationships with his co-workers, businesses, and other agency members from all over California. In addition, Jim received countless letters of gratitude from citizens over the years and has mentored many department employees. Jim represents the best qualities of a law enforcement officer and his positive impact on the organization will be felt for years to come.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to retired Lieutenant James Auck.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office



**Undersheriff
Dennis Vrooman
(Ret.)**

Dennis Vrooman began his law enforcement career as a police explorer for the Downey Police Department in 1984, when he was still in high school. He was hired full-time as a Police Aide in 1985. He graduated the Los Angeles County Sheriff's 242nd Basic POST Academy in May 1988 and was assigned to patrol and served as a Field Training Officer.

In July 1992, he lateraled to become one of the original 34 members of the newly established Murrieta Police Department.

As an Officer with the Murrieta Police Department, he worked patrol and served as a Field Training Officer; the Special Enforcement Team; SWAT team; and was one of the original members of the Riverside Sheriff's Southwest Corridor Narcotics Task Force. During this same period, he was the President of the Police Officer's Association for over nine years. He was a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), DRE Instructor and DARE Instructor at the local schools. After promoting to Corporal in 1999, he implemented the first Every 15 Minutes program within the city's high schools, which is still ongoing to this day. After promoting to Sergeant in 2001, he supervised patrol and detective operations and served as the department's Public Information Officer for over a decade.

Keeping the department's vision in mind, he implemented several community-based programs such as the Police Activities League, Youth Court, Gang Risk Intervention Program, and National Night Out. He promoted to Lieutenant in 2006 then to Captain in 2011, and oversaw the Operations and Support Divisions, while simultaneously serving as the President of the Police Management Association for 11 years until his retirement on January 3, 2019. During his time at the Murrieta Police Department, he worked diligently to develop and establish the culture that the city residents and visitors enjoy today; excellent service delivery and a strong partnership with the community.

Dennis Vrooman joined the Riverside County Sheriff's Office when he was appointed Assistant Sheriff on January 7, 2019 by Sheriff Chad Bianco. As an Assistant Sheriff, he was assigned to Administration, to include all budgetary, personnel and training operations within the agency. He was appointed Undersheriff on December 19, 2019 where he served as the Sheriff's Chief of Staff, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office that included management oversight of all Field Operations, Correctional and Administrative Divisions.

While serving in both agencies, he served on the county's Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) steering committee, including the Chairperson role. During his tenure, he was able to establish the foundation for the current management of the system by the Sheriff's Office; the plan for the eventual migration of all law enforcement and fire agencies within the county into the system; as well as the interoperability with similar radio systems from neighboring counties.

Dennis Vrooman earned his Bachelors degree in Liberal Arts, and his Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Senior Management Institute for Policing (SMIP). He has taught law enforce-

ment classes for over 23 years at several community colleges and for the California Peace Officers' Association.

After retiring with over 37 years of full-time service in 2022 from the Sheriff's Office, he continues to be a public servant by sitting on several boards including: Riverside County SAFE Family Justice Centers, California Peace Officers Association, the City of Murrieta Planning Commission, and is the current Chair of the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee.

The Law Enforcement Committee is proud to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to retired Undersheriff Dennis Vrooman.

Riverside Police Department



**Lieutenant
Christian Dinco
(Ret.)**

In August 1995, Christian Dinco was hired by the Riverside Police Department, after transferring from the Orange County Sheriff's Department where he worked as a deputy for three years. Since joining the Riverside Police Department, Christian has worked in patrol, served as a Field Training Officer, a School Resource Officer, and on the full-time METRO Team.

In March 2004, Christian was promoted to Police Detective where he worked in narcotics, auto theft, and property crimes. In June 2006, he was promoted to sergeant, working as a supervisor in patrol and investigations. When promoted to lieutenant, he commanded the Special Operations Division overseeing SWAT, Air Support, PACT, and the Emergency Negotiations Team. He served as an Area Commander in the West Neighborhood Policing Center, Watch Commander, and oversaw the Community Services Bureau where he was a Public Information Officer.

Christian has a bachelor's degree from California Baptist University in Leadership and Public Administration. During the last year of his service, Christian was elected as a council member for the City of Eastvale, now representing the community where he lives, while still serving the community where he worked.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to retired Lieutenant Christian Dinco.

Exceptional Lifesaving

CATEGORY CRITERIA

This recognition involves one or more agency personnel distinguishing themselves by personally performing an exceptional act or acts that saved one or more human lives (not necessarily under conditions requiring bravery, or exposure to great personal risk), where the victim(s) survived the incident.

Riverside Police Department



**Officer
Benjamin Rodriguez**



**Officer
Jorge Estrada**

In October 2022, Riverside Police Department received a 911 call from a frantic juvenile stating his two-year-old brother had drowned in the pool and was unconscious, unresponsive, and not breathing. His parents were attempting to perform CPR, but neither knew the correct technique. The 911 call-taker kept the parents calm and gave instructions on how to properly perform CPR while officers and medical aid were being dispatched.

School Resource Officer Benjamin Rodriguez heard the call dispatched and diverted from the incident he was involved in to rush to the residence. Officer Rodriguez arrived on scene, ran to the backyard, where he found the family surrounding the

unconscious child and begging him for help. Officer Rodriguez found that the child had no pulse and was not breathing. He immediately began CPR. Officer Rodriguez performed CPR unassisted while surrounded by yelling and crying family members.

Officer Jorge Estrada also hurried to the incident, ran through the house, and into the backyard. As Officer Estrada entered the backyard, he immediately saw several people yelling and crying. Officer Estrada went straight to the child and took over chest compressions while Officer Rodriguez continued rescue breathing.

Both officers continued CPR until the child began breathing on his own. As the child began breathing, the Riverside Fire Department arrived and assumed medical care for the child. The child was transported to the hospital, where he made a full recovery.

Thanks to the lifesaving actions of these dedicated officers, a young life was saved, and a family was spared the pain of

losing a child. For their valiant actions on that day, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to bestow Officer Benjamin Rodriguez and Officer Jorge Estrada with the Exceptional Lifesaving Award.



Act of Valor

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Recognize an officer for exceptional execution of responsibilities by distinguishing himself/herself with exceptional bravery or heroism beyond ordinary and usual expectations during 2018 in accordance with the agency's official standards for such an award.

Hemet Police Department



**Officer
Whitley Walker**

On April 24th, 2022, the Hemet Police and Fire Dispatch Center received a call from a home in the City of Hemet. The caller identified herself as the homeowner and told the dispatcher that the residence was filled with smoke and she was inside the home in an upstairs bedroom. Officer Whitley Walker was the first emergency responder on scene and saw black smoke coming

from the edges of the closed garage door, as well as smoke coming from inside an upstairs window. Officer Walker opened the front door and immediately noticed that the home was rapidly filling with thick black smoke. Officer Walker heard a female voice from upstairs yelling that she could not find the stairs.

Discounting her own safety, Officer Walker entered the residence. She quickly located the resident and guided her to the stairs and out of the home. Ultimately, the Hemet Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire that was determined to have started in the garage. If not for Officer Walker's quick actions, it is likely that the female resident would have perished in the burning and smoke-filled home.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Officer Whitley Walker for her actions with the Act of Valor Award.

Corona Police Department



**Corporal
Carlos Gutierrez**

On January 5, 2022, Corporal Carlos Gutierrez responded to a house fire in the City of Corona. The elderly homeowner was alone in her bedroom when she was awakened by the smell of smoke and a fire near the bed she was sleeping in. The homeowner was bedridden and was unable to get out of the bed on her own. Corporal Gutierrez was the first emergency personnel to arrive on scene and found the home fully engulfed in flames.

Despite the overwhelming danger, and without hesitation or concern for his personal safety, Corporal Gutierrez ran into the burning home to save the elderly homeowner. Corporal Gutierrez was able to get the homeowner out of her bed and drag her to within a few feet of the front door, where he was overcome by the heat, smoke, and flames from the fire. Additionally, debris near the front door hindered his rescue effort. Even after suffering smoke inhalation and significant burns to his face and ear, Corporal Gutierrez was able to organize a rescue of the homeowner with other Corona Police personnel and members of the Corona Fire Department.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize Corporal Carlos Gutierrez for his actions with the Act of Valor Award.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Moreno Valley Station



**Deputy
Christopher Loucks**



**Deputy
Rudy Alvarado**

On August 11, 2022 when Deputy Christopher Loucks and Deputy Rudy Alvarado of the Riverside County Sheriff's Moreno Valley station arrived on the scene of a major traffic collision, they found that a white Ford F150 truck collided with two other vehicles and a pedestrian before rolling over several times, coming to a rest on its roof. Smoke and flames were billowing from the engine compartment.

Deputy Loucks found the driver of the truck and her two children, a 9 year-old boy and 13 year-old girl, trapped inside the truck and crying for help as the passenger compartment filled with smoke. Deputy Loucks crawled under the truck bed and broke the rear window of the

truck cab with his baton. He reached into the passenger compartment through the rear window and pulled the boy out to safety with the assistance of a brave citizen bystander. Deputy Loucks noticed flames had breached the engine firewall and were posing an immediate danger to the driver and her daughter who were still trapped.

Deputy Loucks obtained a fire extinguisher from an assisting deputy and used it to beat back the growing flames as the citizen bystander used a knife given to him by Deputy Loucks to cut the seatbelts. Despite the multiple attempts to completely suppress the flames entering the passenger compartment, the fire continued growing and burned near the mother and daughter. Deputy Loucks fought to keep the fire from fully engulfing the truck's interior. The daughter was eventually pulled through the passenger window and carried to safety by Deputy Loucks and the citizen bystander.

Deputy Alvarado arrived on scene to assist and reached into the passenger compartment. He was able to get ahold of the driver's arm, giving her enough leverage to pull herself from under the dashboard and steering wheel, making it possible for both Deputies Alvarado and Loucks to carry her away from the immediate danger of the burning truck.

The driver suffered second and third degree burns to her upper and lower extremities, in addition to a fractured right femur. The daughter sustained a partially amputated left foot and a compound fracture to her tibia and fibula, with second degree burns to her extremities, while the son was found to have a fractured right humerus bone and a lacerated liver. Fortunately, all three occupants survived the incident and are expected to recover.

Deputy Loucks and Deputy Alvarado took immediate and selfless actions during the initial moments of this incident and eliciting the assistance of a willing bystander, obviously saved the lives of three family members but also highlighted their commitment and dedication to the citizens of Riverside County.

For their heroic actions in the face of extraordinary danger, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is proud to honor Deputy Christopher Loucks and Deputy Rudy Alvarado with the Act of Valor Award.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Bureau Aviation Unit

On January 27, 2022, the aircrew of Rescue-9 from the Riverside County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to help two stranded hikers. While flying to the call, the crew was diverted to an injured California State Park Ranger. The ranger was responding on foot to assist the same two stranded hikers, who were in icy and snowy conditions at the 8,000' level of the Skyline Trail, on Mt. San Jacinto. In the ranger's attempt to hike down to the victims, he slipped approximately 200' on icy snow. Due to the fall, he immediately lost his ice axe and began sliding down the steep mountain side.

The ranger grabbed a small branch, stopping his slide at the edge of a cliff. At this point, the ranger was nearly upside down and hanging halfway off the cliff that was approximately 500'. He had limited visibility due to darkness, and the temperature was below freezing. Seeing Rescue-9 overhead, the ranger radioed them and advised that hypothermia was setting in, and, given his position, he would not live if he were not rescued quickly. The aircrew noted the ranger was panicked and had to be calmed down over the radio. He stated he was losing his grip on the branch, could not feel his hands due to the cold, and his heavy pack was pulling him over the edge of the cliff. The aircrew acknowledged his situation and began to assess and formulate a plan. Given the ranger's location in the icy conditions, and the fact that the EMTs had no ice training, it was decided that EMT



**Deputy
Michael Edwards**

Mike Edwards would be lowered to the victim to assess up close.

Once lowered, Deputy Edwards advised the aircrew he would need to disconnect from the hoist hook in order to make his way to the ranger. Deputy Edwards was concerned that if he were to remain on the hook and walk down, it may interfere with his movements and negatively affect his effort to get to the ranger. By doing this, he chose to leave the certain safety that the hoist hook provided and place himself in danger.



**Deputy
Andrew Pigott**

Deputy Edwards made his way to the ranger and determined the heavy pack was indeed pulling him towards the cliff edge, so he cut off the pack so the ranger was able to move more freely. Deputy Edwards pulled the ranger up into a safer position in order to place the rescue harness on him. As Deputy Edwards successfully placed the ranger in the harness, Deputy Pigott expertly placed the hook in Deputy Edwards' hands, despite the darkness, wind, and trees nearby. Deputy Pigott stood outside on the helicopter skid and ensured safe operation of the hoist with persons on the hook. Additionally, he had to advise the pilots as to the safe maneuvering of the helicopter while in a 200' hover, at almost equal height of the surrounding trees and rock faces, and at night. The ranger was rescued and later flown to awaiting deputies at the Palm Springs Aerial Tram



**Deputy
Michael Doyle**



**Deputy
Chad Marlatt**

parking lot where he was treated by paramedics.

Given the totality of the circumstances, and Deputy Edwards' relative newness to the unit and position of Rescue Tech/EMT, his actions were nothing short of extraordinary. Likewise, the aircrew's decision-making, expert flying, and hoist operating skills no doubt ensured the safe and positive outcome that occurred, despite the very challenging conditions. These deputies'



**Corporal
Andrew Rasmussen**

actions and professionalism reflected well on the unit, the department, and the law enforcement community.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to present the Act of Valor Award to Deputy Michael Edwards, Deputy Chad Marlatt, Deputy Andrew Pigott, Deputy Michael Doyle, and Corporal Andrew Rasmussen.



LEAC Police Explorer Scholarship Program

Last year for the first time, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee established a college scholarship program to benefit police and sheriff Explorers in Western Riverside County LEAC agencies and stations. This program was created to encourage and assist future law enforcement professionals in their educational goals. The Scholarship Fund is administered by an appointed sub-committee comprised of LEAC members. This year for the first time, opportunities were created for sponsors to contribute directly into the fund and support the selected Explorers. This allowed us to double the number of recipients from four to eight Explorers.

Applicants were required to be a participant in an Explorer program and either a high school senior planning to attend college next year or currently attending an accredited college on a full-time basis. Each applicant was submitted on the recommendation of their LEAC Explorer agency. Scholarship funds are intended to support educational costs for full time college attendance.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

Applications were evaluated on future law enforcement-related goals, Explorer activities and contributions, academic and scholastic achievement, dedication to public service, and long-term goals. Each Explorer submitted an essay describing their personal commitment to supporting law enforcement and the community.

LEAC is very proud to announce these eight well-deserving Scholarship recipients:



DESTINNIE JIMENEZ

Submitted by Beaumont Police Department

Currently attending Beaumont High School, Beaumont

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Attend college at University of California, Irvine or San Diego State University and become a local police officer before considering joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



JAMILETTE MOTA

Submitted by the California Highway Patrol

Currently attending University of California, Riverside

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Finish college with a degree in Sociology and become a California Highway Patrol Officer.



STEVEN VASQUEZ

Submitted by the Corona Police Department

Currently attending Santiago High School, Corona

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Attend college at Riverside Community College and obtain a degree in Criminal Justice or Criminal Investigations, and become a Corona Police Officer or US Customs Border Patrol Officer.



JASMIN BARRAGAN

Submitted by the Hemet Police Department

Currently attending Tahquitz High School, Hemet

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Attend college at University of California, Los Angeles or University of California, Irvine and obtain a degree in Criminal Justice or Forensic Psychology and become a Detective in a law enforcement organization.

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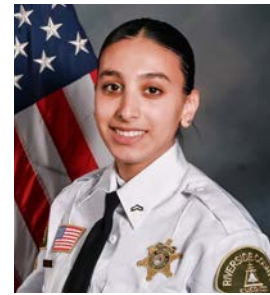


DANIELA DE LA CRUZ

*Submitted by the Riverside Police Department
Currently attending University of California, Riverside*

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Finish degree with a degree in Sociology and become a Juvenile Probation Officer with the Riverside County Probation Department



VALERIA KHOURI

*Submitted by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office - Lake Elsinore Station
Currently attending Temescal Canyon High School, Lake Elsinore*

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Attend University of California Los Angeles, Irvine, or Riverside; Cal State University, Fullerton or San Diego, and obtain a degree in Business Administration, then become a Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy, or a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



JULISSA CHAVEZ

*Submitted by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office -
Moreno Valley Station*

Currently attending University of California, Riverside

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Finish degree program with a Sociology or Law and Society degree, and obtain a career as an officer or deputy in a law enforcement organization.



CECILIA MARTINEZ

*Submitted by the Val Verde Unified School District
Police Department*

Currently attending Orange Vista High School, Perris

LAW ENFORCEMENT GOALS:

Attend Moreno Valley College or Mt. San Jacinto College and obtain a career as a law enforcement officer.

Collaborative Investigative Recognition

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Events recognized in this category must have occurred within the jurisdictions of agencies eligible to submit nominations to LEAC. They should be truly extraordinary and uncommon in nature requiring the collaborative efforts of two or more agencies using a significant amount of on-duty resources. This recognition should be for a significant investigation requiring unique collaboration of agencies.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation Riverside County Force Investigation Detail



Riverside County
Sheriff's Office



Riverside County
District Attorney's
Office

In 2019, District Attorney Michael Hestrin envisioned a county-wide practice that no law enforcement agency should exclusively investigate officer-involved shootings or in-custody deaths which involve personnel from within its own agency. The primary investigator shall be employed by a law enforcement agency unaffiliated with the law enforcement personnel involved. Having an independent agency conduct significant use of force investigations would provide transparency and neutrality in these sensitive incidents. This impartiality would result in an unbiased review of the use of force incident and actions of the personnel involved.

In early 2020, District Attorney Michael Hestrin and Sheriff Chad Bianco formed the Force Investigations Detail (FID) specifically to investigate significant use of force incidents in all jurisdictions within the county. The joint task force is comprised of four investigators from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and four from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Their collaborative efforts are actively supported by all county's police chiefs and funded by the county's Board of Supervisors.

The inaugural team started with challenges and differences in agency protocols and practices among task force members, most of whom had never worked together. Many times, these differences had to be resolved and refined as incidents occurred. At the same time, changes in state law which affected reporting

and investigative requirements had to be implemented. Agency policies and protocols had to be established with every agency throughout the county. The team provided training to every agency and sheriff's station.

In 2022, the FID was assigned 23 investigations, including incidents in within Riverside County which also involved out-of-county agencies. These investigations required vast amounts of investigative resources and collaboration of personnel from within each agency, and often involved other municipal and state agencies. These are some of the most complex and time-consuming investigations at the time they occur and in the weeks and months following the incident.

On December 29, 2022, the task force was assigned the murder investigation of Deputy Isaiah Cordero, and then 15 days later, on January 13 of this year, the team investigated the murder of Deputy Darnell Calhoun. Both murders also involved subsequent deputy-involved shootings which had to be investigated by the team. The investigations were very complex and emotionally trying for all members of the team.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is pleased to present the Collaborative Investigation Recognition to District Attorney Michael Hestrin and Sheriff Chad Bianco for their shared vision and collaboration in the formation of this team which has quickly been demonstrated as the model for counties throughout the state.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee would also like to recognize the inaugural Force Investigations Detail (FID) team members for their diligence and tenacity while overcoming organizational and legislative challenges to make the team successful. This team includes from the Riverside County Sheriff's Office: Sergeants Richard Carroll and Kenneth Thurm; Master Investigators James Dickey, Jarred Bishop, Nelson Gomez and Daniel Moody; and from the Riverside County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation: Supervising Investigator James Campos and Senior Investigators Mario Moreno, Ivan Ostarcevic, James Ferrer, Felipe Munoz, and Esteban Carranza. Congratulations to the team.

**Riverside County
Sheriff's Office**



**Sergeant
Richard Carroll**



**Sergeant
Kenneth Thurm**



**Master Investigator
James Dickey**



**Master Investigator
Jarred Bishop**



**Master Investigator
Nelson Gomez**



**Master Investigator
Daniel Moody**

**Riverside County District Attorney's
Office, Bureau of Investigation**



**Supervising Investigator
James Campos**



**Senior Investigator
Mario Moreno**



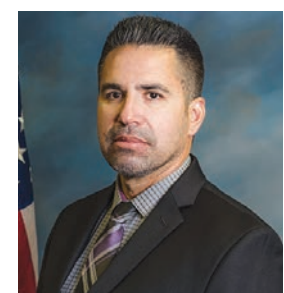
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Ivan Ostarcevic**



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Esteban Carranza**

Collaborative Investigative Recognition, *continued*

Riverside Police Department San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office



Riverside Police
Department



San Bernardino
County
Sheriff's Office

On November 25, 2022, Riverside police officers conducted a welfare check at a residence where neighbors reported a female teenager in emotional distress leaving with a male in a red Kia. A few moments later, an additional call came in of a fire at the same residence. The Riverside Fire Department extinguished the fire and discovered three victims of an apparent homicide.

It was determined that the Kia had out-of-state license plates and that the vehicle owner was an off-duty law enforcement officer from Virginia. Riverside detectives contacted the suspect's agency, confirmed his identity, and obtained his cell phone number. Detectives then used electronic

surveillance to locate the suspect and his vehicle, and determined he was travelling east through San Bernardino County. Information was relayed to allied law enforcement agencies regarding the triple homicide, the kidnapping, and the suspect's vehicle.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office (SBSO) attempted to stop the suspect with the assistance of its Aviation Unit and Specialized Enforcement Team. The suspect fired numerous rounds at the pursuing SBSO deputies, striking a patrol vehicle. The deputies used great restraint knowing a victim was in the suspect's vehicle. The vehicle eventually became disabled, and the victim escaped. The suspect continued to engage the SBSO deputies and helicopter in a gun battle. Deputies successfully rescued the victim, and the suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The investigation revealed the suspect met the victim online in June 2022. He developed an online relationship with her and obtained personal information, including her home address. He ultimately traveled from Virginia to Riverside where he killed the victim's grandfather, grandmother, and mother, hoping to take the 15-year-old back to Virginia for a relationship.

A search of social media, cell phone communications, and the suspect's computers resulted in over a million pages of data to be analyzed, and uncovered large amounts of child sexual abuse material.

This investigation resulted in the collaboration of numerous federal, state, and out-of-state law enforcement agencies. However, the initial investigative collaboration between the Riverside Police Department and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office brought the quick and successful recovery of the victim, and ended the crime spree of a violent criminal and sexual predator. Personnel from both agencies worked expeditiously and diligently in overcoming communication issues and differing county and jurisdictional challenges to resolve the situation before the victim was harmed or killed.

For their collective efforts in exemplifying how agencies from differing counties can successfully work together in dynamic situations and investigations, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is honored to recognize the Riverside Police Department and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, and is pleased to present them with the Collaborative Investigative Recognition award.



Collaborative Critical Incident Recognition

CATEGORY CRITERIA

Events recognized in this category must have occurred within the jurisdictions of agencies eligible to submit nominations to LEAC. They should be truly extraordinary and uncommon in nature requiring the collaborative efforts of two or more agencies using a significant amount of on-duty resources. This recognition should be for a critical incident requiring unique collaboration of agencies.

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Beaumont Police Department Fontana Police Department California Highway Patrol Riverside Office



Riverside County Sheriff's Office

On Thursday, December 29, 2022, Deputy Isaiah Cordero was murdered by gunfire while conducting a traffic stop of a career criminal in the City of Jurupa Valley. Several community members witnessed the murder and immediately called 911, while also rendering aid until the arrival of deputies and paramedics.



Beaumont Police Department

A regional "11-99 Officer Down" broadcast was made to all law enforcement agencies in the greater Riverside and San Bernardino County region. An overwhelming response materialized organically with hundreds of law enforcement officers responding en-masse to the location of the murder, outlying communities and roadways. Communication was disseminated across multiple radio systems and other means by sharing intelligence in real-time to locate and capture Deputy Cordero's killer, and prevent further loss of life by eliminating a very real threat to our communities.



Fontana Police Department



California Highway Patrol

Within approximately 90 minutes of the initial broadcast, undercover Beaumont police officers, led by a sergeant, located the suspect in the city of Rancho Cucamonga. These officers drove directly to the Jurupa Valley Station to obtain more

detailed suspect information. Based on available intelligence, knowledge of the area, and a deliberately layered approach to searching for the suspect away from the scene of the murder, these Beaumont police officers responded in unmarked cars, and with limited personal protective gear, to an area of a neighboring city where the suspect was known to frequent.

Armed only with a still-photograph of the suspect and the truck he was driving, this team of Beaumont officers located the suspect; who had removed the license plate from his vehicle and items of property from the truck, including a distinct blue tarp which had covered the truck bed. After an attempted vehicle stop, the suspect fled and a vehicle pursuit ensued which was soon supported by officers from the Fontana Police Department. Very quickly, Riverside Sheriff's personnel and other regional law enforcement partners established a massive rolling containment along the pursuit route. This included establishing Emergency Response Teams in specific areas to mitigate unforeseen changes in the vehicle pursuit or potential threat to the public. The pursuit concluded with the suspect firing on pursuing deputies and officers, resulting in a deputy-involved shooting and ultimately, the death of the suspect on Interstate 15 in the city of Norco.

The California Highway Patrol mobilized immediately as well, securing the route of the pursuit and successfully deploying a spike strip, which ultimately permanently disabled the suspect vehicle. Their efforts were also critical in supporting the subsequent investigation.

These law enforcement officers and deputies represent the highest traditions of law enforcement; serving the public by sacrificing their own personal safety while simultaneously working in partnership with one another to safeguard the communities they all serve. The details of this incident are not atypical in the Inland Empire region and exemplify the collaboration and working relationships established by these agencies and their respective leadership teams.

For the exceptional efforts by the officers and deputies from these agencies, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is pleased to honor the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, the Beaumont Police Department, the Fontana Police Department and the California Highway Patrol with the LEAC Collaborative Critical Incident Recognition.



LEAC HISTORY

In 1978, Rick and Marie Fritts, two very community-oriented Riverside residents and business owners, wanted to pay tribute to law enforcement officers throughout Western Riverside County for their on-going commitment to protect families, homes, and neighborhoods.

As a result of their passion, dedication and appreciation for these everyday heroes, the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee (LEAC) was born. Since then, LEAC, a California non-profit organization, has fulfilled Rick and Marie's wishes by bringing the community together at the Annual LEAC Awards Ceremony to honor officers for distinguished police work and outstanding service.

LEAC is comprised of officers from agencies throughout the County, public officials, business people, and community representatives who volunteer their time during the year to plan this annual event in order to recognize the fine men and women of public safety.

As Western Riverside County continues to grow, demands on local law enforcement increase in intensity and complexity. More than ever, it is critical that we, as a community, take a proactive stance to show our support for those who safeguard our families, streets, neighborhoods, and businesses.

Each year, LEAC recognizes officers for exemplary service in the following categories: Valor, Investigative Excellence, Excellence in Community Service, Lifetime Achievement, Law Enforcement Collaboration Recognition, Collaborative Investigation Recognition, and Spotlight Exceptional Lifesaving Recognition.

The Rick and Marie Fritts Founders' Award recognizes an individual or couple who has made an exceptional and/or extraordinary positive impact on the quality of life in his/her community through sustained support and/or partnership with local and/or regional law enforcement.

In addition to these individual officer awards, the Distinguished K9 Team award is presented to a canine team for a particularly outstanding job on a case or for long term high level of performance.

As with any event, sponsorships are critical. They provide financial support to produce the event, and an opportunity for businesses to publicly support and thank law enforcement officers for their bravery and commitment to the public. LEAC welcomes sponsorship support and donations and we encourage you to do your part. Please contact LEAC for more information on how to become a part of this important historical community event.

PAST LEAC CHAIRS

Thank you for your service to LEAC and our communities.

1980	Sam Digati
1982	Herb Ober
1985	Andy Balogh
1987	Dick Baird
1992	Dave Pekarek
1994	Russ O'Buch
1996	Jim Guthrie
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1998	John Sabatello
2000	Bill Chamberlain
2001	Rick Higgins
2002	Ruben Ayala
2003	Phil Rizzo
2004	Rod Pacheco
2005	Maureen Kane
2006	Brian Percy
2007	Cliff Dochterman
2008	Stanley Sniff
2009	Sara Danville
2010	Mike Lane
2011	Phil Holder
2012	Michael Abel
2013	Ken Nelson
2014	Nola Tainter
2015	Joe Cleary
2016	Marie Moreno Myers
2017	Greg Fagan
2018	Maura Kane McAuliffe
2019	Larry Gonzales
2020/21	Maureen Kane
2022	Ruben Ayala

FALLEN OFFICERS

1895	F. Hamilton	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	1988	M. Davis	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1907	P. Swanguen	Temecula Constable	1988	D. Vasquez	Cathedral City Police Dept.
1912	J. Baird	Riverside Police Dept.	1989	R. Lutz	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1913	G. Alexander	Corona Police Dept.	1993	K. Hintergardt	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1916	L. Tripp	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	1993	G. Cavender	Riverside Police Dept.
1917	D. MacIntyre	Riverside Police Dept.	1994	M. Kemp	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1921	H. Nelson	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	1996	A. Valencia	U.S. Border Patrol
1921	T. Crossley	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	1997	M. Haugen	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1925	T. Gardner	U.S. Border Patrol	1997	J. Lehmann, Jr.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1938	C. Burtner	Riverside Police Dept.	1997	S. Martinez	California Highway Patrol
1940	E. Bertino	Riverside Police Dept.	1997	D. Muehlhausen	California Highway Patrol
1944	A. Simpson	Riverside Police Dept.	1998	P. Claire Connely	Riverside Police Dept.
1947	A. Oneto	U.S. Border Patrol	1999	E. Thach	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1954	F. Epperson	California Highway Patrol	2001	D. Jacobs, III	Riverside Police Dept.
1956	H. Scheffler	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	2003	B. Jenkins	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1956	R. Geiger	California Highway Patrol	2003	B. Lee	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1961	G. Eldridge	Palm Springs Police Dept.	2003	S. Distel	California Highway Patrol
1961	R. Strong	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	2007	M. Villegas	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1962	L. Larrabee	Palm Springs Police Dept.	2007	R. Goldstein	U.S. Border Patrol
1967	T. Newton, Jr.	U.S. Border Patrol	2008	A. Garcia	Union Pacific Railroad Police Dept.
1967	G. Azrak	U.S. Border Patrol	2009	N. Afolayan	U.S. Border Patrol
1969	W. Rutledge	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	2009	T. McLaughlin	U.S. Border Patrol
1969	W. Carter	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	2010	R. Bonamino	Riverside Police Dept.
1969	A. Shewmaker	California Highway Patrol	2011	J. Gibson	Cathedral City Police Dept.
1971	L. Christiansen	Riverside Police Dept.	2013	M. Crain	Riverside Police Dept.
1971	P. Teel	Riverside Police Dept.	2013	G. Cortez	Department of Corrections, Norco
1971	R. Morello	Calif. Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement	2016	J. Vega	Palm Springs Police Dept.
1973	W. Prettyman	Riverside Police Dept.	2016	L. Zerebny	Palm Springs Police Dept.
1974	E. Schrader	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	2019	S. Licon	California Highway Patrol
1974	L. Walters	Riverside Police Dept.	2019	A. Moye, Jr.	California Highway Patrol
1977	E. Parker, III	California Highway Patrol	2020	T. Young	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1980	J. Evans, Sr.	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	2020	H. Cohen	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1980	D. Leonardson	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.	2020	J. Beltran	Riverside County Probation Dept.
1982	D. Doty	Riverside Police Dept.	2021	A. Flores-Banuelos	U.S. Border Patrol
1982	P. Trust	Riverside Police Dept.	2022	S. Taylor	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1987	M. Brandt	California Highway Patrol	2022	I. Cordero	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.
1987	M. Taylor	California Highway Patrol	2023	D. Calhoun	Riverside County Sheriff's Dept.

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Beaumont Police Department Post #1015

Hemet Police Department Post #910

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Riverside County Sheriff's Department Moreno Valley Post #882

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Riverside Police Department

Corona Police Department

Hemet Police Department

University of California Riverside Police Department

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are also our guests.

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