

Community Police Academy Graduation



DHS Mayor Yvonne Parks and City Manager Rick Daniels presents certificates

The Desert Hot Springs Police Department and the City presented certificates of completion to 19 residents at the seventh Community Police Academy on Monday Oct. 29. The eight week class met on Monday nights for three hours at the Henry V. Lozano Community Center at Guy J. Tedesco Park and culminated with a potluck attended by alumni, city staff, and police personnel.

The Academy is part of the department's Community Policing Initiative and is designed to provide an in-depth look at department practices, personnel, and the criminal justice system. Students will meet and interact with staff including the Chief of Police, Operations

and Administrative Commanders, Sergeants, Patrol Officers, Special Enforcement Teams, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators, Crime Prevention Officers, Dispatchers, and representatives from the District Attorney's office. Many topics are discussed and include Community Policing, Use of Force, Narcotics, Gangs, Patrol Operations, Parolees, Criminal Prosecution (what happens after the arrest), Crime Scene Investigation, Department Weapons, and Police Academy life to name a few. A station tour and ride along with an officer is also encouraged.

We believe that the Community Police Academy

provides an invaluable opportunity for residents, city and police staff, to come together and create a rapport, build relationships, and put a name and face to who might otherwise have been a phone call. In this way the relationship becomes more personal and strengthens the resolve to work together on community issues.

The Academy is open to adult residents of DHS and surrounding county areas; 16-17 year olds may attend with a parent or legal guardian. We encourage residents to sign up for our next class which runs Tuesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. starting March 5, 2013 and ends April 23, 2013.

Applications are due three weeks prior to the start date. As class size is limited please submit your applications early. Applications can be obtained from the city web site at www.cityofdhs.org/Community_Police_Academy, or at the Police Department lobby located at 65950 Pierson Blvd., in DHS.

Tiara Jones Recognized for Public Safety

Tiara Jones was recognized by DHS PD Sgt. Guerrero for her public safety. Jones was on Hacienda Drive when

she witnessed a hit and run car accident. She called 911, responded to the victim and kept him calm while help arrived.

In addition, during an interview by Sgt. Guerrero, Jones provided good descriptions of the car that had left the scene. She is in our Public Safety Academy at DHSHS. Sgt. Guerrero said that when he asked her why she had responded so appropriately, it was because of the training she'd been receiving in the PSA. We are very proud of her," said DHS HS Principal Anne Kalisek, Ed.D.



Tiara Jones honored by DHS Police Safety Academy Team

Indio Public Safety Awards Ceremony

INDIO, CA - The Indio Police Department and Indio Fire Department announced the recipients from the Annual City of Indio Public Safety Awards Ceremony for the calendar year of 2011/2012 that was celebrated this past Sunday Oct. 28. The departments presented their distinguish service, meritorious service, outstanding service, bravery award and employees of the year. This year's breakfast ceremony was held at Heritage Palms Country Club, 44-291 South Heritage Palms Country Club Street. The event was hosted by Heritage Palms Country Club and community donations which we thank for all their support that made this event possible.

The City Council, City Manager and other community dignitaries attended the awards event.

POLICE CADET of THE YEAR: Police Cadet Felipe Escalante and Police Cadet Denise Oropeza

POLICE VOLUNTEER of THE YEAR:

Cold-Case Investigator Volunteer Peter Slaviero
POLICE EMPLOYEE of THE YEAR:

Records Specialist Lina De Larosa

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER of THE YEAR:

Reserve Police Officer Javier Romero

POLICE DISPATCHER of THE YEAR:

Police Dispatcher Maria Romero

POLICE HIGH ACHIEVER of THE YEAR:

Detective Kelly Hawkins

POLICE OFFICER of THE YEAR:

Corporal Lisa Corton

INDIO POLICE DEPARTMENT & INDIO FIRE DEPARTMENT BRAVERY AWARD:

Corporal Lisa Corton

Police Officers Joe Sparks, Joe

Osmond, Craig Sanetrick and Kathleen Doyle

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD POLICE:

Police Officers Jason Polanco, Jeremy Hellawell, Oscar Santos, Larry Hammers, Leo Perafan, Austin Studer.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD POLICE:

36 Members of Indio Police Dept. were awarded

FIREFIGHTER of THE YEAR: Firefighter Bill Boyd

FIRE PARAMEDIC of THE YEAR:

Fire Captain Jose Rodriquez

FIRE SUPPORT STAFF of THE YEAR:

Monica L. Rodriguez

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD FIRE:

Fire Captain Brent Norwine

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FIRE:

Firefighter Travis Ames

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On November 2, 2012, at approximately 2212 hours, Officers from the Desert Hot Springs Police Department located a stolen vehicle and subsequently went in pursuit when the driver failed to yield in the area of Two Bunch Palms Trail and Verbena Drive. The vehicle had been previously reported stolen to the San Bernardino Police Department earlier in the day.

The vehicle entered the desert area north of Two Bunch Palm Trail and west of Cholla Drive. With the assistance of several allied agencies, the investigation lead to the arrest of Steven Padilla. The investigation is on-going to determine if Padilla has been involved in several similar incidents involving Coachella Valley law enforcement agencies. Anyone with information is urged to contact Investigator Steinhaus at (760) 329-2904 X 331 or the Coachella Valley Crime Stoppers if they wish to remain anonymous at (760) 341-STOP (7867).

Padilla was subsequently booked at the Riverside County Jail in Banning with the above mentioned charges.