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California Law Enforcement Agencies Honored for Excellence

Annual California Law Enforcement Challenge Awards

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Law enforcement agencies across the state, including California Highway Patrol (CHP) offices, garnered honors for excellence in community traffic safety programs in the 2008 California Law Enforcement Challenge (CLEC).

Law enforcement agencies throughout the state competed against similar-sized departments for the awards. The agencies recognized in the 2008 CLEC are those that demonstrate the most comprehensive and effective traffic safety programs through departmental policy, officer training, public information, recognition, and enforcement related to speed, occupant restraint and impaired driving in an overall effort to minimize the mileage death rate.

The Napa Police department took top honors, “The Commissioner’s Award,” in the local agency category. This coveted award is bestowed upon a local agency and one CHP Area annually for their overall traffic safety efforts and will be presented today at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento.

Major 2008 Special Awards recipients among local agencies were: Petaluma Police Department for Impaired Driving Prevention; Bakersfield Police Department for Underage Alcohol Prevention; Livermore Police Department for Child Passenger Safety; Ontario Police Department for Speed Awareness; San Francisco Police Department for Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety; Ripon Police Department received the Technology Award; Lake Elsinore Police Department for First-Time Entry and El Cerrito Police Department for Commercial Vehicle.

In the CHP category, the Auburn CHP Area office was the recipient of “The Commissioner’s Award” for overall excellence. “I’m proud of all of our employees and the work that they do, but a special thank you to the Auburn Area office and all of their efforts,” said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow.

CHP recipients in the Special Awards category included: Quincy Area office for Impaired Driving Prevention; Moorpark for Underage Alcohol Prevention and San Jose Area office for two awards, Child Passenger Safety and Speed Awareness programs.

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“The achievements by the local agencies would not be possible if not for the hard work and involvement of law enforcement across the state,” said Commissioner Farrow.

In addition, on the national level the CHP received two distinguished awards from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, first place in the Championship Class, and a Special Award for Motorcycle Safety.

“It’s a privilege and honor when you are recognized by your peers for your hard work,” added Commissioner Farrow. “But the true reward is when the enforcement and education leads to a life saved.”

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