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# **COVID-19 Update**

By Bill Young RSA President

t's hard to believe that we just finished our third week of quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These



are challenging times for everyone and particularly challenging and heartbreaking for our Department.

In the past week, we have seen Deputy Terrell Young and Deputy David Werksman die from complications associated with the coronavirus. Both were killed by an invisible beast, an enemy that we cannot defeat with our prior training or experience. Their tragic deaths are a stark reminder of why we need the public to stay at home and to take this deadly virus seriously. We need everyone to take the public health warnings as if its life or death because it is. With adjustment of our behavior while on duty - and following the social distancing and health guidelines off duty - we can take significant steps that will help us avoid contracting or spreading this virus.

First, I ask that any deputy who is not feeling well to stay home from work. Do not come to work and wait to be told to go home. The Department fully supports the use of sick time and leave to ensure the health of your fellow deputies and the public they interact with. If any deputy has an issue with having sick or leave time being approved, please promptly contact me.

As cops, we know that situational awareness and the practice of survival

skills can reduce our chances of being shot or shot at. It's a known risk and an accepted and recognized part of the job. COVID-19 on the other hand, we can't see it. We don't know where it is. We can exercise sound risk management practices 100% and still not know whether or not we have been exposed to the virus. We need to change our behavior while on duty. We can no longer simply rely on visual observation of those who are sick and use that as our guide as to who to avoid or be wary of, as many carriers of the virus are proving to be asymptomatic. That is the reason for social distancing; if you can't judge who is sick, then the answer is to avoid strangers as much as possible.

While I realize that some may recoil at this request, the reason is simple — the health of your partners, your family, and you are more critical than any traffic or pedestrian stop.

We must start applying social distancing while on duty. It means we need to do business differently when on duty — stop doing self-initiated activity, such as traffic stops or pedestrian contacts, unless completely neccessary. If business can be conducted over the phone instead of in person, then use the phone. In short, personal contact with strangers should only be made when necessary since the more strangers you contact, the higher your risk of exposure to the virus.

While I realize that some may recoil at this request, the reason is simple — the health of your partners, your family, and you are more critical than any traffic or pedestrian stop. Just as I don't want you to come in while sick, I don't want you to continually contact strangers and increase the chances that you will get the virus and spread it to your partners or your family. I don't want you to be filled with regret that your actions led to the virus being brought back to the station or to your home because of a voluntary activity you could have avoided undertaking.

The COVID-19 challenge is adding to the stress load many of us carry each day and can overload our ability to manage it if we don't pay attention. Don't let it defeat you in any way. We are all in this together, and we can all come out of it together, if we support one another and maintain ourselves properly. That doesn't just mean avoiding infection but also taking care of yourself emotionally, mentally, and physically.

Discretion has always been an integral part of our job. Making a few adjustments can help reduce or limit exposure to COVID-19. Enforcing the law and keeping communities safe are still priorities, but it is also a priority to maintain deputy safety and health. Let's use discretion to ensure our health and safety.

As always, stay safe out there and make sure everyone goes home. **\*** 



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## RIVERSIDE SHERIFF CHAD BIANCO WARNS OF TAKING COVID-19 SERIOUSLY AFTER LOSING TWO DEPUTIES ON SAME DAY TO DISEASE

Their tragic deaths are a stark reminder of why we need the public to stay at home





DEPUTY TERRELL YOUNG

Young, a married father of four, was a deeply religious man whose interest in law enforcement was sparked by a churchsponsored community forum in which he heard an RCSD corporal speak about his career.

Werksman, a married father of three, was a veteran youth soccer coach who, like Young, worked tirelessly to serve the community and make Riverside County a better place.

"As first responders, Deputy Werksman and Deputy Young served on the front lines of an invisible beast," the Riverside Sheriff's Association said in a statement Friday, April 3.

"Yet they both demonstrated in this crisis and every day their dedication and

sacrifice," the statement continued. "Their tragic deaths are a stark reminder of why we need the public to stay at home and to take this deadly virus seriously. We need everyone to take the public health warnings as if it's life or death, because it is. Please, help us help you and stay inside unless absolutely necessary."

At a news conference Friday, April 3, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco made a public plea to Riverside County to take the COVID-19 pandemic seriously for the sake of everyone's safety.

"I do think the media and government officials have done a horrible job of getting this out to the public," Bianco said. "We are not taking this seriously enough."

The Riverside Sheriff's Association has set up a website so people can support the Young and Werksman families. To donate, go online to www.rcdsa.org/charities/support-our-deputies

ne day, two dead deputies – victims of an invisible killer that is

By Greg Hardesty and Cindy Arora

Behind The Badge

stalking the globe. In the tight-knit world of law enforcement, the deaths of two Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputies on April 2, from complications related to COVID-19, has cut particularly deep.

Terrell Young, 52 was a 15-year veteran of the RCSD. He also served as Chapter 21 Director for the RSA in 2017.

David Werksman, 51, was a 22-year veteran of the RCSD and a former public safety dispatcher for the Tustin Police Department. The sheriff added: "I think we all have to be honest with ourselves. The statistics that get thrown out seem unrealistic, but when it comes home... you see it and you start to take it serious."

Bianco noted that although he did witness a decline in traffic and cars on the street after quarantine and social distancing was implemented, he said he saw everything return to normal after a couple of days.

"I cannot emphasize this enough," he said. "Stay home. I think we are in for a big awakening to the reality of how serious this is. This virus is something that is here in Riverside, here in Los Angeles....All of us who are here today...chances are one of us have it.

"I'm hoping that you take it from me: losing two family members....you don't want to lose your family members. We have to start caring for more people than ourselves."

Bianco was asked during the news conference how the agency was protecting its deputies. He shared that they recommended for everyone to wear masks, gloves, and to carry hand sanitizer. But even with those precautions, he explained, his deputies' jobs force them to be in the public and with the public.

"We deal with people who are exposed...it's just the nature of our job," Bianco said. "But the only way we are going to stop this is by staying home. Unfortunately, we are out there every day and we can't stop (doing our jobs). But people need to take this seriously and they won't until it happens to someone they are close to."

As April 9, COVID-19 – the disease caused by the novel coronavirus – already has claimed more than 16,252 lives in the United States and 94,567 worldwide. Nationally, there are more than 457,035 confirmed cases.

In California, as of April 9, 538 people have died of COVID-19 and 19,691 novel coronavirus cases have been confirmed.

In Riverside County, COVID-19 has killed 32 people and there have been 1,179 confirmed cases of people who have tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

Following are brief profiles of Deputies Werksman and Young. Both of their families have requested privacy at this very difficult time, as have colleagues at the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

## **TERRELL YOUNG**

Back in April 2005, when he was serving as a counselor at California Baptist University in Riverside, Young attended a community forum.

The event changed his life.

A corporal at the Riverside County Sheriff's Department who spoke at the forum played a huge role in Young's decision to become a deputy, according to Black Voice News.

Young told the news outlet that at the forum, the deputy explained that as an officer, he could serve the community by being a positive role model, minister to those in need, be a protector of people, provide for his family, and prepare for a good retirement.

Young was all about making communities safer and better.

For several years he remained very active at his home church, according to Black Voice News.

Young told the news outlet in 2006 he planned to aggressively recruit other minorities to the Riverside Sheriff's Department because it has been a blessing to him and his family.

"My wife and children are totally excited and I could not have successfully completed the academy without their support," Young said. "My wife Marie was there for me when I came home mentally, physically, and spiritually beat from the rigorous training at the academy."

Young's assignments at the RCSD included the Larry Smith Correctional Facility, Perris Station, Court Services, Southwest Station, and the Cois Byrd Detention Center.

Prior to becoming a deputy in 2005 at age 38, Young worked as an enrollment counselor at California Baptist University in Riverside, a job he started in 2003, according to his LinkedIn page.

Prior to that, Young worked as an enrollment counselor at National University in Orange County.

His jobs before that included admissions counselor at the University of Phoenix in Orange County and as an investment advisor at Paine Webber Investments in Orange County.

Bianco said at a news conference he believed that Young may have contracted the novel coronavirus from an inmate whom he had escorted to the Riverside University Health System in mid-March. "(Young's death) is a painful loss for our association and the law enforcement community," RSA President Bill Young said in a statement. "We extend our prayers and deepest condolences to Deputy Young's family, friends, and co-workers during these extraordinary times."

### DAVID WERKSMAN

Sheriff Chad Bianco described Werksman, who lived in Corona, as a kind and unbelievably friendly deputy who was a good son, a good friend, and a highly accomplished member of the agency's Bomb Squad.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones during this difficult time," the Riverside Sheriff's Association said in a statement Friday regarding Werksman's death.

Werksman served the RCSD and the Riverside Sheriff's Association for 22 years.

"We ask that the community keep Deputy Werksman's family and colleagues in their prayers during this extremely emotional and challenging time," the RSA said in a statement Friday.

"It' hard to imagine that just 24 hours ago, our department was in pain due to the COVID-19 death of Deputy Terrell Young. Our members are heartbroken and hurting."

Werksman began his career with the RCSD on April 23, 1998, and worked assignments at the Robert Presley Detention Center, Jurupa Valley Station, Hazardous Device Team, Lake Elsinore Station, and was most recently assigned to Sheriff's Administration.

He was a very accomplished deputy and was an FBI-certified Public Safety Bomb Technician (2007).

Werksman had an advanced IED electronics certification, was a HAZMAT specialist and Radiologic/Nuclear First Responder, and was certified in confined space rescue.

He also was a range master, first aid/ CPR instructor, and advanced scuba certified, just to name a few of his accomplishments

Werksman attended Chapman University. He graduated in 1991 and was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

He served as a youth soccer coach for AYSO Region 37. ★

WIFE, FORMER SPOUSE, AND CHILDREN OF DAVID WERKSMAN HOLD ONTO HAPPY MEMORIES OF RIVERSIDE DEPUTY WHO DIED OF COMPLICATIONS FROM COVID-19

# *His dream was to buy a catamaran and move with Kristin to the Bahamas.*

#### By Greg Hardesty and Cindy Arora Behind The Badge

he masked woman stood in her driveway, safely distanced from other onlookers but with her dog Ruby, 11, a German shorthaired pointer, by her side.

Ruby actually was Dave Werksman's dog. She adored him. And he adored her.

The woman, Kristin Werksman, wore black as she watched the procession briefly stop outside her house in Corona around 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 3.

The body of Dave Werksman, a Riverside County Sheriff's deputy who died the day before from complications caused by COVID-19, was in a white van that was transporting him from the Riverside County Coroner's Office in Perris to a mortuary near his home.

The long procession of motor deputies and other members of law enforcement stopped for several minutes in front of the Werksman residence to allow Kristin to see her husband's final ride.

Kristin, having tested positive for COVID-19, remains under quarantine. She watched in silence as honor guards saluted her.

In addition to losing her husband of nearly seven years, Kristin, for now, has lost the ability to have physical contact with loved ones – she has two children from a previous marriage — and friends.

She lost physical contact with Dave after she dropped him off at an emergency



PROUD FATHER: Dave Werksman with his daughter, Abby, at her college graduation in 2018. Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman

room when his fever spiked on Sunday, March 29.

That was the last time Kristin saw him.

For now, of course, there will be no funeral – no celebration of life for the beloved law enforcement veteran, a former dispatcher at the Tustin PD who spent 22 years at the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. When he died, Dave Werksman was planning to medically retire. His dream was to buy a catamaran and move with Kristin to the Bahamas.

Inside a silver Honda Civic near the back of the procession were Dave Werksman's former wife, Debora, and their three children: Oliver, 26; Abby, 23; and Shelby, 19.

As the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 continues to tighten the



**DAVE, DEBORA, AND ABBY:** Debora and Dave Werksman with Abby Werksman at her college graduation from Northern Arizona University in 2018. Abby graduated with a bachelor's degree in business marketing and a minor in criminal justice. Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman

Kristin Werksman, 47, said the worst of her battle with COVID-19 is behind her. But the enormity of losing Dave is just starting to hit her.

"It's been unreal," said Kristin, whose two children, a 19-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son, fortunately have tested negative for COVID-19.

"I'm trying not to think about the virus," Kristin said. "I'm trying to focus on being thankful for the time that I had with him. I'm shocked, obviously, that he's gone. I'm just trying to remember the good times. Because I think that'll help...

"Dave was an honest, trustworthy, hard-working person. He never lied. He was a very faithful husband and father who was committed to his family. He was just a really good guy."

### FOOD AND MUSIC

Dave Werksman, 51, was one of two Riverside County Sheriff's deputies to die from complications caused by COVID-19 on the same day. The disease, a pandemic that has upended societies worldwide, also claimed the life of Deputy Terrell Young, 52, on April 2.

Interviews with Dave Werksman's family and a best friend paint a picture of a private man with a sense of humor who loved music (he played the guitar, and recently had gotten into reggae) and

world in its often-deadly grip, killing 508 statewide and 32 in Riverside County as of Thursday, April 9, loved ones of the fallen struggle through their grief to hold onto something more powerful than any virus:

Memories.

"My dad raised us in a strict household, and he raised us well," Abby Werksman said in an interview Wednesday, April 8. "My siblings and I are finally at the age where we could start enjoying a relationship with my father as friends. It's so unfortunate this happened to him, because his kids were his life.

"We had recently started opening up to him about more private parts of life, and we just wanted him to be a part of our adulthood. We're all young adults who are all coming into ourselves, and he was really proud to see that."



**DAVE AND RALPH:** Deputy Dave Werksman (right) is shown with his best friend, Deputy Ralph Cuevas. Dave met Ralph in 2003 and they instantly became best friends. Dave called Ralph his "hermano." Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman

loved to cook (he recently purchased a smoker and was famous for his ribs).

"It took him 12 hours to make, and they were the best ribs I ever had," said Oliver Werksman, who last June began a career as a public safety officer with the Irvine PD, where his mother, Debora, also works as a forensic specialist.

"The meat just fell off the bone," Oliver said.

Chocolate chip cookies also were a specialty.

"My dad loved to not only cook but bake as well," said Shelby Werksman, who is attending Orange Coast College. "I would always ask him to bake me chocolate chip cookies because, in fact, his were always the best."

At the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Werksman distinguished himself as a friendly deputy and a highly accomplished member of the agency's Bomb Squad.

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Dave also was a range master, first aid/CPR instructor, and advanced scuba certified, to name a few of his accomplishments.

His best friend at the RCSD was Deputy Ralph Cuevas.

"They had a 'bromance' like no other," Debora Werksman said with a laugh.

Cuevas, who has been with the RCSD for 24 years, first met Dave when Dave was assigned to the RCSD's Hazardous Device Team, in 2003. They formed a fast and deep friendship. Ralph's three children were about the same ages as Dave's.

"We watched our kids grow up," Ralph said Thursday, April 9, in an interview. Over the years, the two went on hundreds of callouts together.

"There were a lot of good conversations between us and more memories



**DAVE WERKSMAN WITH HIS SON, OLIVER:** "Oliver always admired my dad for being a police officer from the time he was a little boy," Abby Werksman said. Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman

than I can share," Cuevas said. "We always said we were brothers from another mother. When I learned of his death, I was devastated."

Ralph wasn't about to let Dave take that final ride by himself. He rode in the second sheriff's marked unit behind the transport van that carried Dave in the procession.

"To Dave's wife and family, I'm sorry for your loss," said Ralph, who currently is assigned to Court Services West in Riverside.

"To Dave, we will meet again."

## **MILITARY SCHOOL**

Werksman, who has two older brothers, Bill and Harry, both of whom survived him (their parents are deceased), grew up in Rancho Mirage.

His parents — Harry, a transportation business owner who was 51 when he became a father; and Mary, a fashion buyer from Scotland — ran a tight ship at home. They sent their three sons to boarding schools. Dave selected Culver Military Academy in Indiana as his college-preparatory high school.

In 1991, Dave graduated from Chapman University. A year later, he met his first wife, Debora, at an ambulance company.

"He had a girlfriend at the time," Debora recalled with a laugh. "I just loved everything about Dave. I loved his sense of humor. I loved his sensitivity. He was just a very heartfelt person. He was an extremely private person, but he was so damn funny."

Debora and Dave worked as dispatchers at the ambulance company – in fact, he was the one who hired her.

Later, Dave worked as a dispatcher at the Tustin PD, from 1993 to 1998 – the year he joined the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

"He was always into U.S. history, the military, and law enforcement," Kristin Werksman recalled.

## MEMORIES FROM CHILDREN, Brother

Oliver Werksman said his father was an inspiration for him getting into law enforcement. Growing up, Oliver recalled doing a lot of shooting with his father, who not surprisingly was into guns.

"I was 11 when he took me to Las Vegas for a shooting competition for his

#### **IN MEMORY**



**THE CHEF:** Dave Werksman enjoying one of his passions - cooking. Abby Werksman said. Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman

work," Oliver recalled. "We spent three or four days over the whole weekend at this massive shooting competition, and it was really fun."

Since Shelby Werksman was 4, her father was involved in her soccer career.

"As I got older," Shelby said, "my dad was at my side no matter what. He was not only my dad, but my trainer and coach throughout my soccer years.

"He was always a jokester and always has been. I'm going to miss all the funny memes that he would text me throughout my day to brighten my day and put a smile on my face."

Dave's favorite holiday was Halloween.

"I will never forget all of the funny dramatic inflatables that he would have on the front lawn of his house," Shelby recalled. "We would laugh so hard about



**BROTHERS:** Dave Werksman and his brother, Bill, who was the best man at Dave's wedding in 1992. Photo courtesy of Bill Werksman



**BAHAMAS:** Dave Werksman and his wife, Kristin, in the Bahamas last July. Photo courtesy of Kristin Werksman

"We would all jump in and go trick or treating," said Shelby, who also recalled her dad teaching her how to swim.

"He would throw golf balls into the deep end of my granny's swimming pool and I would hold my breath for a long time," Shelby said.

Shelby recalled her father being excited to get his own six-foot fish tank.

"We went driving all over Orange County to every saltwater fish tank store we could find that had good reviews, of course," Shelby said. "My dad would always look up reviews before going anywhere, you name it. The 'Biggest Yelper of All,' as I would call him."

Abby Werksman graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2018 with a major in business marketing and a minor in criminal justice.

"My dad inspired my minor," Abby said. "He was always telling us his stories about patrol around the dinner table during my childhood, which got me interested in law enforcement.

"Our entire family bleeds blue."

Above all, Dave Werksman was a protector – the classic man of the house.

"That's why he was such a great cop," Debora said.

Abby fondly recalled regular family meals.



DAVE WERKSMAN GETTING IN SOME SHOOTING PRACTICE: "Second to his kids, his guns were his prized possession," Abby Werksman said. Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman

how gigantic these Costco inflatables were.

"In fact, every time we went to Costco together during Halloween to go grocery shopping, we would pass by them just to check them out and he would say, 'Those are awesome!"

Every Halloween, Dave would decorate the family golf cart.



**DAVE AND SHELBY:** Dave Werksman with his daughter, Shelby, at her graduation from Santiago High School in 2018. Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman

"We all sat down for dinner every night," she said. "If he didn't end up being a cop, he would have been a chef."

Abby recalled her dad showing up for her kindergarten show and tell. At the time, the Werksmans were living on an acre lot in Corona with chickens, goats, and other animals.

Dave showed up in the classroom with a crate of chicks and a goat on his back.

Bill Werksman, 52, lives in Las Vegas. He is an executive recruiter for the gaming industry.

"My brother was a gentle giant," said Bill, a father of two grown children. "He was a very, very, caring person. He was exceptionally sensitive to people and their feelings. He would lend a helping hand to anyone, whether it was job related or when he was off the clock."

Bill said Dave's years at Culver Military School were formative in his development and helped fuel his desire to pursue law enforcement as a career. Bill's daughter, Whitney, 22, will soon enter the police academy in Henderson, Nev.

"Dave was very instrumental in coaching her," Bill said.

## **HIS WIFE REMEMBERS**

Kristin said that in addition to Ruby, the German shorthaired pointer, Princess, 9, a pug, and Cera, 3, a Husky, are helping her get through these very difficult days.

So are the women and men of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and Riverside Sheriff's Association.

"Their support has been huge," Kristin said. "It's been a huge outpouring of support from everybody."

When he died, Dave had been on light duty in the RCSD administration office due to job-related injuries that required surgeries.

He and Kristin went to the Bahamas last July for the first time, and fell in love with it.

"He loved being near the water," said Kristin, who met Dave in late 2012. Both of their daughters played on the same AYSO soccer team in Corona.

"We really hit it off and started dating," said Kristin, a civil engineer. "We were both in similar life situations."

Kristin isn't sure how Dave got COVID-19. He had been caring for his mother for a while. Mary Werksman died March 17, 2020, at age 88.

On March 29, Kristin drove him to the hospital. He called her twice later that night with updates. Those were Kristin's last conversations with Dave. He then was placed in a medically induced coma and put on a respirator.

As she continues to recover at home, Kristin can only imagine what might have been – and what was, for more than seven years, a wonderful relationship.

She thanked the RCSD and RSA for all of their support – and for the procession. Debora Werksman and her children are very grateful for the support and help shown by the Irvine PD, too.

"Me and Debora and Dave's kids are all doing our best to honor him and support each other," Kristin said. "We will get through this together as that is what Dave would have wanted."

"To have a little bit of that closure was comforting," Kristin said.

Meanwhile, Debora, Abby, Oliver, and Shelby continue to comfort each other.

Said Debora: "We haven't been able to leave each other's side." **\*** 



**DAVE AND HIS KIDS:** Dave Werksman at Christmas dinner 2019 with his children at the Beachcomber Cafe in Newport Coast (from left, Shelby, Abby, and Oliver). "This was a good night. We all got to catch up with each other and see how we were doing in life," Abby Werksman said. Photo courtesy of Abby Werksman



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# Riverside Sheriffs' Association Honors Its Finest At Annual Awards Gala



MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Sheriff Chad Bianco served as Master of Ceremonies at the RSA Awards Banquet.. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge.

#### **BY GREG HARDESTY** Behind The Badge

rom preventing armed suspects from harming others, to exhibiting bravery at the tragic scene of a fallen officer, Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputies acted professionally and selflessly on several calls in 2019 and in previous years.

On Feb. 21, they were honored at the Riverside Sheriffs' Association Awards Banquet.

The gala event, held at the Riverside Convention Center, was co-sponsored by the Riverside Sheriff's Association and the Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation.

RSA President Bill Young welcomed guests.

Young was assisted by RSA Executive Director Michael Abel, RCDSRF President Chad Marlatt, and Sheriff Chad Bianco in handing out the awards.

Bianco served as master of ceremonies.

The following are the 2020 award recipients:

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE Deputy Sheriff Ulises (Joey) Otero

Deputy Otero has been with the Riverside Sheriff's Department since 2006. Since July of 2018, he has served in the courtroom of Commissioner to the Superior Court, Nicholas Firetag.

Commissioner Firetag stated in his nomination of Otero that Otero has consistently displayed every characteristic that a judicial officer would want in a



**MEDAL OF VALOR:** Officers and deputies get a standing ovation as they receive the Medal of Valor that includes CHP Officers Robert Paul and Andre Moye (posthumously), Riverside PD Officers Kevin Feimer, Derek Kopitch, and Jerry Post, RSO Deputy Sheriffs' Mario Chaves, Mario Chappell, Bryan Esparza, Dustin Goetz, and Sgt. Jason Vickers. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge.



**OUTSTANDING SERVICE:** Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco congratulates Dep. Sheriff Ulises Otero as he receives the 2020 Outstanding Service Award. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge

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courtroom deputy. He maintains order in the courtroom with professionalism and grace. This demeanor is critical in a family law courtroom, where emotions tend to run high.

Deputy Otero does an outstanding job of maintaining a calm atmosphere where members of the public can feel safe and be heard.

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Community Service Officer Connie Duke

"There is not one person that I have ever met that loves this department and dedicates more time or effort to this department than Connie," Sheriff Chad Bianco said. "The mother and the love that she has for our explorers is handsdown second to none."

## LAW ENFORCEMENT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD DEPUTY SHERIFF TIMOTHY MAHONEY

Timothy Mahoney began his career in law enforcement over 30 years ago with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. For the past 12 years, he has served the citizens of Riverside County as a Riverside Deputy Sheriff. Deputy Mahoney has served in multiple capacities at the Perris Station, and in his most recent assignment to Central Court Services, where he serves as a Field Training Officer and a Court Training Officer.

Deputy Mahoney is dedicated to his duties as a training officer. He takes the time with each new deputy to create scenarios and provide thoughtful and constructive feedback on their reports. Deputy Mahoney prepares deputies to go into the field, giving them the knowledge and skills needed to keep themselves and the public safe. His knowledge, experience and dedication have equipped him to be not only a valued training officer, but also someone his coworkers can rely on.

Deputy Mahoney is a dedicated family man who speaks proudly of his children and grandchildren. He is always avail-



OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD: CSO Connie Duke. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: Dep. Sheriff Timothy Mahoney receives the RSA Law Enforcement Lifetime Achievement Award during the 2020 Board of Directors Awards Dinner. From left, RSA Executive Director Michael Abel, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, SA Board Member Chad Marlatt, and RSA President Dep. Bill Young. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge

able to help out a friend, or to mentor the youth in a variety of ways. Deputy Mahoney's dedication to duty and to the community project a positive image upon the law enforcement profession, and exemplify the meaning of service.

## TOP DOG AWARD Deputy Sheriff Mathew Saidlemen And K9 Django

In June 2018, Deputy Saidleman responded to the city of Jurupa Valley to assist patrol deputies who were in pursuit of a possible DUI driver. It was reported that the driver was armed with a handgun and an assault rifle.

Deputy Saidleman joined in the pursuit and assisted the patrol deputies. At the end of the pursuit, the suspect jumped out of his vehicle and began running toward a trailer. Deputy Saidleman deployed K9 Django, who then chased after the suspect. During the chase, the suspect picked up a bicycle and struck K9 Django.

Django, even after being struck with the bicycle, continued to chase the suspect. Deputy Saidleman and deputies

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**TOP DOG AWARD:** Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco congratulates Dep. Sheriff Matthew Saidleman as he and his K9 partner, Django, receives the 2020 Top Dog Award. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco congratulates Dep. Sheriff Michael Schmidt as he receives the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award. Also receiving the award but not present were Dep. Sheriff Christopher Varela, Dep. Sheriff Daniel Householder, and Dep. Sheriff Christopher Durham. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Dep. Sheriff Jason Green receives the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award during the 2020 Board of Directors Awards Dinner. Also receiving the award but not present was Dep. Sheriff Devin Schmitt and Dep. Sheriff Brian Burgess. From left, RSA Executive Director Michael Abel, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, RSA President Dep. Bill Young and RSA Board Member Chad Marlatt. Photo by Steven Georges/ Behind the Badge

lost sight of the suspect as he ran into the patio area of the trailer. As Deputy Saidleman and the other deputies approached the patio area, the suspect, who armed himself with an assault-style rifle, posed an immediate threat to Deputy Saidleman and other deputies on scene. During this altercation, Django held onto the suspect's arm, which delayed and distracted the suspect who was preparing to shoot at deputies.

It is with the quick thinking of Deputy Saidleman to deploy K9 Django, and the courage, strength, and perseverance of K9 Django to apprehend the suspect even after being struck with a bicycle by the suspect. Without a doubt, K9 Django's apprehension prevented the suspect from harming deputies on scene.

## MAJOR INCIDENT Recognition Awards

(Most of these events happened years ago but just recently have been legally adjudicated.)

FIRST AWARD GROUP DEPUTY SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER VARELA DEPUTY SHERIFF DANIEL HOUSEHOLDER DEPUTY SHERIFF MICHAEL SCHMIDT LT. CHRISTOPHER DURHAM

While on duty on Dec. 10, 2014, Deputy Chris Varela and Lt. Chris Durham, both assigned to the gang task force, spotted a vehicle that had been reported as stolen. A pursuit ensued and Deputy Daniel Householder, along with his fourth-phase trainee, Deputy Michael Schmidt, eventually caught up and took secondary in the pursuit.

The pursuit ended when the suspect vehicle crashed into a garage that was attached to a private residence. A female passenger got out of the suspect vehicle and was later taken into custody. The driver attempted to escape by backing up at a high rate of speed, and intentionally colliding with the gang unit vehicle (which was, thankfully by that time, unoccupied).

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The suspect accelerated forward and once again intentionally crashed into the garage. The suspect then attempted to angle the vehicle so that he might have room to maneuver around the patrol units behind him. He accelerated backward directly toward Deputy Householder.

All four deputies fired several rounds, stopping the suspect from striking Deputy Householder with his car.

#### **SECOND AWARD GROUP**

## DEPUTY SHERIFF DEVIN SCHMIDT Deputy Sheriff Jason Green Deputy Sheriff Brian Burgess

Deputies Devin Schmitt, Jason Green, and Brian Burgess responded to a domestic violence call on Oct. 9, 2015 in Idyllwild, where a female was reportedly threatening family members with a handgun. The deputies arrived and established a perimeter. The suspect came to the front door of the residence holding a handgun to her head. Deputies repeatedly asked her to put the gun down. However, she eventually pointed the gun in their direction.

#### SHERIFF INVESTIGATOR MICHAEL CALLAHAN

On June 12, 2016, Sheriff Investigator Michael Callahan was working an overtime detail in Moreno Valley when he noticed a vehicle drive into the corner of a T-intersection and park. Callahan observed a male exit the vehicle and walk around the rear and driver's side. It was obvious to Investigator Callahan that the man was a gang member.

Callahan watched as the man walked away from the parked car, walked past the rear of Callahan's patrol vehicle, crossed the street, and approached a single-family residence.

Callahan entered the license plate and discovered the car was, in fact, stolen.

Callahan called for emergency backup and told dispatch that he would attempt to hold the man at gunpoint until the arrival of backup deputies.



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Dep. Sheriff Michael Callahan receives the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award during the 2020 Board of Directors Awards Dinner. From left, RSA Executive Director Michael Abel, RSA Board Member Chad Marlatt, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, and RSA President Dep. Bill Young. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco congratulates Dep. Sheriff Bradley Marshall as he receives the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge

The man turned to face Callahan and defiantly challenged the order, asking him why he needed to follow his instructions. Callahan was certain that he was about to be shot by the man.

Fearing for his life, Callahan fired several rounds from his service pistol. One or more of the rounds struck the man, who fell to the ground.

#### DEPUTY SHERIFF BRADLEY MARSHALL

Deputy Marshall, while on patrol in San Jacinto, was attempting to conduct a vehicle stop on a red Ford Mustang in the area of Cottonwood Avenue and State Street. He believed the driver was under the influence due to erratic driving. The driver failed to yield, and a vehicle pursuit ensued.

The pursuit traveled through several cities, eventually entering Hemet, where

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**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco congratulates Dep. Sheriff Jarrod Meissen as he receives the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Dep. Sheriff George Scott, Jr. receives the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award during the 2020 Board of Directors Awards Dinner. From left, RSA Executive Director Michael Abel, RSA President Dep. Bill Young, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, and RSA Board Member Chad Marlatt. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge

the vehicle slowed down and a female passenger jumped from the moving vehicle, as did a male passenger.

The vehicle came to an abrupt stop, with the driver quickly exiting his vehicle and pointing a pistol at Deputy Marshall through the windshield.

Deputy Marshall ducked down, drew his firearm, and fired six rounds from his pistol, striking the suspect in the leg.

#### **DEPUTY SHERIFF JARROD MEISSEN**

On May 19, 2017, Deputy Sheriff Jarrod Meissen was on duty, in uniform, driving a marked black-and-white vehicle. He responded to a call for service, a 415 (Disturbing the Peace). While en route to the call, Deputy Meissen heard dispatch announce that the suspect was armed with a shotgun and had announced that he was prepared to, or wanted to, shoot the police.

Meissen chose to take his assault rifle when he exited the police vehicle. Subsequently Meissen heard three shotgun blasts and believed that the suspect was either shooting at victims in the reporting parties' home or firing at the deputies assembled around the perimeter.

This caused Meissen to believe the situation had moved into an "active shooter" situation.

Deputy Meissen encountered the suspect standing at the front door of the reporting parties' home with his shotgun pointed directly at the front door. Deputy Meissen fired three rounds from his assault rifle. The third round struck the suspect, who eventually fell to the ground.

#### **DEPUTY SHERIFF GEORGE SCOTT**

On March 4, 2017, Deputy Scott responded as a back-up deputy to the area of Malki Road south of the I-10 freeway, near the railroad tracks. A suspect had fled on foot from a deputy near the outlet stores and had crossed the freeway on foot.

Deputy Scott encountered the suspect near the railroad tracks and started chasing him on foot. The suspect turned toward Deputy Scott, extending his arm straight out as if he were holding a handgun. Deputy Scott could see that the suspect had a dark object in his hand and fired several rounds at the suspect.

The suspect continued running before seeking cover behind a tree.

As Deputy Scott approached the tree, he saw the suspect sitting on an embankment with both hands extended toward Deputy Scott in what appeared to be a shooting stance. Deputy Scott could see that the suspect was still holding what looked to be a handgun. Deputy Scott fired several more times, striking the suspect.

#### DEPUTY SHERIFF ZACHARY TAYLOR

On March 9, 2017, Deputy King and Deputy Henson were dispatched to an in-progress 242 Battery involving a male hitting a female near the Caliente Springs Mobile Home Park. Deputy Henson arrived and located the subjects. He advised on the radio that he had a male at gunpoint who was holding a female hostage and threatening her with a knife.

Deputy Henson requested that Deputy Taylor deploy his AR-15. Deputy Taylor arrived and was able to flank the suspect and deploy his AR-15 while avoiding detection. From a distance of about 50 yards, Deputy Taylor fired a

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single round when he saw the suspect put the knife to the victim's throat. The round hit the suspect, instantly disabling him. The victim was unharmed and deputies administered CPR until medics arrived.

## THIRD GROUP AWARD DEPUTY SHERIFF BRIAN KRISTENSEN DEPUTY SHERIFF CARLOS MARTINEZ DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW SAIDLEMAN SGT. EDWARD SOTO

On June 3, 2018, around 5:30 p.m., a possible driving while under the influence call came out at 54th Street and Pedley in Jurupa Valley. A female called 911 stating her ex-boyfriend was parked in his truck at the location, intoxicated, armed with a handgun and an AK-47.

Several deputies responded. They arrived but were unable to locate the vehicle or suspect. As deputies continued to search for the suspect, the female called back and advised the suspect had Facetimed her and she could clearly make out her residence in the background of the suspect during the call.

The female provided her address to dispatch and deputies arrived at the location.

Deputy Katherine Valenciano and Deputy Carlos Martinez encountered the suspect at the end of a long dirt driveway. The suspect was unloading unknown items from his vehicle. The suspect saw the deputies, ignored their commands, got into his vehicle, and backed down the driveway at a high rate of speed, almost running over Deputy Kristensen.

The suspect fled in his vehicle from the location as Sgt. Ed Soto arrived on scene. Sgt. Soto immediately went into a vehicle pursuit of the suspect. Deputy Kristensen and Deputy Martinez joined Sgt. Soto in the vehicle pursuit.

The high-speed pursuit lasted approximately 10 minutes and reached speeds of over 100 MPH with the suspect weaving in and out of traffic and into oncoming traffic. Deputy Matt Saidleman, with his K9 partner Django, joined the pursuit as



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Dep. Sheriff Zachary Taylor receives the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award during the 2020 Board of Directors Awards Dinner. From left, RSA Executive Director Michael Abel, RSA President Dep. Bill Young, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, and RSA Board Member Chad Marlatt. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Dep. Sheriff Sgt. Edward Soso, Dep. Sheriff Brian Kristensen and Dep. Sheriff Matthew Saidleman receive the 2020 RSA Major Incident Recognition Award during the 2020 Board of Directors Awards Dinner. Also receiving the award but not present was Dep. Sheriff Carlos Martinez. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge

Riverside Police Department's Air1 called out the pursuit from overhead.

The suspect returned to the female's residence and skid to a stop in his smoking truck right in front of the house. The suspect ran out of his vehicle and smashed into the front door of the house. The suspect then exited the house while screaming at the deputies he had a gun. K9 Django was deployed and the suspect ran into a covered porch where he picked up a bike and struck Django. Django fought back and bit the suspect on his right arm as Deputies Saidleman,

Kristensen, Martinez, and Sgt. Soto converged on the suspect.

While fighting with Django, the suspect grabbed an AR-15 he had staged at the location. Deputies were just feet away when the suspect came up with the assault rifle and Deputies Saidleman, Kristensen, Martinez, and Sgt. Soto engaged the suspect with gunfire until he was no longer a threat.

Django was not injured despite being beaten by the suspect and near the gunfire. During the incident, Deputy Martinez, Kristensen, Saidleman, and Sgt Soto displayed true composure and

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courage. Everyone remained calm and pursued the suspect despite the danger, possibly preventing a greater tragedy with more loss of life.

It was later learned the suspect had tossed a handgun out during the pursuit. The suspect also had hundreds of rounds of ammunition in his truck and it was unclear what he was unloading from his truck or what his plan was for the female later at her residence.

## MEDAL OF COURAGE Deputy Sheriff Jolene Zavorka

On Feb. 25, 2018, Deputy Sheriff Jolen Zavorka responded to a man with a gun call at a local Subway restaurant in Perris. The reporting party called 911 to report an adult male armed with a handgun inside the business. The male had pointed the gun at the employees and was attempting to rob the business.

Deputy Zavorka was the first to arrive on scene and she maintained a visual of the armed suspect, who was still inside the business. The suspect was seated at a table in the restaurant.

When deputies arrived, the suspect stood and pointed the handgun, shooting one round toward Deputy Zavorka. Deputy Zavorka fired her AR-15, injuring the suspect and causing him to drop the handgun. The suspect was unable to continue his assault on the deputies due to Deputy Zavorka's quick actions. The suspect was arrested for attempted murder of a police officer.

### **MEDAL OF VALOR**

The details of this event are still coming in. We continue to learn of more peace officers who responded and were instrumental in resolving the situation on this tragic day. All officers from several agencies will be recognized at a later date.

## CHP OFFICER ROBERT PAUL RPD OFFICER KEVIN FEIMER RPD OFFICER JERRY POST RPD OFFICER DEREK KOPITCH RSO DEPUTY SHERIFF MARIO CHAPPELL RSO DEPUTY SHERIFF BRYAN ESPARZA RSO DEPUTY SHERIFF DUSTIN GOETZ RSO SHERIFF SERGEANT JASON VICKERS CHP OFFICER ANDRE MOYE

(posthumously, CHP Officer Andre Moye, EOW Aug. 12, 2019. Accepting the award for Officer Moye was his mother, Shareece Davis-Nelson)



**MAJOR INCIDENT AWARD:** Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco congratulates Dep. Sheriff Jolene Zavorka as she receives the 2020 RSA Medal of Courage during the 2020 Board of Directors Awards Dinner. Photo by Steven Georges/Behind the Badge

On Monday, Aug. 12, 2019, at about 5:00 p.m., CHP Motor Officer Andre Moye conducted a traffic stop on the Eucalyptus overpass of the 215 Freeway. After speaking with the driver and learning that his license had been suspended, Officer Moye called for a tow truck.

While waiting for the truck to arrive, the suspect removed a fully automatic rifle from a hiding place and murdered Officer Moye.

CHP Officer Robert Paul arrived and attempted to rescue Officer Moye. The suspect turned on Officer Paul who sustained several gunshot wounds while trying to save his brother officer's life, but was still able to return fire.

RSO and RPD officers started arriving from all directions.

Deputy Bryan Esparza was still on training with his FTO, Deputy Mario Chavez. When they arrived, the scene was described as a war zone. Both deputies engaged the suspect and Deputy Chavez ran directly into the line of fire to assist Officer Paul.

In the meantime, RPD Officer Kevin Feimer and RSO Deputy Dustin Goetz arrived from the opposite direction and started to engage the suspect.

Sgt. Jason Vickers and Deputy Mario Chappell drove directly into the line of fire so that Deputy Chavez could load Officer Paul into the back of their patrol car. Deputy Chappell, a trained medic, provided lifesaving measures to Officer Paul as they drove him to the hospital.

RPD helicopter pilot Officer Jerry Post knew that Officer Moye had been critically wounded and was still in need of help. He also knew the dangers of landing the helicopter into what had essentially become a war zone. He did it anyway. Officer Moye was loaded onto the helicopter and flown to the hospital. **\*** 

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# **Making A Difference** The Riverside Sheriffs' Association Putting The 'Action' In Political Action

#### **Ryan Sherman** Director, Government Affairs

he Riverside Sheriffs' Association had another successful election night. After conducting the necessary research, the RSA political action committee



(PAC) interviewed many of the candidates seeking public office to represent a portion of Riverside County. The PAC made recommendations for candidate and ballot measure endorsements and support to the RSA Board of Directors.

#### SD 23 MORRELL (TERMED OUT)

Representing Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Hemet, Menifee, San Jacinto, Big Bear, Highland, Loma Linda, Phelan, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, San Bernardino and Yucaipa

Senator Mike Morrell is termed out and five candidates ran to replace him. Although the votes haven't been certified yet, it appears that the top two candidates will be Abigail Medina (D) and Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh (R). While the RSA did not endorse a primary candidate for this seat, three of the candidates were interviewed and it is expected that we will be significantly involved in this race in November. In a seat that has historically sent Republican legislators to Sacramento, Bogh should prevail, but Democratic voter participation will increase for November, making this an attractive pick-up possibility for the Senate Democrats.

#### **SD 28 STONE (VACATED)**

Representing Murrieta, Temecula, Palm Springs, Indio, Blythe, Lake Elsinore, etc

Assemblymember Melissa Melendez has been a consistent a solid vote for law enforcement and public safety throughout her time in the Assembly. This seat was vacated last year by Sen. Jeff Stone who resigned to accept a position in the Trump administration.

The RSA contributed the maximum lawful amount to her campaign and sent out two of our own campaign mailers and a couple slate mailers to voters urging them to support Melendez, who received the most votes out of the five candidates in this special election. The runoff will take place in early May and due to the COVID-19, the election will be mail-in ballot only. Melendez will compete against UC Riverside Assistant Chancellor Elizabeth Romero (Democrat) who also serves as an elected board member at a local hospital district. Based on what is expected to be very low voter turnout, Melendez is favored to become the next senator for district 28 in May.

#### SD 31 ROTH (INCUMBENT)

Representing Corona, Coronita, Eastvale, El Cerrito, Highgrove, Home Gardens, Jurupa Valley, Mead Valley (partial) Moreno Valley, Norco, Perris, Riverside, etc

Sen. Roth was the only candidate to file for this seat. He will be unchallenged in November for his third and final fouryear term in the Senate.

#### AD 42 MAYES (INCUMBENT)

Representing Banning, Beaumont, Cabazon, Calimesa, Cherry Valley, Hemet, Indian Wells, La Quinta, PalmDesert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, San Jacinto, Whitewater, Joshua Tree, Landers, Morongo Valley, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, etc

The RSA endorsed and supported San Jacinto City Councilman Andrew Kotyuk who will face off this November against the incumbent, former Republican Chad Mayes.

This district will become very expensive for the Republicans to keep. Mayes and his supporters spent over \$1.7 million on the primary boosting Mayes' profile and attacking Kotyuk. Mayes earned significant cross-over votes from both Republicans and Democrats. Kotyuk was outspent more than 10-1. With higher Dem voter participation expected for November, this is sure to be an extremely competitive race.

#### AD 56 E GARCIA (INCUMBENT)

Representing all of Imperial County, Bermuda Dunes, Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Center, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Mecca, Thermal, Thousand Palms, etc.

Democratic Assemblyman Eddie Garcia earned 64% of the vote while Republican America Figueroa garnered just 36%. The candidates will face off again in November with similar results to be expected. The RSA did not endorse in this contest.

#### AD 60 CERVANTES (INCUMBENT)

Representing Corona, Norco, Jurupa Valley, Eastvale and parts of Riverside

On the day after the election, firsttime Republican Assembly candidate Chris Raahauge had a 405 vote lead over Democratic Assemblywoman Sabrina Cervantes. However, by the end of March, Cervantes held about a 6,500 vote advantage, nearly 8 points ahead. Cervantes' lead will likely increase and the candidates will run again in November and is expected to win, benefitting from the higher Democratic fall voter turnout.

#### AD 61 MEDINA (INCUMBENT)

Representing Riverside, MoVal, Perris, Highgrove, Mead Valley, etc.

Democratic Assemblyman Jose Medina easily out-polled repeat Republican candidate and gas station owner Mohammad Ali Mazerei. The candidates will stand for election again in November and Medina will easily win re-election. The RSA did not endorse a candidate in the race.

#### AD 67 MELENDEZ (RUNNING FOR SENATE)

Representing Murrieta, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Menifee, Hemet, Wildomar, French Valley, Temescal Valley, Woodcrest, Nuevo, Lakeland Village, Lake Matthews, Homeland, Good Hope, El Sobrante, etc.

The RSA endorsed retired fire battalion chief and Murrieta City Councilman Kelly Seyarto to replace Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez who decided to run for state senate instead of re-election to this overwhelmingly safe Republican seat. The RSA also contributed to Seyarto's campaign and had a couple slate mailers sent out on his behalf. Seyarto placed first among all Republicans and will compete against Democrat Jerry Carlos in November. Republicans earned 65% of the vote in March and will earn similar numbers this fall.

#### AD 71 VOEPEL (INCUMBENT)

Representing Aguanga, Anza, Fern Valley, Idyllwild, Mountain Center, Pine Cove, Pinyon Pines, Sage, Valle Vista, Alpine, Borrego Springs, Descanso, El Cajon, Eucalyptus Hills, Granite Hills, Harbison Canyon, Jacumba Hot Springs, Jamul, Julian, La Presa (partial), Lakeside, Ramona, Rancho San Diego, San Diego Country Estates, Santee, Spring Valley, Winter Gardens

Republican incumbent Assemblyman Randy Voepel easily out-distanced democratic newcomer Elizabeth Lavertu for this largely San Diego-based assembly district that includes a small portion of Riverside County. The RSA endorsed and contributed to the Assemblyman's campaign. The candidates will both be on the ballot this November.

### AD 75 WALDRON (INCUMBENT)

Representing Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Lake San Marcos, Rainbow, San Marcos, Valley Center and Temecula.

Assemblywoman Marie Waldron and Karen Schwartz will face each other again in November with Waldron expected to



win re-election in this very Republican district. The RSA voted to endorse and support Waldron, who also serves as the Assembly Republican Leader.

#### **OTHER LOCAL WINNERS**

Two Riverside County Supervisors were up for re-election. Unlike the state and federal elections, if these local candidates can earn 50% + 1 in the primary, they will re-election without a runoff. This was the case for both **Riverside County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries** and Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington. The RSA also endorsed former Congressman Darryl Issa who was recruited to replace Congressman Duncan Hunter who resigned last year after pleading guilty to campaign spending felony charges. Issa will run against Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar, who lost to Hunter in 2018.

#### **OUT OF AREA CANDIDATES SUPPORTED**

The RSA also endorsed and supported successful law enforcement-friendly candidates throughout our state who advanced to the November election, including:

- Assemblyman Jim Cooper (D-Sacramento)
- Assemblyman James Ramos (D-Highland)
- Assemblyman Tom Daly (D-Anaheim)
- Assemblyman Tom Lackey (R-Lancaster)
- Assemblyman Philip Chen (R- Diamond Bar)
- Assemblyman Evan Low (D-Milpitas)
- Assemblyman James Gallagher (R-Yuba City)
- Senator Anthony Portantino (D-Pasadena)
- Senator Anna Caballero (D-Monterey)
- Assemblyman Devon Mathis (R-Tulare)
- Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey (incumbent)

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Charles Roberts Chapter 19 Director, PSU

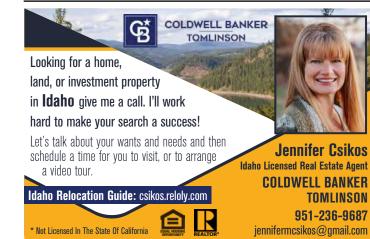
I hope everyone is staying healthy during these challenging times.

All of our negotiation sessions have been cancelled by the County due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hopefully they can develop an action plan to gain control of the situation sooner rather than later.

Many staff have limited or depleted time banks and may be going AWOP if things don't improve soon.

Please consider contributing to the Relief Foundation if you don't already do so. Deduction authorization forms are available on-line at the RSA website.

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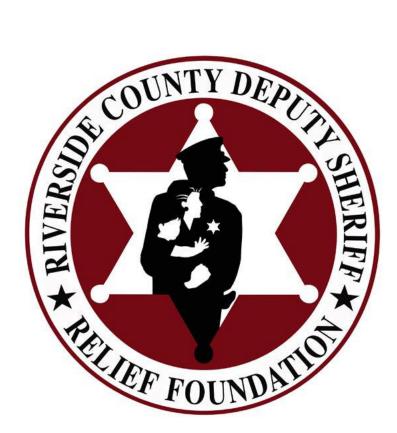




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# The Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation



The RCDSRF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity created by the Riverside Sheriffs' Association to assist law enforcement families, local victims of crime and disasters, and provide youth scholarships.

We are only as strong as our membership

## **Donate Online**

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera



Contact RSA at 951-653-5152

#### **April Word Search**

#### April Sudoku

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**VACATION RENTAL – MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN RETREAT!** Full condo vacation home with 2 bedrooms/loft/2 bath. Sleeps up to 10 with 5 comfy beds (1K + 2Qs). AWESOME location – walking distance to The Village & gondola. Very close to restaurants, breweries, entertainment, hiking trails, mountain bike trails, fishing lakes and bus stops. Ride gondola or buses (both free) to Canyon Ski Lodge! Fully furnished with all necessities, and includes private washer/dryer. Recently remodeled with stocked kitchen, new fireplace, new flooring, and furniture. Complex has a Jacuzzi/sauna, BBQ, and large parking lot. Passes for 2 cars. Perfect year round for skiing, hiking, fishing, and music festivals! Price varies but always discounted for active 1st responders/military. Contact owner: Liz @ (951)232-8987 or 22SanSierra@gmail.com Visit us at AirBNB: https://www.airbnb.com/ rooms/33621317?

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FREE to RSA Members

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# RSA IS SELLING RSA CHALLENGE COINS IN THE DEPUTY DEPOT STORE



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# Riverside Sheriffs' Association 2020 Wellness Program User Guide

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PROGRAM DETAILS

New tools to help you be your best.

Small steps lead to big changes.

Riverside Sheriffs' Association (RSA) offers a **free, simple-to-use wellbeing program** from Virgin Pulse. Build healthy habits, have fun with coworkers, and experience the lifelong rewards of better health and wellbeing. Earn up to \$200 in Pulse Cash per year (a maximum of \$50 Pulse Cash per quarter) — simply by getting active and making healthier choices.

Sign up now Already a member?

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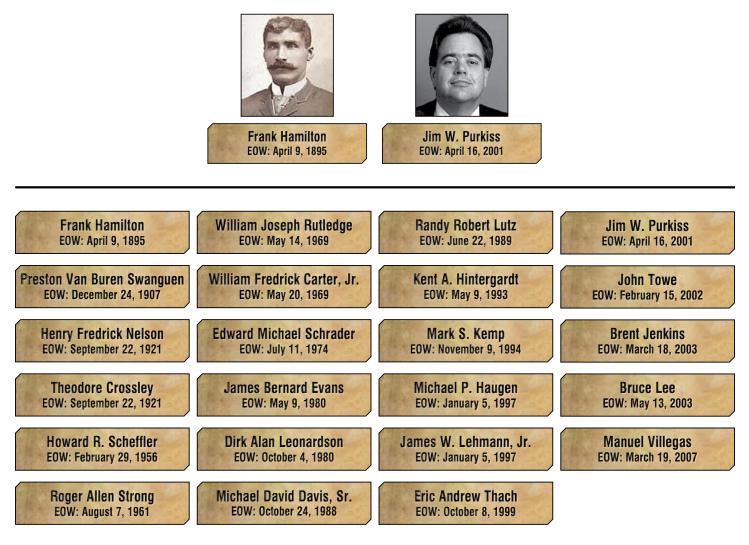
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Getting To Know You

**IN MEMORY** 



## **APRIL REMEMBRANCES**



## IN MEMORY, 2019 - 2020



California Peace Officers' Memorial: **www.camemorial.org** • National Law Enforcement Memorial: **www.nleomf.com** Riverside County Peace Officer Memorial Foundation: **www.rcpomf.org** 

## **RIVERSIDE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION**

MEMBER'S GUIDE

Organization RSA Members 4,000+ President Bill Young Area Riverside County



## TOP OBJECTIVES OF RSA

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association is the Exclusive Employee Organization representing our members employed by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is one of the largest Sheriff's Departments in California.

#### Represent

#### Promote

To not only represent its members but to advance the social, economic, educational and general welfare of its members. We are committed to fighting for all RSA members.

#### Seek

To seek legislation necessary or conducive and play an active role in the political arena in furtherance of the interests of the membership. benefits and services as may be desirable.
Assist

To promote the professional

interest of the members and

economic, educational and other

protect their rights to such

To provide aid through the Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief Foundation to members and their families facing life changing crises.

The Riverside Sheriffs' Association began as the Riverside County Sheriff's Training Center Corporation in 1943, but since then has evolved into a labor organization that represents members, individually or collectively, in all matters relating to their employer-employee relations, including but not limited to grievances, labor disputes, hours, wages, and to other terms and conditions of employment as prescribed by law.

## FUN FACTS ABOUT RSA

We have been able to provide donations to over 50 organizations and/or special events this year up to date.



RSA is one of the largest Sheriffs Associations in California.





RSA has a dedicated staff of 16 people.



We have snacks in our office!

www.rcdsa.org

## RSA COMMITTEES

We have 11 committees and one AD HOC Committee. These committees have been established to carry out the objectives of the Association, and to help carry out the policies and programs established by the Board of Directors and general membership.

- Legal Review Committee
- Legal Defense Trust
- Legal Coverage Appeals Board
- Political Action Committee
- Benefit Trust Board
- Riverside County Deputy Sheriff Relief
   Foundation Board of Directors
- Special Events & Donations
- Award Review Board
- Collective Bargaining Committee/LEBU
- Collective Bargaining Committee/CDBU
- Collective Bargaining Committee/PSU.

AD HOC Committees:

• Trailer Committee

### **RIVERSIDE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION**

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CHEVROLET

# **RSA Amusement Park Tickets**



Sold exclusively to RSA members

For complete ticket listing visit www.rcdsa.org or call 951-653-5152 if you have any questions.

Tickets to the following: Aquarium of the Pacific, Castle Park, Knott's Berry Farm, Legoland, Magic Mountain, Movie tickets, Raging Waters, San Diego Zoo, Seaworld, Universal Studios.

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The Riverside Sheriffs' Association has deployed an integrated "members only" online news & information center to improve our ability to keep our members informed on important issues.

# **RSA MEMBER ALERTS**

The news & information center at rcdsa.org is where members will go to view exclusive content, including negotiations and other confidential information from RSA.

To access the news & information center members are required to log on and register by clicking on the "RSA Members Only" link then following the instructions. Once registered members will also be able to update their own on-line profiles at anytime (email addresses, user name & password, etc). Members are urged to keep their information current at all times to avoid missing important updates from the Association.

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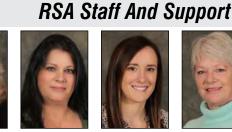


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