



MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
COUNTY OF PLACER

To: Placer County Board of Supervisors
From: David Boesch, Placer County Executive Officer
By: Bekki Riggan, Principal Management Analyst
Date: November 18, 2014
Subject: Commendation – Undersheriff Devon Bell

Action Requested

Presentation of a Commendation honoring Undersheriff Devon Bell for completing the Naval Post Graduate School's Homeland Security Master's Degree program, with a Master's Degree in Security Studies.

Background/Community Benefits

Undersheriff Bell entered the Naval Post Graduate School's (NPS) Homeland Security Master's Degree program in Monterey, California on May 1, 2013. Over the next 18 months, the Undersheriff attended seven rigorous two-week "in-residence" sessions at NPS.

NPS's Homeland Security Master's Degree program provides leaders with the knowledge and skills to: develop strategies to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States; build organizational arrangements to strengthen homeland security, including local, tribal, state, federal, civil-military, and interagency cooperation; and, help officials improve homeland security preparedness by conducting "real world" actionable policy and strategy development.

Having successfully completed the Master's Degree program, Undersheriff Bell was presented with his Master's Degree in Security Studies from the Naval Post Graduate School on September 26, 2014.

Fiscal Impact

None

**NOVEMBER 18, 2014, IN THE MATTER OF A
COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING UNDERSHERIFF
DEVON BELL FOR COMPLETION OF THE NAVAL POST
GRADUATE SCHOOL HOMELAND SECURITY MASTER'S
DEGREE PROGRAM WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
SECURITY STUDIES**

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security offers a Homeland Security Master's Degree Program at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California; and

WHEREAS, The Homeland Security Master's Degree program provides leaders with the knowledge and skills to: develop strategies to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States; build organizational arrangements to strengthen homeland security, including local, tribal, state, federal, civil-military, and interagency cooperation; and, help officials improve homeland security preparedness by conducting "real world" actionable policy and strategy development; and

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Bell entered the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Master's Degree program on May 1, 2013, and over the next 18 months attended seven rigorous two-week "in-residence" sessions at the Naval Post Graduate School; and

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Bell successfully completed the Master's Degree program, and was presented with his Master's Degree in Security Studies from the Naval Post Graduate School on September 26, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, commends Undersheriff Devon Bell for obtaining his Master's Degree in Security Studies from the Naval Post Graduate School.

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