

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: June 23, 2009

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Present a Resolution honoring Captain Rick Ward for over 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of California throughout his career in the California Highway Patrol (CHP) including his assignment since 2002 with the Auburn office.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Resolution honoring Captain Rick Ward for over 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of California throughout his career in the California Highway Patrol (CHP) including his assignment since 2002 with the Auburn office.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Captain Rick Ward is known for his leadership, enthusiasm and passion in performing his duties. He has served the Placer County community for a number of years at the Auburn CHP office. He has contributed immensely to programs that have had significant impact on the safety of our roads and highways, thus saving countless lives. Among his many accomplishments is the highly effective Zero Tolerance Day program, whereby officers on Interstate 80 gave tickets to drivers who have violated the law by driving over the speed limit. This program resulted in a nation-wide enforcement day from the Golden Gate Bridge to the George Washington Bridge. This program has had a significant impact on the reduction of accidents on Interstate 80 thereby increasing the safety of Placer County residents and those traveling our roads and highways. In addition, Captain Ward successfully developed a Placer County regional Auto Theft Task Force which reduced annual vehicle thefts by 22 percent and has actively supported community outreach programs such as "Start Smart", "Every 15 Minutes" and the "Buckle Up Challenge" which educates students about safe driving practices, the dangers of drunk driving and the importance of wearing securely fastened seat belts.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the matter of a Resolution
honoring Captain Rick Ward for over 27 years
of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of California
throughout his career in the California Highway Patrol (CHP)
including his assignment since 2002 with the Auburn office.

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Whereas, Captain Rick Ward began his career with the California Highway Patrol in 1982 where he has diligently served the citizens of the State of California including his service in Placer County since 2002 while being stationed at the Auburn-CHP office; and

Whereas, Captain Ward has consistently looked for innovative ways of keeping our community safe by providing a number of programs such as educating newly licensed teenage drivers through the "Start Smart" program and the "Every 15 Minutes" program, assisting local high schools in the "Buckle Up Challenge" which educates students about the importance of wearing securely fastened seat belts; and

Whereas, he served as the 2006 Chairperson of the Placer County Safe Kids Coalition in which the primary emphasis was to reduce injury and death to children 14 years and younger from traffic incidents and accidents; and

Whereas, the most innovative and highly effective program to come out of the Auburn CHP office under Captain Ward's command was the Zero Tolerance Day whereby officers on Interstate 80 gave tickets to drivers who have violated the law by driving over the speed limit and even resulted in a nation-wide enforcement day from the Golden Gate Bridge to the George Washington Bridge; and

Whereas, Zero Tolerance Day has reduced and even eliminated the number of accidents on Interstate 80 thereby ensuring the safety of Placer County residents and all those who pass through the County; and

Whereas, Captain Ward was instrumental in helping to form a highly successful Placer County Regional Auto Theft Task Force which has reduced annual vehicle thefts by 22 percent and has also spurred the number of recoveries of stolen vehicles; and

Whereas, friendly competition has always been demonstrated by Captain Ward particularly in times of giving in the community as evidenced by the annual Placer County Sheriff's Department and the Auburn CHP officers bell ringing during the Christmas holiday season; and

Whereas, Captain Ward has demonstrated exceptional and timely responsiveness to requests from the Board of Supervisors and various county departments; and

Whereas, Captain Ward is known for his leadership, enthusiasm and passion in the performance of his duties.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pride in honoring one of the CHP's very best Commanders for his exceptional service to the people of the State of California and the citizens of Placer County; and

Let it be further Resolved that the Placer County Board of Supervisors wishes Captain Ward and his family many happy and enjoyable years of retirement and is grateful for his outstanding service.

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