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PRESS RELEASE

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REDDING POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Today, February 24, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Redding City Council Chambers, 777 Cypress Avenue, the Redding Police Department will hold its Annual Awards Ceremony. At this Awards Ceremony, current members of the Redding Police Department, retired members of the Redding Police Department and a "Community Organization" will receive recognition for **Meritorious Conduct**, as well as the annual **Employee of the Year Awards**, given by the Redding Police Department.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT AWARDS

"Spouses Behind the Badge" will receive the Civic Achievement Award for their contributions to our community exemplifying excellence in their unselfish devotion to displaced children on their birthdays.

Captain Ben Reed will receive the Lifesaving Award for his actions which were directly responsible for saving the life of another.

Lieutenant Eric Wallace, Corporal Brian Barner, Officers Kip Kinneavy, Brian Berg, Jeff Schmidt, and Jason Rhoads will receive the Merit Award for their professionalism and dedication to the Redding Police Department's K-9 Program. For their invaluable service to the community, Department, and fellow officers, they are awarded the Redding Police Department's Merit Award.

Merit Award - For 21 years, numerous Redding Police Department employees worked to solve the murder of a Redding woman. Employees pursued leads and reviewed case evidence. In February 2009, DNA evidence was matched to a known felon. The suspect confessed to the crime and was arrested for murder. Many current and former employees contributed to the successful outcome of this investigation. For their diligent investigation and dedication to our community, the following are awarded the Merit Award:

Current Members of the Redding Police Department: Captain Damon Minor, Lieutenant Allen Long, Sergeant Jay Guterding, Sergeant Dean Stainberg, Sergeant Mike Wood, Investigator Todd Cogle, Investigator Jon Poletski, and Investigator Joe Simmons

Retired Members of the Redding Police Department: Captain Chuck Byard, Captain Chuck Lebak, Captain Dave Mundy, Lieutenant Tom Sears, Sergeant Dan Kupsky, Sergeant Steve Moravec, Sergeant Rich Nance, Sergeant Albert Olson, Corporal Pat Tennant, Investigator Larry Liebscher, and Officer Steve W. Davis

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

In recognition of outstanding performance throughout the year, the Redding Police Department will honor the following:

MICHELLE KEMPLEY
Services Employee of the Year

MIKE LEONARD
Community Service Officer of the Year

SHAWN MCGINNIS
Investigator of the Year

ALLAN MELLON
Supervisor of the Year

ERIC HARNEY
Officer of the Year

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