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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### POLICE MOTOR COMPETITION

For the past three years during Redding's annual Big Bike Weekend event, the Redding Police Department and Redding Peace Officers' Association sponsor a Police Motorcycle Competition. Motorcycle officers from numerous law enforcement agencies in California, Oregon, and Nevada attend and compete in this event held in October.

On July 10, 2010, Redding Police Department Motor Officer Mike Woods and Sergeant Casey Bokavich attended a similar event in the Bay Area; Oakland Police Department's Fifth Annual Training & Skills Competition. The competition was divided into two categories; Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders and non-Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders. Forty-eight motor officers from around the greater Bay Area and beyond participated in the event operating Harley Davidson, BMW, and Honda motorcycles. The day began with a "challenge course" consisting of multiple cone patterns in which each rider maneuvered through individually as a means to test their ability to safely operate a police motorcycle on the street. The event was timed and points deducted for each cone knocked over.

The Redding Police Department is proud to announce that **Sergeant Casey Bokavich** finished 1st place in the overall competition. **Officer Mike Woods** finished in 6th place in the Harley Davidson category in the "challenge course" competition. The courses for this style of competitions are very challenging and to place as high as these officers did is very impressive.

As the safety of our employees, as well as all motorists, is of the utmost importance, all of our motor officers are well trained. Officers are required to pass an 80-hour certification training sponsored by the California Highway Patrol upon their assignment to the Traffic Unit. Motor officers then must train bi-monthly and receive rigorous pass/fail testing in order to maintain eligibility as a motor officer.

We are proud of the accomplishments of these two employees. Congratulations.