

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

presented to

Officer Larry Bautista

Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Recipient

In recognition of your distinguished career as a dedicated and courageous member of the Long Beach Police Department. We applaud your honorable commitment to the community and to the Police Department in the noble pursuit of protecting the citizens of Long Beach.



Dated: May 11, 2004



PROCLAMATION

presented to

Officer Jesse Daladez

"Officer of the Year" 2003

- Whoreas, Officer Jesse Valadez prior to joining The Long Beach Police Department served his Country in the Marine Corps from 1985 to 1992 and earned the Navy Achievement Medal while serving in Operation Desert Storm; and
- Whereas, Officer Jesse Valadez has had a distinguished career with the Long Beach Police Department hired in 1993 as a Reserve Officer, he graduated as class commander from class #31 and volunteered over 300 hours a year; and
- Whoreas, in 1996 he graduated as class commander from Class #70 as a full-time Police Officer and began his career as a patrol officer in the West Division, where he developed informants to keep him apprised of illegal activity and has assisted fellow officers with identifying known criminals and crime trends within his area; and
- (Whereas, he has made auto theft his main focus within the West Division and has worked in an undercover capacity on surveillances of auto thieves, chop shops and other criminal activities which has resulted in an auto theft reduction within the West Division of 14.3%;
- Orange County Auto Theft Task Force (OCATT) with information and hard work in helping to solve many cases which were related to a county-wide auto theft ring; and
- Whereas, he has trained other officers throughout the Department in Auto Theft investigations, tracking and crime trends in this area and has great rapport with citizens within the West Division, especially his Beat; and
- Whereas, Officer Jesse Valadez strives to make the City of Long Beach a safer place to live and work by establishing himself as a leader by being proactive in combating crime in general and auto theft in particular and by assisting the citizens;
- Sow, Cherefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby take great pride in recognizing Officer Jesse Valadez as The Long Beach Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2003 and commend him for his commitment to serve the citizens of Long Beach and his professional efforts which remind us that one person can make a difference to many.

Beverly O'Neill MAYOR

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presented to

John Houck

Police Services Assistant "Employee of the Year" 2003

- Whereas, John Houck has established a respected reputation while employed with the Long Beach Police Department, being hired in August, 2002 as a Police Services Assistant in the Community Relations Division, he is known as a team player with a high degree of integrity, who consistently maintains a high level of work performance, and is always willing to take on additional responsibility, embracing the challenge with enthusiasm and diligence, seeing each and every task through to a successful conclusion; and
- Whoreas, he has taken the responsibility of Apartment Watch Coordinator, restructuring and resurrecting the program, working closely with other city departments and organizations and developing it into a valuable crime reduction tool, resulting in a better quality of life for many Long Beach residents; and
- Whereas, he takes pride in his job responsibilities, never complaining and always projecting a "peachy" attitude, which is infectious and motivates others, receiving numerous commendations over the past year from community members, City officials, business and civic organizations and others for his hard work, caring attitude and professionalism; and
- Whereas, John strives to be the best in his field, taking every opportunity to attend additional training, some of which he sponsors himself, and jumping in feet first to take on any and all assignments possible to learn and enhance his ability to serve the Long Beach Community: and
- better serve the public, he takes the initiative to research and create additional crime prevention and outreach programs such as his "Stranger Danger" presentation for young children and "Robbie the Robot" outreach visits to Miller's Children's Hospital and volunteers at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital on his own time;
- Chorefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby take great pride in recognizing John Houck as the Long Beach Police Department's Employee of the Year for 2003 and commend him for his commitment to serve the citizens of Long Beach and his professional efforts which do make a difference in the lives of the many citizens he comes into contact with daily.



Beverly O'Neill MAYOR

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