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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **The 48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL H. THOMAS GUERRY AWARDS RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual H. Thomas Guerry Awards Ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 4:30 P.M. in the **Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room, 4th Floor, County Administration Building, 105 East Anapamu.**

### **PRESS CONFERENCE: 2:30 PM Wednesday, 5/10/17**

**A press conference is scheduled for Wed, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 PM at the Arch of the County Court House, Anacapa Street entrance. This year's recipients of the H. THOMAS GUERRY AWARDS FOR VALOR will be available for interviews and photos from 2:30 to 3:00 PM**

### **The H. Thomas Guerry Award for VALOR:**

Sergeant **Todd Johnson** Santa Barbara Police Dept.  
Officer **Kyle Rapp** Santa Barbara Police Dept.  
Sergeant **James Zbinden** Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.  
Sr. Deputy **Michael Harris** Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.  
Deputy **Justin Dipinto** Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.  
Deputy **Michael Hollon** Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.

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## **The H. Thomas Guerry Award for VALOR:**

Officer <b>Steve Bennett</b>	California Highway Patrol (Buellton)
Officer <b>Toby Hall</b>	California Highway Patrol (Buellton)
Officer <b>Clifford Powers</b>	California Highway Patrol (Buellton)
Deputy <b>Ray Gamboa</b>	Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Deputy <b>Brice Bruening</b>	Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Deputy <b>Jesus Gutierrez</b>	Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.

### **For SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE:**

Sup. Investigator <b>Greg Wilkins</b>	SB County DA's Office
Chief Deputy <b>Sam Gross</b>	Santa Barbara Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Officer <b>Adrian Gutierrez</b>	Santa Barbara Police Dept.
Detective <b>Scott Casey</b>	Santa Maria Police Dept.
Detective <b>Michael Huffman</b>	Santa Maria Police Dept.
Detective <b>David Lamar</b>	Lompoc Police Dept.
Sergeant <b>James G. Richards, Jr.</b>	California Highway Patrol (SB)
Sr. Dep. Probation Officer <b>Harry Wright</b>	Santa Barbara Co. Probation Dept.

The narratives for the VALOR Award recipients will be available at the Press Conference. This "Meet and Greet" style press conference will give the members of the press the opportunity to hear in their own words how these heroes reacted to the situations that lead to their nominations for these awards. We encourage members of the Press to attend both the Press Conference and the Awards Ceremony.