



**POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Board Members

John Moore III (Chair)
Kitty Calavita
Leah Wilson
Joshua Cayetano

Regina Harris (Vice-Chair)
Julie Leftwich
Brent Blackaby

MEETING LOCATION

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709

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Health and Safety Protocols for In-Person Meetings of Berkeley Boards and Commissions

Health and Safety Protocols for In-Person Meetings of Berkeley Boards and Commissions February 2023

The policy below applies to in-person meetings of Berkeley Boards and Commissioners held in accordance with the Government Code (Brown Act) after the end of the State-declared emergency on February 28, 2023.

Issued By: City Manager's Office

Date: February 14, 2023

I. Vaccination Status

All attendees are encouraged to be fully up to date on their vaccinations, including any boosters for which they are eligible.

II. Health Status Precautions

For members of the public who are feeling sick, including but not limited to cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever or chills, muscle or body aches, vomiting or diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell, it is recommended that they do not attend the meeting in-person as a public health precaution. In these cases, the public may submit comments in writing in lieu of attending in-person.

If an in-person attendee has been in close contact, as defined below, with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past five days, they are advised to wear a well-fitting mask (N95s, KN95s, KF94s are best), test for COVID-19 3-5 days from last exposure, and consider submitting comments in writing in lieu of attending in-person.

Close contact is defined as someone sharing the same indoor airspace, e.g., home, clinic waiting room, airplane, etc., for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period within 2 days before symptoms of the infected person appear (or before a positive test for asymptomatic individuals); or having contact with COVID-19 droplets (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment).

A voluntary sign-in sheet will be available at the meeting entry for in-person attendees. This will assist with contact tracing in case of COVID-19 contact resulting from the meeting.

Members of City Commissions are encouraged to take a rapid COVID-19 test on the day of the meeting.

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III. Face Coverings/Mask

Face coverings or masks that cover both the nose and mouth are encouraged for all commissioners, staff, and attendees at an in-person City Commission meeting. Face coverings will be provided by the City and available for attendees to use at the meeting. Members of Commissions, city staff, and the public are encouraged to wear a mask at all times, except when speaking publicly from the dais or at the public comment podium, although masking is encouraged even when speaking.

IV. Physical Distancing

Currently, there are no physical distancing requirements in place by the State of California or the Local Health Officer for an indoor event similar to a Commission meeting.

Audience seating capacity will be at regular allowable levels per the Fire Code. Capacity limits will be posted at the meeting location. However, all attendees are requested to be respectful of the personal space of other attendees. An area of the public seating area will be designated as “distanced seating” to accommodate persons that need to distance for personal health reasons.

Distancing will be implemented for the dais as space allows.

V. Protocols for Teleconference Participation by Commissioners

Upon the repeal of the state-declared emergency, all standard Brown Act requirements will be in effect for Commissioners participating remotely due to an approved ADA accommodation. For Commissioners participating remotely, the agenda must be posted at the remote location, the remote location must be accessible to the public, and the public must be able to participate and give public comment from the remote location.

- A Commissioner at a remote location will follow the same health and safety protocols as in-person meetings.
- A Commissioner at a remote location may impose reasonable capacity limits at their location.

VI. Hand Washing/Sanitizing

Hand sanitizing stations are available at the meeting locations. The bathrooms have soap and water for handwashing.

VII. Air Flow/Circulation/Sanitizing

Air filtration devices are used at all meeting locations. Window ventilation may be used if weather conditions allow.

Item 2
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The PAB has resumed in-person meetings and encourages community members to attend in person. Community members attending in person should observe the “Health and Safety Protocols for In-person Meetings of Berkeley Boards and Commissions” as outlined by the City of Berkeley.

***The PAB acknowledges that physical attendance may not be feasible for all community members. To this end, the Office of the Director of Police Accountability (ODPA) has been exploring the option of allowing for remote participation at the PAB meetings. Please note that the ODPA and PAB are in the early stages of implementing this hybrid meeting format so there is a possibility for technical glitches and errors. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. ***

To access the meeting remotely: join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device using this URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82653396072>. If you do not wish for your name to appear on the screen, use the drop-down menu and click on “rename” to rename yourself to be anonymous. To request to speak, use the “raise hand” icon on the screen. To join by phone: Dial **1 669 900 6833** and enter Meeting ID **826 5339 6072**. If you wish

to comment during the public comment portion of the agenda, press *9 and wait to be recognized.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Chochen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (2 MINUTES)**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (2 MINUTES)**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)**

Speakers are generally allotted up to three minutes, but may be allotted less time if there are many speakers; they may comment on any matter within the Board's jurisdiction at this time.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 MINUTES)**
 - a. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2023
- 5. ODPa STAFF REPORT (10 MINUTES)**

Announcements, updates, and other items.

- 6. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS (10 MINUTES)**

Announcements, updates, and other items.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT (10 MINUTES)

Crime/cases of interest, community engagement/department events, staffing, training, and other items of interest.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES)

Report of activities and meeting schedule for all subcommittees, possible appointment or reassignment of members to subcommittees, and additional discussion and action as warranted for the subcommittees listed on the PAB's Subcommittee List included in the agenda packet.

9. NEW BUSINESS (2 HOURS)

- a. Discussion regarding the budget process and recommendations (60 MINUTES)
 - i. City of Berkeley budget overview by Deputy City Manager Cardwell (25 MINUTES)
 - ii. Staff recommendations for ODPa Budget (10 MINUTES)
 - iii. Staff recommendations for PAB Budget (10 MINUTES)
 - iv. Staff observations and considerations for the PAB review of the BPD Budget (15 MINUTES)
- b. Discussion and action on Policy Complaint No. 2023-PR-0008 (10 MINUTES) – (Board member Cayetano)
- c. Discussion on PAB member policy review procedures (15 MINUTES) – (Board member Cayetano)
- d. BPD Commendations (20 MINUTES)
 - i. Process and Timeline (Board member Blackaby)
 - ii. Review of Quarter 2 and 3 Commendations (ODPA Staff)

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)

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11. CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Pursuant to the Court's order in *Berkeley Police Association v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 2002-057569, the Board will recess into closed session to discuss and act on the following matter(s):

Case Updates Regarding Complaints Received by the ODP:

- a. 2023-CI-0003
- b. 2023-CI-0004
- c. 2023-CI-0006
- d. 2023-CI-0007
- e. 2023-CI-0008
- f. 2023-CI-0009
- g. 2023-CI-0010
- h. 2023-CI-0011
- i. 2023-CI-0012
- j. 2023-CI-0013
- k. 2023-CI- 0014

END OF CLOSED SESSION

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS (1 MINUTE)

13. ADJOURNMENT (1 MINUTE)

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SB 343 Disclaimer

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Contact the Director of Police Accountability (Board Secretary) at:

1947 Center Street, 5th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

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Item 4
Minutes for October 25, 2023



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Meeting Recording: <https://youtu.be/GoULIx9j1c>

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 6:30 PM

Present: Board Member John Moore (Chair)¹
Board Member Kitty Calavita²
Board Member Juliet Leftwich
Board Member Brent Blackaby
Board Member Joshua Cayetano
Board Member Leah Wilson³

Absent: Board Member Regina Harris (Vice-Chair)

ODPA Staff: Hansel Aguilar, Director of Police Accountability
Jose Murillo, Program Analyst

¹ Chair Moore participated remotely on a just cause provision per [AB 2449](#).

² Board member Calavita participated remotely on a just cause provision per [AB 2449](#).

³ Board member Wilson arrived at 6:40 PM

BPD Staff: Jayson Wechter, Investigator
Captain Durbin
Lieutenant Reece

CAO Staff: Iris Mattes, Deputy City Attorney

CMO Staff: Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved/Second (Calavita/Leftwich) Approved by unanimous consent.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, and Moore. **Noes:** None.

Absent: Harris, Wilson⁴

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Physically Present

0 Virtually Present

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting of October 11, 2023.

Moved/Second (Leftwich/Blackaby) Motion carried.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, and Moore **Noes:** None.

Abstain: Wilson **Absent:** Harris

5. ODDPA STAFF REPORT

Director Aguilar provides updates on training opportunities for Board members and introduces new staff.

6. CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Chair Moore notes his participation in the 2023 NACOLE conference. Board member Cayetano provides a status update on his policy review and participation in a ride-along with BPD.

7. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Captain Durbin reports on community-relevant cases, provides staffing updates, offers updates on new BPD training, and addresses updates related to PAB requests.

⁴ Board member Wilson arrived at 6:40 PM

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS⁵

- a. Policy and Practices relating to the Downtown Task Force and Bike Unit Allegations (Chair: Calavita)
No additional updates were provided.

- b. Fair and Impartial Policing (Chair: Calavita)
No additional updates were provided.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action on the PAB-ODPA Annual Report

The Board discusses the draft report presented by ODPa staff which covers data from 2021-2022. The Board provides feedback to staff and decides on the next actions related to the report.

Motion to postpone the approval of the 2021-2022 PAB-ODPA report until the first quarter of 2024, to incorporate 2023 data and cover the first three years of operation. Additionally, to request the Director to send a memo to the council explaining the reason for the report delay.

Moved/Second (Wilson/Leftwich) Motion carried.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, Moore and Wilson. **Noes:** None.

Absent: Harris

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (TBD)

2 Physically present speakers.

1 Virtually present speakers.

11. CLOSED SESSION at 8:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

⁵ Board member Wilson was erroneously listed as a member of the Conflict of Interest subcommittee.

Pursuant to the Court's order in *Berkeley Police Association v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 2002-057569, the Board will recess into closed session to discuss and act on the following matter(s):

Case Updates Regarding Complaints Received by the ODPa

Regarding Items 11.a. – 11.i.:

Director Aguilar provides case updates to the Board including the presentation of findings and newly accepted complaints.

Motion to accept the Director's findings and recommendations for ODPa Case No. 2023-CI-0001.

Moved/Second (Blackaby/Cayetano) Motion carried.

Ayes: Blackaby, Calavita, Cayetano, Leftwich, Moore and Wilson. **Noes:** None.

Absent: Harris

END OF CLOSED SESSION

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Chair Moore announces the closed-session actions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved/Second (Wilson/Leftwich) The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M by unanimous consent.

Minutes Approved on: _____

Hansel Aguilar, Commission Secretary: _____

Item 8
PAB Subcommittee List



SUBCOMMITTEE LIST
As of 11-03-2023

Subcommittee	Board Members	Chair	BPD Reps
Regulations Formed 7-7-21 Renewed 6-7-2023	Calavita Leftwich <u>Public members:</u> Kitt Saginor		Lt. Dan Montgomery
Fair & Impartial Policing Implementation Formed 8-4-21 Renewed 6-7-2023	Calavita Wilson <u>Public members:</u> George Lippman	Calavita	Sgt. Peter Lee
Surveillance Technology Policy Formed 6-7-2023	Calavita Moore		
Policy and Practices relating to the Downtown Task Force and Bike Unit Allegations Formed 11-15-22	Calavita Moore		
Body-Worn Camera Policy Formed 03-15-23	Harris Leftwich	Harris	
Conflict of Interest Formed 03-29-23	Leftwich Moore	Leftwich	

Item 9.d.i.
**Memorandum from Board Member
Blackaby Regarding the Process
and Timeline for the Review of
BPD Commendations**



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Police Accountability Board (PAB)
From: Board Member Brent Blackaby
Date: November 3, 2023
Subject: Proposed structure & process for Commendations

Background:

Section 125(26) of the Berkeley City Charter states:

Commendation program. The Board shall establish a regular means of recognizing sworn employees of the Police Department for instances of outstanding service to members of the public, the community at large, or the Department.

Section L of the Police Accountability Board's Standing Rules (ratified by the City Council in December 2021) provides additional guidance:

COMMENDATIONS OF BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

- 1. The Board regularly receives copies of communications praising Berkeley Police Department (BPD) personnel for noteworthy service; these commendations are both external (from members of the public) and internal (from fellow BPD or City of Berkeley employees). This process shall be used when the Board desires to bestow additional recognition upon those BPD personnel, or when a Board member on his or her own initiative wants the Board to recognize BPD personnel.*
- 2. The Board may commend or otherwise honor with a special award or recognition an individual sworn officer or civilian employee of the BPD, or a group of officers and/or employees of the BPD, such as a team or division.*
- 3. The Board secretary shall agendize commendations the Board receives from the BPD periodically, as received. A Board member wishing to initiate a commendation or other honor from the Board shall submit the proposal to the Board secretary for placement on the Board agenda in accordance with Section C of these rules. The*

proposal shall include the name of the person or group to be honored, and a description of the noteworthy action.

4. *For the Board to issue a commendation or other honor, the BPD officer, employee, or group must be found to have performed an extraordinary service or performed in an extraordinary manner that meets one or more of the following criteria:
 - a) *Exceptional valor, bravery, or heroism;*
 - b) *Superior handling of a difficult situation;*
 - c) *An action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties;*
 - d) *Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness.**
5. *A motion to commend or otherwise honor BPD personnel shall include the act or incident giving rise to the honor and describe how it meets the above criteria. The motion must receive a majority of affirmative votes of Board members present at the meeting to pass.*
6. *Following the meeting, the Board secretary shall communicate the Board's action in writing to the City Council, and shall also forward the commendation to the Chief of Police, with a request that the commendation or other honor be placed in the personnel file of each sworn officer or civilian employee commended.*

On June 16, 2023, the ODPa presented a memo to the Board, with additional recommendations to streamline the commendations process, including:

1. Adopting a quarterly review system
2. Delegating to the Board Secretary the categorization of commendations according to category (4) above
3. Requesting pre-submission of nominations from Board members
4. Creating a "Notable Service" packet, in cases where commendations are not nominated for formal Board recognition

Recommendation:

To alleviate the workload on ODPa staff and more effectively execute the Board's commendation program, I propose the following structure & process:

- Create a subcommittee of the Board to review and recommend BPD commendations, for ratification and approval by the full Board on a quarterly basis
- Subcommittee will be comprised of 2-3 Board members, plus 2-3 members of the public
- Subcommittee will review potential commendation submissions from multiple sources, including members of the public, the Department, and other Board members – already sorted and categorized by the Board Secretary
- Once per quarter, the subcommittee will recommend to the full Board a group of sworn officers of the Berkeley Police Department to receive official commendation

and a group of officers to be included in a “Notable Service” packet

- The Board will receive recommendations from the subcommittee and vote to approve or reject each commendation

If the Board agrees with this structure & process, a few additional decisions should be made:

- Nominate members for the Commendations subcommittee
- Decide how we would like to honor each commended officer, beyond forwarding a note for their respective personnel files
 - Certificate or plaque?
 - Public recognition at an event, like the BPA Annual Dinner?
 - Add an honorarium or some other appreciation gift?
- Allocate annual budget to support the Commendation program

Item 9.d.ii.
BPD Commendation Packet and
Memorandum from ODPA Staff
Regarding the BPD
Commendations Log



MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Police Accountability Board (PAB)
From: Hansel A. Aguilar, Director of Police Accountability
Jose Murillo, Program Analyst
Date: November 3, 2023
Subject: Berkeley Police Department Commendation Log

The purpose of this memorandum is to present to the Board a compilation and categorization of the received BPD commendations for Quarters 2 and 3 of the current calendar year.

Background

On July 12, 2023, the Board conducted a comprehensive review of commendations submitted by the Berkeley Police Department. During this evaluation, the Board provided feedback to the ODPa staff to streamline the future commendation review process. Among the recommendations, the Board requested that the ODPa staff consolidate all commendations into a single package, assign them sequential numbers for easy reference, and categorize them according to potential commendation categories for the Board's consideration.

In response to this feedback, the ODPa staff has undertaken a review of the commendations and has placed them in the categories outlined in the PAB's Standing Rules¹ (see Attachment 1). This information includes details such as the number of officers, their names, the commendation categories, and the corresponding page

¹ Standing Rules: https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/PoliceAccountabilityBoard_StandingRules.pdf

numbers for easy access to each commendation. This document should not be construed as the ODPA's recommendation for which commendations should be approved by the Board. Instead, it serves as a guide for the categories the Board may consider if they determine that the actions in question merit a Board commendation.

Attachment 1

Public

● Exceptional valor, bravery, or he...	1
● Superior handling of a difficult s...	13
● An action or performance that is...	6
● Extraordinary compassion, emp...	25
● Other	16



Date of Commendation	No. of Officers	Officer(s) being commended	Commendation Categories	Page	Additional Notes
8/4/2023	1	Officer Ed Jacala	An action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties;	87	
8/25/2023	1	Ofc. Brandon McBride # 10	An action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties;	143	Outstanding effort in locating several stolen vehicles and helping return stolen vehicles in the City of Berkeley to their rightful owners: made 3 CVC 10851 arrests and recovered 9 stolen vehicles within a 5-month period.
7/2/2023	1	Officer Ramsey	An action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties;	55	One additional officer is noted but not mentioned by name. Commendation has the BPD report number.
8/8/2023	1	Ofc. Ed Jacala	An action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties;Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	134	Victim of an auto burglary (a Judge from San Diego) called BPD to praise Ofc. Ofc. Jacala's empathy and respect and actions above and beyond the norm.
9/18/2023	1	Ofc. Futch	Brilliant communication with community members at a neighborhood safety meeting.;	116	Emails from 2 community members to Chief Louis commending Ofc. Futch
9/27/2023	1	Ofc. Cerletti #144	Exceptional valor, bravery, or heroism;Superior handling of a difficult situation;	148	Ofc. Cerletti bravely chased and safely apprehended a possibly armed attempted robbery suspect.
7/29/2023	2	Donovan Edwards, Daniel Quezada	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	81	There were supposedly three officers on scene - all of whom she thanked but only two were forwarded in the email
8/6/2023	4	Officer Parker, Officer Valle, Officer Schikore, Sargeant Landrum	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	85	
9/16/2023	1	Lieutenant Rashawn Cummings	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	91	
	1	Officer Breaux	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	113	Kept citizen up to date with investigation/case pending. Also helped them look for Spanish speaking lawyer pro bono
8/4/2023	2	Ofc. Gasper; Ofc. Ludovico	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	136	Talked potentially suicidal individual into peacefully complying with them and detained the individual. for a mental health evaluation.
9/27/2023	2	Ofc. McBride; Ofc. Echeverria	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	148	Officers McBride & Echeverria spent several hours with the victim of an attempted armed robbery because the understood the importance of the inevitable infield show-ups. They fed the victim their own food and kept him occupied as the block search took place. See separate commendations for Officers McBride, Echeverria and multiple other officers for establishing a perimeter and search party in this case.
4/18/2023	1	Chief Jennifer Louis	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	1	Nominator left blank
6/21/2023	20	Chief Louis; Captain Durbin; Captain Tate; Captain Okies; Lieutenant Reece; Sergeant Kleppe; Sergeant Grant; Officer Harston; Officer Baker; Officer Cole; Officer Villarroel; Officer Martinez; Officer Dozier; Officer Shivas; Officer Yee; Officer Perry; Officer Schikore; Officer Valle; Officer Turney; Officer Bustamante	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	33	
5/10/2023	1	Officer Lozier	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	39	

6/28/2023	4	Officer Jacala; Officer Maldonado; Officer Collier; Officer Murray Officer Breau	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	51	
7/23/2023	1	Officer Breau	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	73	
6/15/2023	2	Officer Anderson; Sgt. Rego	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	9	
5/30/2023		Sgt. Perkins	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	14	
5/16/2023	2	Sgt. Ryan Anderson; Officer Jessica Perry	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	20	
6/20/2023	2	Chief Louis; Lt. Turner	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	22	
	2	Officer Dave Harston and Officer Jason Baker	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness; An action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties;	89	Helped search for a missing dog.
9/4/2023	1	Officer Taryn Sahota	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness; An action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties;	96	Helped recover stolen bicycle
9/12/2023	1	Officer R Jackson	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness; Professionalism;	98	Responded to hit-and-run and ensured safety of victim and followed up to start insurance claim. Demonstrated courteousness, kindness, professionalism.
8/16/2023	1	Officer Kasia Kirkbride	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness; Professionalism;	100	Responded to prowler, apprehended the suspect, treated resident with professionalism and built a very human connection
5/18/2023	1	Ofc. Bally #73	Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness; Superior handling of a difficult situation;	138	
	All comm center	All comm center	Hanging in there through busy day;	6	No clearly identifiable officer
	1	Officer Popke	Helpful and Professional;	11	
9/27/2023	19	Officers Peters, Pickett, Michalczyk, Stern, Driscoll, McBride, Echeverria, Tam, Verrett, Montero, Valle, Nabozny, Armistead, Piombo, Sahota, Thome, David, Garcia, Guanaraja	Officers established a perimeter and search party for an attempted armed robbery suspect. who was successfully apprehended by Ofc. Cerletti (separate commendation);	147	Separate commendation listed for Ofc. Cerletti
6/25/2023	2	Officer Bally; Officer DeGuzman	Professionalism	44	
6/9/2023	1	Ofc. Armistead	Professionalism	18	
5/17/2023	1	Officer Jacala	Professionalism ;	48	
5/13/2023	1	Sergeant Frankel	Professionalism ;	57	
5/14/2023	1	Officer Shivas	Professionalism ;	60	
7/2/2023	1	Officer Moore	Professionalism ;	64	
7/10/2023	1	Officer Bustamante	Professionalism ;	71	
7/27/2023	2	Officer Yurovsky	Professionalism ;	77	One officer is not specifically identified.
7/3/2023	7	Sgt. Stofle S-3; Sgt. Parsons S-35; Sgt. Grant S-27; Sgt. Bejarno S-11; Det. Tinney #63; Det. Villarreal #11; Det. Grover #67; Ofc. Breau #15	Superior handling of a difficult situation;	125	Excellent investigation and team effort resulting in the arrest of a suspect in the robbery of a food truck.
8/29/2023	Unknown	Unknown	Superior handling of a difficult situation;	110	Quickly apprehended suspect driving stolen car and was able to identify the suspect and return all property promptly, in conjunction with Oakland PD.

4/9/2023	1	Officer Lewis	Superior handling of a difficult situation;	42	
6/30/2023	1	Officer Coria	Superior handling of a difficult situation;	46	
6/27/2023			Superior handling of a difficult situation;	66	No specific officers are mentioned.
6/27/2023			Superior handling of a difficult situation;	68	No specific officers mentioned.
8/4/2023	4	Ofc. Yu #28; Ofc. Verrett #80; Ofc. Tran # 29; Ofc. Garcia # 44;	Superior handling of a difficult situation;Effective investigation of a sexual battery;	140	
9/16/2023	1	Unknown	Superior handling of a difficult situation;Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	94	Responded to house where drunk individual broke in and assaulted someone.
9/23/2023		All officers present for stabbing at Overlook & Middlefield Rd.	Superior handling of a difficult situation;Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	103	"not only did they all act with great competency, efficiency and compassion, they did so under great duress"
9/21/2023	1	Detective Samantha Martinez	Superior handling of a difficult situation;Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	105	"...professional, empathetic and dedicated to the safety of all Berkeley residents."
5/17/2023	4	Officer Valle; Officer Schikore; unidentified	Superior handling of a difficult situation;Extraordinary compassion, empathy, or kindness;	4	
9/20/2023	1	Officer J. Baker, Badge No. 112	Told driver to drive more carefully;	108	advice was appreciated
7/12/2023	2	Ofc. Perry; Ofc. Yee		130	Unclear what commendation is for: something related to the BPD Transparency Hub and a Traffic Safety Operation. Email from Sgt. Klappe says "Please process this as a commendation for Ofc. Perry and Ofc. Yee." It's possible that an attachment to one of the emails is missing: 7/12/23 email from Sgt. Andrew Frankel to Sgt. Klappe and Lt. McGee seems to refer to some sort of media article.
3/28/2023	None	Dispatchers		7	
	6	Sgt. Klappe; Det. Villarroel; Det. Turney; Det. Dozier; Ofc. Mitchell; Ofc. Yee		15	
				23	Ineligible

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From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 3:15 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: Thank you to Chief Louis

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I'd love to have this as part of my file!

Jen

From:
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Louis, Jennifer A. <JLouis@cityofberkeley.info>
Cc:
Subject: Fwd: Thank you to Chief Louis

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Hello Chief. Louis -

I'd like to extend our thanks for your visit yesterday to Pack 30 last night. Our scouts had an amazing time interacting with you. It was such a fun and positive experience for the kids.

Also, please see the email below, a note of appreciation from a pack parent, who speaks for all of us.

Wishing you the best. Cheers.

thank you much for re-connecting the pack with the Chief.

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Berkeley Pack 30

On Your Best

----- Forwarded message -----

From:
Date: Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 9:28 PM
Subject: Thank you to Chief Louis

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To: <commendations@cityofberkeley.info>

Cc: I

Dear Chief Louis,

I wanted to express my gratitude for taking the time to visit my son's Cub Scout Pack 30 last night. Your presence was highly appreciated, and we were all thrilled to have you there.

Your handling of the kids' questions was impressive, and it was evident that you have a genuine passion for the community. It means a lot that you took the time to speak to a small group of kids and parents, especially considering your busy schedule.

Once again, thank you for making the event a memorable one for all of us. We appreciate your commitment to serving the community and the positive impact you have on the young minds of our children.

Best regards,

--

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To Whom it may Concern:

From: I

Hello, I wish to take the time to express my gratitude for your Officers, stressing Officers Schikore #13 and Officer Valle #111.

On 05-17-2023 these Officers (along with 2 other unidentified Officers) responded to , , , , , to address several issues. This is an area where people temporarily congregate. Coupled with this there are compounding issues which include illicit drug use, sanitary/biohazard issues and the obstruction of a handy-capped ramp.

In-short your Officers were professional, efficient and followed a test book Community Policing Model. Officer Valle explained the issues at hand and extended options to the subject on scene. Officer Valle was patient, polite and understanding, as were all the responding Officers. The subject on scene and the Officers came to an agreement which was mutually acceptable. Officer Valle additionally contacted Berkeley Community Services to ensure the subject was extended applicable city services.

Officer Valle went further by informing another Officer of the Community Service Bureau to follow-up that same day. She responded and was accompanied by (2) Bike Patrol Officers. I found this follow-up response impressive. They visited in with the subject, checking on her well-being.

On 5-18-2023 Officer Valle returned to the location and the agreed upon solution was effected; with the assistance of DPW all the above mentioned issues were resolved.

I apologize to the Offices I could not mention by name.

This letter is to acknowledge all of your Officers attention to duty and the essential function they provide. They should be applauded for their professionalism, diligence, and the compassion with which they disseminate their duties.

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Cc:

Subject: Thank You

Internal

All Comm Center,

I just wanted to take a second and say thanks for hanging in there with us today for an extraordinary, ridiculously busy day. To this point we have run well over 80+ emergency calls in the past 24 hours on the Fire/EMS side, mostly storm related. We have run out of apparatus and ambulances multiple times, called in mutual aid and had dozens of calls stacked over the course of the afternoon. We were stretched to our operational limits today in every aspect. Stress and tension can be elevated during these moments but everyone handled today with a great calm, positive demeanor. Thank you to all dispatch crews and shifts who spanned the chaos with me today. Your assistance, great attitude and professionalism was noted and very much appreciated! From all of us on the A (yes I know Sh!* Magnetic) Shift thank you!!

Take good care,

Brian

Berkeley Fire Department

Fire Station 2 A Shift

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From: Okies, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 12:25 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: Thank You

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Please process this as a commendation.

Thanks,
Joe

From:
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 11:38 AM
To:
Subject: FW: Thank You

Internal

P&T-

The listed dispatchers were all working during the event brought up by . . . Can you please process as a commendation?

Thank you, Kevin

Edwards
Brown
Plato
Shaul
Saechao
Rosenlicht
Netz
Jenkins
Sproul
Lyons
Parker
McClain
Tan

From: 1
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 10:04 PM
To: All Communications Center <AllCommunicationsCenter@cityofberkeley.info>

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From:
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 8:55 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Transport

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I am . . . I was arrested by BPD . . . As my mother filed false charges against me. Officers Anderson & Rego was so great to me. They felt sorry 4 me and knew I didn't belong in jail. They were so encouraging to me. I was lost and at 54 had never been in trouble with the law b4. I was sent to John George instead of Santa Rita as I am suicidal and have tried before.

Anderson and Rego saw my state of mind at the intake nurse station; someone suggested John George. I promised if I'd found the chance I WOULD kill myself. I didn't. I was picked up by De Cruz and another officer whose last names starts with Still.... could be Stillbetter or Stillmetter. They was good guys as well. Very pleasant and were keeping me abreast of each step I was going to get to.

Please let these Officers know how much I appreciated their attitudes of not judging. I was a Credit Mgr before I was struck with MS. I am not a stupid woman. That's why I never made it further than the lobby of check in. One of the Officers said they had never seen a case like mine. Two times going to Santa Rita, and neither time was I ever booked in.

Respectfully,

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Officer Popke was very helpful and professional throughout and called me multiple times to provide updates and ask how I wanted the situation resolved. Although we declined to request an arrest, I think Officer Popke was instrumental in getting the person to move on—perhaps averting a crime in the process.

I want to thank Officer Popke, you, and the others at BPD for all your work to equitably and effectively keep all Berkeleyans safe.

Best,

Pronouns: He/Him

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 5:25 PM
To:
Cc: Popke, Michael; Commendations
Subject: RE: Thanks for Officer Popke and BPD

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Good evening,

Thank you very much for your email. We will process it as a formal commendation to be included in Ofc Popke's personnel file.

Jen



Chief Jennifer Louis
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
(510) 981-5700

Follow us on:



From:
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 4:47 PM
To: Louis, Jennifer A. <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Popke, Michael <MPopke@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Thanks for Officer Popke and BPD

Dear Chief Louis,

As I mentioned on the phone the other day, I wanted to offer special thanks to Officer Popke who assisted my partner and me a few weeks ago.

A suspicious individual who does not live in my building was loitering in our garage around 2 am, trying to gain access to the main building, and attempting to hide behind cars. Officer Popke arrived within perhaps 8 minutes of my call to dispatch and, with the help of another BPD officer, kindly asked the gentleman to leave our building and not return.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 3:48 PM
To: Commendations; Berkeley Mayor's Office; All Council
Subject: Appreciation of Officer Sergeant Perkins Badge #S7

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Hello. My name is _____ On Sunday May 28th I was in vehicle about a little after 4 P.M. near Ashby and Sacramento St. As I was driving on Sacramento St nearing Russell St I had some car issues. My car had died and caused traffic to stop. There was an Berkeley Police Officer there on Russell St and Sacramento St at the time when car died.

This Police Officer put on her lights and came to control traffic. I got out the car and went to where my vehicles problem lay . She greeted me warmly and some my team baseball items rolled out my car and went everywhere ☺. While I was picking up items she was directly traffic and when cars proceeded, she helped me retrieve items, bless her. She then proceeded to help me move vehicle to side out of danger. I told her I had someone coming she offered to wait but I explained to her my help was coming from few blocks away.

This Officer, I'm now finding out is a Sergeant. She did a few positive things, all in one occasion.

1. She greeted me kindly, didn't judge me for slowing traffic down.
2. She Represented BPD and City of Berkeley well with her services while providing great leadership.
3. She was approachable and made me feel comfortable as a citizen first but admittedly as a Black Man. She wasn't over aggressive or rushing me.

THE MOST POSITIVE PART OF THIS EXPERIENCE was the Sergeant's display of humanity!! Her willingness to help from the heart not just the job. For her I truly thank her!!

THIS GREAT SERGEANT IS SERGEANT PERKINS BADGE #S7. BPD SHOULD BE HONORED AND LUCKY TO HAVE HER.

From: McGee, Matthew
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2023 3:06 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Fw: Another great year at Berkeley High

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Hello-

Can you please forward this as a commendation for Sgt. Kleppe, Det. Villarroel, Det. Turney, Det. Dozier, Ofc. Mitchell, and Ofc. Yee who also assisted with the ride alongs and the LSJ class throughout the year.

Also a special note of recognition for Det. Villarroel who did many ride of the alongs, traveled with the class to San Quentin State Prison and traveled with the class to the Sacramento Police Academy. Thank you Alex.

Thank you,
Matt

From:
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 2:23 PM
To: Louis, Jennifer A. <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: McGee, Matthew <MMcGee@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Another great year at Berkeley High

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Chief Louis,

Second congrats after much delay on taking the big chair. I just wanted to drop you a line to thank you and BPD for the continued support of the Law & Social Justice program. Matt and a group of amazing people (Nick, Alex, Dozier, and I think Kevin K.) were able to get close to **90 students into a ride along** this past year! Not to mention the dozens of speakers who came over to talk about their work at BPD. And as you may have heard, the Law II seniors made it up to the Sacramento Police Academy for the first time - met three new BPD cadets!

I wish you and everyone at BPD a safe summer. Looking forward to another year collaborating!

Thanks again,

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Berkeley High School

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 8:46 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: Commendation

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From:
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 5:49 PM
To:
Subject: Re:

Hi

We had a trespasser come on to our property, just wanted to mention that we had a very good interaction with Officer D. Armistead Badge #4.

He was professional and helped us through the process of finding and dealing with the trespasser. Can you please forward to the appropriate supervisor?

We are grateful for the police's response on the matter.

Thank you,

From:
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 4:22 PM
To:
Subject: Re:

Thank you really appreciate your very prompt response.

Have a great weekend!



ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

YESENIA SANCHEZ
SHERIFF-CORONER

May 16, 2023

Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police
Berkeley Police Department
2100 Martin Luther King Jr Way
Berkeley, California 94704

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Chief Louis,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your department's support of the Annual Alameda County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony at the Lone Tree Cemetery. On May 4, 2023, members of your organization served as Honor Guards. Their services well-represented the Berkeley Police Department with the utmost respect and dignity.

The Berkeley Police Department officers exemplified professionalism and compassion. Their actions upheld that our law enforcement community would never forget the contributions made by those law enforcement members who sacrificed the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the line of duty!

Kindly extend my sincere gratitude to Sergeant Ryan Anderson and Officer Jessica Perry in recognition of their commitment and dedication. Their participation in the Memorial Day Program ensured it was a success.

I want to thank you for allowing your personnel to assist with this event. I am grateful for the support and appreciate our agencies working well together.

Sincerely,

Emmanuel E. Christy
Assistant Sheriff

EEC:cqv

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From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:39 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: Thanks for your leadership of Jimmie Rutledge memorial on Friday

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-----Original Message-----

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 2:30 PM
To: BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Thanks for your leadership of Jimmie Rutledge memorial on Friday

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Chief:

Thank you for your leadership of the Memorial on Friday. I was appreciative of the structure, the clarity and thus brevity, your warm inclusion of the Rutledge family, and the fact that you had so many active duty cops there to hear a bit of one of "the giants on whose shoulders we all stand." You are an impressive leader; the department is fortunate.

I am grateful to you and to Lt. Turner for reaching out to me, with the invitation to say a few words. Despite the depth and impact of my 46 years of ordained ministry, my (not even) three years as a patrolman with BPD still stand as defining both loyalty and commitment, as well as the blend of mercy with justice.

It was an excellent and a wonderful department then, as I suspect it is under your leadership also. Many of my life heroes wore the Berkeley badge and earned their stripes that modeled for me how to be "the grown up at the table" in one situation after another on the streets.

So I simply write to commend and thank you for your well chosen words given at the Jimmie Rutledge memorial. You may recall that my son (a patrol sergeant at OPD) and his little son were part of the group gathered yesterday. When we left, I asked him if there was any comparison of BPD and OPD. He said words to the effect: "This (BPD) is a really good department." Enough said.

My prayers continue each day for the safety and effectiveness of you and all of your officers. Blessings to you.

Rev. Dr.

(BPD #49)

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Dear Berkeley Police Dept.

I wish to express my most sincere & dedicated thanks to the Berkeley Police Dept for assisting me last evening by officers Tom & Varrett - June 2. I am 86 yrs old & could not catch a taxi in down town Berkeley to arrive in my residence in the

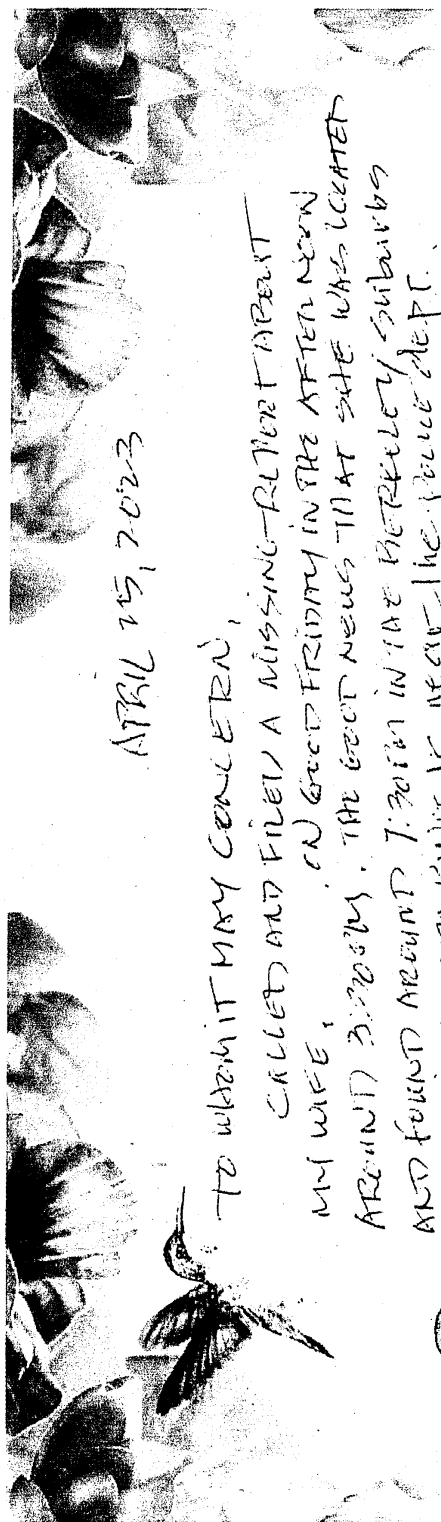
Berkeley Hills. They both provided me with full support & was able to reach my home through their kind & generous support. Please express my deep thanks to them & your department

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APRIL 15, 2023

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

CALLED AND FILED A MISSING-REPORT ABOUT MY WIFE, ON GOOD FRIDAY IN THE AFTER NOON AROUND 3:30PM. THE BEST NEWS THAT SHE WAS LOCATED AND FOUND AROUND 7:30AM IN THE BERKELEY SUBURBS ON PIERCE LAMAR KING, JR. NEAR THE POLICE DEPT. BERKELEY HS. AND U.C. CAMPUS

THIS IS A PRESENT NOTE OF THANKS TO THOSE MEN AND WOMEN OFFICERS WHO WALK AT THE LOCATION AGAINST DISRESPECT TO WORK THAT NIGHT TO HELP WITH OUR OWN HELPLESSNESS.

WORDS LIKE / CALM, COOL AND COLLECTED COMES TO

MY MIND,

FOREVER GREAT THANKS FOR THEIR RESISTANCE

SINCERELY YOURS,

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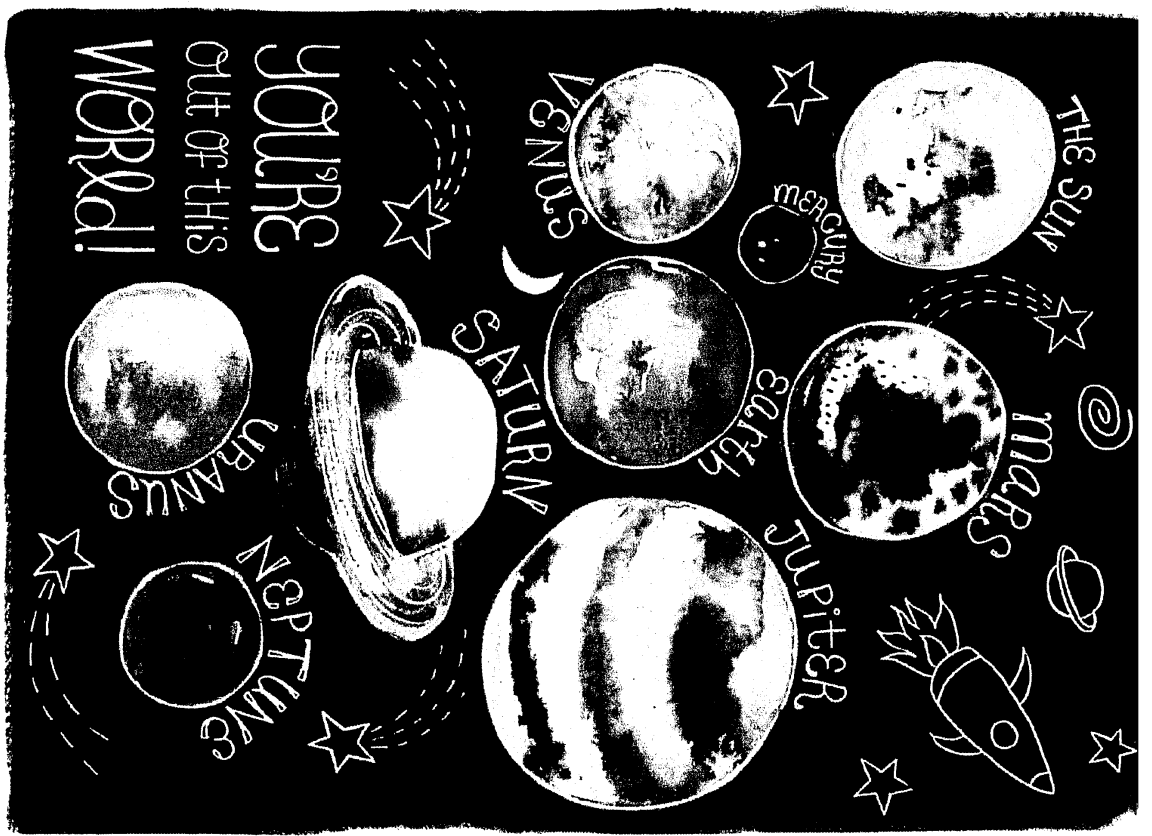
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Dear Collier,

First, I would like to say a genuine thank you for everything. From helping me out on the night of May 10th to updating me on the case to simply answering my questions; you made this traumatizing situation 100x better to talk about. Your humor and professionalism made a heavy topic feel like a walk and I cannot thank you enough for it. Although many first responders say it is their job to protect people, please accept my small gesture of appreciation for the amazing work you do.

I am doing a lot better thanks to your update about the suspect in custody. I still get anxious and on edge everytime I walk pass the spot of the incident, but I am hoping someday I can walk down the streets without fear. Thank you once again, Collier, for showing me that there are still amazing people out there.

Much Appreciation,



THANK YOU!



— You are my superstar —



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On behalf of the
we would like to
thank you for putting
yourselves in harms
way - for us - everyday.
We know how
precious you are!

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BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



To Chief Jennifer Louis, Via the Chain of Command Date June 21, 2023

From Sergeant Jennifer Coats

Subject **Commendation for Special Olympics Torch Run**

I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the officers, professional staff, parking enforcement officers, and crime scene staff who assisted in this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The members of the Berkeley Police Department have always been strong supporters of the Special Olympics. Our members continue to find ways to participate in or give back to our communities.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Each year law enforcement volunteers raise money to help support those with intellectual disabilities compete in sports training and competitions at no cost to them. In Northern California, our efforts help support more than 26,000 athletes throughout the state.

On June 21, 2023, our department once again helped escort the "Flame of Hope" throughout Northern California, where it will complete the journey in Santa Clara for the opening ceremonies of this year's Special Olympics Northern California Summer Games.

Logistically, the run could not have occurred without the support from the Traffic Bureau, Support Services, and Operations Division. From the runners who participated, support vehicles, and those raising awareness and funds, I would like to thank this year's participants and those that made this year's runs successful. We continue to be the "Guardians of the Flame" and promote inclusivity for all community members.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Personnel who participated or assisted with the event:

Chief Jennifer Louis	Parking Enforcement Officer Brianna Rivera
Captain Michael Durbin	Parking Enforcement Officer Nicholas Poon
Captain Jennifer Tate	Parking Enforcement Officer Crusetta Cooper
Captain Joe Okies	Parking Enforcement Officer Anwar Al-Ariemy
Lieutenant Kevin Reece	Parking Enforcement Officer Richard Luong
Sergeant Kevin Kleppe	Parking Enforcement Officer Christina Pinkney
Sergeant Jesse Grant	Office Specialist Supervisor Latargie Norman
Officer David Harston	Office Specialist Nakisha Clayton
Officer Jason Baker	Office Specialist Susy Esparza
Officer Stephanie Cole	Office Specialist Brittany Belt
Officer Alex Villarroel	Crime Scene Supervisor Andrea Cardoza
Officer Samantha Martinez	
Officer Lionel Dozier	
Officer Graham Shivas	
Officer Matthew Yee	
Officer Jessica Perry	
Officer George Schikore	
Officer Matthew Valle	
Officer Nicholas Turney	
Officer Jason Bustamante	

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From: Turner, Melanie
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 6:19 AM
To:
Subject: FW: Commendation for Lisa Stangl

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Please process this commendation for Lisa.

Thank you,
Mel

Lt. Mel Turner
Berkeley Police Department
Personnel and Training

From: Durbin, Michael R.
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 6:17 AM
To: Turner, Melanie
Subject: RE: Commendation for Lisa Stangl

Internal

I agree with all points Mel. Thank you for writing this up. Please process as an internal commendation.

From: Turner, Melanie
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 12:31 PM
To: Durbin, Michael R. <MDurbin@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Commendation for Lisa Stangl

Captain Durbin,

I want to commend Lisa Stangl for her outstanding performance and dedication to BPD, specifically in the last couple of years. As you know, Personnel & Training experienced short-staffing since COVID-19, and we lost a professional staff member to retirement in January 2023. Lisa's hard work and commitment have not gone unnoticed, and I want to express my sincere gratitude for all she has done.

Her work ethic and positive attitude greatly benefited our team. She consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of her, and her contributions have significantly impacted our department's success.

Lisa's ability to work under pressure and handle two positions has been particularly impressive. She has consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism and dedication. Her commitment to success is much appreciated, and I am grateful to have her as a team member. Her contributions have allowed us to function well and set a high standard for others.

I respectfully request approval of this internal commendation to recognize Lisa for her outstanding work.

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Thank you,
Mel

Lt. Mel Turner
Berkeley Police Department
Personnel and Training

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From: BPD Webmail
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: So Grateful!

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Please process as a commendation.



Sergeant Kevin Kleppe
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Services Bureau / PIO
Special Response Team
(510) 981-5821

Follow us on:



From
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 7:43 PM
To: BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info>
Cc: Dozier II, Lionell F. <LDozier@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: So Grateful!

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I want to take a moment to thank our Berkeley Police Department. Every time I have asked for help from the Berkeley police department, there have been compassionate intelligent and patient officers that have helped me.

Today was no exception. Officer Lozier helped me navigate cyber bullying against my teenage son. Although my son had many mistakes that led him on this path, officer Lozier helped me navigate which ones to focus on with my son, which ones to really worry about, how to take correct protective actions and the best next steps. When asked about pressing charges, my son and I decided to proceed. However, it also gave a chance for my son and I to have a good discussion about how the judicial and prison system is important and the many ways it fails. If we find out it is another teen making bad decisions, we are likely to drop charges. If we find out it is someone bullying many naïve teens, then we will feel comfortable with actions to curb this behavior. If it all dissolves into the ether, we will also be happy. I am very grateful for Officer Lozier's patience while I sat and explained my situation as a clueless, worried and tearful parent. I know my son will be OK and supported with the help of the school, friends, family and the BPD. Thank you Officer Lozier for being outstanding.

I have to share a few other occasions that BPD has been so very helpful.

My car was broken into in my driveway and the mannikin toddler in a bag used to teach CPR was stolen. I can only imagine the surprise on the robber's face when he opened the bag. Luckily he disposed of it and the mannikin was returned to me at about 8pm a few nights later by one of the officers. It actually cost me 2000 when I first purchased it, and really helps with training sessions for advanced skills caring for pediatric patients in the hospital. Thank you for that!

My son, same one who now is a teenager, was in preschool and learned about 911. So he called 911. I still don't know what he said to this day. The police did a welfare check. My son hid in a closet downstairs. Our babysitter at the time was from Brazil and busy cooking , dancing and singing when the police came in. She didn't initially hear the doorbell. The first words out of her mouth was "I'm legally here as an au-pair". 😊. My son learned his lesson and everyone was very kind.

Lastly, I was pulled over in Berkely while speeding on my way to work. This is the town where my family and friends live. I am grateful for the reminder to maintain safety, slow down and was happy to pay the deserved ticket. The officer was very respectful and professional. Thank you for keeping our streets safe (even from my wandering mind and heavy foot).

Thank you for all that you do. I know that last several years with the pandemic, protests, and budget has been very hard on our Police department.

I appreciate you and I am forever grateful for your service.

Sincerely,

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From: BPD Webmail
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 9:34 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW:

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Please process this as a commendation.

Sgt. Kleppe

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2023 9:04 PM
To: BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: Report number

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I'd like to personally thank everyone from the dispatcher on call to the responding officers Saturday evening after I called to report a man who was brandishing a weapon and attempting to assault me after I verbally engaged him to attempt to stop he and a woman at st from fighting.

I have the absolute utmost respect for the BPD and the way that they always conduct themselves and handle situations I have seen in our neighborhood. Officer J. Lewis III helped me with my case and he is a top notch professional.

I know that the police often times catch a lot of grief from a lot of the public but I for one am very grateful for your service to the community and sleep well at night knowing that day or night you are all out there protecting people in this community.

You are a welcome presence in my neighborhood and I am happy to help any way I can whenever anything is happening in this area.

Thank you all for your service and your commitment to the people of Berkeley.

With genuine appreciation and respect,

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From:
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2023 9:27 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: Officers Bally and DeGuzman

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Dear Berkeley Police Department,

I would like to thank Officers Bally and DeGuzman for their assistance this morning. Our neighbor had called the police after noticing someone taking things from his porch and our backyard. Officers Bally and DeGuzman knocked on our door to inform us of the situation and walked through our yard with us to survey if anything was missing. Officers Bally and DeGuzman were calm, informative, and professional. Our kids and dog followed us to the yard and the officers were friendly and gave the kids stickers (making their day).

I noticed my bike was missing and was able to show the officers a picture of it. Luckily, after giving me a case number and contact information, the officers found my bike a few blocks away. I want to thank the officers for their service, but also for their professional and friendly demeanor in interacting with me, my wife, and my kids.

Thank you,

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BPD Commendations_45

From:
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2023 7:41 AM
To: Commendations

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Good Morning. I had the pleasure, yes, pleasure, of filing my stolen vehicle report with Officer Coria. Oxymoron! He was kind, gracious, professional, intelligent and funny. Went above and beyond gathering information, asking for footage and reaching out to my husband so the report could be filed promptly.

Great job Officer Coria!

Sincerely,

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BPD Commendations_47

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From: Reece, Kevin A.
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2023 11:18 PM
To: Commendations
Cc: Wilson, Brian D.; Coats, Jennifer R.; Jacala, Edwin
Subject: Commendation

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Internal

Ofc. Jacala arrested for misdemeanor domestic violence on May 16th. On May 17th contacted our dispatch center to leave a message for Ofc. Jacala to thank him for being fair and professional. Please add this to Ofc. Jacala's file as a commendation.

Thank you,



Lieutenant Kevin Reece #L-7
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Patrol Division / SRT Commander / Bomb Squad
Office-(510) 981-5792 / Cell-510-773-7682

From: Coats, Jennifer R.
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 12:47 AM
To: Reece, Kevin A. <KReece@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: FW: Arrested subj

Internal

Lt.,

Forwarding for commendation consideration.

Jenn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 12:03 AM
To: Jacala, Edwin <ejacala@cityofberkeley.info>
Cc: Coats, Jennifer R. <JRowland@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: Arrested subj

Internal

Hello Officer Jacala,

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

I had a very unexpected call this evening. You had arrested _____ from _____ earlier this week. He just called to have me pass on a thank you to you for being so fair and professional with him. He was highly satisfied as an arrested subject with how you treated him.

Kindly,

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BPD Commendations_50

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

From: Reece, Kevin A.
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2023 10:52 PM
To: Commendations
Cc: Okies, Joe
Subject: FW: External commendation: FW: Call From [redacted] Wed, Jun 28 11:52 AM for [redacted]
Attachments:
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Please route this commendation.

From: Wilson, Brian D.
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 10:45 PM
To: Reece, Kevin A. <KReece@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: External commendation: FW: Call From [redacted] at Wed, Jun 28 11:52 AM for [redacted]

Internal

Hi Lt,

The above voicemail received by CSB is from [redacted] .om [redacted] . I listened to the voicemail and this is what she said in summary.

She wanted to commend the Officers that were sent to her home regarding her daughter's boyfriend, who was having a mental health crisis. [redacted] wanted to express her appreciation to the Officers who responded to the call she had to make. She further stated that she was so impressed with the temperament of the Officers who had to handcuff and put shoes on his feet. [redacted] said, "It was a difficult situation and it started well by the conduct and treatment by those fine 3 men."

I researched the call and it is from a call to BPD on [redacted] I watched the body camera footage and the Officers present during this call for service were Jacala, Maldonado, Collier, and Murray.

Can you route this email for a commendation for all of the above Officers? They all should be commended for their actions and treatment of the subject.

Thanks,
Wilson

From: Hunt, Beau
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 1:30 PM
To: Lindenau, Craig W. <CWLindenau@berkeleyca.gov>; Castle, Scott <SCastle@berkeleyca.gov>; Wilson, Brian D. <BWilson@berkeleyca.gov>; Coats, Jennifer R. <JRowland@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: FW: Call From [redacted] at Wed, Jun 28 11:52 AM for [redacted]

Internal

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Craig,

Per our conversation. This VM/accommodation came into the CSB line today. I tried calling Mrs [redacted] back a few times and only got VM. Per the VM she really wants to express her appreciation and gratitude to the Officers on scene that day.

I think it is for CFS: [redacted] on 6/14/23 at 1 [redacted] s at [redacted]. Looks like a [redacted]; that ended with a 5150 which seems to match her VM.

I think it's a TM2 primary with Murray and Collier, with Maldonado and Jacala from TM 3.

Let me know if you need anything else.
Beau

From: voicemail@cityofberkeley.info <voicemail@cityofberkeley.info>

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:57 AM

To: Hunt, Beau <BHunt@berkeleyca.gov>

Subject: Call From [redacted] at Wed, Jun 28 11:52 AM for [redacted]



Voice Mail System

You received a phone call from [redacted] on Wed, Jun 28 11:52 AM for [redacted]

Message

Hello, this is [redacted]. I live at [redacted]. Wanted to Express my appreciation to the officers who responded to a call. I had to make and June 14th a young person at the friend of my daughters. I had to ask for him. It was up he was he needed. He had to John George at the three we had been hesitant to call back 11, because he really needed treatment and we had taken him the previous three days 11th 12th and 13th. We took him out to John George and he said he would go but it's day, but he wouldn't stay you get out so it had to be the police department that took him on the 14th and I was just so impressed by the tender of the officers who had the head cup him and put his shoes on this week for him and they were just so gentle. I don't know how to tell you how impressed by that was

the 14th of June. Good day. This is the 28th and we're still he has been and John, George out, et cetera, Radon back and had a court, date and still to try and ultimately an attorney has negotiated that if he goes to a treatment facility. Benita house on the first and they will drop the charge but anyway it started up it was difficult situation and it started well, but the conduct the treatment of those 35 men and again, it's at At I don't know how to reach the officers and tell them personally, I would you please give them a message that they should have kudos and their personnel files.



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BPD Commendations_54

From:
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Commendations
Cc: birdsalltamara@gmail.com
Subject: Office Ramsey

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

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I want to thank the Berkeley Police Department, especially Officer Ramsey and his partner (I don't recall his name), for their great efforts in capturing the thief and returning my bicycle Thursday night. The report number is 23-31268. Their efforts and commitment to the recovery of my bike was unexpected, and I'm grateful for their efforts. It may be worth noting that I pressed charges to support their efforts with hopes that this will be a deterrent to future criminal efforts. Crime is out of control and our council members need to do something about it. This is my second bike stolen in 2 months.

Please make note of their good deeds.

Thanks,

2023-07-02 12:35 PM

23-31268

birdsalltamara@gmail.com

birds.com

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BPD Commendations_56

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From: Tate, Jen
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:11 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: Thank you to you and your team!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Internal

Good Evening,

I'd like to share the following message of appreciation to our staff from _____ were several RV's that were parked on city streets that would have impacted the Gilman Street Fair. Our staff along with Neighborhood Services did an outstanding job working with the occupants to have the vehicles moved in time for the street fair. There were five Traffic Bureau staff that worked on this project throughout the week. They were:

Sgt. Frankel, S-29
PES Singleton, 853
PEO Remigio, 814
PEO Diersen, 847
PEO Rivera, 815

Please process this email as a commendation.

Thank you!

Jen



Lieutenant Jen Tate, #L-8
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Traffic Bureau
Desk: (510) 981-5983
Cell: (510) 812-9279

From:
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 3:43 PM
To: Tate, Jen <JTate@cityofberkeley.info>
Cc:
Subject: Thank you to you and your team!

Internal

Good afternoon Lt. Tate,

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

I just wanted to send a quick note of thanks to you and your team for assisting the week by managing the two smaller unoccupied RVs, as well as engaging with the RV owners of the very large RV that moved onto 5th street early last week.

By Saturday afternoon the streets were beautifully clear making our job of hosting a successful street fair that much less stressful. We really appreciate the support – please do relay our most sincere gratitude from both the as well as the entire

Best,

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BPD Commendations_59

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2023 8:31 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject:

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Internal

Good morning Ofc. Shivas,

We received this commendation for you and would like to know who else helped with this case so we can process the commendation to the correct people. Please get back to us, there is no rush.

Best regards,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 2:11 PM
To: Commendations <[REDACTED]>
Subject: G. Shivas and co-workers

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I would like to commend Officer G. Shivas and all his co-workers who were involved in the recent apprehension of a suspect who tried to open several doors in the [REDACTED] and was also involved in [REDACTED]

When I talked to Officer Shivas about the attempt by the suspect to open our side door, he immediately offered to come to our house to discuss further. I could not wait for him, so he quickly got all the information from me, as well as a video and photo of the suspect. Within 3 days, another officer came to our home to do a photo line-up. After I identified the correct person, she told me that he was already in custody. The speed, professionalism and efficiency of everyone involved was awesome. I certainly feel safe living on Berkeley after seeing this group on action,

Thanks,

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BPD Commendations_61

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From: David Meyer <david@ms-la.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Commendations
Cc:
Subject: Office Ramsey

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Please make note of their good deeds.

Thanks,

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BPD Commendations_63

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From:
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2023 4:48 PM
To: Commendations
Subject:

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THIS MORNING I CALLED THE P.D. AND ASKED FOR SAFETY/WELFARE CHECK ON THE LADY I SPOKE WITH WAS VERY GOOD AND EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE, ETC. ABOUT AN HOUR LATER I REC'D A CALL FROM OFFICER MOORE #56. HE WAS VERY THOROUGH AS HE ASKED FOR THE PERTINENT INFO., ETC. HE TOO EXPLAINED HOW HE WOULD PROCEED, ETC. A SHORT TIME LATER HE CALLED ME I EXPLAINING WHAT HE SAW C. HE ALSO ASKED ME FOR SOME OTHER PERTINENT INFO., ETC. WHICH I GAVE TO THE BEST OF KNOWLEDGE. THIS OFFICER DID ALL HE COULD TO CHECK ON MY AFTER HE CHECKED WITH NEIGHBORS HE RELAYED SOME INFO. BACK TO ME WHICH HELPED TO CALM MY PREVIOUS WORRIES. JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO DEPART HE CALLED ME BACK TO TELL ME ' JUST ARRIVED BACK AND WAS ADVISED HOW I WAS WORRIED, ETC. THE OFFICER ADVISED ME " APPEARED TO BE FINE" AND WAS JUST RETURNING LATER I REC'D A CALL FROM MY I WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE HE WAS "OK".

THE OFFICER WHO TOOK MY CALL WAS VERY HELPFUL, AS WAS OFFICER MOORE. BOTH OF THESE OFFICERS DID AN "OUTSTANDING" JOB OF GIVING ME THE HELP I NEEDED...WHEN...I NEEDED THE HELP. MY HAT IS OFF TO BOTH OF YOU, FOR THE "GREAT JOB" YOU BOTH DID. THANK YOU AGAIN,

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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BPD Commendations_65

Salcedo, Crystal

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 5:48 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Fwd: Thank you for catching the kidnapping suspect!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Begin forwarded message:

From: T
Date: June 27, 2023 at 3:38:40 PM PDT
To: "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Thank you for catching the kidnapping suspect!

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Dear Chief Louis,

I want to thank you and your team for arresting [redacted] ! As a Cal parent, I am so grateful for you and your team for catching him. I also would like to recommend a commendation for the officer(s) involved.

The intended victim was a young exchange student at UC Berkeley, and had she not been successful in breaking free this already-disturbing incident could have been much, much worse.

I wanted to praise the officer(s) involved and **recommend a commendation** for them. Too often, Berkeley PD becomes a punching bag for City Council members, and others. I want you to know there are many Cal parents just like me who recognize the important work you're doing and who are incredibly grateful that you're there keeping our kids safe.

Thank you.

My best,

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BPD Commendations_67

Salcedo, Crystal

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Commendations
Cc: Durbin, Michael R.; Tate, Jen; Okies, Joe; Schofield, Kevin M.
Subject: Fwd: Subject: Thank you for catching the attempted kidnapping suspect by UC Berkeley!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Begin forwarded message:

From: :
Date: June 27, 2023 at 12:10:29 PM PDT
To: "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Subject: Thank you for catching the attempted kidnapping suspect by UC Berkeley!

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Dear Chief Louis,

I am writing to thank you and your team for arresting [redacted] who is believed to have tried kidnapping a young woman around UC Berkeley last week. I also would like to recommend a commendation for the officer(s) involved.

As you know, [redacted] intentionally collided with a visiting college student last week who was riding a scooter by College & Haste. When she went to see if he was alright, he grabbed her and tried to carry her toward a building. Luckily, she was able to break free. Her attacker escaped, and when officers arrived they were unable to find him in the area.

According to The Berkeley Scanner, an officer on patrol identified [redacted] last Saturday night on Durant— just 4 blocks from the attempted kidnapping scene. He was arrested on suspicion on kidnapping to commit a sex crime, assault with intent to commit rape, giving false ID to police and failing to provide DNA or fingerprints. He is currently in jail awaiting arraignment next week.

As a Cal parent, I cannot tell you how grateful I am to you and your entire team for catching this guy. The intended victim was a young exchange student at UC Berkeley, and had she not been successful in breaking free this already-disturbing incident could have been much, much worse.

I realize there is little you can share with me because this is an ongoing investigation, but I wanted to praise the officer(s) involved and recommend a commendation for them. Too often, Berkeley PD becomes a punching bag for City Council members, and others. I want you to know there are many Cal parents just like me who recognize the important work you're doing and who are incredibly grateful that you're there keeping our kids safe.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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BPD Commendations_70

Hello,

(FBI)

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7/10/23

My wife and I would like to make
sure the department knew what an
excellent experience (start vehicle aside) we
had with our interactions & involvement with
officer J. Bustamante #55.

His service, professionalize, compassion and
calm demeanor are commendable.

THANK YOU!

AND THANK YOU OFFICER BUSTAMANTE.

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BPD Commendations_72

From:
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2023 11:52 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Commendation

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Dear Chief Louis,

Tonight at 10:04 pm I called the Berkeley Police Department after my camera alerted me to numerous individuals trespassing onto my property. The Berkeley Police Department arrived almost immediately. Thank you very much for the prompt response.

I would also like to wholeheartedly commend responding Officer Daniel Breaux for his professionalism, thoughtfulness, and thoroughness from the moment he called me to let me know he was on his way. Officer Breaux stayed on the telephone with me to help me feel safe while he was driving to when he arrived he knocked on my door and reviewed all of the clips that captured the trespassers on my cameras. Officer Breaux was very calming and reassuring. He helped me understand what likely occurred and provided me with very good safety suggestions.

Please let Officer Breaux know that he made me feel that the residents of Berkeley are safe with outstanding officers like him. He has my gratitude and respect, as does the Berkeley Police Department for its prompt response. Please include me on any list that can provide support to the Berkeley Police Department if it needs public support in any way.

A very grateful

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BPD Commendations_74

From: BPD Webmail
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 8:19 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: Thanks to Sgt. Le Doux

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Internal
Please process as a commendation for Sgt. Ledoux.

Sergeant Kevin Kleppe
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Services Bureau / PIO
Special Response Team
(510) 981-5821

Follow us on:

-----Original Message-----

From: (redacted)
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 10:49 PM
To: BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Thanks to Sgt. Le Doux

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Please thank the Sargent for his thoughtful and professional work at City Council tonight.

He exemplifies your department's professionalism.

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BPD Commendations_76

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From:
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:11 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: 2 commendations

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Hello,

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for 2 BPD Officers. One of them came here to my home at night (around 10 or 11pm I believe) to follow up on a call I had made to the non-emergency number about an object found on my property. I didn't catch the Officer's name, but he was probably in the 5'10" range and had I believe blonde hair.

This officer was super kind and helpful, and showed a great amount of empathy for what my family and myself may have been feeling, following the events that led me to make the call to BPD. Furthermore, he offered great advice on security camera setup, as I had expressed an interest in installing some of those. He also answered a number of other questions I had in general, and it was just a super delightful interaction. Major kudos and thanks to this officer for going what I feel was above and beyond, and making me and my family feel safe as part of this community.

The second officer I wish to commend is Officer Yurovsky. He came to our home several months ago as I had called BPD about what appeared to be a mentally unstable man showing up at our home claiming that we caused him to lose his job and acting in a menacing and threatening manner.

Officer Yurovsky also was super kind, patient, and empathetic as he gathered details about what had happened, and he offered great advice also on what to do in case of any future issues. Furthermore, Officer Yurovsky was able to identify a person who he believed could be the man who showed up at our house (based on previous interactions that I believe Officer Yurovsky had had with that man). For him to identify a potential individual who did this based on our conversation in real-time was amazing, and again made me and my family feel safe as members of this community, because we saw that clearly the police officers who are keeping us safe obviously know the community well -- so well, in fact, that Officer Yurovsky was able to pinpoint the person from just a description.

And, as a cherry on the sundae, the officer who came here last night (whose name I didn't catch), when I told him that I was concerned that perhaps the object we found on our property was brought here by the same mentally unstable individual who had come to our property in a menacing way many months ago -- the officer immediately asked if it was Officer Yurovsky who had handled that call. This leads me to believe that the Officer who responded last night had checked out the notes on our property, "done his homework" so to speak, and furthermore knew exactly what his colleagues had done. This then suggests a great level of teamwork and coordination at BPD, which again makes me and my family feel safe as community members, knowing we have such a great police force on the job.

Kudos and Thank You to these Officers, and really to all of BPD for helping to keep our community safe, and for doing a great job overall. We see you, and we appreciate you.

Sincerely,

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BPD Commendations_78

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From: Jung, Roselyn C.
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2023 8:02 AM
To: Cummings, Rashawn D.; Okies, Joe
Cc: Schofield, Kevin M.; Commendations
Subject: Re: Warm thanks!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

We'll make sure it's processed. Thank you

Sergeant Rosie Jung S-33

Personnel and Training
Berkeley Police Department
Office: (510) 981-5975
Cell: (510) 773-7583

www.Joinberkeleypd.com

From: Cummings, Rashawn D. <RCummings@berkeleyca.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 10:38:42 PM
To: Okies, Joe <JOkies@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Schofield, Kevin M. <KSchofield@berkeleyca.gov>; Jung, Roselyn C. <RJung@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: FW: Warm thanks!

Please process below email as a commendation for Ofc. Booze, Ofc. McBride, and Ofc. Garcia.

From: Edwards, Donovan
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 9:15 PM
To: Cummings, Rashawn D. <RCummings@berkeleyca.gov>; Jung, Roselyn C. <RJung@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: FW: Warm thanks!

Internal

All,

See below E-mail, which is a citizen commendation for Ofc. Booze, Ofc. McBride, and Ofc. Garcia (BPD Incident #23-36430).

Can this commendation be routed up the chain command and processed at PT&T?

Thanks,

Sergeant Donovan Edwards #S-32
Berkeley Police Department
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, CA 94710

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BPD Commendations_80

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

Dedwards@cityofberkeley.info

510-292-8985/Work Cell

From: BPD Webmail

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 8:17 AM

To: Edwards, Donovan <DEdwards@berkeleyca.gov>; Quezada, Daniel <dquezada@berkeleyca.gov>

Subject: FW: Warm thanks!

Internal

Resident wanted to thank you officers.

From:

Sent: Sunday, July 30, 2023 12:29 PM

To: BPD Webmail <bpdwebmail@berkeleyca.gov>

Subject: Warm thanks!

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Hello! My home alarm sounded at 419am on Saturday July 29th. My security company contacted me and by 4:26am the COB police dept texted me, helping me to keep calm until the officers arrived about 8 minutes later. They checked the perimeter and then I went outside to meet them. They could not have made me feel any more safe, respected and confident that my home was safe (it turned out that wind had probably blown open my door which was probably not well latched). I am very grateful to the 3 police officers who were on site and the person who texted me. I was extremely afraid and the texting helped me calm down and focus.

We moved to Berkeley about 9 months ago from the Peninsula and we have become so much more aware of crime here. My daughter's car was the victim of attempted theft right in front of our house about 3 months ago and again, the police officer who took the report was very kind and attentive.

I love living here and feel very grateful to know I can trust the police to come in a timely and very professional manner to help in an emergency. I very much hope that the 4 officers who helped me yesterday will know directly of my appreciation.

Thank you,
Warm regards,

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BPD Commendations_82

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From: Kleppe, Kevin W
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2023 8:29 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: Commendation

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Internal

Good morning,

Please process this as a commendation for Res. Ofc. Parker, Ofc. Valle, Ofc. Schikore, and Sgt. Landrum.

Thank you

Kevin



Sergeant Kevin Kleppe
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Services Bureau / PIO
Special Response Team
(510) 981-5821

Follow us on:



From: Landrum, Frank X.
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2023 5:59 PM
To: Kleppe, Kevin W <kwkleppe@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Commendation

Kevin,

Can you forward this up your chain. I heard you are acting Lt as McGee is out on medical. FYI the patrol officer in the letter was Schikore.

Frank

Sent from Frank's I-phone

Begin forwarded message:

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From: "Landrum, Frank X." <FLandrum@berkeleyca.gov>
Date: August 6, 2023 at 17:38:25 PDT
To: "McGee, Matthew" <MMcGee@berkeleyca.gov>, "Speelman, Samantha M." <SSpeelman@berkeleyca.gov>, "Valle, Matthew" <MValle@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Commendation

Hi,

I got this email addressed to the Chief but I didn't see her on the address. Thought you might want to pass this on.

Frank

Sent from Frank's I-phone

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: August 6, 2023 at 17:11:10 PDT
To: "Valle, Matthew" <MValle@berkeleyca.gov>, "Landrum, Frank X." <FLandrum@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Commendation

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Chief Louis,

Please accept this email on behalf of the .

thank
you and, as a letter of appreciation for the outstanding efforts of Officer Matt Valle and Sergeant Frank Landrum. Without their efforts, a significant event in Berkeley Jewish life could not have been accomplished.

On 08/06/2023 a new _____ dedicated to the _____
For the Jewish people, the Torah chronicles the first Five Books of Moses -- what Christianity refers to as the Old Testament. In order for the Torah to be considered Kosher, it must be inscribed, by hand, on parchment, by a person specifically trained and certified to create an exact copy of the original text. This person, called a _____ are no
Frequently, this means that the work of creating a Torah is completed in NYC or in Jerusalem. This [new] Torah was dedicated from Israel and finished in Berkeley -- making this event an international affair. As might be expected for such an event, it drew Jews from all over the Bay Area, celebrating its creation.

This event started in Strawberry Park and culminated at the _____
As tradition dictates, the
Torah carried in a processional from the park to the _____ Recognizing
the inherent threats ton large groups of pedestrians walking in and

crossing busy streets; and, recognizing antisemitic threats inherent to all well publicized Jewish events,
assistance in securing the event.

I am the
with to ensure that adequate numbers of Safety Council ambassadors were on site to make the event self-sufficient and that traffic laws were obeyed during the procession. I also reached out to Reserve Officer Larry Parker for assistance in coordinating the movement. He placed me in contact with Matt Valle. Matt and I spoke and, although he would be out of town during the event, he would forward the information to the Patrol Sergeant working on that date.

During the event, I received a telephone call from the Beat Officer. He told me that he was aware of the event, but that he was en route to Santa Rita Jail and did not think that he would be back in time to assist, but that his sergeant would contact me. A short time later, I received a telephone call, and then a visit from Sergeant Frank Landrum. I briefed Sergeant Landrum about the Safety Council's Operational Plan and asked him if he would trail the pedestrian procession from the park to the
Sergeant Landrum agreed -- provided that there were no priority calls for service or other issues needing immediate attention.

The communication between Reserve Officer Parker, Officer Valle, the Patrol Officer and Sergeant Landrum was incredible! Sergeant Landrum's follow through and his ability to engage the Jewish community was outstanding! Berkeley PD's commitment to ensuring that all persons, regardless of beliefs, may feel comfortable openly expressing their faith is evidenced in the community that Berkeley fosters and in the police officers entrusted in its maintenance.

Thank you,

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BPD Commendations_86



BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



To Officer Ed Jacala Date August 8, 2023
From Captain Kevin Schofield, Acting Chief of Police
Subject **COMMENDATION – AUTO BURGLARY INVESTIGATION**

On August 4, I got a phone call from the Honorable _____ a Superior Court Judge in San Diego, California. He wanted to speak directly to me to praise you and your actions on a recent case. Judge _____ told me that he was in Berkeley on July 31st with his daughter who is attending UC Berkeley. They returned to their parked car to find you waiting for them and you informed them that they were victims of a window smash auto burglary. Numerous items were taken, including a backpack with electronics totaling more than \$6000 in value (Case

While on the scene dealing with this, the Judge also watched you assist in contacting a bicyclist who was being stopped. He observed your calm demeanor, respectful words, and noted how you dealt the bicyclist by treating it as a teaching moment as you could have easily handled it as strictly an enforcement contact.

In the days following the auto burglary, you remained in contact with the daughter/victim with updates on the case. The Judge commented to me that he knew immediately that your level of service was above and beyond the norm adding, "Wow" and "He didn't have to do that". Despite the electronic tracking attempts by numerous officers, the high dollar items will likely not be recovered. However, it was great news for the victim that her passport was later recovered.

Judge _____ has many years of experience in the legal system as a Public Defender and Prosecutor, plus serving for the last 17 years as a Judge. He relayed that has seen range of good and bad behavior from people over the years, including good and bad police officers. As a result, the Judge felt it was extremely important that he point out what he saw as your excellent performance of duty.

Even though you have handled hundreds of auto burglary calls in your career and it is a regular occurrence, you still took the time to take care of the victims, recognizing it is not a normal occurrence for them. You treated them with empathy, respect and provided great follow up to keep them informed.

This very busy Judge in Southern California found your actions so exemplary that he took the time and energy to contact me and praise your work. I join the Judge in appreciation and admiration of your commitment to providing high quality service. Keep up the great work, Ed!

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From:
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 2:31 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Missing Dog

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I'm from [redacted] and have been visiting Berkeley for just over a month now for

A few days ago while in your off lease park area a Young woman and her pitbull arrived. I asked her if Her dog was friendly and she assured me he was.

Within in seconds her dog started chasing my small 10 pound dog Zoey. Zoey ran out of the Park to get Away and down the street both of them ran.

Zoey went missing for a lot of the morning. I handed Out business cards to people on the street and well to Make along story short Officers Dave Harston and Jason Baker helped in the search for Zoey and I would Like to Thank them.

Dogs are a big part of our lives. Thanks again.

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BPD Commendations_90

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2023 9:30 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Fwd: Regarding: Lt. Cummings of Berkeley Police Department

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Okies, Joe" <JOkies@berkeleyca.gov>
Date: September 17, 2023 at 8:00:23 AM PDT
To: "Cummings, Rashawn D." <RCummings@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Regarding: Lt. Cummings of Berkeley Police Department

Good Morning Rashawn,

I read this email and felt compelled to forward it to you with my thanks. I appreciate your willingness to take the extra time to engage with _____ it's clear she felt heard and acknowledged despite the limits of what BPD could do to address her concerns.

Thank you for exemplifying the quality service we look to provide at all levels of the organization.

-Joe

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: September 16, 2023 at 23:18:37 PDT
To: "Okies, Joe" <JOkies@berkeleyca.gov>, jluis@cityofberkeley.info, "Okies, Joe" <JOkies@berkeleyca.gov>, jluis@berkeleyca.gov
Subject: Regarding: Lt. Cummings of Berkeley Police Department

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Captain Okies and Chief Luis,

I was not happy with Officer Rodriquez and Sgt.Edwards handling of me. They really wasn't listening to me and was siding with my neighbors, who put part of their fence on my side of the yard.

Before they approached me, they already sided with my difficult neighbors, and really wasn't interested in what I had to say?

Because of my dissatisfaction with them both, I requested for a Lt. to call me?

I just wanted you both to know how much I appreciated Lt. Cummings coming out to see me and help with my neighbor issues.

He was so so patient and kind with me. Patiently explaining my options - He is just a nice person with a great demeanor.

My situation didn't change but I feel a little better - Thanks to Lt. Cummings

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BPD Commendations_93

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From:
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 5:53 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Commendation for the officer that helped out on 9/16/23

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Hello,

I'd like to commend the officer that arrived at _____ on 9/16/23 from around 11pm - 12:40am. He helped us deal with a group of 5 belligerent drunk individuals for over an hour, and when one of these individuals broke into our house and assaulted someone, we called 911 and he arrived to arrest this individual.

This officer was consistently kind, understanding, professional, and helpful to myself and the brothers of the house. I can't stress enough how much he helped us out, and if it wasn't for him I worry that things would have turned out much worse. Unfortunately, I do not know his name, but he said he had around 20 years of experience and I absolutely believe that.

Kind regards,

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BPD Commendations_95

From:
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2023 11:05 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: 23-43218/Taryn Sahota

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Thank you for the assistance in recovering my wife's stolen bicycle last night. Officer Sahota was very helpful and professional and we are grateful that BPD has such quality officers

Regards

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BPD Commendations_97

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

From:
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 3:53 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Commendation Officer R. Jackson

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I am writing to commend Officer R. Jackson, Badge #37, for his excellent follow-up today, Tuesday, September 12, at 12:30 pm after a hit-and-run. Officer Jackson arrived on the scene and made my safety and well-being his immediate priority. He checked to make sure I was okay and then let me know what to expect in terms of next steps. He quickly and politely collected my information, gathered details to help locate the other car and driver, and wished me a belated happy birthday! I left with a notice of report and card with all contact information for Officer Jackson. An hour later, Officer Jackson followed up via text message with information to begin processing my insurance claim. Thank you, Officer Jackson! Your care and professionalism were deeply felt and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

BPD Commendations_99

From: Jasper, Shelba
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Okies, Joe; Commendations
Cc: Kirkbride, Kasia; Cardoza, Benjamin; Marble, David W.; Reece, Kevin A.
Subject: RE: External Commendation

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Will do Captain, thank you for providing them with recognition.

Shelba

From: Okies, Joe
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 1:11 PM
To: Commendations <commendations@berkeleyca.gov>; Jasper, Shelba <SJasper@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Kirkbride, Kasia <KKirkbride@berkeleyca.gov>; Cardoza, Benjamin <BCardoza@berkeleyca.gov>; Marble, David W. <DMarble@berkeleyca.gov>; Reece, Kevin A. <KReece@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: External Commendation

I received a call today from a judicial official who wanted to commend our Communications Center Staff and Officer Kirkbride for their professional and discreet response.

On 8/16/23 at approximately 1040, the RP, who wishes to remain anonymous, was at a Hearst when her dog started barking, and she heard noises that led her to believe there was a prowler on her property. She called 911, and Officer Kirkbride and several other officers quickly responded to the scene and detained a prowler hiding in the RP's yard. The RP appreciated the quick response, the fact that Officer Kirkbride had been informed that _____ and the discretion she used throughout the interaction. The RP also acknowledged that she initially _____ the police and that Officer Kirkbride made her feel comfortable about reaching out, saying, "Ofc. Kirkbride was professional while also building a very human connection."

I know we respond to these types of calls every day, but the level of service and consideration given to the RP clearly left an impression and are worthy of a commendation.

Shelba – Can you identify and add the Communication Center Staff responsible for taking this call and those who created the CAD list of judicial officers and forward the names to P&T for a commendation?

P&T, Please process this as a commendation for Officer Kirkbride and the other staff involved in the case.

Thanks,
Joe



Captain Joe Okies
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Operations Division
(510) 981-5800

Follow us on:



Officer [Name], [Rank], [Department] is commended for [Description of Action]

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BPD Commendations_102

Marin, Joseph

From:
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 3:36 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Police commendations during 9/23/23 incident at Overlook/Middlefield Road

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September 28, 2023

Dear Berkeley Police Department,

I am writing to heap praise upon every officer I encountered during the events of 9/23/23. Not only did they all act with great competency, efficiency and compassion, they did so under great duress. They arrived pronto during a multi-faceted situation that began shortly after the shift change. The paramedics arrived first and focused intently on the well-being of my friend, the stabbing victim. He was clearly comfortable in their care.

The police arrived shortly thereafter. Their demeanor, conduct and skill demonstrated a dedication to public service that I have never seen before and I've seen a lot.

The two follow-up visits by homicide detectives reinforced my faith in the Berkeley Police Department. They discerned pertinent elements, returned my car keys, and answered all the questions we had when possible. They provided details that gave us a fuller picture of what had happened at the scene. We were assured the officers would provide us more complete information as it became available. They even tried to assuage my guilt over failing to prevent anyone getting hurt, but that's like asking dogs to teach cats to befriend birds.

I am deeply heartened to have experienced an aspect of civic life that is functioning in top form.

With highest regards,

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BPD Commendations_104

From:
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Commendations
Subject:

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Good Morning,

I wanted to express my deepest gratitude towards the members of the Berkeley Police Department Patrol Division as well as Det Samantha Martinez.

I had received a distressing text and call from my wife around 7pm yesterday regarding BPD activity at our residence. I was able to get ahold of Det Martinez who advised there was an ongoing incident in the neighborhood. Det Martinez made herself available as I received intel from neighbors and video surveillance of what had transpired. Det Martinez was able to then route this information to those that needed it and I am so grateful that it seems to have led to a successful apprehension of the suspect. Det Martinez showed herself to be professional, empathetic and dedicated to the safety of all Berkeley Residents.

As to the patrol units who responded to the area. I have heard glowing reviews from many of the neighbors in the area. The professionalism, calmness under pressure and tenacity of the Officers who responded to the incident was heroic and inspiring. Given the thin stretched resources that the city of Berkeley is facing as well as the critical incident from the morning this makes their hardwork and dedication to this incident even more meaningful. My wife was blown away by the professionalism and level of customer service she had from her interactions with BPD Officers on scene.

I thank you for all you do to keep myself, my family and our city safe.

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BPD Commendations_106

From: voicemail@cityofberkeley.info
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 10:40 AM
To: Commendations
Subject:
Attachments:

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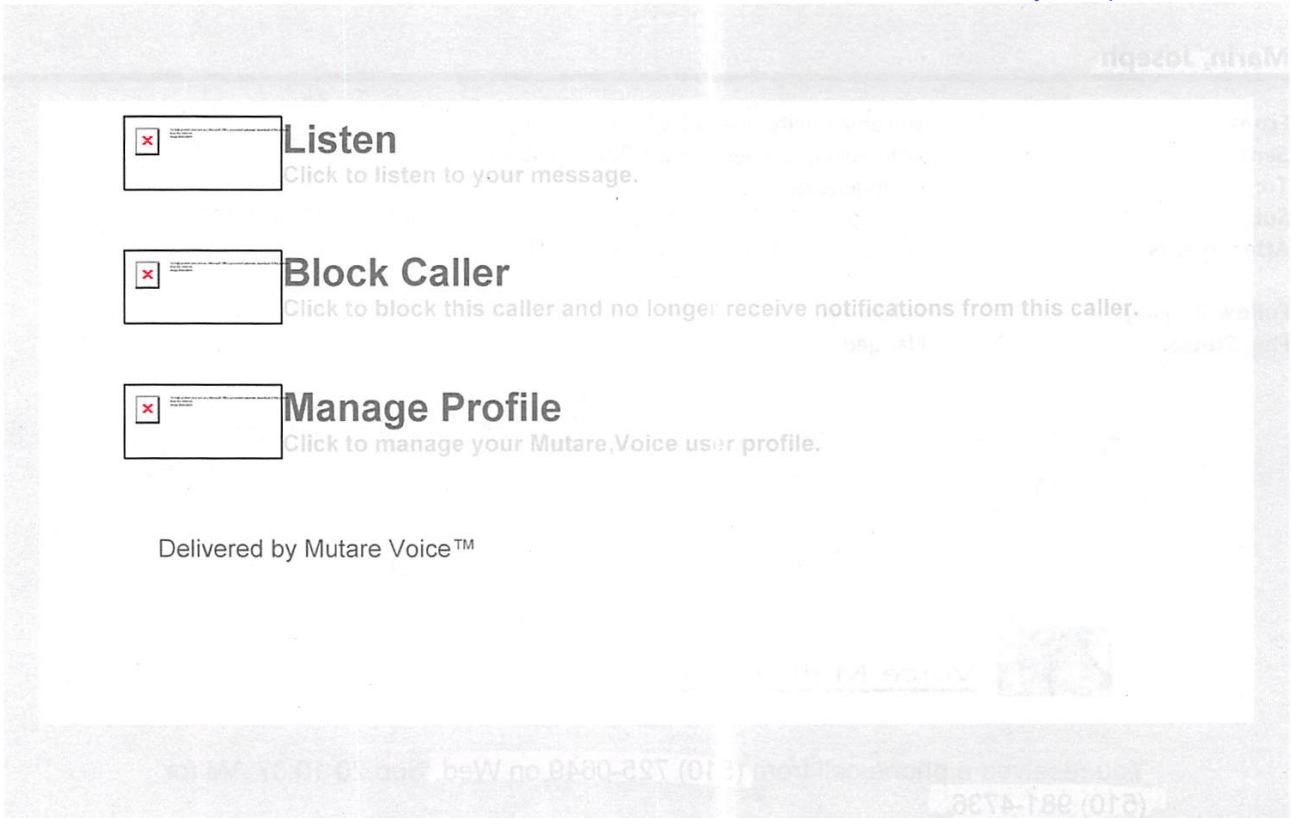


Voice Mail System

You received a phone call from [redacted] Sep 20 10:37 AM for [redacted]

Message

Hello, this message is for officer. J Baker. Batch number 112. You sent me this morning traffic stop and I was going to really get in a hurry, but I just wanted to thank him, up took his advice. I heard him say when he was released to need to drive carefully and I just wanted to tell him thank you for that he's going to remember me because I told him he looked tired. He said he was and he said to me before you let me go to drive carefully and I took his advice he really might have faith my whole life today because I took his advice and I drove careful on my journey. So I'd like to thank him for that and he did give me a ticket, but still that meant more to need them to take it to him telling me to Drive carefully. So I was with J Baker bag number 1/12th, thanks a lot for that advice. I did take it have a good day bye.



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BPD Commendations_109

August 30,2023

Oakland City Police
455 7th Street
Oakland, Ca.94607
✓Berkeley City Police
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Berkeley, Ca.94704

RE: A million thanks to Oakland and Berkeley Police Depts.
for Apprehension of criminals and return of our property
at

To: Commanding Officers:

I am writing this letter today to thank the Oakland and Berkeley Police officers and background personnel for the wonderful care and quick action taken at 2pm on August 29th at

My 95 year old mother and I were accosted and robbed while getting out of our car..

A vehicle pulled up behind us and a man exited from that car and knocking us to the ground and grabbing our purses. My mother lay on the ground as i jumped up to chase the man. But he quickly took 4 to 5 paces jumped back into the passenger seat of the waiting car. and was driven off. Mom and I quickly called 911, the dispatcher answered right away and was dispatched over to take our information and statements. I thought she was very professional executing her task especially since I was very rattled and mom is hard of hearig. She left 2 cards of written information, one for each of us. When we said we would testify if the criminals were apprehended she said there might be a need to do so. Our cells were taken so we communicated thru the land line for to transport us to Berkeley Police Office to identify the criminals and the vehicle. We did so and by 6 pm that day handed me back my cell phone and mom received her cell and wallet with credit cards and License. We can't believe how the criminals were caught so fast. The officers and participants deserve a tremendous pat on the back. We hope they are all well and continue to serve. Mom and I will look for future opportunities to support your police force. Sincere and deepest thanks.

RECEIVED
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
POLICE DEPARTMENT
1000 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10003

COMMENDATION REPORT
DATE: 08/15/23
OFFICER: [Name]

RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

On 08/15/23, Officer [Name] was assigned to the [Location] area. During this assignment, Officer [Name] demonstrated exceptional skills in [Description of Incident]. Officer [Name] was instrumental in [Description of Action]. Officer [Name] was commended for [Description of Achievement].

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[Signature]

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BPD Commendations_112

Commendations External July - Sept 2023

From: Kleppe, Kevin W
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: Assault at Aquatic Park (update)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good afternoon,

Please process this as a commendation for Ofc. Breaux.

Thank you

Kevin



Sergeant Kevin Kleppe
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Services Bureau / PIO
Special Response Team
(510) 981-5821

Follow us on:



From:
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 4:44 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Re: Assault at Aquatic Park (update)

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Sergeant Kleppe,
Just had a great chat with officer Breaux and he updated me on his progress. It sounds like things are moving forward which is great.
I also spoke with [redacted] today and he would like to pick up a police report this week. He is also looking for a pro-bono Spanish speaking lawyer if you know of any resources in that arena.
Feel free to call if you have any questions or suggestions.
I'm a huge fan of the Berkeley PD right now!

On August 11, 2023 at 12:38:38 PM,

Lieutenant McGee and Sergeant Kleppe,

I hope this email finds both of you well.

I'm writing to you on the suggestion of

I've also looped in _____ a public health nurse with the Berkeley Department of Health—She has been very supportive and has valuable insights into this matter.

I'm seeking your guidance regarding an incident at Aquatic Park on July 29th. I happened to be there and witnessed an assault on a man named _____. I intervened to stop the assault and provide a statement to the Berkeley police officers who responded. _____ have called and emailed the police requesting an update but have not heard back as of this writing. For your complete understanding, I've attached my previous correspondences with Officer Breaux.

I'm concerned that this man is going to hurt someone else and, unfortunately, I often cross paths with him at my gym. He seems to be aware of our past encounter. It would be really helpful to chat with you about this so that I know how best to handle the situation.

It would also be great for _____ to get an update from the BPD directly. Considering he is more comfortable in Spanish, a Spanish-speaking officer would be ideal.

I was truly impressed with the professionalism of the officers that responded to the scene, and I'm assuming they are very busy with other matters. I just want to make sure this case is moving forward so that no one else is harmed. Your advice on this would be truly appreciated. Would it be possible to have a conversation with either of you soon?

I appreciate your time and commitment. Eagerly waiting for your guidance.

Regards,

Officer Breaux,

I hope this finds you well. We met briefly the other night when you responded to a call at Aquatic Park. A man had been assaulted and I witnessed the incident and gave a statement. My name should be on the report.

I have some additional information that you may find helpful. As I noted that evening, the man who committed the assault attends my gym and displays odd and erratic behavior there as well.

I spoke to the management at _____ and they agreed to speak with you. As fate would have it, he was also at the gym this morning when I was there. For obvious reasons I did not speak to, or confront him and avoided letting him see me. Several other patrons complained about his behavior in the locker room as in the time I was chatting with them.

The assailant's name is name

I don't have any other information, but the gym will likely have his contact information and address, as well as a photo of him in their system.

The manager of the _____ is available during normal business hours. She can be reached at _____ I told her that you might be calling.

I hope this helps with your investigation. If there's anything else I can do, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm happy to support you in anyway I can.

From:
Date:
To:
Subject: Re:

Officer Breaux,
I'm writing to follow up on this case.

There have been a few developments since I emailed you on _____ regarding the assault I witnessed at _____

First, I have been doing what I can to support _____ the man who was assaulted. His injuries were more extensive than they first appeared at the time and include bone fracture. He has been in contact with a public health nurse with the Berkeley department of health and was seen by a physician. I wanted you to be aware that this assault was more serious than originally thought.

Second, I accidentally had face-to-face contact with the assailant on Wednesday. He walked around the corner at the gym and was standing right in front of me. It took him a moment, but he quickly seemed to recognize me, and then nervously walked off and left the gym.

In my _____, I provided you with his name and the contact information for the gym manager who is willing to share his contact information and other important details. I'm hoping you've had a chance to follow up on this.

Thanks so much for all your doing to keep our community safe. I was so completely impressed with you and all the officers that showed up that evening.

This man is dangerous and there's a good chance he's going to hurt someone else. I would appreciate it if you could contact me with an update on this case. I suspect _____ would like to hear from you as well.

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BPD Commendations_116

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 2:21 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Fwd: Thank you to Officer Futch!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Begin forwarded message:

From: '
Date: September 18, 2023 at 2:16:23 PM PDT
To: "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc:

Subject: Thank you to Officer Futch!

Chief Louis - so good to see you at the Fire Fest!

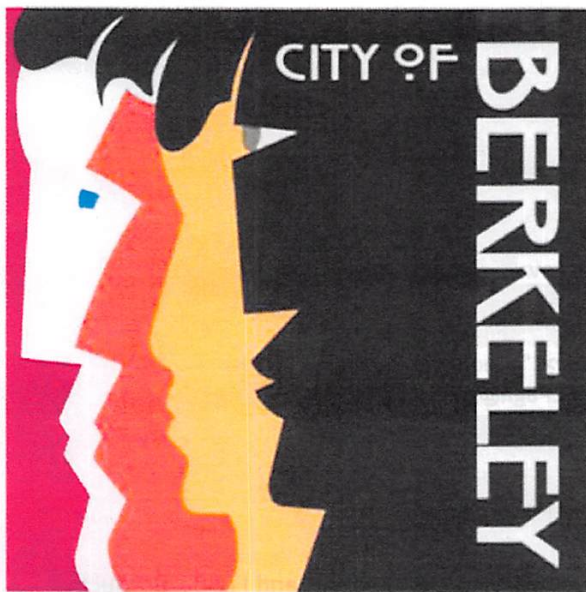
I'm writing to share with you that last week had a productive neighborhood meeting with the folks in the Bateman neighborhood. After an on one of their neighbors, the community gathered with 72 hours notice. By one count, there must have been upwards of 50 people gathered together to talk about safety in the neighborhood. Fortunately the she was present at the gathering, but clearly the incident was a spark that brought to light fears about public safety among many in the area.

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Facing a concerned crowd of Bateman neighborhood residents, Officer Futch was a brilliant communicator for the city. She described the work the city is doing to address violent crime, addressed misconceptions about policing, provided safety advice, and most importantly, was a kind and understanding representative of the department.

Thank you Chief Louis, for your leadership of our team. While the neighbors we spoke to were clearly frightened and worried, I think they left the meeting feeling reassured that the city has such excellent people watching out for them.

All the best,



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BPD Commendations_119

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 3:01 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Fwd: Thank you to Officer Futch!

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I sent this email earlier but [redacted] reply that should also be included in the commendation. I've replied via email so we don't need to prepare a letter for me to send

Jen

Begin forwarded message:

From:
Date: September 18, 2023 at 2:57:15 PM PDT
To: "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>,
Cc:
Subject: Re: Thank you to Officer Futch!

I join in all of CM Robinson's observations and comments! Officer Futch was just great at the neighborhood meeting. It was coarse to me that the neighbors really appreciated her presence, her warm and professional demeanor, and the information that she presented. Kudos to Officer Futch! She has my gratitude.

From: Louis, Jennifer A. <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 2:20 PM

Subject: Re: Thank you to Officer Futch!

Good afternoon,

It was really great chatting yesterday. Thank you so much for sending this. I am going to have it processed formally as a commendation for Ofc Futch for her personnel file. It is very meaningful for officers to hear that their efforts made a difference. Thank you for sharing your kind words!

Jen

On Sep 18, 2023, at 2:16 PM,

Chief Louis - so good to see you at the Fire Fest!

I'm writing to share with you that last week [redacted] and I had a productive neighborhood meeting with the folks in the Bateman neighborhood. [redacted] on one of their neighbors, the community gathered with 72 hours notice. By one count, there must have been upwards of 50 people gathered together to talk about safety in the neighborhood. Fortunately the [redacted] to be doing well and she was present at the gathering, but clearly the incident was a spark that brought to light fears about public safety among many in the area.

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All the best,

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BPD Commendations_122

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From:
Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2023 11:37 AM
To: Commendations
Subject: Commendation for Berkeley parking officer

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Hi Police peeps,

Last night I met a friend in Berkeley. I parked my car using the mobile parking app, but I don't really trust the app. As it happened a parking officer was coming by and I asked him to check. He didn't find my car in his system but told me he saw that I had paid and told me I was fine. I think his badge number was 843. A skinny guy with gray hair, in his 40s or 50s. It was about [redacted] in zone [redacted]

I came back to find the post it note I've attached on my car window.

He was kind, courteous and beyond helpful. I know parking guys and girls get a bad rap (except in Beatles songs) so I wanted to pass along my gratitude for his care and thoughtfulness. If you can identify him and pass this note along I'd be very grateful.

All the best and please stay safe.

BPD Commendations_124



**Berkeley Police Department
Memorandum**



July 3rd, 2023

To: Chief Louis
Via Chain of Command

From: Sergeant Bonaventure S-10

Re: **Commendation for Alameda PD Sgt. Stofle S3, Sgt. Parsons S35, Sgt. Grant S27, Sgt. Bejarano S11, Det. Tinney #63, Det. Villarroel #11, Det. Grover #67, Ofc. Breaux #15 (2023-27893)**

On 6/9/23, approximately 1610 hours, a robbery via firearm was reported at the [redacted]. The victim was working in the truck when the suspect handed her a note and brandished a firearm. The note was written in Spanish and read in summary:

Put all the money in the bag, we know what you have in the register, careful calling the police, we are watching you.

Fearing for her safety, the victim put approximately \$2,000 in the bag provided by the suspect and handed it back to him. The suspect then fled on foot northbound on [redacted].

Within just a couple of minutes, Officers arrived on scene and began to investigate. Officer Breaux #15 saw that there were video cameras in the area and was able to obtain surveillance footage that captured the suspect arriving and leaving in a [redacted].

Sergeant Bejarano S11 reviewed the video footage of the suspect vehicle and determined the rear license plate was [redacted]. Sergeant Bejarano had a felony stop placed on the vehicle and then distributed a police bulletin with photos of the car and suspect to surrounding agencies.

Officers from Albany PD and Emeryville PD also sent out police bulletins with photos of the same robbery suspect. The same suspect had robbed a food truck in Albany and attempted to rob a food truck in Emeryville.

Over the next few days, Alameda Police Sergeant Rob Stofle S3 contacted me and advised that the vehicle had been captured on their ALPR at Harbor Bay Parkway and Ron Cowan Expressway on several occasions. The ALPR hits gave a consistent time frame and location for us to search for suspect vehicle. This information was extremely useful because I was unable to locate the vehicle at any associated addresses.

Based on Alameda PD's consistent ALPR hits, I set up an operation to attempt to detain the driver of the vehicle.

Officers assigned to the operation were as follows:

Scene Supervisor – Sergeant Bonaventure S10

Stop Team 1 - Sergeant Grant S27/Detective Tinney #63

Stop Team 2 - Detective Villarroel #11/Detective Grover #67

Plainclothes – Sergeant Parsons S35

On 6/13/23, approximately 0856 hours, we were staging our vehicles in Alameda when Sergeant Stofle advised that the suspect vehicle had just been captured on and I immediately broadcast the suspect vehicle location when Detective Tinney stated he had already spotted the vehicle and was beginning to conduct an enforcement stop.

The driver (later identified as) stopped and was detained without incident. I arrived on scene and immediately recognized that resembled the robbery suspect from surveillance photos in this case, the Albany robbery, and the attempted robbery in Emeryville. also wearing the same shoes that he wore during the Berkeley Robbery.

arrested for the Berkeley robbery and transported to the Berkeley Police Department by Detectives Villarroel and Grover.

primarily spoke Spanish, so Detective Villarroel offered to take the lead on the interview. Initially robbery, however, Detective Villarroel continued to confront him with the surveillance photos and he eventually confessed to the Berkeley robbery. Detective Villarroel was also able to get the Albany robbery and the attempted robbery in Emeryville. At the end of the interview, in all of the surveillance photos and wrote an apology letter to the Berkeley robbery victim.

a was later charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office with the Berkeley robbery, Albany robbery, and the attempted robbery in Emeryville.

I would like to commend all of the Officers who participated on this case for their outstanding effort. This case highlights how department-wide teamwork, technology, and positive working relationships with our allied agencies can help everyone achieve successful outcomes.

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From: Schofield, Kevin M.
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2023 9:18 PM
To: Commendations
Cc: Jasper, Shelba
Subject: Fwd: VAL was the MVP

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jasper, Shelba" <SJasper@berkeleyca.gov>
Date: July 6, 2023 at 20:07:22 PDT
To: "Bledsoe, Afsana" <ABledsoe@berkeleyca.gov>, "Schofield, Kevin M." <KSchofield@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Re: VAL was the MVP

Thank you Afsana for taking the time to recognize Valentina. I am so proud of her and will be sure to honor her!

Thank you again

Shelba

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From: Bledsoe, Afsana <ABledsoe@berkeleyca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2023 6:51:55 PM
To: Jasper, Shelba <SJasper@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: VAL was the MVP

Internal

Hi Shelba,

This past Friday night, Val was monitoring the radio while at her desk. She realized an officer closed out a serious call without making contact. She notified the LT and units went back out to the address of _____. The victim had been repeatedly punched and a male party was taken into custody. If it was not for Val multi-tasking and notifying Lt. Reece, this victim would not have been able to get assistance. I felt that she did such an awesome job and wanted to inform you.

Kindly,
Afsana

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From: Kleppe, Kevin W
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: FW: I ERKELEY - Media Release....

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Internal

Please process this as a commendation for Ofc. Perry and Ofc. Yee

Thanks

Kevin



Sergeant Kevin Kleppe
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Services Bureau / PIO
Special Response Team
(510) 981-5821

Follow us on:



From: Frankel, Andrew J.
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 11:25 AM
To: Kleppe, Kevin W <kwkleppe@berkeleyca.gov>; McGee, Matthew <MMcGee@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Perry, Jessica <JPerry@berkeleyca.gov>; Tate, Jen <JTate@berkeleyca.gov>; Yee, Matt <MYee@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: FW: ERKELEY - Media Release....

Internal

Please see the accolades below from OTS.

Can we process this praise as commendations?

Frankel

From: Frankel, Andrew J.
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:28 AM
To: Perry, Jessica <JPerry@berkeleyca.gov>; Frankel, Andrew J. <AFrankel@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Perry, Jessica <JPerry@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: ERKELEY - Media Release....

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WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Great job, Andrew.

Thanks for sharing.

Please attach a copy of the press release to your Q4 QPR.

The Transparency Hub, sounds like a valuable asset for you.

Keep up the good work.

Please be safe out there.

-mark

From: <>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:55 AM
To: Frankel, Andrew J. <AFrankel@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: Perry, Jessica <JPerry@berkeleyca.gov>; T
Subject: Re: Media Release....

Thank you for sharing, Sgt Frankel! The write up is great.

Samantha

OTS Marketing and Public Affairs
California Office of Traffic Safety
pio@ots.ca.gov
www.ots.ca.gov

From: Frankel, Andrew J. <AFrankel@berkeleyca.gov>
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 11:50 AM
To: <>
Cc: Perry, Jessica <JPerry@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Media Release....

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Media Pros,

The verbiage below is to be our shared with the City of Berkeley community to advertise how we are addressing their traffic related concerns through our Transparency Hub. Since the extra coverage is as result of our STEP grant (Traffic Enforcement), you guys get the shout out.

Andrew



Sergeant Andrew J. Frankel, S-29
BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Traffic Bureau
C (510) 926-0007
O (510) 981-5982

Community: Traffic Safety Operation Today

Dear Andrew J Frankel,

Today, the Berkeley Police Department Traffic Bureau will conduct a traffic safety operation in areas of Berkeley that community members have flagged via the BPD Transparency Hub.

Today's operations are being conducted based on information reported via community surveys to the Traffic Safety page on the BPD Transparency Hub. These surveys appear on the city map as yellow flags requesting traffic enforcement and education in the area. Our department strives to improve traffic safety in our city and thanks the community for utilizing this new tool to inform the police department about problematic locations. Using the Hub is a fast and efficient way for our department to continue to have relevant conversations with the community about improving traffic safety and educating the public on continuous traffic-related concerns.

For those that are interested in learning more about the department's three-prong approach, stop data, and the Vision Zero strategy or to report a traffic safety concern, visit the survey application and directly submit your traffic safety concern to the BPD Traffic Bureau via the BPD Transparency Hub (<https://bpd-transparency-initiative-berkeleypd.hub.arcgis.com/pages/traffic-safety>).

This operation is being funded by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

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BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM



To Officer Ed Jacala Date August 8, 2023
From Captain Kevin Schofield, Acting Chief of Police
Subject COMMENDATION – AUTO BURGLARY INVESTIGATION

On August 4, I got a phone call from the [redacted] Diego, California. He wanted to speak directly to me to praise you and your actions on a recent case. Judge Shelton told me that he was in Berkeley on July 31st with his daughter who is attending UC Berkeley. They returned to their parked car to find you waiting for them and you informed them that they were victims of a window smash auto burglary. Numerous items were taken, including a backpack with electronics totaling more than \$6000 in value

While on the scene dealing with this, the Judge also watched you assist in contacting a bicyclist who was being stopped. He observed your calm demeanor, respectful words, and noted how you dealt the bicyclist by treating it as a teaching moment as you could have easily handled it as strictly an enforcement contact.

In the days following the auto burglary, you remained in contact with the [redacted] updates on the case. The Judge commented to me that he knew immediately that your level of service was above and beyond the norm adding, "Wow" and "He didn't have to do that". Despite the electronic tracking attempts by numerous officers, the high dollar items will likely not be recovered. However, it was great news for the victim that her passport was later recovered.

Judge Shelton has many years of experience in the legal system as a Public Defender and Prosecutor, plus serving for the last 17 years as a Judge. He relayed that has seen range of good and bad behavior from people over the years, including good and bad police officers. As a result, the Judge felt it was extremely important that he point out what he saw as your excellent performance of duty.

Even though you have handled hundreds of auto burglary calls in your career and it is a regular occurrence, you still took the time to take care of the victims, recognizing it is not a normal occurrence for them. You treated them with empathy, respect and provided great follow up to keep them informed.

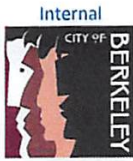
This very busy Judge in Southern California found your actions so exemplary that he took the time and energy to contact me and praise your work. I join the Judge in appreciation and admiration of your commitment to providing high quality service. Keep up the great work, Ed!

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Berkeley Police Department
Memorandum



To: Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of Command
From: Sergeant Peter Lee #S-5
Date: May 18th, 2023
RE: Commendation for Officer Bally #73

On November 11th, 2022, Ofc. Bally responded to a disturbance at Walgreens after the pharmacist and the customers engaged in an argument. The reporting party, who was with his wife and 4-year-old son, went to Walgreens to pick up medication for his mother who was unable to go on her own. Ofc. Bally arrived and contacted the RP and his wife who were upset.

Ofc. Bally remained calm as the upset RP explained the situation to her. She actively listened and asked clarifying questions which conveyed to the RP that she was paying attention and understood the situation. Ofc. Bally's demeanor was calm and had a calming effect on the RP and his wife. It became clear to the RP and his wife that Ofc. Bally was there to help.

Ofc. Bally contacted the Pharmacist who explained his side of the incident, but the Pharmacist was unwilling to help resolve the problem.

While the RP was unable to get his mother's medication that day, he and his wife experienced a compassionate side of law enforcement that is seldom highlighted. This disturbance call could have been cleared in a matter of minutes since no crime was committed and officers can't force an upset pharmacist to provide medication; however, Ofc. Bally spent 43 minutes on this call because she was determined to help the family. She spoke to all parties with respect even when the upset pharmacist was being unreasonable and rude. Ofc. Bally even offered the RP's 4-year-old child a sticker and took the time to engage him in conversation. The family was thankful for Ofc. Bally.

Ofc. Bally embodies the department's values and treated everyone with respect and was professional the entire time. Her compassion, patience, and desire to help the family in his call are to be commended.

Berkeley Police
Sergeant Peter Lee #S-5
Patrol Division

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Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



To: Chief Louis & Acting Chief Schofield, Date 08/04/2023

Via Captain Okies,

Via Lt. Speelman,

Via Lt. Cummings

From: Sgt. Donovan Edwards #S32

Subject: Officers Commendation in regards to

On 06/03/2023 at approximately 1457 hours, **Ofc. Yu (#28)** responded to a report of a sexual battery at a business located at [redacted] CA. Ofc. Yu learned an unknown suspect hugged the victim from behind, reached under her skirt, and touched her buttocks. Ofc. Yu was able to obtain surveillance video of this incident. The surveillance video showed the suspect waited inside the business until the victim was alone (no other customers present) and proceeded assault the victim. Ofc. Yu later created a crime bulletin that included a photo of the unknown suspect.

On 06/04/2023 at approximately 1947 hours, **Ofc. Verrett (#80)** was responding to an unrelated disturbance in Downtown Berkeley. Ofc. Verrett located Lamonte Campbell, who matched the description of the sexual battery suspect from Boba Panda. Ofc. Verrett contacted Campbell and detained him in handcuffs.

Ofc. Tran (#29) contacted the victim and brought her to the detention location. During an In-Field Show-Up, the victim [redacted] battery suspect. **Ofc. Garcia (#44)** assisted on this investigation, by transporting [redacted] Jail, and collecting his clothing as evidence.

During his investigation, Ofc. Verrett learned [redacted] on CDCR Parole for [redacted]

[redacted] Ofc. Verrett determined [redacted] nearby and conducted a parole search at [redacted] residence. Ofc. Verrett located evidence that furthered linked [redacted] the sexual battery.

Ofc. Verrett would later conduct a Post-Miranda Interview with [redacted] lengthy interview, Ofc. Verrett obtained several admissions from [redacted] regards to this incident. Based on Ofc. Verrett's investigation, coupled with [redacted] statement, Ofc. Verrett arrested and had [redacted] booked into the BPD Jail for [redacted]

[redacted] Alameda County District Attorney's Office later filed charges on [redacted] for this incident.



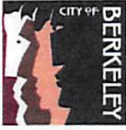
Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



I would like to commend the above listed officers for their outstanding effort and follow through in identifying and apprehending a sexual battery suspect.

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Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



To: Chief Louis, Date 08/25/2023
 Via Captain Okies,
 Via. Lt. Cummings

From: Sgt. Donovan Edwards #532

Subject: Officer McBride CHP 10851 Award

On 07/27/2023, Officer Brandon McBride received his CHP 10851 Pin Award. This award is given to uniformed officers who, during a 12-month period, achieve six (6) CVC 10851 arrests (In-custody) and/or recover twelve (12) stolen vehicles, three (3) of which must be cleared by arrest.

Ofc. McBride made three (3) CVC 10851 arrests and recovered nine (9) stolen vehicles within a five-month period (January to May-See Cases Below).

Ofc. McBride's achievement is a testament to his proactive mindset, coupled with the great assistance of his teammates on Patrol Team 7.

In-Custody

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Recoveries (Un-Occupied):

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I would like to commend Ofc. McBride for his outstanding effort in locating several stolen vehicles and helping return stolen vehicles in the City of Berkeley to their rightful owners.

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From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Sunday, August 27, 2023 11:11 PM
To: Johnson, Rayna T.
Cc: Schofield, Kevin M.; Jasper, Shelba; Edwards, Valentina; Lockhart, Dawn M.;
Commendations; Durbin, Michael R.; Okies, Joe; Tate, Jen
Subject: Re: Dispatcher Commendation - Emeryville Bay Street Incident Case #23-41716

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Thank you very much Rayna for your work to lead the team with this incident. I'm sure your calm and composure positively impacted the team. I am happy to accept and process this commendation.

On Aug 27, 2023, at 10:07 PM, Johnson, Rayna T. <RTJohnson@berkeleyca.gov> wrote:

Internal

Dear Chief Louis,

I would like to formally commend all of the Dispatchers on duty during the Emeryville Bay Street Incident 8/27/23.

SUMMARY:

At 1753 hours, Emeryville PD's Dispatch called our Communication Center requesting code 3 cover with a rally point at Barnes & Noble. Amber Paulisich-Poon took the initial report of 100 juveniles fighting on Bay Street with only 8 Emeryville officers on scene. There was also an initial report of a subject with a screwdriver that was ultimately GOA. I broadcasted the information on Channel 1 and Berkeley Officers started towards Emeryville. The information was spotty and chaotic and by 1806 hours, there were reports of 400 juveniles in a full on brawl inside the AMC Theater, on the elevators and in the garage. At 1819 hours, there were Shots Fired which ultimately resulted in an 1199.

ACTIONS:

Call Taker: Amber Paulisich-Poon took the initial call and entered the information quickly. She assisted in agency notifications during the 1199 all while continuing to answer the phones and monitor/respond to the radios.

Fire Dispatcher: Taylor Sproul assisted by documenting what was being relayed on Emeryville's radio channel to assist with Berkeley's response. She also collected numerous names and phone numbers for Emeryville's PIO contact while working the Fire Desk and answering phone calls.

RB1 Operator: Lizzy Rosenlicht monitored Emeryville's radio and called Emeryville's Dispatch to offer resources. During the 1199, she made agency notifications and notified Oakland Police of updates. Lizzy did this while working RB1 and answering phones.

Call Taker: Cheryl Lindenau monitored Channel 1 with me as well as Emeryville's radio. She also assisted with agency notifications during the 1199 while continuing to answer phones and monitoring our secondary radio channel.

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Call Taker/Comm 2: Myriam Duncan took over Channel 2 (Comm 2) in order to run the rest of the City during this incident. She monitored Channel 1 and was my back up. Myriam also passed along media inquiries while continuing to work Comm 2 for the city's remaining calls for service.

TEAM SIDE NOTE:

Most of these Dispatchers were working an extended shift.

1. Amber Paulisich-Poon 14.5 hour shift
2. Taylor Sproul 10 hour shift
3. Lizzy Rosenlicht 14.5 hour shift
4. Cheryl Lindenau 12 hour shift
5. Myriam Duncan 16 hour shift
6. Rayna Johnson 14.5 hour shift

CONCLUSION:

This event lasted almost 2 hours and our Dispatchers did an amazing job. We have been working long hours over an extended period of time and yet, when we had a true emergency, everyone immediately stepped up and worked cohesively as a team. When the 1199 came in, every single one of them shifted seamlessly into "Dispatch" mode. They took initiative, did what was needed and took direction when given. All of their hard work and quick actions assisted our officers in getting the information and resources they needed and helped keep them safe. I am proud of this team and I believe they should be recognized.

With respect,

Rayna Johnson

Rayna Taylor Johnson #550
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Berkeley Police Department
Memorandum



To: Chief Jennifer Louis via Chain of Command
From: Sergeant Peter Lee #S-5
Date: September 27, 2023
RE: Commendation for Officer Cerletti #144, Officer Peters #148, Officer Pickett #81, Officer Michalczyk #9, Officer Stern #8, Officer Driscoll #71, Officer McBride #10, Officer Echeverria #24, Officer Tam # 109, Officer Verrett #80, Officer Montero #160, Officer, Valle #111, Officer Nabozny #111, Officer Armistead #4, Officer Piombo #49, Officer Sahota #1, Officer Thome #6, Officer Davis #52, Officer Garcia #44, Officer Guananja #121, CSO D. Lee #459, PSD Mariam #512, PSD Afsana #506

On September 21st, an attempted armed robbery victim flagged down Officer McBride and Officer Echeverria to report the crime. The officers immediately broadcasted the two suspects' descriptions to other officers. Officer Valle and Officer Montero arrived in the area on a separate call but saw one of the robbery suspects who fled on foot once he saw the officers. Both officers chased after the suspect as Officer Pickett arrived and joined the foot pursuit.

The suspect ran into the _____ responded to assist. Officers Driscoll, Stern, Michalczyk, Peters, Cerletti, Tam, Verrett, Nabozny, Armistead, Piombo, Thome, Sahota, Davis, Garcia, and Guananja responded and established a perimeter and search party.

The Suspect was spotted by Officer Cerletti as he popped out of the block and tried to walk away. Officer Cerletti bravely chased the suspect, who was possibly armed, as he tried to run into the block again. As Officer Cerletti was ordering the suspect to the ground at gunpoint, the suspect reached down to his waistband prompting Officer Cerletti to yell for him not to reach. However, for unknown reasons, the suspect _____ reason for his waistband. This could have been a tragic situation, but because of Officer Cerletti's experience and confidence, the suspect was safely taken into custody. He was identified by the victim as one of the two robbery suspects.

Officers never saw the second suspect. The block was released, but a few minutes later a _____ and reported a male hiding on her property in an adjacent block. Officers responded and containment was set. A search party was established and conducted yard searches. After an hour the suspect ran out of the block and directly into Officer Cerletti. Officer Cerletti challenged this second suspect at gunpoint and took him into custody. This suspect was identified by the victim as the second robbery suspect.



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ID Technician D. Lee processed the stolen vehicle the suspects were using and located latent prints.

PSD Salem and Bledsoe were the dispatchers on this incident and did a fantastic job keeping officers safe and helping set the perimeters.

These two robbery suspects would not have been apprehended if it wasn't for the work committed by everyone listed above.

It should also be noted that Officer McBride and Officer Echeverria spent several hours with the victim because they understood the importance of the inevitable infield show-ups. They fed the victim their own food and kept him occupied as the block search took place.

The officers, dispatchers, and ID Technician's work on this case are to be commended.

Sergeant Peter Lee #S-5
Berkeley Police
Patrol Division

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From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 7:40 PM
To: Commendations
Subject: Fwd: Stabbing & Homicide

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Edwards, Valentina" <VEdwards@berkeleyca.gov>
Date: September 23, 2023 at 7:10:32 PM PDT
To: "Bailey, Marguerite" <MaBailey@berkeleyca.gov>, "Bledsoe, Afsana" <ABledsoe@berkeleyca.gov>, "Brown, Dejah" <DeBrown@berkeleyca.gov>, "Calhoun, Carmen" <CRobinson@berkeleyca.gov>, "Edwards, Valentina" <VEdwards@berkeleyca.gov>, "Freund, Christina" <CFreund@berkeleyca.gov>, "Hong, Peter J." <PHong@berkeleyca.gov>, "Jasper, Shelba" <SJasper@berkeleyca.gov>, "Jenkins, Princess" <PJenkins@berkeleyca.gov>, "Johnson, Rayna T." <RTJohnson@berkeleyca.gov>, "Krocil, Lucie" <LKrocil@berkeleyca.gov>, "Kwong, Jennie M." <JKwong@berkeleyca.gov>, "Lilly, Emily" <ELilly@berkeleyca.gov>, "Lindenau, Cheryl" <CLindenau@berkeleyca.gov>, "Lockhart, Dawn M." <DMLockhart@berkeleyca.gov>, "Louis, Jennifer A." <JLouis@berkeleyca.gov>, "Lyons, Celyce J." <CLyons@berkeleyca.gov>, "Maloney, Anjelia" <AMaloney@berkeleyca.gov>, "McClain, Tyrone J." <TMcClain@berkeleyca.gov>, "Netz, Erin" <ENetz@berkeleyca.gov>, "Parker, Steven R." <SParker@berkeleyca.gov>, "Paulisich-Poon, Amber" <APaulisich-Poon@berkeleyca.gov>, "Pinkney, Christina E." <CPinkney@berkeleyca.gov>, "Plato, James" <JPlato@berkeleyca.gov>, "Querubin, Gloria M." <GQuerubin@berkeleyca.gov>, "Rosenlicht, Elizabeth Lizzy" <ERosenlicht@berkeleyca.gov>, "Saechao, Kathy" <KSaechao@berkeleyca.gov>, "Salem, Myriam Odily" <MSalem@berkeleyca.gov>, "Schofield, Kevin M." <KSchofield@berkeleyca.gov>, "Senter, Kathleen" <KSenter@berkeleyca.gov>, "Shaul, Tracy S." <TShaul@berkeleyca.gov>, "Sproul, Taylor" <TSproul@berkeleyca.gov>, "Tan, Eduardo J." <ETan@berkeleyca.gov>
Cc: "Edwards, Valentina" <VEdwards@berkeleyca.gov>
Subject: Stabbing & Homicide

Internal

I want to acknowledge our outstanding dispatchers for the awesome job they did today working the stabbing and homicide call. It was a chaotic sequence of events with multiple callers reporting three people stabbed in different locations. Carmen working RB1 answering phones, Dejah, working control and disseminating critical information coming in and broadcasting to the officers. She had to deal with bad radio reception and had limited resources while handling a police chase with the suspect. He was taken into custody without any injuries reported. Marguerite took the initial call from the _____ who witnessed the DV and found her _____ Kathy took the call from the _____ the deceased who was stabbed himself and flagged down neighbors to get to safety. Katie/Dawn, taking a call from witnesses stated the suspect had a knife, and another witness reported a stabbing victim at a second location. James, working fire, dispatching multiple resources, and taking calls from witnesses reporting a stabbing victim. I, taking a call from a witness, and directing my

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staff on what needs to happen next, assisted Dejah on Channel 1 and the pursuit, and took over Channel 2 as secondary control, working with S-18 at the primary scene of the homicide.

This is exemplary and outstanding teamwork we displayed today and made sure all of our first responders made it home tonight and no further injury to our community members. These past few days have pushed us to our limits and we still do our job at an elite level.

Good work and you make me proud!!

Valentina

Valentina A. Edwards #553, CMCP

Berkeley Police & Fire Department

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Berkeley Police Department Memorandum



To: Chief Jennifer Louis, C-1 Date:
Via Shelba Jasper, Supervisor

From: Sergeant D. Quezada S-24

Subject: **Commendation, Public Safety Dispatchers**

Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor Rayna Johnson 550
Public Safety Dispatcher Taylor Sproul 500
Public Safety Dispatcher Amber Paulsich-Poon 530
Public Safety Dispatcher Elizabeth Rosenlicht 527
Public Safety Dispatcher Cheryl Lindenau 509
Public Safety Dispatcher Myriam Duncan 512

On _____ at approximately _____ hours, Emeryville PD Officers requested "Code-3" assistance from BPD Officers in regards to _____ fighting near the

_____ **PSD R. Johnson** was working Channel 1 and broadcasted the information on Channel 1. Numerous BPD Officers _____ arrived on scene, assisting Emeryville PD Officers with crowd management. The information provided to BPD via EPD was not clear, and chaotic.

By _____ hours, BPD officers were on scene and advised it was a full brawl with reports of fighting inside the AMC Theater and parking garage.

By _____ ours, a fight broke out between two groups and BPD Officers observed one suspect armed with a black semi-automatic firearm. A struggle occurred with the armed suspect and another person from the opposing group, where a gunshot was fired. Officers were already on scene and on-viewed the altercation. Officers then broadcasted, "Shots fired! Shots fired!" This resulted in **PSD R. Johnson** calling an, "11-99." **PSD R. Johnson** then facilitated the coordination in calling CHP, ACSO, Albany PD, UCPD, and OPD.

While on a post, additional fights broke out between different groups. BPD Officers located a victim with a stab wound to the back. BPD officers quickly jumped in and providing life-saving medical attention while **PSD R. Johnson** coordinated with EPD by calling Alameda County Fire and FALCK.

I would like to formally commend all dispatchers on duty during this incident. In my career in law enforcement, I considered this incident as one of the most chaotic, stressful and dangerous situations I've been involved in.

During the incident, BPD Dispatch was the heart, soul, and anchor for our officers. Their professionalism, calmness, and ability to multi-task is what helped BPD officers control the scene and assist EPD.

The following dispatchers should be commended for their actions:

Rayna Johnson was primary on Channel 1. PSD Johnson did an excellent job coordinating and facilitating BPD response. Many officers are not familiar with Emeryville, but PSD Johnson made it clear to make sure BPD officers were safe, calm, and were given all the adequate resources to help assist EPD.

Amber Paulisich-Poon was the call taker that initially took the call. She quickly entered the information and it was given to PSD Johnson to dispatch. She assisted in agency notifications during the 11-99 all while continuing to answer the phones and monitor/dispatch and respond to the radios for the City of Berkeley on Channel 2.

Taylor Sproul was working the fire desk and she assisted by documenting what was being relayed on Emeryville's radio channel to assist with Berkeley's response in Emeryville. She also collected numerous names and phone numbers for Emeryville's PIO contact while working the Fire Desk and answered phone calls.

Lizzy Rosenlicht was working the RB1 desk. She monitored Emeryville's radio and called Emeryville's Dispatch to offer additional resources. During the 11-99, she made agency notifications and notified Oakland Police of updates. PSD Rosenlicht managed to do all of this while working RB1 and answering phones.

Cheryl Lindenau monitored Channel 1 with PSD Johnson and also monitored Emeryville PD's radio. She assisted with agency notifications during the 11-99 while continuing to answer phones and monitoring Channel 2.

Myriam Duncan took over Channel 2 (Comm 2) in order to run the rest of the City during this incident. She monitored Channel 1 and was PSD Johnson's back up. Myriam also passed along media inquiries while continuing to work Comm 2 for the city's remaining calls for service.

This incident was a collaborate effort between BPD Dispatch and BPD Officers. Officers remained in Emeryville until about 2030 hours. BPD Dispatchers went above and beyond to the officers meanwhile also providing their service to the City of Berkeley and our neighboring agencies. Officers are aware that BPD Dispatchers have been working long hours, which can result in fatigue, but when the emergency came, everyone stepped up and made sure the officers made it home safe.

BPD Dispatchers played a critical role in today's incident. BPD officers and dispatchers held a Critical Incident Debrief. Their hard work does not go unnoticed. It should be noted that during the debrief, officers wanted to formally acknowledge BPD Dispatchers for their outstanding work.

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