



HONOR THE BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM AND ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS FOR THEIR VICTORY IN URBAN SHIELD 2013

- WHEREAS,** Urban Shield is a federally funded forty-eight hour competitive training exercise for first responders, including firefighters, EMS and police; and
- WHEREAS,** Urban Shield 2013 included training scenarios based on real-world emergencies and critical events such as the embassy attack in Benghazi, the Boston Marathon and the Sandy Hook school shooting; and
- WHEREAS,** Participating teams from police departments came from around California plus two from Texas and one from Brazil; and
- WHEREAS,** The event attracted public officials as observers from countries around the world including The Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates, Colombia and Switzerland; and
- WHEREAS,** Thirty-four other police departments were represented by teams with equivalent missions to that of Berkeley's Special Response Team; and
- WHEREAS,** In Urban Shield 2013 the Berkeley Police Department's Special Response Team demonstrated its skill and dedication to its mission by finishing in first place among the thirty-five competing police teams.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, do hereby honor and celebrate the Berkeley Police Department's Special Response Team and its individual members for their victory in the Urban Shield 2013 exercise.

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