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Press Release

POLICE "V.I.P.S." HONORED DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

The Vacaville Police Department celebrated National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, by holding a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on April 12, for 71 Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS).

The theme was "Flying High – Serving Our City." VIPS Amy Tudi-Akaka created a Power Point that displayed all twenty-eight (28) areas where the VIPS serve within the Police Department and other Departments including Code Compliance, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

Chief of Police Richard L. Word, Vice Mayor Ron Rowlett, Administrative Services Commander Lt. Craig Courtemanche, and Police Special Services Supervisor Susanne E. Johnson presented awards to various individuals during the event.

The following individuals received recognition:

Recipients of the Presidential Bronze Award:

Ernest Hey, Sandra Meggers, James Waddell, Jr., Nathel Ramirez, Marion Elkins, Janis Dmytriw, Dorothy Aschenbrenner, George Atondo, Denise Waddell, Willia Fulton, Shirley Lawson, Kathleen Wallick, Mary Wokral, David Kellis, Sr., Ringa West, Mary Adams, Marian Wear, Virginia McCarty, Anita Priddy, Sandra Evans, Judith Meyring, Susan Petty, Dolores Woods, and Janice Green.

Recipients of the Presidential Silver Award:

Jerilyn McCord, Rosemary Jackson, Jackie Martinson, Lawrence DeHart, Johanna Hoagland, Lawrence Davis, Jr., Robert Fulton, Kenneth Gallagher, Bradford Jones, Peggy Rourk, Diane Stadler, Lawrence Hall, Jackie Graves, and Ralph Petty.

Recipients of the Presidential Gold Award:

Raymond Benjamin, Renee McAlpin-Hensley, Bruce DuClair, Matthew Pryor, Joseph Foti, Sally Raudy, Lela Watkins, Shirley Tytler, and Gus Alevras.

Volunteer of the Year 2010:

VIPS Matthew Pryor was named with Volunteer of the Year. Pryor started on the VIPS Graffiti Task Force in 2009. His dedication and work ethic resulted in obtaining the lead position as Team Coordinator and Trainer. Pryor researched and improved the process that others now benefit from. In 2010 Pryor submitted 290 vandal reports and served 602 volunteer hours. Pryor also worked on the VIPS Streetlight Night Patrol. When he saw the need, he donated two Stanley 1M Series Spotlights, hand-held ultra bright halogen beams to the program. Pryor was selected because of his team spirit, dedication, spirit of excellence, and communication skills.

Those competing for Volunteer of the Year along with Pryor were Lawrence "Butch" DeHart, Janice Green, and Ralph Petty. All four were named Volunteer of the Quarter in 2010.

The National VIPS announced this week that the 2010 estimate for the value of a volunteer hour has reached \$23.42 per hour in California. That number can be used to help organizations quantify the enormous value volunteers provide. The hourly value of volunteer time is based on the average hourly wage for all non-management, nonagricultural workers as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Vacaville Volunteers in Police Service served 20,936 hours in 2010 for a value equivalent to \$490,321.12 to our community.

For more information about Vacaville's Volunteers In Police Service and related opportunities, contact Susanne Johnson at 707-449-5434.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.