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OC Sheriff's Department Receives Green Award

SANTA ANA, California (October 12, 2012) – Next Tuesday, October 15, 2012, the Orange County Sheriff's Department will be recognized by the California Peace Officers' Association at the 2012 Annual Best of COPSWEST Awards Luncheon in Ontario, California.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department is receiving the award for "Best Go-Green Efforts" for its recycling and waste diversion programs in its jail facilities. These programs, implemented by the Custody and Court Operations Command, have cut the cost of hauling waste by approximately \$16,000 per year and significantly reduced the amount of waste sent to Orange County landfills.

Examples of how the Sheriff's Department is going green includes:

Theo Lacy Jail Facility: The implementation of an electronic inmate count system saves approximately 900 pages of paper per day or 3,200 pounds of paper per year. In addition, the facility recycles cotton, cardboard, polystyrene, metal, paper and plastic products. To date, Theo Lacy has recycled nearly 12 tons of cardboard alone.

James A Musick Jail Facility: Approximately three tons of metal food containers and cans are recycled at Musick each month.

Centrail Jail Complex: Nearly four tons of paper products are recycled each year at the Central Jail Complex and then sorted, shredded and sold as a commodity item.

Inmate Services: The utilization of a nutritionally sound milk replacement product that is prepared in reusable cups has eliminated approximately 7,000 milk cartons per day. The program has not only reduced costs but diverted a large quantity of waxed cardboard waste away from the county's landfills.



About COPSWEST

COPSWEST is the premier law enforcement expo in the west encompassing a tradeshow and education offerings for law enforcement from across the United States. COPSWEST is produced annually by the California Peace Officers' Association.

About the California Peace Officers' Association

The California Peace Officers' Association (CPOA) was established in 1921. CPOA represents the totality of the law enforcement profession. CPOA members include sheriffs, chiefs of police, command staff at all jurisdictional levels, as well as rank and file officers.

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