



City of Placentia

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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Interim City Administrator Damien Arrula announced at Tuesday's City Council Meeting that Police Sergeant to the Police Department, Brian Perry has been selected as the most recent Employee of the Quarter. This recognition is for the General employee category which is rotated with sworn personnel on a quarterly basis.

Brian Perry was hired by the Placentia Police Department in January 2001 after working for the Los Angeles Police Department and the MTA Police Department. Brian was active in patrol, always keeping himself busy handling his assigned calls and seeking out criminal activity on his own. It was quickly recognized that Brian had a talent and a passion for police work.

In 2004 Brian was selected to work with the Department's Special Enforcement Detail as a Gang Detective, an area of focus that Brian had demonstrated a great deal of interest in when was assigned to patrol. Brian had demonstrated an ability to communicate with and build relationships and partnerships with community and family members in those neighborhoods where related crimes and issues were most prevalent. This without a doubt benefitted him in his new assignment and made him successful at that task. Brian was later elevated to the position of Gang Investigator within the Gang Unit and there he was responsible for the investigation, filings and prosecution of gang cases within Placentia, including investigating all gang related homicides. Brian was recognized by the courts and the OC District Attorney's Office as an expert in the area of criminal street gangs, not only in Placentia but throughout other areas of Orange County.

In 2008 Brian tested for the position of Sergeant and was successful in that process and returned to the Patrol Division as a Field Supervisor. There with his long time friend and partner, Sgt. Brad Butts, they would team up looking to work with a shift of officers that was eager to take advantage of their knowledge, expertise and willingness share and teach others. Brian, however, stayed active and committed to constantly working stay on top of gang issues and problems in Placentia.

In the summer of 2013, Sgt. Perry was selected to return to the Special Enforcement Detail this time as the supervisor. In doing so Brian found himself tasked with so much more. Staffing shortages had not only left the Special Enforcement Detail with vacancies but the Detective Bureau itself with vacancies as well. There was at the time no specific supervisor assigned to the General Detective side of the operation and that role was being somewhat overseen by the Administrative Lt. Brian rolled up his sleeves and jumped in, not only taking on the front line role of supervising both the Bureau and SED, but also reviewing cases and

working those that he could and submitting them for criminal filing. Brian assisted the other Detectives in his work group daily and showed a commitment to work that demonstrated an above and beyond attitude.

Because of this commitment to duty and service to the community of Placentia Sergeant Brian Perry has been selected as the Employee of the Quarter.

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