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CITY OF MURRIETA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Murrieta Police Department Celebrates 30 Years of Service with Community Open House

Murrieta, CA.— It's not due to luck that Murrieta is consistently ranked one of the safest cities in the United States among cities with a population of over 100,000. The Murrieta Police Department has been serving the community since August 1, 2002, just over one year after the city's incorporation—on July 1, 1991. Credit goes to the dedicated men and women who have worn the Murrieta PD badge, the engaged and supportive community, and strong support from City Council and staff for its incredible success. On Monday, August 1, the department will celebrate its 30th anniversary as a municipal police department, one of the few in Riverside County.

While much has changed since the initial 25 officers and 9 civilian employees began operations on August 1, 1992, the department's culture remains rooted in excellent service delivery and a strong partnership with the community. The department works hard to hire only the best law enforcement officers, dispatchers and professional staff. In addition, the department now raises its own police officers through the Explorer and Cadet programs. According to Chief Anthony Conrad, the department's 7th Chief of Police, "The partnership built between the police department and the community is the personification of community policing and is the primary reason Murrieta remains such a safe community. We have a true partnership with our residents and we police this community with a service delivery approach, leveraging our highly skilled officers and dispatchers and with a proactive mindset."

30-Year Anniversary Community Open House

There's no better way to honor 30 years of service to the community than inviting the community to celebrate. On Monday, August 1, 2022, from 5pm to 8pm, the Murrieta Police Department is hosting a free community open house event at the Murrieta police station and Town Square Park and Amphitheater. An engaging, educational, and fun event for the entire family, there will be food, treats, a photo booth, and displays from SWAT, Traffic, K9, Off-Road Detail, Explorers, and Volunteers. There will be multiple opportunities to meet Murrieta PD officers and to get up close and personal with the equipment they use on a day-to-day basis and equipment used in emergency situations. The Murrieta Police Department Command Center will be on site, as well as the SWAT Team's Bearcat. In addition to the displays and great food, the police department "Pink Patch Project" will be selling Murrieta PD pink patches to the public to raise breast cancer raise awareness. 30th Anniversary memorabilia will also be handled out by officers and staff. This open house is free and open to the public. Opening ceremonies for the event will begin at 5 p.m.

In addition to all the engagement outside in Town Square Park, the Murrieta Police Department will be opened up for guided tours. Unfortunately, due to popular demand, all tour slots have been filled. The response from the community was overwhelming, with tour spaces filling within days. However, the community will have another opportunity to go behind the walls of the Murrieta Police Department. The fall 2022 Citizens Police Academy will be announced soon and begins on September 28, 2022. The Citizen's Police Academy allows Murrieta residents and those who work in Murrieta to get an up-close look at police department operations, training, and personnel. For more information on the Citizen's Police Academy and to sign up, visit murrietaca.gov/364/Citizens-Police-Academy.

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Celebrate 30 Years with 30 Days of Highlights

Leading up to Murrieta Police Department's 30th anniversary, the police department will be commemorating the important milestone with 30 days of highlights throughout the month of July on social media. Follow @MurrietaPD on Twitter, Instagram, NextDoor, LinkedIn, and TikTok to learn more about the history of the Murrieta Police Department over the past 30 years.

For more information about the Murrieta Police Department, visit their website at www.MurrietaPolice.org.

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