



SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

ADRIAN GUTIERREZ

Santa Barbara Police Department

Officer Adrian Gutierrez is a six-year veteran with the Santa Barbara Police Department. He has served as patrol officer, beat coordinator, police activities league officer and holds a collateral assignment on the Crisis Negotiation Response Team. Officer Gutierrez is currently assigned to the PAL program, but assists patrol on a regular basis and volunteers his time to community events.

On December 18, 2006, officers responded to a call of an assault with a deadly weapon. The female victim had been in an argument with her husband whom she was divorcing. Her distraught husband produced a handgun and pointed it to her head. The suspect told the victim he was going to kill her and was going to kill himself. The victim escaped to another part of the house and the suspect fled with the gun. He told her that if she called the police he would return and kill her and himself.

Officer Gutierrez contacted the suspect by cell phone and began a Spanish speaking dialogue. The suspect told Officer Gutierrez that he was going to shoot himself and made several suicidal statements. After half an hour of speaking with the suspect, Officer Gutierrez convinced the suspect to turn himself into police custody.

On a later date, the suspect called Officer Gutierrez and thanked him for his compassion and crisis negotiation skills. The suspect told Officer Gutierrez that had anyone else tried to negotiate with him, he would have killed himself.

*Due to Officer Gutierrez's strong interpersonal skills, professionalism, and commitment to this community's safety, he was able to defuse this volatile situation and provide a successful conclusion to a dangerous situation. It is for this reason that the Santa Barbara Citizens' Council on Crime is proud to present **OFFICER ADRIAN GUTIERREZ** with its "**AWARD FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE**".*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, to be affixed this 7th day of June, 2007..



Marty Blum
MARTY BLUM, MAYOR

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