

PORT HUENEME POLICE DEPARTMENT

"OFFICER OF THE YEAR"

SEPTEMBER 2009

The Port Hueneme Police Department is proud to announce the "Officer of the Year for 2009" is Senior Officer Ryan BATES.

Senior Officer BATES, a nine (9) year veteran of the Department, was born in Fairbanks, Alaska, graduated from Camarillo High School in 1993 and began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the Santa Paula Police Department in 1999.

He was hired as a full time Police Officer by the Port Hueneme Police Department in November of 2000.

Senior Officer Bates became a Field Training Officer for the Department in January of 2003 and in May of that year he was assigned to the Investigations Division as a Detective. He returned to Patrol one year later, after being selected as one of two K-9 handlers for the Department.

In July of 2007 he was promoted to the rank of Senior Officer and with his K-9 partner, "Don" currently serves as the Beat 1 Coordinator. Beat 1 is the northwest area of the City that includes Bolker Park, Marina Village, Las Palomas, Harbor Lights, Marlborough Village, Pacific Cove, Yankee Landing, the Mandalay Shopping Center and the Olivera Shopping Center. Senior Officer Bates is extremely active in this beat and has developed strong Community relationships with the residents and business owners of this area.

Senior Officer BATES is the Department Certified Taser Instructor, and he has received numerous awards and commendations including the Knights of Columbus Public Safety Award in 2004, and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award (MADD) in March of 2007 for making over 65 drunk driving arrests in one (1) year. He continues to be one of the Department leaders in this category to this day. He also has served as a speaker in many of the City of Port Hueneme Crime Free Multi-Housing Presentations given throughout the City.

Along with all these duties, he was recently elected by his peers to serve as the Vice-President of the Port Hueneme Police Officers' Association. In this capacity he has been touted as being responsive and caring when dealing with the needs of his fellow officers.

Senior Officer BATES, who was selected by his peers to receive this award, was described by them as a; "Conscientious Officer, always striving to do the best for this Department," and "Always there to assist his fellow officers." One of his supervisors said, "Senior Officer BATES throughout his career, has always come up with creative and ingenious ways to handle dynamic situations."