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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **2006 SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAJOR AWARDS BANQUET**

**FAIRMONT HOTEL  
REGENCY BALLROOM  
170 SOUTH MARKET STREET  
SAN JOSE, CA. 95113**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006  
AWARDS CEREMONY 6:00PM to 10:00PM**

On Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6:00 PM, the San Jose Police Department will host the Department's Annual Major Awards Banquet at the Fairmont Hotel. The purpose of the banquet is to honor police officers and community members who have acted selflessly, and in extraordinary fashion, in the protection and defense of their fellow citizens and their community.

The keynote speaker for this awards banquet will be California State Attorney General Bill Lockyer. A native Californian and former teacher, Mr. Lockyer draws upon his 25 years as a state legislator in enforcing California laws and pursuing justice. Mr. Lockyer's no-nonsense approach to solving crimes and stopping criminals includes an exponential increase in the use of DNA technology. Today, the Attorney General's Office maintains the largest working database in the country. Mr. Lockyer also fought to make the Megan's Law database, the list of sexual predators, available online. To date, the database has had more than 280 million hits since going live 17 short months ago.

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San Jose Police Chief Robert L. Davis and Mayor Ron Gonzales will be on hand to present the awards.

Six citizens and thirty-seven police officers are due to be recognized at this event. Many of the awards to be presented are for life saving efforts. Some of those recipients are:

1. Juan Antonio Mendoza, who as a security guard rescued a female from possibly being killed by her assailant. He also assisted the police with the suspects' apprehension as well.
2. Officer Aurelio Rodriguez, who responded to a major traffic accident and after seeing that the car was smoking and may catch on fire, kicked in the rear window of the car and crawled in to comfort the trapped driver.

A full list of the recipients will be available at the banquet.

For additional information, please contact the San Jose Police Department's Personnel Unit at (408) 277-5215.

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