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EL MONTE POLICE OFFICER TO BE HONORED BY THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES

El Monte, Calif. – El Monte Police Officer Jack Jenkins will be honored by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives on Saturday March 13, 2010. The event, which will be held at 6 p.m. at USC's Town and Gown Foyer, will have Officer Jenkins receiving the Homer L. Garrott Community Service Award for his efforts with students, staff and parents of Mountain View High School in El Monte, where he's served as the School Resource Officer for the last 10 years.

"Helping the students of Mountain View High School has been an honor and it brings me so much joy to keep them safe and see them succeed," said Jenkins. "I feel very blessed to be receiving this award and sincerely thank the members of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives for recognizing my work."

The oldest of 11 children, Jenkins, a native of Galveston, Texas, moved to California in 1965 to pursue his passion of automotive racing, eventually purchasing his own auto repair business, which he still owns today. At age 42, however, Jenkins decided he wanted to become a police officer.

By far the oldest person in his class, Jenkins attended the Rio Hondo Police Academy and graduated from the program in 1990. Jenkins was then hired by the El Monte Police Department, working as a patrol officer, and later became a member of the Special Energy Response Team (SERT), which is El Monte's version of a SWAT team.

At age 62, Officer Jenkins has served as a Resource Officer for Mountain View High School, in El Monte. While there, Jenkins maintains a full five day work-week, present on campus daily, and attends every sporting event, dance, and even weekend school activities.

Jenkins has been lauded by both school and city officials, not only for his devotion to law enforcement and the safety of Mountain View High School students, but also for the work he has done with troubled youth.

“Officer Jenkins has gone above and beyond his duties as Resource Officer time and time again here at Mountain View,” said Duane Russell, Mountain View High School Principal. “From helping students who are victims of abuse to mentoring students who have taken part in gangs and other such troubling behavior, Officer Jenkins has done so much to help the students of Mountain View achieve a better life.”

Officer Jenkins will be honored by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives on Saturday, March 13, at USC’s Town and Gown Foyer. Those interested in attending Saturday’s event may receive more information at www.sccboble.org.

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