



El Monte NEWS

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El Monte Police Department Open House Peace Officers Memorial Mural Unveiling and Olympic Homecoming for Silver Medalist *Kim Rhode*

El Monte, Calif. - The City of El Monte, along with the El Monte Police Officers Association, is holding a "Two-fer" event dedicated to El Monte Police Officers and our own Beijing Olympic Silver Medalist, Kim Rhode. The Police Officers Association is unveiling a Police Officer Memorial Mural dedicated to Three El Monte Police Officers and one Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy (who was an El Monte resident) who all lost their lives as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty. In addition, the El Monte Mayor and City Council is welcoming back our hometown hero **Kim Rhode**, who won Silver in the Beijing Olympics in Women's International Skeet.

The big event begins **Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.** in front of El Monte City Hall, **11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte**, where a grand Olympic Homecoming celebration will recognize Beijing Silver Medalist Kim Rhode, (she is also a 2-time Olympic Gold Medalist and one-time Bronze), followed by the unveiling of the Peace Officers Memorial Mural.

Directly after the ceremonies, the Police Officer Association (E.M.P.O.A.) will be hosting the Annual Police Department Open House with demonstrations, displays, live-action events and food. The Open House festivities begin with a live chase and apprehension scene on Valley Boulevard directly after opening ceremonies.

Exhibitions in the City Hall parking lot will include Mounted Patrol, Air Support Helicopter, SERT Vehicle (also known as SWAT), K-9, Department tours and a live shooting demonstration on the firing range. Also on display will be photo opportunities for kids on a Police Motorcycle, L.A. County Fire Engine, Public Works Aerial Lift ride and backhoe, Police Dragster, soccer kick with speed measured by radar, radio-controlled race cars (for kids), a boxing ring, moon bounce with slide and live band.

Parking for the public is at the Courthouse directly across the street from City Hall, 11333 Valley Blvd, El Monte. **For more information contact Richard Thomas at cell: (626) 898-3705.**

El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and home to more than 116,000 residents, is a full-service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway-close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.

Those remembered and honored are:

Terry Long

Tony Arceo

Jerry Ortiz

Don Johnston