



# HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***Hawthorne Police Department to Acknowledge Businesses Who Assisted During the Loss of Fallen Officer***

On May 26, 2011, the Hawthorne Police Department suffered its first "line of duty" death in the Department's 89-year history. Motor Officer Andrew Garton died from injuries that he sustained in a motorcycle accident.

**Chief of Police Robert Fager:** *"Beginning that horrible day, and through the ensuing weeks, the Hawthorne Police Department was the humble recipient of dozens of donated services and supplies from area businesses, community groups and law enforcement agencies. These significant offerings allowed our employees to maintain focus on their entrusted duties to our City's constituents as well as see to the needs of Officer Garton's own family, as everyone grieved. We sincerely appreciate each bit of support."*

Tonight (10-25-11), during the Hawthorne City Council meeting, Chief Fager will formally recognize several of these South Bay and L A County-based businesses for their generosity and compassion. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:00 P.M., and the formal presentation is set for the beginning of the meeting. The location will be at Hawthorne City Hall, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250.

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