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The Cypress Police Foundation was established in 2010 as a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation benefiting the men and women of the Cypress Police Department and the community in which they serve. Please donate now and help support the Cypress Police Department. Please visit the Giving page on our website for more information on our organization as well as how you can help.

*"THE GUARDIANS OF THE SAFETY AND
WELFARE OF OTHERS"*

-George Savord

Retired Cypress Chief of Police

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's said that the month of March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. All our recent storms sure have given credence to the first part of the statement. Even during all the stormy weather, the foundation board has been working extremely hard on some upcoming projects.

The biggest project is the upcoming police appreciation luncheon. This is where we as a community have the opportunity to come together and give thanks to the local heroes at Cypress Police Department. We also have the direct privilege of honoring an officer who was selected by their peers who will be officer of the year.

This year's appreciation luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at the Cypress community center. Save the dates have been emailed to everyone in attendance from last year. Invitations to the event will be going out within the week.

If you have never been, I would like to personally invite you. What a great opportunity to be able to say thanks to the brave men and women who serve our community. If you are interested in being a sponsor or purchasing a ticket, please visit our website at Cypresspf.org.

Along with honoring some outstanding individuals from our police department, we will also be presenting the chief with a very special gift. In addition, every person in attendance will receive a very special momentum of the occasion.

So don't forget to mark your calendars for May 16 our annual police appreciation luncheon. I look forward to seeing you there.

Stay safe,

Don Pettinger PhD

President

Cypress Police Foundation

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
11TH ANNUAL POLICE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



The Cypress Police Foundation
Invites You To Join Us At Our
11th Annual Appreciation Luncheon

11:00 AM Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

Cypress Community Center
5700 Orange Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630

Please RSVP At CypressPF.org

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MEET OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER – DIANA MARTINEZ

By Mariellen Yarc

Officer Diana Martinez grew up in Buena Park and always wanted to be a police officer. She became a Police Explorer at age 15 and continued until she became a Police Aide for the City of Cypress. She was promoted in 2017 as a Police Service Officer and continued until she joined the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and worked at the Women's Jail. Then, in May 2021 she came back to work for Cypress. A few months ago, December 2022, Officer Martinez was selected to serve as our new School Resource Officer - serving Lexington Junior High, Cypress High, and Oxford Academy. She will serve as our SRO for 3 years.

She is loving her new position. Every day she is interacting with the students, relating to them in meaningful ways, and feels she is making a difference with the students' attitudes and knowledge of the right choices to make. She is helping to create new ways to communicate with our youth, including fun activities such as sports. She was very involved in the girls' varsity softball team playing against the Cypress Police Department. Even our Canine Officer, Kubo, got to catch and was seen nibbling on a softball.



Officer Martinez is also involved with the Police Explorers Program and serves as one of their supervisors. And recently she was very busy with a successful project that has been brought back - "Every 15 Minutes" - a very moving and educational program to educate students about the consequences of drinking and driving. Our Chief Lauderback has often said how important it is for his officers to engage with our youth and to foster a good relationship with them. "We need to be the ones to tell our story and to mold their impression of the police..." not the media, etc. He wants to humanize the profession for our youth. It seems he has a great ambassador for the job - School Resource Officer Martinez.

