



Press Release

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Subject: Coffee with a Cop

On May 14th, 2016, the Redondo Beach Police Department and members of the community will come together in a friendly, informal environment to discuss community issues, build relationships and enjoy a good cup of coffee.

All community members are invited to attend.

The hours of the event will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 14th, 2016 at The Galleria Mall at South Bay located at 1815 Hawthorne Bl., Redondo Beach.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the police department's work in Redondo Beach's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. *Coffee with a Cop* breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

Engaging our community in public safety efforts is a top priority of the Redondo Beach Police Department. We share the community's concerns and make every effort to address them. To that end, we are kicking off a new program entitled *Coffee with a Cop*.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

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