

# THE WEEKLY COUNCIL INFORMATION REPORT

May 26, 2023

Congratulations, Fire Engineer Will Swan – Firefighter of the Year Welcome to the City of Merced, Firefighters Kelly, Reid, Ekizian, and Englert.



Pictured left to right – Fire Chief Derek Parker, Firefighters Brandon Kelly, Keith Reid, Brendan Ekizian, Edward Englert, and Firefighter of the Year, Will Swan.

The City of Merced Fire Department recently recognized Fire Engineer Will Swan as 2023 Firefighter of the Year. Swan was nominated by his fellow firefighters and recognized for exceeding the requirements expected of his position and for his dedication to the community he serves.

Shortly after the presentation, the department held its badge-pinning ceremony for Rookie Academy 23-01 graduates. During the pinning ceremony, Merced City Fire Chief Derek Parker administered the oath of office, followed by chosen family members pinning badges on their loved ones.

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Scenes from the Fire Department Pinning Ceremony and Firefighter of the Year Presentation.



#### **Public Works Safety Fair**

The Public Works Safety Committee hosted its annual Safety Fair at the Corp Yard Service Center. Staff met with vendors and other city department personnel to learn about services and programs. Everyone was treated to a grilled chicken and tri-tip lunch and a celebratory safety cake. In addition, the event included a competitive and friendly Cornhole Tournament. Tournament winners took home custom-made cornhole boards and bags.



#### Merced County Office of Education Early Education Conference

The Merced Police Department recently participated in the Merced County Office of Education's Early Education Conference. During the conference, Sergeant McKinnon and Officer Calcagno shared information about the dangers of impaired driving with over 100 educators and directors. In addition, attendees used Fatal Vision Goggles to experience how alcohol impairs a person's balance, vision, reaction time, and judgment. Participants also toured the department's DUI Mobile Communication Center.



#### Merced PD Attends Career Days at Local Schools

Officer Martinez recently attended the Joe Stefani Elementary School Career Day and met with students in the 3rd through 6th grades. After the event, students surprised Officer Martinez with thoughtful and creative thank-you cards.

The Department also participated in a career fair held at Cruickshank Middle School. Seventh and eighth-grade students in the AVID program at Cruickshank and sixth-grade students from surrounding elementary schools met with SRO Officer Avery to learn about his role as a school resource officer.







#### Merced PD and BHRS Present at G.L.O.M Conference

The Merced Police Department was recently invited to speak at a G.L.O.M. conference. During the conference, Officer Jennifer Shaw and Crystal Cerda with Merced County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (B.H.R.S.) shared information about the services and resources the two agencies can provide through a successful partnership.



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