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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Fahey and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Ernest M. Klevesahl, Jr., Chief
Nan Rados, Sergeant

DATE: December 6, 2005

SUBJECT: Presentation of Certificates recognizing the Community Police Academy Graduates of the Manhattan Beach Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council present a Certificate of Achievement to each member of the graduating class of the Manhattan Beach Police Department's Community Police Academy, Class #5-Fall 2005.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with staff's recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

On August 20, 2002, Council approved the MBPD Community Police Academy. On September 8, 2005, the fifth class began. Seventeen members of the community were selected and have participated in ten lectures and one police ride along.

During their ten week experience the Community Police Academy has

- Provided the participants with knowledge of our Department, what we do, and how we do it.
- Enhanced communications between the police and the participants and improved the level of understanding of the role each plays in public safety.
- Allowed participants to experience hands-on exercises relating to the duties, services and responsibilities of policing.

Additionally, the participants were provided a forum for their questions so that their concerns were addressed.

Through the *Community Police Academy*, our Department received valuable input regarding the policing needs of the community. This type of interaction will assist our Department in achieving its goals of enhancing the character of the community and assuring a continuation of excellence in policing. This program is truly a “Policing through Partnerships” experience.

DISCUSSION:

On November 17, 2005, the MBPD Community Police Academy will conclude, graduating seventeen participants. The following seventeen participants will be receiving a Certificate of Achievement:

James Alfaro	Robert Blanchard
Ann Strom Bunn	Tom Bunn
Heather Donalessen	Evelyn Gingrich
Michael Hagedorn	Eric Hartman
Bob Hoersch	Jim Irwin
Philip Jacobson	Deirdre Murray
Steven Robins	Liz Tanner
Kevin Tilley	Margaret Wells
Marleah Zeisloft-Sena	