



# OCEANSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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## Oceanside Police Department Graduates Three New Officers, Two Take Top Honors

On Tuesday evening, April 7, 2009, three of Oceanside's newest police officers graduated from the 78<sup>th</sup> San Diego Regional Law Enforcement Academy. The academy is located at the San Diego Regional Public Safety Training Institute on the campus of Miramar College.

Officers Brandon Baird, Gabriel Cobian and Chris Ruedi spent twenty-five intensive weeks acquiring the skills, practical training, and discipline that will help them begin a long and rewarding career in law enforcement. Prior to the evening's graduation event, the police department held a swearing-in ceremony where family and friends witnessed each officer take the oath of office and have their badges pinned on by their wives.

The evening proved to be even more memorable than expected for the officers, their families and the police department. Officer Chris Ruedi was awarded the Regional Police Academy's top award for Academic Performance. Officer Brandon Baird earned the highest distinction of Honor Graduate. As the Honor Graduate, Officer Baird excelled in all areas of academy training, including academic performance, physical fitness, firearms, vehicle operations, and defensive tactics.

The officers spent countless hours in the classroom working through a variety of academic law enforcement courses. They also participated in training in emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms, and physical fitness as mandated by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Each passed a series of mandated examinations to qualify to graduate, and, along with a successful completion of one year of law enforcement service, will be awarded a California Basic POST certificate. As part of their law enforcement education, they each earned 27.5 college credits. Each officer will spend a total of six months with Field Training Officers, applying what they learned in the academy, before going on to serve in a single officer capacity.

The Oceanside Police Department would like to congratulate each of our new officers for their outstanding academy performance and welcome them as a part of the OPD family that proudly serves the Oceanside community.



In the photo, left to right, Gabriel Cobian, Chris Ruedi, Brandon Baird

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