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La Palma Volunteers Honored

LA PALMA, Calif. –The City of La Palma recognized its volunteers at a May 14 Volunteer Recognition Celebration. Mayor Waldman recognized and thanked members of the Traffic Safety Committee, Development Committee, and the Community Activities & Beautification Committee for their dedicated service to the City. The Recreation and Community Services Department and the Police Department also honored their volunteers.

The Recreation and Community Services Department selected Kit, Patricia, Milissa, and Patrick Kirby as its Family Volunteers of the Year. The Kirby family are long time volunteers for the community, serving at the annual Fourth of July Fitness Run for Fun and the La Palma Days celebration. Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson said, “Community involvement has always been an important part of the Recreation and Community Services Department and without volunteers, such as the Kirby’s, City events would not be as successful”.

The Police Department awarded its Volunteer of the Year award to Virginia Hartzell posthumously. Hartzell passed away in October of 2008 and had been a member of Volunteers in Policing (VIP) for 13 years. In later years, Virginia could be found every Monday

morning in the records division of the Police Department diligently filing reports. Fellow VIP member Ted Reina, accepted the award on her behalf. Chief of Police Ethell commented that “Virginia is missed not only for her dedicated service but also for her caring, cheerful, and giving nature that always made her a wonderful member of the La Palma Police Department Family.”

The City of La Palma currently has over 400 volunteers that assist with recreational events and programming and safety patrols. Their dedication and faithful service helps to make La Palma a strong community.



From left to Right: Chief of Police Ethell, Ted Reina, Kit Kirby, Patricia Kirby, Director of Recreation Jan Hobson, Patrick Kirby, Milissa Kirby

About the City of La Palma

The City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 16,081 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 65 full-time and 53 part-time employees.

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