



**CRIME  
PREVENTION  
PROGRAM**  
*of Southern California*

## CPP's 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL JOHN HOOTMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

### THE AWARD

The following pages describe the history and criteria for the Twenty- second Annual John Hootman Memorial Award to be presented at the Western States Auto Theft Investigators' (WSATI) January 2017 meeting. This is the only award presented on behalf of the construction industry to a law enforcement individual or agency in Southern California. It represents the close working relationship between these two groups, noting outstanding efforts which contributed to the betterment of all concerned.

#### ***JOHN HOOTMAN MEMORIAL AWARD***

*The John Hootman Memorial Award is presented annually at the Western States Auto Theft Investigators' meeting in January 2017. The award is named after the late California Highway Patrol Investigator John D. Hootman, of the Inland Division. It honors the memory of an officer who gave much time, effort, enthusiasm and initiative toward helping the construction industry prevent and resolve equipment crimes.*

*The award represents the last major case Investigator Hootman spearheaded, a \$10 million dollar recovery case, and the arrest and conviction of suspect Paul Tobeler. This case was given the operations name of "Hooter's Hummer" by Investigator Hootman for that memorable five year case. That case remains one of the largest recoveries of stolen construction equipment in United States history. There are two parts to this award. First, a permanent gold hardhat on which a small personalized plaque is added each year naming the newest award winner. The hard hat is passed from winner to winner. Second, a personalized plaque is given each year to the current winner(s).*

#### **CRITERIA**

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** Current members of the WSATI organization, individual law enforcement officers and/or their departments, task forces, insurance companies, and private investigators. If a multi-agency unit or task force is selected, the award will be presented to the whole unit, not to a single officer representing the group.

**DATES AND LOCATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:** Activities which took place before November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 will be considered. To be eligible, activities must have taken place within at least one of the ten Southern California counties, the same area covered by the Crime Prevention Program.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:** Prevention or resolution of construction industry theft and/or vandalism incidents, apprehension of suspects, and training or educational activities for officers or the general public. **The construction cases should reflect the nominee's personal interest, enthusiasm, commitment and initiative.** The award is not based on the dollar value of recoveries, although an overall value should be noted.

**DEADLINE:** All entries may be mailed or emailed and must be received at the CPP office by December 30, 2017

Crime Prevention Program of SoCal / John Hootman Award Nomination

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### NOMINATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Individual or Group) Being Nominated

\_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a *detailed* description of the activities performed which qualify the nominee(s) for this award. Include specifics of the case(s) that demonstrate why your nominee is deserving of this award.

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#### Winners to date are:

- 2016 - Investigators Kasey Banuelos and Jeff Strout, CHP Inland Division I.S.U.
- 2015 - Jim Kelley, CHP Border North ISU
- 2014 - Karie Mendoza, CHP Inland Division I.S.U.
- 2013 - RAID, Task Force of Riverside County
- 2012 - Det. Joe Williamson, Det. Ben Black, Det. Rafael Virrueta - LAPD Safe Detail.
- 2011 - J.J. Rodriguez, Matt Lewis- R.A.I.D. / Karie Mendoza - C.H.P. Inland Division I.S.U.
- 2010 - RAID, Task Force of Riverside County
- 2009 - CHP / TRAP Investigator Gabe Marquez
- 2008 - CHP Inland Division ISU
  - Special Recognition Award to CHP / SANCATT Investigator Heath Kuhlmann
- 2007 - LAPD BAD CATS Detective Mike Perez
- 2006 - CHP Investigator Richard Cheever and LAPD BAD CATS Detective Louis Koven
- 2005 - **Ventura County Sheriff's Deputies Juan M. Ponce and Michael R. Hartmann**
- 2004 - CHP Inland Division Investigators Michael Harris and Kurt Nester
- 2003 - CHP Coastal Division, SLOCATT
  - Special Recognition Award to CHP Inland Division, ISU
- 2002 - CHP Border Division, ISU
- 2001 - RAID, Task Force of Riverside County
- 2000 - Investigator Rick Marshall, CHP, CECATS
- 1999 - Det. Dale Nancarrow, La Verne PD - TRAP / Detective Steve Kolb, LAPD, BAD CATS
- 1998 - RAID, Task Force of Riverside County
- 1997 - RAID, Task Force of Riverside County
- 1996 - Investigator David Schwartzkopf, CHP, Inland Division

We strongly encourage you **to submit an application for your groups or for an individual officer's** activities. You may submit more than one nomination.

**Questions? Call CPP's Director, Melissa Somers (562) 860-9006.**

Thank you for your submission and your service!



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Please include a detailed description of the activities performed which qualify the nominee(s) for the John Hootman Memorial Award. Include specifics of the case that demonstrate why the nominee is deserving of this one-of-a-kind award and submit via mail or email to:

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