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Ceres Police Officers Lorenzo Beltran and James Riley to Receive Chief Awards at Upcoming Ceres City Council Meeting

Ceres, California – Two Ceres Police Officers will be presented with “Chief Awards” by Chief Art de Werk at the upcoming [Ceres City Council Meeting](#). The presentation is scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 7 pm in the Ceres Council Chambers, located in the Ceres Community Center at 2701 4th Street, Ceres.

Chief Awards are presented by Chief Art de Werk to the men and women of the Ceres Police Division for acts of valor, heroism, outstanding performance or lifesaving. Officers Lorenzo Beltran and James Riley will receive the awards for outstanding performance. While in their current patrol assignments, they have effected over 300 drug arrests, written two search warrants for narcotics sales, and with the help of the Ceres Street Crimes Unit and Ceres SWAT Team, have seized \$22,931 in cash and taken 4.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 4.5 ounces of heroin, over 4,400 pounds of marijuana, and 40 guns off the streets of our community since February of this year.

Prior to entering law enforcement, Officer James Riley served in the United States Army for almost eight years, completed three tours of duty in Iraq, and received numerous military awards, including the Purple Heart, before being honorably discharged in 2008. He joined Ceres Police Department on January 25, 2011 after spending three years at the Stanislaus County Sheriff’s Department as a Deputy. Officer Riley has been a member of the Ceres SWAT team since August 7, 2011, and is currently assigned to patrol.

Officer Lorenzo Beltran began his career in law enforcement as an Explorer with the Ceres Police Department for four years. He then worked as a Deputy at the Stanislaus County Sheriff’s Department for a year, and then joined Ceres Police Department as a full-time Police Officer on July 9, 2007. Officer Beltran was also a member of the Ceres SWAT team from August 22, 2010 – May 29, 2011. He is currently assigned to patrol.

Chief de Werk looks forward to presenting these two officers with Chief Awards on Monday and said, “I am very impressed with the extraordinary work performed by Officers Beltran and Riley. Not only have they been working tirelessly in an unforgiving

environment, but they have used excellent policing and investigative skills in their efforts to make our community safer. These two officers are committed to public safety and they certainly are exemplifying the best of professional policing.”

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