



## Ceres Department of Public Safety

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### **Ceres American Legion Post 491 and Ceres Police Chief to Recognize Outstanding Public Safety Personnel**

Every year, various organizations in the community recognize exemplary Ceres Department of Public Safety personnel. Nominations are made by their peers using the following criteria: community involvement, outstanding accomplishments, "under the radar" employees, those who demonstrate leadership traits, and heroics. Once the nominations are received, they are reviewed by a group of community members who have selected the following Ceres Department of Public Safety employees and volunteers for recognition this year:

Sergeant Danny Vierra, Police Officer of the Year

Reserve Police Officer Kiashira Ruiz, Reserve Police Officer of the Year

Captain Jeff Santos, Firefighter of the Year

Intern Firefighter David Steenburgh, Intern Firefighter of the Year

Community Services Officer Patty Maloy, Support Person of the Year

Chaplain Billybob Muirhead, Chaplain of the Year

Volunteer in Public Service Glen Safrit, Volunteer of the Year

Chief Art de Werk said, "Once again, the frontline personnel of community safety services have risen to the highest level of public service. I have been associated with these employees for the last 12 years and have yet to feel anything less than heartfelt pride and admiration for them all."

These members of the Ceres Department of Public Safety, along with personnel from other local agencies, will be honored tonight at the Ceres Law & Order Night Event, sponsored by the Ceres American Legion Post 491. The event will take place at Legion Hall, where \$10 tickets can be purchased at the door for the dinner and awards ceremony that begins at 6 PM.