



# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Rod Uyeda, Chief of Police  
Tim Hageman, Sergeant

**DATE:** June 2, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Certificates to Graduates of the 8<sup>th</sup> Community Police Academy of the Manhattan Beach Police Department

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council present a Certificate of Achievement to each member of the graduating class of the Manhattan Beach Police Department's Community Police Academy, Class #8-Spring 2009.

### FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with staff's recommendation.

### BACKGROUND:

On August 20, 2002, the City Council approved of the Manhattan Beach Police Department forming a Community Police Academy to educate our residents and business owners about their police department to improve communication and form stronger relationships with the people they serve.

On February 25, 2009, the 8<sup>th</sup> class of the Manhattan Beach Police Department's Community Police Academy began. Twenty Five members of the community were selected and have participated in ten lectures and one police ride-a-long.

During their ten week experience the Community Police Academy has:

- Provided the participants with knowledge of our Department, what we do, and how we do it.
- Enhanced communications between the police and the participants and improved the level of understanding of the role each plays in public safety.
- Allowed participants to experience hands-on exercises relating to the duties, services and responsibilities of policing.

Additionally, the participants were provided a forum for their questions so that their concerns were addressed.

Through the Community Police Academy, the Police Department received valuable input regarding the policing needs of the community. This type of interaction will assist our Department in achieving its goals of enhancing the character of the community, improving communication and assuring a continuation of excelling in policing. This program is truly a "Policing through Partnerships" experience.

**DISCUSSION:**

On May 6, 2009, the 8<sup>th</sup> Class of the Manhattan Beach Police Department's Community Police Academy will conclude, graduating twenty five participants. The following twenty five participants will be receiving a Certificate of Achievement:

Danika Allmon	Barbara Heacox
Stephanie Allmon	Matt Klink
Kevin Brown	Scott Marsiglia
Jeffrey Castel	Kathleen Nichols
David Champion	Richard Nichols
Janice Champion	Alisa Pederson
Josh Cooperman	Jack Tedesco
Steven Delk	Julia Tedesco
Cecilia Graham	Paul Thompson
Sandra Gregory	Gwen Vigon
Lynne Gross	Kenneth Wesolik
Michael Hamada	Mardell Wrensch
Paula Hazzard	