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## Fullerton Police & Valencia Task Force Selected for OC Human Relations Awards

The Fullerton Police Department and the Valencia Task Force have been selected from over 50 groups nominated to receive awards for outstanding contributions to human relations in Orange County. They were chosen for their efforts in making Orange County a respectful and safe place for all people to live, work and go to school. The awards will be presented at the annual Human Relations Awards Celebration May 19th at the Grove of Anaheim.

The Fullerton Police Department is one of three in Orange County selected as recipients of a Human Relations Award. The Fullerton Police Department Crime Impact Unit, in collaboration with city departments, business owners, and community members, undertook an evaluation and created a successfully implemented plan to address crime and safety issues in the Downtown Fullerton area.

Southwest Fullerton's Valencia Task Force was selected for an award in the Community category. Cindy Nagamatsu Hanlon, Daniel Ramirez, Massy Alavi, Jon Fujiwara and Dorothy Mulkey will be recognized. The group has worked diligently to improve their

community. In the past two years, the Task Force has consulted widely with the community and City officials and as a result has seen the city approve almost \$300,000 to improve safety in the area. The group also had a great deal of input in the soon to be completed neighborhood health clinic and runs a number of programs for kids and community members in the neighborhood.