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CALISTOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE: March 17, 2011**

**TO: Richard Spitler – City Manager**

**FROM: Jonathan Mills – Chief of Police**

**RE: 2010 Officer and Dispatcher of the Year.**

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It is important to recognize and award dedicated employees for their superior efforts on behalf of the City and Police Department. Although I am very proud of the work done by all members of the Department, and many of them are worthy of this award, I wish to single out one Officer and one Dispatcher for their excellent work as examples of the fine and dedicated staff of the Calistoga Police Department. I am pleased to continue the tradition of Officer and Dispatcher of the Year by selecting Officer Michael Perreault and Dispatcher/Community Services Technician Douglas O'Neill as Calistoga Police Department Officer and Dispatcher for 2010.

**Officer Michael Perreault** constantly displays a strong commitment to professionalism and proactive policing. Last year, Mike made 106 arrests, one quarter of all arrests made by the Police Department for the year. Included in these cases were 25 drunk driving arrests, an accomplishment that brought recognition from MADD for his efforts against drunk driving. This is Mike's third consecutive year being honored by MADD. He has been involved in several significant and complicated cases including a burglary investigation involving several jurisdictions resulting in the apprehension two suspects, domestic violence calls, and sexual assault cases.

On October 4, 2010 at almost 11:00 pm Mike noticed a car stopped on the side of the highway with it engine running. Mike took the initiative to check the car and found the driver had just suffered a stroke. Mike immediately summoned EMS and the driver was transported to the hospital. It was acknowledged that only because of Mike's action that the driver survived.

**Dispatcher/ Community Policing Technician Douglas O'Neill** has been with the Department since June of 1970. After a long and distinguished career, Doug decided to come back for more. Since retirement, he has worked as a Community Policing Technician and Part-Time Dispatcher. Doug's knowledge of, and care for the City of Calistoga has benefitted all of his co-workers. Doug has

made himself available to help out at all hours of the day or night especially helping out with computer issues.

In this last year Doug worked tirelessly during our transition between computerized record systems. He made sure that all of our old records and reports were successfully carried over into the new system, quality checked the data obsessively, entered streets, addresses, and codes into the new system and verified that it all worked correctly on our equipment. Without his efforts the transition would not have been so seamless.

# **CITY OF CALISTOGA PROCLAMATION**

***Recognizing Officer Michael Perreault as the  
Calistoga Police Department's 2010 Police Officer of the Year***

***WHEREAS, the City of Calistoga wishes to honor Officer Michael Perreault  
as the Calistoga Police Department's 2010 Police Officer of the year; and***

***WHEREAS, Officer Michael Perreault, a 2006 graduate of the Napa Valley  
College Police Academy, began his career in law enforcement with the  
Calistoga Police Department in 2007; and***

***WHEREAS, his positive attitude and proactive police work are examples of  
his dedication to duty; and***

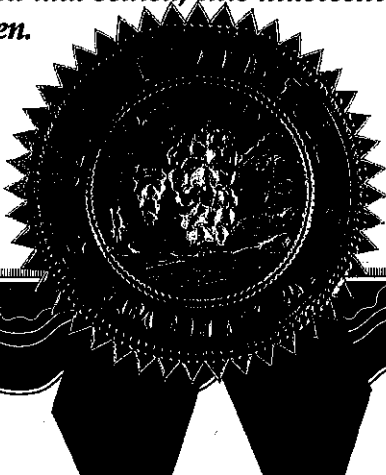
***WHEREAS, during 2010 he was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk  
Driving for the third year in a row for his efforts locating and arresting drunk  
drivers; and***

***WHEREAS, on the night of October 4, 2010, Officer Michael Perreault  
located and rendered assistance to a motorist who had just suffered a stroke; and***

***WHEREAS, Officer Perreault's intervention was directly responsible for  
saving the life of the motorist.***

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jack Gingles, Mayor of the  
City of Calistoga and the Calistoga City Council, do hereby acknowledge and  
congratulate Officer Michael Perreault for being selected as the Calistoga Police  
Department's 2010 Police Officer of the Year.***

***Signed and sealed, this nineteenth day of April, in the year Two Thousand and  
Eleven.***



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***Jack Gingles, Mayor***

# **CITY OF CALISTOGA PROCLAMATION**

***Recognizing Community Services Technician and Part-Time Dispatcher  
Douglas O'Neill as the Calistoga Police Department's  
2010 Police Dispatcher of the Year***

***WHEREAS, the City of Calistoga wishes to honor Community Services Technician and Part-Time Dispatcher Douglas O'Neill as the Calistoga Police Department's 2010 Police Dispatcher of the year; and***

***WHEREAS, Doug started his career with the Calistoga Police Department in 1970; and***

***WHEREAS, Doug O'Neill served the City of Calistoga as a Police Officer, Police Sergeant and Acting Chief during a distinguished 34 year career; and***

***WHEREAS, upon retirement he came back to the Police Department to work part-time as both a Community Services Technician and a Police Dispatcher; and***

***WHEREAS, Doug has always made himself available to help out at anytime of the day or night; and***

***WHEREAS, during the past year Doug was instrumental in leading the transition between old and new computerized records systems; and***

***WHEREAS,, without Doug's diligent work, the transition between computer systems would not have been as smooth.***

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I Jack Gingles, Mayor of the City of Calistoga and the Calistoga City Council, do hereby acknowledge and congratulate Community Services Technician and Part-Time Dispatcher Douglas O'Neill as the Calistoga Police Department's 2010 Police Dispatcher of the Year.***

***Signed and sealed, this nineteenth day of April, in the year Two Thousand and Eleven.***

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***Jack Gingles, Mayor***

