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Welcome

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Posting of Colors / Pledge

**Houston Police Department
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National Anthem

Melissa Saldivar-Hamilton
Houston Police Department

Invocation

Monty Montgomery,
Chaplain
Houston Police Department

Introduction of Head Table

Maria Corrales

Presentation of Proclamations/ Remarks

Annise D. Parker,
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Charles A. McClelland, Jr.
Chief of Police

Remarks on behalf of COP

Martha I. Montalvo
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Lunch

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Maria Corrales

Guest Speaker

General Joe Ramirez, Jr.
Brigadier General, USA (Ret)
Commandant, Texas A&M Corps
of Cadets

Introduction of Nominees, HOY Presentations, Sponsors & Closing Remarks

Daniel S. Perales,
Assistant Chief
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Benediction

Monty Montgomery,
Chaplain
Houston Police Department



Brigadier General, USA Retired



— Joe E. Ramirez, Jr. —



Brigadier General, USA (Ret)
Commandant, Texas A&M Corps of Cadets

Brigadier General Joe Ramirez is a native of Houston, Texas and graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1975. He attended Texas A&M University and joined the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band in the Corps of Cadets, where he commanded the B Company "Streetfighters" his senior year. He received his commission in the Field Artillery from Texas A&M in 1979 as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

During his 31 years of military service General Ramirez commanded soldiers around the world from the platoon and battery level up to battalion, brigade and division level. He commanded B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 41st Field Artillery in Bad Kissingen, Germany, the 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery at Ft Stewart, Georgia, the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas, and was the Deputy Division Commander for the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea. He was also



the Deputy Chief of Staff for United States Central Command during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

General Ramirez holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Physical Education from Texas A&M (1979); Masters Degree in Management from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri (1993); and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania (2000).

His numerous military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Parachutists Badge.





Uniformed Officer of the Year



Javier Duran



Police Officer Javier Duran is a five year veteran of the Houston Police Department and is assigned to the Field Operations, East Patrol Command, Eastside Division, Divisional Tactical Unit. Officer Duran has developed a reputation for identifying crime trends and developing and implementing solutions in non-traditional manners. One of those no-traditional methods that Officer Duran spearheaded is searching for fugitives by utilizing

Social Media.

With his knowledge of the latest and most popular social media sites, Officer Duran, over the last several months, has identified, located, and arrested several fugitives solely from information these individuals themselves have posted on various sites on the web by locating their “digital fingerprints.”

Officer Duran frequently conducts self-initiated searches on the Harris County Most Wanted Fugitives website. Then, using just the name of the fugitive, he searches social media sites for these wanted individuals. In one such case, Officer Duran discovered that Marco Montiel, a Top 50 Wanted Fugitive, was charged with Indecency With a Child in March of 2013, but was not yet in custody. After an exhaustive search, Officer Duran located Montiel's profile on Facebook. Posing as a female Facebook user, Officer Duran was able to communicate with the fugitive several times and eventually convinced him to meet at a predetermined location.



When the fugitive arrived, he was swiftly arrested without incident.

In an even more extraordinary case, Officer Duran, was able to find Ricardo Leon who was charged in 2005 and 2006 for two separate violent felony charges of Assault and Injury to a Child. Once again, Officer Duran utilized his personal computer to locate the fugitive's Facebook account, posed as a female, and arranged a meeting which resulted in the suspect's arrest. .

Officer Duran displayed innovation and determination in seeking justice for victims of unspeakable crimes. The Hispanic Officer of the Year Committee, Inc. is proud to name Officer Javier Duran as the 2013 Hispanic Officer of the Year-Uniformed Officer Recipient.





Non-Uniform Officer of the Year

Michael J. Ybanez



Senior Police Officer Michael Ybanez has served twenty three years with the Houston Police Department and is assigned to the Investigative Operations, Special Investigations Command, Major Offenders Division, Police Impersonation Squad.

The methods of criminal investigations are constantly changing with the use of DNA and other technological advances. However, new technologies can never replace long hours and labor intensive methods of thorough criminal investigations. Senior Police Officer Ybanez has a reputation for diligently incorporating the use of modern day technology along with a strong work ethic, dedication, and determination in seeking justice for crime victims.

Senior Police Officer Ybanez investigated several suspects posing as undercover Houston Police Officers. These suspects committed aggravated robberies in which several complainants were injured. Officer Ybanez pursued several leads composed from similar cases and was successful in identifying one of the suspects. Officer Ybanez's interview experience allowed him to link the unknown aspects of the robbery cases. Through search warrants and cell phone analysis, Officer Ybanez was able to identify possible suspects known only by their nicknames. Utilizing corroborating evidence gleaned from his investigation, Senior Police Officer Ybanez was able to secure warrants for other suspects involved in the robberies.



During custodial interviews, the suspects admitted their roles in the series of robberies that resulted in both suspects being charged with Capital Murder. Due to tireless effort and extended work hours, Senior Police Officer Ybanez was able to apprehend these violent suspects and have them incarcerated where they can no longer harm the public.

Senior Police Officer Ybanez's tireless dedication and determination was once again displayed when he investigated a crime in which a female was forcibly kidnapped by a suspect who claimed to be a police officer. Working with other divisions, Officer Ybanez was able to identify a possible suspect who was charged with the crime. Due to evidence recovered at the time of the suspect's arrest, Officer Ybanez was able to secure additional charges in an unrelated case.

Senior Police Officer Ybanez is a true professional whose dedication and tenacity is a true testament to his chosen profession and is an asset to the City of Houston, the Houston Police Department, and the Major Offenders Division. The Hispanic Officer of the Year Committee, Inc. is proud to name Senior Police Officer Michael Ybanez as the 2013 Hispanic Officer of the Year-Non-Uniform Officer Recipient





Support Officer of the Year



Jose L. Rosas



Lieutenant Jose L. Rosas, a 22 veteran of the Houston Police Department, is assigned to the Investigative Operations, Forensic Services Command, Property Division. Over the past year, Lieutenant Rosas has pulled "double-duty," serving as the Administrative Lieutenant, where he oversees the management of all personnel, facilities, equipment, and budget functions, and as the Operations Lieutenant, where he oversees all aspects of property and evidence intake, storage, retrieval, and auditing.

Lieutenant Rosas devoted many long hours towards sustaining the high standards necessary for maintaining accountability for each piece of evidence in the Houston Police Department Property Division. There were two periods in which Lieutenant Rosas' actions went above and beyond. First, he served as the Acting Captain for three months while the assigned captain attended out of state training. Second, he trained and educated a newly promoted captain assigned to the division in the complicated operations of the Property Division. Lieutenant Rosas never wavered and performed all his regularly assigned duties and additional duties in an exceptional manner.

During this past year, the Property Division employees, directed by the leadership and management skills of Lieutenant Rosas, achieved several key goals and overcame several challenges.



Lieutenant Rosas personally appeared before members of the Texas State Legislature to testify regarding the need to amend the laws concerning the disposition of property belonging to prisoners held in city jails. As a result of his efforts, Senate Bill 367 was passed which enables all jails across the state to efficiently dispose of unclaimed prisoner property.

The Property Division earned the coveted ISO 9001:2008 (International Organization of Standards) certification in September 2011 while Lieutenant Rosas was assigned to the division. In addition, Lieutenant Rosas has tirelessly worked to ensure that the Property Division has passed three subsequent ISO Surveillance Audits with overwhelming success.

The level of dedication to duty demonstrated by Lieutenant Jose Rosas is worthy of praise and brings great credit to himself, the Houston Police Department, and the City of Houston. The Hispanic Officer of the Year Committee, Inc. is proud to name Lieutenant Jose Rosas as the 2013 Hispanic Officer of the Year-Support Officer Recipient.





Honorable Mention

Nominees for 2013 Hispanic Officer of the Year

The Hispanic Officer of the Year Committee, Inc. congratulates each of the following Houston Police Officers for their outstanding contributions to the law enforcement profession. Our community, the Houston Police Department, and all of law enforcement are better served because you have gone beyond the call of duty. It is fitting that you be recognized for your consistent outstanding performance. We are extremely proud of you and are confident that you will continue to enjoy great success in your careers.

V. Gonzalez-Bueno	Robbery Division
J. Alvarez	Juvenile
T. Andrade	Homicide Division
J. C. Padilla	Homicide Division
J. Benavides	Narcotics Division
J. Castro	Narcotics Division
M. Zamora	Narcotics Division
D. Saenz	Narcotics Division
A.B. Gorham-Maki	Major Offenders Division
J. S. Duran	Major Offenders Division
M. Hernandez	West Division
M. Ramirez	Eastside Division
A. Lopez	Eastside Division
F. F. Rios	Midwest Division
M. A. Sant'Anna	Midwest Division
T. Perez	Midwest Division
J. C. Reyes	Midwest Division
D. Balderaz	Special Operations Division
M. D. Villarreal	Special Operations Division
R. W. Rivas	Gang Division
C. B. Aultman	Kingwood Division
J. Giraldo	Mental Health Unit
P. Cantu	Central Division
A. Estrada	Central Division

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



Distinguished Award Winner



Ignacio Aranda

2013 H.O.Y. Scholarship Recipient



Adrian A. Lopez

Eastside Division



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