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**Community Honors Law Enforcement and Legal Professionals Long  
Standing Tradition Celebrates Law Appreciation Day**

LANCASTER, CA – In recognition of the 2018 Law Appreciation Day, the community will once again honor outstanding members of the Law Enforcement and Legal Community. For the 60<sup>th</sup> year, the celebration is open to the public and will be held in the H.W. Hunter Pavilion at the AV Fair & Event Center on Friday, May 4, 2018. This event is presented by the Antelope Valley Bar Association, California Highway Patrol, and Friends of the Antelope Valley Fair.

Returning as The Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Gordon Graham who is a well-respected attorney, consultant, lecturer, author, and retired CHP Commander. Gordon has a vast array of personal law enforcement experience spanning over two decades as a parole officer, field sergeant and more.

A no-host bar and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the program will begin at noon. During the luncheon, speech presentations will be made by local high school students who were the top three finalists of a previously held speech contest addressing this year's contest theme, "Separation of Powers – Framework for Freedom" The finalists; Diamond Scott, Highland High School, Anouk Glosson-Harrey, SOAR High School and Noah Sveiven, SOAR High School will be competing for one \$1,000.00 check and two \$500.00 checks.

Awards of appreciation will be given to Law Enforcement Officers and members of the Legal Community in the several categories including: Antelope Valley Parole Agent of the Year awards, California Department of Corrections Correctional Officer of the Year, California Highway Patrol Officer of the Year, Kern County Sheriff's Department Deputy of the Year, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Lancaster Station) Deputy of the Year, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Palmdale Station) Deputy of the Year, Los Angeles County Probation Officer of the Year, District Attorney of the Year, Alternate Public Defender of the Year, Judge of the Year, Trial Attorney of the Year, Past President of the Antelope Valley Bar Association, Trial Attorney of the Year and the Philip M. Schwabacher Award. The Antelope Valley Sheriffs' Boosters will also present the "Fallen Hero" scholarship.

This event is made possible by the generous support of several local businesses and residents. Table sponsorships ranging from \$1000.00 to \$500.00 are still available. Individual tickets are just \$25.00 and are available now and at the door. For more information contact The Antelope Valley Fair Administration Office, located at 2551 West Avenue H, Suite 102 in Lancaster (661) 948-6060, ext. 120.

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