



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Against All Odds, Santa Ana Police Department Female Recruit Graduates Academy Number One Breaking 18 Year Streak

Who: Officer Elizabeth Granados

What: After completing the Orange County Sheriff's Academy, one of the few full-time stress academies in the nation, a female Santa Ana Police recruit finished number one, out of 38 graduates. Not only did Officer Granados handle the many rigors of one of the toughest academies in the nation, she also overcame several personal obstacles to realize her dream of becoming a Santa Ana Police Officer.

Officer Granados emigrated from Mexico seven years ago. In her short time in the United States, she became a United States citizen and obtained two college degrees. Officer Granados' dedication and desire to serve the community has allowed her to become the first female to graduate number one from the Orange County Sheriff's Academy in nearly 20 years.

Chief Walters will hold a swearing in ceremony to welcome Officer Granados into the ranks as a Santa Ana Police Officer. Members of the media are encouraged to attend this ceremony to honor this noteworthy accomplishment.

When: April 3, 2008
Ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Santa Ana Police Department Community Room

Available to the media: Interview opportunities with the top graduate and photos of graduation ceremony will be available upon request

For additional information, please contact Cpl. Jose Gonzalez
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