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**SAN MATEO CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS THE SHERIFF'S GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT – TRAINING SYMPOSIUM**

Nearly 200 local, state and federal law enforcement officers and probation officers attended the Sheriff's Office Gang Symposium held last week at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo. The Gang Symposium was made possible by special funding from the Board of Supervisors' STARS Award and significant financial support from The San Mateo Credit Union; The California Narcotic Officers' Association; Maloney and Associates, LLC of San Carlos and numerous local contributors.

Attendees received training in gang enforcement, prevention and updates on legal issues. The 24 hours of instruction was provided by top experts from around the country. Sheriff Munks brought the instructors here, to reduce the cost of sending the local officer to training venues outside the county.

The keynote speaker for the event was U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Christy Mc Campbell. Ms. Mc Campbell discussed the role of the State Department efforts combating gangs, globally.

Carlmont High School graduate, turned stand-up comic, Larry Gallagher traveled back from Hollywood to provide lively entertainment for the attendees at a social engagement hosted by the San Francisco Police Credit Union. "These guys deal with a tremendous amount of stress and if I can help provide them with a little comic relief, I'm all over it" said Gallagher.

The average cost for sending someone to a conference outside of their own jurisdiction is close to \$1,000 per attendee; factoring travel, food, lodging and registration fees. With the outstanding financial support, local agencies paid \$100 dollars for the three days of training.

"Our goal was to provide the most up-to-date information at an extremely affordable rate" "We exceeded our expectations and plan on hosting the symposium next year", said Sheriff Munks.

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