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SAN GABRIEL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST "COFFEE WITH A COP"

San Gabriel, CA - On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, officers from the San Gabriel Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and enjoy freshly brewed coffee.

Community members are invited to attend. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel located at 225 W. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel, CA 91776. Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and to learn more about the department's work in San Gabriel's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or other emotional situations that do not always offer the most effective opportunities for relationship building with the community. As a result, some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. Please contact Crime Prevention Officer Stacy Gutierrez at 626.451.5455 or at sg551@sgpd.com for more information.

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