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### INFORMATION RELEASE

## **Solano County Sheriff's Office to host *Coffee with a Cop*** **Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues**

On Wednesday, March 9th, 2016, law enforcement officers from the Solano County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, and Benicia Police Department will come together with community members in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event runs from 8:00am to 10:00am at Huckleberry's Restaurant, 800 Southampton Road, Benicia. Please contact Deputy Christine Castillo at 707-784-7511 with questions.

*Coffee with a Cop* provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Benicia's neighborhoods.

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

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our deputies," said Solano County Sheriff Thomas A. Ferrara. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."

*Coffee with a Cop* is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local sheriff / 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 law enforcement officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

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