



**City of Lafayette  
Police Department**



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**To:** Mayor Mark Mitchell, City of Lafayette  
**From:** Eric Christensen, Chief of Police   
**Subject:** Community Partnership Coin, Judie Peterson

Throughout history, military units have used challenge coins emblazoned with their unit insignia or crest to recognize members who perform acts that reflect their tradition of service or valor. This same practice has been adopted by police departments throughout the United States. Although some coins are sold as commemorative gifts, others are presented by police departments as recognition of individuals who perform acts that demand special recognition. The City of Lafayette Police Department's Community Partnership Coin is presented to those who have gone above and beyond to serve their community, the police department, and the City of Lafayette.

**This Community Partnership Coin is presented to Judie Peterson of the Lafayette Crime Prevention Commission.**

The City of Lafayette Crime Prevention Commission hosts two Citizens' Police Academies each year. The programs are intended to educate members of the community about the police department and to build relationships between members of the police department and the community. Each program provides insight and understanding to both sides of the classroom.

Judie took the role of being one of the program leaders for this latest academy session. Donating dozens of hours of her own time, Judie brought the members of the program through to the finish line. Judie attended every session, worked to make sure everyone felt comfortable and served as an excellent ambassador for the Commission and the City Council. The hard work and effort that she put into the program was appreciated by all the participants, who all appreciated her effort. Because of her input and effort, the program continues to grow and improve.

Her actions reflect well upon the Commission, the City Council, and the community of Lafayette. She is well deserving of this recognition.

A copy of this document will be maintained at the police department along with a cataloging of the coins that have been presented throughout the history of the program. While not serialized, each coin is assigned a number that relates to the order of presentation. Records will be stored in order of presentation.