



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COLTON AT RISK TEENS (CART) ACADEMY GRADUATION

Date of Event: Thursday May 21th, 2009
Time of Event: 7:00 p.m.
Location of Event: The Palms Banquet Facility, 952 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton

COLTON AT RISK TEENS (CART) ACADEMY GRADUATION Class 09-01, "Dedicated to Change"

The Colton Police Department and the CART Academy staff would like to invite you to the graduation of CART class 09-01. Dr. Gary Thomas, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, will be the guest speaker, acknowledging the significant accomplishments of the academy participants. The program will take place at the Palms banquet facility, located at 952 S. Mt Vernon Avenue, Colton, California, on May 21, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The CART Academy is a 15 week course consisting of up to 100 hours of classroom and physical instruction that works to help redirect at risk juveniles, ages 13 to 17, away from delinquent behavior. 20 students from 8 different communities have successfully completed this academy class and will be participating in the graduation ceremony. The academy tactical staff is comprised of police officers from Colton, Fontana, San Bernardino, and Fontana School Police Departments. In addition to the tactical staff, the program instructors come from a combination of over 20 law enforcement and other professional agencies.

The graduation program is scheduled to last for approximately one hour and will be attended by leaders from several communities, law enforcement agencies, district attorneys and school district board members. A video highlighting of the class's activities and accomplishments will be exhibited and several special awards will be presented. Refreshments will be served at the end of the ceremony. Partial funding for this program is sponsored by Catholic Charities of San Bernardino County, Children's Network, and San Bernardino County Gangs and Drugs task force.

Should you have any questions, please contact Officer Rich Randolph at 909.514.1153

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