

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The Public Relations Committee of the 2013-2014 Kern County Grand Jury has the responsibility of working with news media organizations, community service groups, and other public agencies. The Public Relations Committee goals are to:

- Educate the Public about the duties and obligations of the Grand Jury.
- Present appropriate information and literature at key community functions.
- Plan activities/purchases to promote cohesiveness within the Grand Jury.
- Coordinate Grand Jury Awareness Week activities.
- Promote activities and engage in positive conversation with prospective jurors for the upcoming term.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS:



Shirley Ann Hawk, Chair

Ella Abrams

Elizabeth Fowler-Tavares

Patricia Golembefskie

Judith House

Mahlon "Sonny" Keel

Michael McNatt

Jerald Palmateer

Horace Smith

Beverly Traynor

Teresa Vasquez

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

- Coordinated and arranged for the purchase of jackets, shirts and coffee cups for Grand Jury Members
- Arranged for and obtained annual Grand Jury Plaques for Board Room
- Arranged for group pictures for display in Grand Jury Board Room
- Arranged for educational trip to Edwards Air Force Base
- Arranged for Grand Jury Awareness Week Ceremony at the Liberty Bell February 2014
- Provided Grand Jury Informational Flyers, GET Bus ads, radio interviews and eight community presentations
- Staffed Home and Garden Shows in October 2013 and February 2014 for recruitment and education of the public
- Arranged for 15 guest speakers for the Grand Jury
- Provided window display for Courthouse lobby
- Held an Art Appreciation Contest for students in elementary, middle, and high schools

The Public Relations Committee arranged for the following Guest Speakers:

1. Honorable Colette Humphrey, Presiding Judge Kern County Superior Court
2. Theresa Goldner, County Counsel, County of Kern
3. Sheriff Donny Youngblood, Kern County Sheriff's Office
4. Jackie Denney, Kern County Tax Collector
5. Margo Raison, Chief Deputy County Counsel, County of Kern
6. Commander Tyson Davis, Human Trafficking, Kern County Sheriff's Office
7. Mike Maggard, Kern County Board of Supervisors
8. Tom Corson, Kern County Network for Children
9. Robert Rodriguez, California Highway Patrol
10. Theresa Hitchcock, Kern County Board of Trade
11. Brian Burrow, CEO of the Bakersfield Symphony
12. Lois Henry, The Bakersfield Californian
13. E.R. 'Butch' Reyburn, Guide Dogs of America
14. Ruben Arroyo, Kern County Department of Agriculture & Measurement Standards
15. Greg Palla, Shafter Research Center