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## **Public Safety Academy Recognizing Cadets**

PALM DESERT, CA—The 31st College of the Desert (COD) Public Safety Academy (PSA) Basic Peace Officer Training Awards Ceremony will be held Thursday, December 15, 2016, at 6 p.m. at the McCallum Theatre. The ceremony will be preceded by a formal cadet inspection at 5:15 p.m.

Over 30 cadets from both Module III and II basic peace officer training programs will be receiving certificates for meeting the training requirements prescribed by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training for Level III and II Reserve Peace Officers in the State of California.

The keynote speaker will be Dorian O. Burton, Ed.L.D. Burton is a noted author, consultant, speaker and social advocate for education in the African American Community. He is the Co-Founder of TandemEd, and has previously served in many numerous nonprofit and educational roles.

Welcoming remarks will be provided by Public Safety Academy Coordinator Walter E. Meyer, Jr. Cadet class leaders from both Module III and II will be providing remarks on behalf of their classmates. Vice President of Student Learning Pamela Ralston, Ph.D., will be welcoming the students and also presenting the cadets with their Certificates of Completion. Selected cadets will be recognized for their excellence in leadership, academics and marksmanship. A reception will immediately follow.

College of the Desert's Public Safety Academy has been training first responders, filling an increasingly important public safety need for the Coachella Valley and surrounding communities, since 2001. From Banning to Blythe and from Yucca Valley to El Centro, the academy is an invaluable asset for training peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians.

For more information about public safety programs, please contact COD's Public Safety Academy at (760) 674-3765, or (760) 568-3083, or send an email to [MyPSA@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:MyPSA@collegeofthedesert.edu).

**About College of the Desert:**

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 14,000 credit students and 1,000 non-credit students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit [www.collegeofthedesert.edu](http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu).

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