

Press Release
City of Perris

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Local Students to Host ‘Coffee with a Cop’ Event

PERRIS, Calif. (March 9, 2020) — The City of Perris will participate in a student-led “Coffee with a Cop” event on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at La Gare Coffee shop in Perris, California.

This event will be led by Perris residents who are also students at California State University – San Bernardino (CSUSC). The students will host this event in support of community member and local public safety member interaction.

Four students from the social work program at CSUSB participated in an eight-week community advocacy project for the city of Perris. Addressing the City Council at the February 25, 2020 meeting, Sheri Peña said the students used the quantitative and qualitative research methods to identify community assets, conducted community assessment surveys and then held interviews with local Perris residents.

According to Peña, both data sets found that Police response was the top concern to local residents. In response, the students began organizing this event for the residents to enhance their relationships with Riverside County Sheriff’s Office – Perris station.

“Coffee with a cop is an opportunity for our residents to get to know the incredible individuals within the Sheriff’s department,” said Peña.

The event is intended to honor the work of the local sheriff’s station and the voices of the community. La Gare Café is located at 24 S D St, Perris, CA.



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