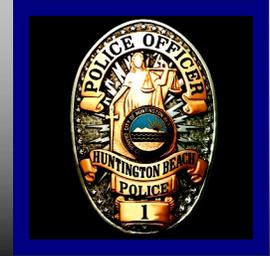


REACHING OUT

EFFECTING CHANGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME



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Officer Dan Chichester Joins the HTF



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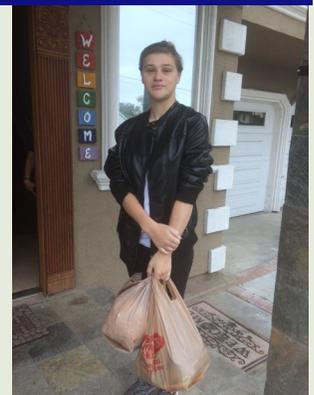
Officer Chichester is being warmly welcomed as the latest addition to the Homeless Task Force. He has been in the position for a couple weeks now, having been trained by Officer Schloss prior to his deployment.

When asked why he wanted the HTF position, Officer Chichester explains, "I grew up in a missionary family and the problems homeless people experience are not new to me." His mother is a missionary for World Vision and her work impacted the whole family. Officer Chichester and his three siblings - one of whom is his identical twin - grew up helping others. He has gone on several mission trips to Mexico and Africa, building houses and doing what he could to help the locals improve their quality of life.

Officer Chichester grew up in Orange County, earning a B.A. in Psychology from Cal State Fullerton. For eight years he was active in the Marine Corps Reserve as an Civil Affairs Officer, which is a liaison position. During his deployment to Afghanistan in 2012, his role was to meet with village elders to determine what efforts could be undertaken to best serve their community and maintain positive relations with our military. In this position, he was able to use his training, instincts and natural diplomacy to accomplish his goals. Those same skills will help him in his new role on the HTF.

Having been with HBPD for over four years, Office Chichester states, "I bartended here for many years and really liked HB. With rowdy patrons, the officers were always effective and professional, so I applied here." Not only can Officer Chichester mix a mean drink, he is enjoying this new career challenge.

Because of **YOUR DONATIONS** the young lady on the right is now living at *Grandma's House of Hope*. She did not imagine being homeless at the age of 23. She was living in a vehicle with a man who dumped her out of his car. Fortunately, he did so at City Hall. An HTF Officer and Coordinator were there to troubleshoot. She is now safe and willing to share her story in a separate issue.



AWARD PRESENTED TO HOMELESS TASK FORCE



An **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD** was presented to the Homeless Task Force on May 10, 2018, by York Risk Services Group "In Recognition Of All You Do For Our Business Community And Your Support Of The Most Vulnerable Members of Our Society."

From Left: Melissa Antalek, Cathy Lukehart, Officer Schloss, Sgt. Smith, Joe Rodriguez and Lt. Ferrin.

Manager Joe Rodriguez of York Risk Services Group reached out to the HTF in February. His restaurant owners and managers wanted advice on issues involving homeless individuals. After meeting with the HTF and learning of their approach, Mr. Rodriguez invited the team to speak at their annual meeting, which took place in HB at the Hilton on May 10th. The team gave a presentation and explained how it was done in HB. The HTF encouraged the business owners to get to know the local law enforcement officers and outreach teams in their respective cities.



What Good Teamwork Looks Like

HTF volunteer, Penny, came across a hearing impaired homeless man. They wrote notes to each other to communicate. It was discovered that his vehicle would not start and he feared being towed. Fortunately for all involved, Officer Van Meter was on



duty that day. He is fluent in ASL and was able to help our volunteer and our Case Managers coordinate a plan of action. Because of **YOUR DONATIONS** and a caring mechanic, we were able to get his car repaired.