



Fresno County Sheriff's Department

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OPERATION GOLDSTAR 2005

Area Three

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Sheriff Richard Pierce announced today that on Saturday, November 5, 2005, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department will have a GOLDSTAR Operation in the south county. Briefing will be held at 1055 S. Golden State Blvd, (Area 3 Headquarters), on Saturday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. to kick off "**OPERATION GOLDSTAR**".

Operation GOLDSTAR is an effort to combine law enforcement resources, on a periodic basis, in a proactive approach to impact criminal activities in the outlying cities and County of Fresno. We will be joining forces with the Police Departments of Fowler, Kingsburg, Parlier, Sanger, Selma, and Reedley; Deputies from Kings County, and officers from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and State Parole.

This operation emphasizes high visibility and proactive patrol techniques. It is oriented towards identifying violent crime suspects, wanted subjects, fugitives, probation and parole violators, burglars, criminal gangs and gang members, and arresting other criminal violators. The primary purpose is public safety, protection of life, property, and the prevention of crime. *Operation GOLDSTAR* focuses on areas of the communities that are burdened by high crime rates, on going criminal activity, emerging patterns of crime, or gang related violence.

Members of the media are welcomed to attend. The media can ride along with officers during their tour of duty. For more information, contact Fresno County Sheriff's Sergeant Janice Rasmussen or e-mail at janice.rasmussen@fresnosheriff.org