



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### **Sheriff's Office Invites Public to Participate in "National Coffee with a Cop Day" on Friday**

**Santa Barbara** – The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is joining law enforcement agencies across the country in participating with "National Coffee with a Cop Day" this Friday, October 7, 2016. The public is invited to have coffee and conversation with Sheriff's deputies at the three following locations:

- **Goleta Coffee Company** 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 177 S. Turnpike Road "Coffee with a Cop" Come meet Commander Kelly Moore who oversees South County Operations as well as deputies who patrol the Goleta Valley.
- **Isla Vista Starbucks** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 888 Embarcadero Del Norte "Back to School Coffee with a Cop" Come meet the new Lieutenant for the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, Ruben Cintron and meet deputies and officers who patrol the Isla Vista community.
- **Avocado Festival in Carpinteria** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. "Coffee Guac with a Cop" Come visit our booth at the corner of Linden Avenue and Eighth Street and take a selfie with a Sheriff. Carpinteria Chief of Police Services, Lt. Mike Perkins will be there as well as deputies assigned to the Coastal Bureau.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative that aims to advance the practice of community policing by opening communication and fostering a greater understanding between citizens and police. The idea is to provide residents with an informal setting to meet deputies that work in their neighborhoods and talk about their concerns. The goal is break down barriers, build lasting relationships and familiarize the public with people who are there to protect and serve them.

More than 125 law enforcement agencies are participating in National Coffee with a Cop Day. The Coffee with a Cop program was started in 2011 by the Hawthorne Police Department. The Sheriff's Office has been holding Coffee with a Cop events at various locations in the county since 2013.