



Honoring

**Deputy Thomas Couture**  
**Ventura County Sheriff's Office**  
**25 Years of Public Service**

*Whereas, Thomas Couture began his career with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office on January 3, 1999. Thomas entered the Ventura County Sheriff's Academy with Class 99-1 and graduated on June 27, 1999. After graduating from the Sheriff's Academy, Thomas was assigned to the Todd Road Jail Facility. Thomas stood out early in his law enforcement career due to his natural leadership qualities, hard work, and engaging personality. While at the Todd Road Jail, Thomas worked as a Security and Placement Deputy which involved evaluating the classification and threat level of inmates. In August 2001, he was transferred to the Ojai Valley where he began his patrol career; and*

*Whereas, Thomas worked numerous positions within Patrol Services including Ojai, the Sheriff's Communication Center, and the city of Camarillo. During his time assigned to patrol, Thomas received several commendations for his work. He was routinely described as, "reliable, a leader, and experienced." Due to his outstanding traits, Thomas was relied upon as a lead Field Training Officer. Thomas was responsible for training and preparing numerous deputies for their assignment to patrol. Thomas took significant pride in his patrol assignments, as he served Ventura County for eighteen of his twenty-five-year career in Patrol Services; and*

*Whereas, Thomas' commitment to public service was highlighted during two significant critical incidents. Thomas was dispatched to a suicidal subject call in the city of Camarillo. During this call, Thomas spent a significant amount of time in direct communication with a person attempting to harm themselves. Due to Thomas' empathy and experience, a significant crisis was avoided. Thomas also responded to a subject not breathing call in Moorpark. Thomas was one of the first people on-scene, and he quickly began cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Due to Thomas' quick actions, the victim regained consciousness and was transported to a local hospital. Both incidents resulted in direct commendations for Thomas from Sheriff Bob Brooks; and*

*Whereas, In August 2015, Thomas transferred to the Hall of Justice. During this assignment, Thomas' experience and leadership quickly propelled him to a position with the Sheriff's Office Civil Unit. In this position, Thomas was required to serve complicated, high risk, civil processes. Thomas continued his success in this new assignment; and*

*Whereas, in March 2019, Thomas transferred to the Sheriff's Transportation Unit. In this assignment, Thomas was tasked with transporting inmates to and from various Sheriff's facilities to other agencies throughout California. This assignment was inherently high risk in nature. Thomas excelled in his position due to his experience and demeanor; and*


*Whereas, in March 2023, Thomas transferred to the Todd Road Jail. Thomas was assigned to the newly constructed Health and Programming Unit. Thomas was a natural selection for this position due to his effective communication skills dealing with vulnerable populations. Thomas was also relied upon as a mentor for new deputies assigned to Detention Services; and*

*Whereas, Thomas is appreciative of his employment with the Sheriff's Office and Ventura County as he has been able to support his family and see his daughter graduate from College. Thomas, a long-time resident of Ventura County, is looking forward to the next chapter in his life; and*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Deputy Thomas Couture for his 25 years of dedication to public service, and wishes him happiness, and good health in the years ahead.*

**Presented on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024**

  
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