



# NEWS RELEASE

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**“CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FROM THE CALIFORNIA PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY”**

The City of San Bernardino Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department received the 2009 Award of Excellence from the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) for its “Phoenix: Still Rising” program entry. The City of San Bernardino was recognized in the category of Recreation/Community Services – Neighborhood/Community Services at the 2009 California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Training Conference, held in Palm Springs, CA March 9 - 12, 2009.

The CPRS awards program is the highest statewide recognition our agency can receive and our department’s award is a credit to the staff/volunteers that made this possible.

CPRS Executive Director Jane H. Adams states, “The City of San Bernardino was selected to receive this prestigious award due to its commitment to setting new directions by addressing a community wide issue: gangs and violence. In addition to addressing the community wide issue, the City of San Bernardino identified clear and measurable outcomes and played a leading role in bringing together multiple community resources to address this challenge. CPRS and the award sponsors, Hunter, Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems, and RJM Design Group, Inc., are proud to recognize the City of San Bernardino Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for its efforts in reducing crime and increasing youth community involvement.”

The California Park & Recreation Society Awards Committee presented awards in six categories: Recreation/Community Services, Agency Showcase (for marketing materials and campaigns), Professional and Service, Facility Design, Park Planning, Maintenance Management and Operations.

CPRS is a membership organization with approximately 4,000 members representing the 525 local parks and recreation agencies throughout the state. The mission of CPRS is to provide the leadership and resources to promote the role of parks and recreation in creating community through people, parks and programs.

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