

J'on Rider, Gallade Chemical Inc., Honored as *Community Hero*



J'on & Gina Rider

J'on Rider, Safety and Security Director for Gallade Chemical Co., along with several officers from the Santa Ana Police Department, was honored as a Community Hero during a luncheon on March 14, 2012 at the White House Restaurant for his efforts to stop break-ins and attempted break-ins at the company's facility in the City of Santa Ana.

Working in conjunction with local law enforcement and special agency personnel, J'on devised a plan to apprehend the thieves in the act. Before putting the plan in motion, however, it was critical that law enforcement officers well understood the potential hazards and consequences of gun fire within a chemical facility. In preparation, therefore, J'on hosted an *Active Shooter Response* training at the facility so officers would know where not to be stationed should rounds be fired. He detailed a site

map and plan so all responders would be well familiarized with the facility and the locations of hazardous materials.

An apprehension plan was then devised based on earlier break-in attempts, damage at the facility, and observed patterns of suspicious behavior. Together with the Santa Ana Police Deputy Chief and Commander and SAPD officers, J'on and the others were able to predict with a high degree of certainty the exact weekend and time the thieves were likely to attempt to break-in.

As predicted the would-be thieves arrived outside the facility as if scripted. Unaware they were under continual surveillance, the perpetrators were allowed to break-in, obtain material, and move it off-site. On their second trip inside the building SAPD officers were at the ready. As the two individuals exited the building for the second time, the lights went on and they were apprehended without a struggle or shots fired. The two are now behind bars and after nearly a year, no further break-in attempts have been made.

According to Rider, "It goes to show what a little teamwork on the behalf of a company and local law enforcement can accomplish. J'on has nothing but praise for the Santa Ana Police Department which he indicates was very willing to work with him from the get-go.

"My goal is to meet with, work with and aid all local law enforcement teams at each of our locations in such a way as to form an active team for hazard response as well as emergency response," said J'on. "The local law enforcement teams deserve and need to know what they are facing when responding to a chemical site . . . Anything we as a company can do to help them to help us in a safe, proficient and efficient manner will benefit all," he added.

In addition to his responsibilities with Gallade, J'on Rider demonstrates commitment to community by actively participating in the establishment of the nation's first *Business Emergency Response Team* (BERT) and serving as a director for the Santa Ana Police Foundation. Presently he is attending the Fontana Citizens Academy and has already hosted their area commander and the Assistant Chief at the company's Fontana site.

CICC congratulates and salutes J'on Rider, 2011 Community Hero in the City of Santa Ana!

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Left to Right: Darrel Dixon owner of Dixon Ford, J'on Rider, Rick Gallade – President Gallade Chemical Inc., Sergeant Major Chuck Burton, 2ND BN Army Support Group South, and Gina Rider



Santa Ana Police Officer Gregory Stys, J'on Rider, Officer Tony Lee



Santa Ana Police Commander Ken Gominsky and J'on Rider



L to R: Deputy Chief of Police – Carlos Rojas, Santa Ana Police Officers Frank Gutierrez, Adam Aloyian, Gregory Stys, Gallade Chemical's J'on Rider, SAPD Officer Tony Lee, and Bill Cunningham, CEO Santa Ana Police Dept Foundation