

# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



**MEETING DATE:** January 26, 2010      **ITEM NUMBER:** 6B  
**TYPE OF ITEM:** Special Presentation  
**PRESENTED BY:** Mike Butler, Public Safety Chief (303-651-8532)  
Doug Ross, Sergeant, Special Operations (303-651-8525)

**SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:** Master Police Officer Craig Mansanares selected School Resource Officer of the Year by CASRO.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** The Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO) represents hundreds of SROs throughout the state of Colorado. Their mission: "Together we can provide safe and secure learning environments for the students of the state of Colorado." For his years of dedication, guidance and leadership in the field the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers recently awarded Master Police Officer Craig Mansanares the 2009 School Resource Officer of the Year.

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:** n/a

**RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:** n/a

**FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:** n/a

## BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:

Master Police Officer Craig Mansanares has worked for the Longmont Police Department since 1991. He was appointed to the position of School Resource Officer for Skyline High School in the fall of 1996. MPO Mansanares has truly developed his expertise in the field over the past 12 years. MPO Mansanares not only provides an outstanding service to the community at Skyline High School, but has provided assistance and training for other SROs and so many others throughout the city of Longmont, the St Vrain Valley School District, the state of Colorado and the country.

MPO Mansanares is a longstanding member of the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers and during this year's training conference; he was named the CASRO School Resource Officer of the Year award. What follows is the award announcement:

*Craig Mansanares is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year as a School Resource Officer for the Longmont Police Department assigned to Skyline High School. He has served several terms as the President and Immediate Past President for the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO) and as a Life Time Member has been instrumental in leading and advising CASRO.*

*He is an instructor for Corbin and Associates, Inc., a nationally renowned trainer specializing in the training of law enforcement and school personnel. Craig is also an instructor for Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, where he helped to develop a school safety curriculum for educator. Officer Mansanares has been a police officer for 22 years, working for the CSU Police Department and Estes Park Police Department before joining Longmont*



*Police Department. He was a detective for four years in the Youth and Family Crimes Unit, serving on the Colorado Child Fatality Review Board, where he helped develop the School Resource Officer Division for the Longmont Police Department.*

*Officer Mansanares has received numerous prestigious awards for his work with the community. He has been a member of the Longmont Police Department Gang Unit since its inception in 1991 and was a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team for eight years. Craig was appointed by Director Pete Weir of the Colorado Department of Public Safety to be an advisory board member of the newly formed Colorado School Safety Resource Center.*

*Craig has been a mentor to many SRO's and is always ready to assist officers in answering questions and giving advice and guidance. Craig is a champion of the kids in his school and community and is always willing to go the extra mile to see that they are safe. Craig is a mentor, educator, guidance counselor, and friend, while at all times still being the enforcer of the laws. He is respected in his community as an officer who cares first and overall.*

*Craig is not only a mentor to his students, but also a mentor to many of us in CASRO. Children are safer in our state today because of his contributions and efforts over the years.*

*For his work and dedication to the students of the state of Colorado and beyond, Craig Mansanares is awarded 2009 Colorado Association of School Resource Officer's School Resource Officer of the Year award.*