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12th ANNUAL EL PROTECTOR SOCCER CLINIC

Riverside, CA – On Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 9:00 am the Riverside Police Department's El Protector Program will be hosting its 12th Annual Soccer Clinic at Bobby Bonds Park on the City's eastside. The El Protector began in 1995 as a community outreach program aimed at reaching the Spanish speaking population in Riverside. The program has served as a catalyst for bridging the gap of language and culture. It has now grown into a coalition of local agencies which includes the Corona Police Department, Riverside Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Riverside Community College Police, University of California-Riverside, Police Department, and Riverside Fire Department.

The Soccer Clinic has become the premier event for the program and has hosted over 3,000 children since its inception. The program teaches basic soccer skills to local underprivileged youth, while promoting team work, education, self pride and confidence. Registrations have taken place over the past few weeks at local churches and through Riverside Parks and Recreation at Bobby Bonds Park.

Local youth will enjoy a full day of soccer, interaction with local law enforcement and a complimentary lunch, soccer ball, and commemorative t-shirt. Various police vehicles will be on hand to provide the children with hands on experiences, including a demonstration by the Riverside Police Department's hazardous duty robot and helicopter landings. We look forward once again to seeing the enjoyment on the faces of these children, and the bonds that continue to grow within our communities.

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