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COUNTY NETS 28 NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS *Varied Programs and Services Recognized for Excellence*

A prescription drug abuse taskforce, homeless prevention for students, water conserving landscaping and a traffic school of sorts for pet owners are among the County of San Diego's innovative programs that won national recognition and the second highest number of awards in the country by the National Association of Counties (NACo).

"The County of San Diego is recognized nationally for the exemplary way it serves the citizens of our region. The latest affirmation comes from NACo, which recognized our County team with 28 Achievement Awards," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Horn. "I'm proud of our entire team of professionals, especially the many people whose work is reflected in these honors."

The Achievement Awards are earned by county programs that are innovative, successful, save time and money and improve service to residents across the nation. The NACo awards were created in 1970 to modernize and streamline county government.

San Diego County's award-winning programs represent each of the County's five major groups: Public Safety, Health & Human Services Agency, Land Use & Environment, Community Services and Finance & General Government.

Among the 28 initiatives honored were the HOPE re-entry resource program for inmates released from local jails; a veteran's internship program that assists those seeking paid work experience in county government; and a sheriff's management academy that is a Peace Officers Standards and Training certified program which serves to provide an overview in contracts and fiscal responsibility as well as leadership training and management skills.

For a complete list of awards, visit:

<http://www.naco.org/programs/recognition/Pages/2011AchievementAwards.aspx>.

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The following County programs received awards:

- Accountability and Transparency of ARRA Funds – **Finance & General Government Group**
- APCD Compliance Inspection Videos – **Land Use & Environment Group**
- Blueprint for Recovery: Comprehensive Services for Homeless Mentally Ill - **Health and Human Services Agency**
- Camp Connect San Diego – **Health and Human Services Agency**
- Contract Services Direct Billing Program – **Community Services Group**
- Electronic Classification Activity Request (eCAR) Tracking System – **Finance & General Government Group**
- Emergency Management Augmentation Program – **Public Safety Group**
- Energy Saving Adventures (ESA) Program – **Land Use & Environment Group**
- Families As Partners- **Health and Human Services Agency**
- Girls Only – **Public Safety Group**
- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) Program Design – **Community Services Group**
- HOPE (Helping Other Pursue Excellence) – **Public Safety Group**
- Improved Administration of County Pool Investment Strategy – **Finance & General Government Group**
- In-Home Supportive Services Reform - **Health and Human Services Agency**
- Partner/Sponsor Cross Promotions – **Community Services Group**
- Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force and Collaborative Action Plan - **Health and Human Services Agency**
- Responsible Pet Ownership Program – **Community Services Group**
- Safe and Livable Communities: Ground-in Centerline Rumble Strips on Rural Roadways – **Land Use & Environment Group**
- San Diego County Probation Department Leadership Academy – **Public Safety Group**
- San Diego Multiple Agency Public Safety System – **Land Use & Environment Group**
- Sheriff's Management Academy – **Finance & General Government Group**
- Teens Go Green: Mental Health Life Skills Program - **Health and Human Services Agency**
- Tip the Scale to Reduce Drug Abuse and Increase Public Safety - **Health and Human Services Agency**
- Transcending to be a Government Without Walls – **Land Use & Environment Group**
- Treasurer-Tax Collector Workflow Prioritization Matrix – **Finance & General Government Group**
- Veterans' Internship Program Work Experience Option – **Finance & General Government Group**
- Water Conservation Landscape Ordinance – **Land Use & Environment Group**
- Water Efficiency Program – **Community Services Group**

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