



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager's Office



DATE: August 9, 2010
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 24, 2010
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: David S. Boesch, County Manager
SUBJECT: Employee of the Month for August 2010

RECOMMENDATION:

Honor Michelle Rippy as Employee of the Month for August 2010 and authorize the President of the Board to sign the commendation.

BACKGROUND:

The Employee of the Month program was established in December 1984 to recognize and honor County employees who consistently demonstrate an outstanding level of performance.

Our Employee of the Month for August 2010 is Michelle Rippy, a Deputy Coroner, in the Coroner's Office.

DISCUSSION:

Michelle has been employed with the County for over six years. She is an experienced Autopsy Technician and a Senior Deputy Coroner. Michelle is also a volunteer Police Reserve Officer for the Hayward Police Department and a SWAT team medic.

Michelle recently received rave reviews from the San Mateo County Juvenile Court and Probation Department as the presenter of the new Save-A-Life Program. Michelle became involved in the idea and creation of the Save-A-Life program and used her amazing talents to breathe life into the San Mateo County's Coroner's Office version of the class. The Save-A-Life program is aimed at helping at-risk juveniles who have demonstrated a disregard for their own safety and the safety of others by engaging in risky, reckless or violent behavior to end the unsafe behavior. Michelle is dedicated to the Save-A-Life program's success.

A class participant wrote the following about the program “I truly believed it saved my life, I had no idea when I walked into the San Mateo County Hospital that I would walk out a totally changed person. I can’t change what I’ve done in the past, but I am changing what I do in the future.”

Michelle is a committed and hardworking employee who always takes the initiative to go the extra mile, whether conducting additional research on a case or taking on an additional project; she can always be counted on. Michelle’s supervisor states, “She has all of the desirable qualities and characteristics of an ideal employee.”

Approval of the Employee of the Month contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Prosperous Community by recognizing employees that foster innovation and excellence in the services provided.

Our County is fortunate to have Michelle Rippey as one of its outstanding employees.