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# **RSM Sheriff's Deputy John Barbour Honored with Two Awards**

**Deputy Barbour takes a special interest in keeping drunk drivers off the streets of  
Rancho Santa Margarita**

**Rancho Santa Margarita, CA** – Each year the Rancho Santa Margarita Sheriff's Deputies select a peer who has provided exemplary service and honor that individual with the distinction of "Deputy of the Year". This designation is particularly gratifying because it represents peer review at its finest, and reflects the dedication, professionalism and body of work for an entire year.

Deputy John Barbour was selected as the 2008 Deputy of the Year in recognition of superior performance throughout his distinguished career in law enforcement and specifically, for his outstanding work in traffic enforcement and public safety.

On the same evening that the Rancho Santa Margarita City Council members recognized Deputy Barbour as Deputy of the Year, he was honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) with the highly coveted Deuce Award. Deputy Barbour is the only Deputy to receive two MADD Deuce Awards in back-to-back years for his 26 DUI arrests in 2007 and his 26 DUI arrests in 2008. The Deuce Award Program was developed as a way to recognize the dedicated law enforcement officers who help to keep our roads safe from alcohol-impaired drivers.

Deputy Barbour's impressive career in law enforcement began in 1993 as a Sheriff's Special Officer at the Theo Lacy Facility prior to entering the Deputy Sheriff's Academy in 1997. Upon graduation as a new Deputy, Barbour was again assigned to the Theo Lacy Facility where he became a training officer and one of the facility's Arrest and Control Instructors. After six years at Theo Lacy, Barbour hit the street as a new patrol Deputy in the City of Rancho Santa Margarita. Demonstrating high energy and a talent for training, Barbour became a Field Training Officer and has been assigned as a Traffic Deputy for the past two years.

Deputy Barbour's commitment to public safety is also impressive. He is a member of the Critical Incident Response Team, a member of the DUI taskforce, and a member of the Police Services' Bicycle Team.

To learn more about the Orange County Sheriff's Department and their role in keeping the residents of Rancho Santa Margarita safe, please visit [www.cityofrsm.org](http://www.cityofrsm.org).

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Photo caption information: (Left to right) City Council Member Jim Thor, City Council Member Tony Beall, Deputy John Barbour, Mayor Pro Tempore Jerry Holloway, City Council Member Neil Blais and Chief of Police Services Lt. Chuck Wilmot.