Public Safety Commission Meeting
04-01-2026
Item 5.B.

Public Safety Commission Agenda Report

To: Chair Spiegel and Members of the Public Safety Commission

Approved by: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Director

Date Prepared: March 23, 2026 Meeting Date: April 1, 2026

Subject: 2026 Mike Treinen Public Safety Award

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Discuss possible recipients for the 2026 Mike Treinen Public Safety Award, and 2) Reach a consensus on a 2026 recipient.

DISCUSSION: At the Regular City Council Meeting on April 28, 2025, the Council voted in favor of the Public Safety Commission's recommendation to establish an annual Mike Treinen Public Safety Award.

Deputy Treinen served in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) for over 30 years, spending most of that time assigned to the Malibu/Lost Hills Station. Treinen retired in 2020 and his career was marked by many achievements. While Treinen was known within the LASD as a training officer who helped train new deputies, in Malibu he was best known as the local homeless outreach coordinator. In this capacity, he was known for his successful efforts to provide dignity to Malibu's homeless while enforcing the law and securing housing opportunities for them. In addition, in 2012, Treinen and another officer, Lt. Jim Royal, were commended after rescuing an 89-year-old woman from a burning building on Little Rock Way in Malibu.

On April 6, 2021, the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station announced the untimely death of Deputy Michael Treinen. Following his death, Treinen was described by community members as a "true hero" and a "great man" who was the "heart and soul of the Sheriff's Department". The overwhelming love and respect for Deputy Treinen was demonstrated on April 18, 2021, when hundreds of family members, friends, surfers, first responders, city officials, and community members gathered at Zuma Beach for a paddle-out in his honor. The paddle-out was visited by a sheriff's department helicopter as well as two lifeguard boats that saluted the longtime public servant.

The annual award in Treinen's name was established to memorialize Treinen's legacy and provide an opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond in protecting the Malibu community. The chosen recipient will be honored at a future City Council meeting to be determined based on the recipient's availability.

ATTACHMENTS: None.