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Voice Award Recognizes Mayor's Commitment to Youth

The greatest motocrosser of all time, Roger De Coster, will be presenting Mayor Patrick Morris with the Voice Award on Wednesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the north side parking lot of City Hall.

The Voice Award is recognizing Mayor Morris and his 30 years of commitment to the community's youth. The mayor is involved in anti-drug education and motivating San Bernardino's youth through recreational programs. Free admittance to pools, gyms, and skating rinks have been offered to the City's youth. Education is a main priority in his agenda; many locations throughout San Bernardino offer after-school tutoring and the new "California San Bernardino Education" trailer will be completed by September 15, just in time for fall school programming.

Mayor Morris has also drastically reduced crime in the community with his continued efforts through Operation Phoenix which was created in January of 2006. The Operation Phoenix program offers a three-pronged approach of suppression, intervention, and prevention to reduce crime. Statistics show that crime has great greatly reduced since the program's inception.

A further team effort will be made between Mayor Morris and De Coster as De Coster's Kids and Operation Phoenix join forces for the "Wheels of Prevention Tour" on May 16 at the Mayor's Bicentennial 5k Run. De Coster's Kids is an interactive outreach program geared toward students' grades k-12 that emphasizes the importance of saying no to drugs, alcohol, tobacco and gang violence.

"It is such an honor to be recognized for helping the youth and a privilege to help De Coster's Kids get their message out that dream's can be achieved as long as they stay away from negative substances," added Mayor Patrick Morris.

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