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Event: Coffee with a Cop

Location: The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 4360 E. Main Street Suite E. Ventura, 93004

Date/Time: June 14, 2019 8:00-10:00 am

The community is invited to come together with Ventura Police Officers in a friendly, informal environment to discuss community issues, build relationships and enjoy a good cup of coffee for Coffee with a Cop which will be held at The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf located at 4360 E. Main Street Suite E. in Ventura on June 14 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf is honoring First Responders with their [“Heroes at Heart”](#) campaign through July 7. They will donate one dollar from “Heroes at Heart” coffee and tea sold in their stores and online to charities that support police and fire including the California Fire Foundation and the California Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation. “First Responders are the heroes of our communities’ biggest disasters and everyday emergencies,” said Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf Manager Patrick Downey. “We are proud to honor and give back to local first responders and their families. The bags and tins feature a dedicated space to write a special note to first responders. Last year many Ventura residents purchased “Heroes at Heart” coffee and tea for first responders and we delivered to the Ventura Police and Fire Departments. It’s just a great way for all of us to show support for our local heroes.”

Engaging the community in public safety efforts is a top priority of the Ventura Police Department. We offer monthly opportunities at Community Council meetings to learn about crime trends and crime prevention. We also provide regular community meetings and neighborhood meetings upon request. Coffee with a Cop is an additional opportunity for residents to get to know the officers who serve Ventura.

The Coffee with a Cop effort is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country as police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. Coffee with a Cop provides an opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department’s service. There is no formal agenda, just a casual opportunity to voice concerns and share ideas. This is a no host event.