

## **Much- appreciated letter published in the San Dimas Community News**

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### *Letters*

My 12-year-old son went missing last night in San Dimas for around four hours. I can't say enough about how professional, responsive, courteous, and diligent the deputies from the San Dimas Sheriff's Station handled the situation. They immediately sent swarms of deputies to search my neighbor, including the nearby high school, junior high, and college. They also searched my garage and condo and several neighbors houses. The lead deputy at the scene was extremely professional, polite, and diligent. She walked with me around our complex and had me point out each condo where my son might have known people. She then wrote down the unit numbers and had deputies search the units. She thoroughly wrote down his information and asked for pictures of him. Eventually, there were deputies all over my neighborhood and searching the streets, fields, schools, parks, etc. They even blocked off my street after the led deputy told me it was going to be a "massive search." I could hear deputies in the field radioing back to her each time they would clear a condo, school, or other area. This wasn't only highly impressive but it was touching beyond words to see strangers working so hard to find a little boy they didn't even know. It literally looked like the entire sheriff's station was in my neighbor. What really blew me away was when they called in a helicopter after midnight, which circled the area and called my son's name out through a loudspeaker for around 15 minutes. My son just so happened to be at a friend's house playing videogames. He didn't tell me where he was going because he was upset that I had grounded him for a bad grade. He only came outside once he heard the helicopter calling out his name. After he was found, the lead deputy interviewed he and I separately, she made sure he was okay and then she personally counseled me for around 20 minutes. She told me that she had kids and suggested that I get my son involved in more activities, develop a better support network, etc. As a single father and my son's sole parent, this meant a great deal to me. From start to finish, each deputy that assisted was professional, courteous, and diligent. The deputies were legitimately concerned about my son, which I could tell by their actions. They wasted no time. I'm probably rambling but I just can't say enough about the response from the San Dimas Sheriff's Station and how they handled the situation... To me, their actions were far beyond what words can describe. In an age where some are skeptical of law enforcement and the LASD, these deputies proved otherwise. They are real life superheroes and should be publicly commended for their service and what they did last night.

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