



Kern County Sheriff's Office
Policies and Procedures

TITLE: 10851 AWARD PROGRAM		NO: J-210	
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POLICY

The 10851 Program was established to recognize officers who are high achievers in auto theft arrests and stolen vehicle recoveries. This program is conducted in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol and the California State Automobile Association.

The award consists of a pin to be worn on the uniform shirt right pocket flap, a certificate and a plaque to be awarded by the California Highway Patrol and the California State Automobile Association.

To receive this award, a deputy must achieve any of the following in any consecutive twelve (12) month period.

- Make six (6) separate incident “rolling stolen” in custody arrests.
- Recover a total of twelve (12) stolen vehicles of which at least three (3) must be “rolling stolen” regardless of arrests.
- Develop information which results in the identification of an auto theft ring, subsequent arrest of two (2) or more suspects, recovery of at least ten (10) vehicles.

For the purpose of this program, a parked stolen vehicle with suspects taken into custody is regarded as a “rolling stolen.”

It makes no difference whether the deputy self-initiates the recovery or is dispatched to the scene after the vehicle is discovered by someone else.

The deputies keep track of their own recoveries. When they obtain a sufficient number, the deputy should contact his/her supervisor with copies of their reports.

The supervisor will verify that the criteria has been met and make the necessary notifications.

The Initial Award is a white “10851” pin. The second, third, and fourth awards will be Roman Numerals II, III, and IV attached to the white pin. The Master Award is a blue “10851” pin presented for the fifth award. The sixth, seventh, and eighth awards will be Roman Numerals II, III, and IV attached to a blue pin. A lifetime Award of a gold “10851” pin will be given after the blue IV Master Award is attained.

PROCEDURE A

When a deputy qualifies for the award, he/she will:

- Make a copy of the recovery reports.
- Forward the copies to their immediate supervisor.

PROCEDURE B

When a supervisor receives copies of the recovery reports, he/she will:

- Verify the award criteria has been met.
- Forward a memorandum confirming their findings (along with all supporting documents) to the Sheriff Senior Support Specialist assigned to the Law Enforcement Bureau.

PROCEDURE C

When the Sheriff Senior Support Specialist assigned to the Law Enforcement Bureau receives the reports, she will:

- Make arrangements for the award for the deputy through the California Highway Patrol.
- Archive all documents pertaining to the award for each deputy.

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