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Mitzelfelt Awards Youth Intervention Funds in Barstow

BARSTOW – San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt presented \$20,000 to the Barstow Police Activities League in support of its youth programs. The funds were presented at Monday's Barstow City Council meeting in support of the city's PAL program, which is run by the Barstow Police Department in cooperation with the Barstow Sheriffs' Office.

"Street gangs are one of the largest crime threats to society," said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt. "The addition of gang intervention programs to the Barstow PAL will strengthen their ability to make a positive impact on the lives of local youth."

The Barstow Police Activities League is an established youth program that has successfully served Barstow and the surrounding areas. The new gang intervention programs, funded by Mitzelfelt, will focus on programs to attract youth and create opportunities so that members of law enforcement can mentor them. The program also provides scholarships and other financial support for school athletic programs.

"As our youth programs grow, I am confident that we will see reductions in gang activities in our communities," added Supervisor Mitzelfelt.

Last night's donation is the most recent element of a multi-million-dollar effort throughout the First District to develop and support programs designed to give young people productive and healthful alternatives. Supervisor Mitzelfelt has made such programs an integral component of his two-pronged strategy in the War on Gangs, which includes both tough and vigorous enforcement, as well as prevention and intervention to keep youth from joining gangs in the first place.