I would like to nominate Deputy Dillon Fuston for the Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Law Enforcement Award.

Deputy Fuston is currently a uniformed patrol deputy, tasked with patrol duties at the Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Station. Deputy Fuston started at the Rancho San Diego Station in September 2022 after he lateraled from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), where he served for five years. Since then, Deputy Fuston has proven to be extremely proactive in his efforts to combat crime. In a calendar year, between September 2022 until now, Deputy Fuston has arrested 132 individuals and conducted 22 field interviews. For the month of October 2022 Deputy Fuston arrested 17 individuals, in the months of March and July of 2023, Deputy Fuston made 19 and 18 arrests, respectively. Many of his arrests throughout the year were proactive stops, in which Deputy Fuston monitored any type of criminal activity within the Rancho San Diego area of responsibility. Deputy Fuston consistently patrols Spring Valley and Rancho San Diego vigilantly and handles himself with poise and professionalism throughout his duties.

Additionally, Deputy Fuston's actions have led to the seizure of numerous illegally possessed firearms, some of which were un-serialized or "Ghost guns," along with illicit drugs such as fentanyl, fentanyl pills, methamphetamine, and cocaine. Deputy Fuston has a keen sense in identifying gang members, narcotic users, and repeat criminal offenders. Some of the gang members Deputy Fuston has arrested belong to some of the most violent gangs in San Diego County such as East Side San Diego, City Heights Juniors, Linda Vista Crips, Spring Valley Locos, Skyline Piru, and Neighborhood Crips. These actions alone have increased the officer safety factor for not only him, but all law enforcement officers in the region and the public by taking them off the streets. The following are few examples highlighting Deputy's Fuston's efforts in combating criminal activity:

- On November 26, 2022, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on vehicle occupied by 5 subjects who had shoplifted from the Kohl's department store, in Ranch San Diego. All 5 subjects were members of the City Heights criminal street gang. During the contact one of the subjects was found to be in possession of a handgun, methamphetamine, and fentanyl.

- On February 8, 2023, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on vehicle occupied by four subjects for an equipment violation. During the stop, 12 grams of fentanyl and 44 grams of methamphetamine were seized. Two of the subjects were booked into San Diego Central Jail for possession and transportation of a controlled substance for sales.

- On March 25, 2023, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by four subjects reference a moving violation. During the stop, Deputy Fuston found a black un-serialized 9mm handgun in a bag within the vehicle. Two of the subjects were subsequently placed under arrest for possession of the handgun.

- On May 5, 2023, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on vehicle occupied by three subjects. During the stop Deputy Fuston, saw the driver pass a distinct bag to passenger in the back seat. During a search of the bag, a 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun was

found. The driver was arrested for felon in possession of firearm and the passenger was arrested for carrying a concealed firearm. The driver was also identified as an associate of the Skyline Piru criminal street gang.

- On June 9, 2023, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on vehicle occupied by two subjects. During the stop, Deputy Fuston noticed the driver and passenger were extremely nervous, leading him to believe there may be a weapon within the vehicle. The passenger of the vehicle, who was a convicted felon, was found to be in possession of 9mm Taurus handgun. He was transported and booked into jail.

- On July 26, 2023, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on a vehicle for excessive speed on State Route 125 near Jamacha Road. The sole occupant of the vehicle, who was in possession of drug paraphernalia resisted arrest and fled in his vehicle. After a short vehicle pursuit, that turned into a foot pursuit, the suspect was apprehended. The suspect, who was an East Side San Diego gang member, was a booked into jail for felony evading and resisting arrest with violence.

- On August 4, 2023, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on vehicle occupied by two subjects for an equipment violation on State Route 125 near Spring Street. A record check revealed the driver was on parole. When the two subjects were ordered out of the vehicle, Deputy Fuston noticed the female passenger had a large bulge on her left hip. During a pat down, Deputy Fuston found the female was in possession of Ruger 9mm handgun. During the interview the female admitted the driver handed her the firearm. Both subjects were transported and booked into jail for gun related charges. The driver is a member of the Spring Valley Locos criminal street gang.

- On August 19, 2023, Deputy Fuston made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an unsafe lane change on Campo Road and Jamacha Road. During the traffic stop, the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle admitted he had narcotics in the vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle, Deputy Fuston found and seized 16.3 grams of methamphetamine and a glass pipe. The subject, who is a convicted felon is a member of the Linda Vista Crips criminal street gang.

Deputy Fuston's report writing is extremely detailed and concise. He is a great beat partner, resource, and is a well-respected member of his patrol team.

As Deputy Fuston's direct supervisor, I am proud and privileged to have him on my team. He is a tremendous asset to the Sheriff's Department, and I fully expect him to continue to make significant contributions to the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of San Diego County.

For the aforementioned reasons, I recommend Deputy Fuston for the Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Law Enforcement Award. His drive and dedication further the Department's mission to provide the highest quality public safety service to everyone in San Diego County.