

**Cinco de Mayo Ride Along**  
**Emails from Human Rights Commissioner to Chief Davis**

**From:** Lawrence Boesch [mailto:boesch@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2007 10:37 AM  
**To:** Robert Bailey; 'Davis, Robert'  
**Cc:** michael.sterner@sanjoseca.gov; 'Bob and Carol Sippel'; 'David Parker'  
**Subject:** Re: Ride along

BRAVO!

I took the opportunity to do some monitoring of my own, pacing up and down the streets and parking lots at King and Story from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the level of police activity was apparently exactly appropriate. The riders passing through the intersection and the flag-sellers by the curb were all moderate in their activity, and the police did nothing that could even marginally be considered excessive.

I read in the Mercury News that this intersection livened up considerably about 7:00-7:30 p.m., but I couldn't stay there that long.

(There was even a black-out at some of the stores in the Tropicana shopping center and the row of stores along the Starbucks on the west end of the Plaza de San Jose -- starting about 4:00 p.m. -- but nobody caused any disturbance, and the private security guards seemed to be all that were needed.)

I also went to the 5/6 celebration at Discovery meadow, and again I was impressed with a) the respectability of the patrons of the event, and b) the propriety of the police present.

Both events left me **amazed** at how complicated the measure of police control must be in planning and execution, for a celebration of this size. -- And my experience didn't even include the Sunday morning parade.

I am so glad that the weekend's events went off so well. It's a tribute to the police department, to the participants in the events, and to the residents and visitors that went to them.

-- Larry Boesch

HRC Chair

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**From:** Robert Bailey  
**To:** 'Davis, Robert'  
**Cc:** michael.sterner@sanjoseca.gov ; 'Bob and Carol Sippel' ; 'Larry Boesch' ; 'David Parker'  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 09, 2007 9:14 AM  
**Subject:** Ride along

Dear Rob,

Sorry this is a little tardy, but I wish to express my sincere appreciation to you and Captain Mike Sterner for the 'ride along' I took on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Captain Sterner provided I and Commissioner Parker detailed insight into how a massive operation such as Cinco de Mayo is planned and executed. Everything I witnessed and experienced that evening was highly professional and of the highest standards. That the multiple events went so well with no major incidents is a credit not only to the planning involved, but to the dedicated officers who made it happen.

Again, my thanks for a job very well done.

Regards,

Bob Bailey

Human Rights Commission