



Employee Spotlight: Officer Donald Truong

Police officers put their own lives at risk every single day to save people they don't even know. A great example of this is the recently released body cam video showing an intense rescue from a burning car on the I-5 freeway in Chula Vista last fall. The first responding officer in that incident was Chula Vista Police Officer Donald Truong.

Officer Truong has been with the Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD) for six years as a patrol officer and currently is assigned as a Gang Suppression Officer in the Street Team and Gang



Suppression Unit. He has wanted to be an officer since he was a young boy and is so happy to be working in Chula Vista. "I want to be an inspiration to those who had the same upbringing as I did," said Officer Truong. "I grew up in a low-income household within a high crime area and decided that I wanted to be a positive member of society." He says becoming a police officer gave him the opportunity to establish a career that he absolutely loves.

A favorite part of being an officer for Officer Truong is having the ability to truly make a positive change in the community through proactive policing.

In the fall of 2023, that proactive policing helped save a life. [You can watch the amazing efforts by Officer Truong and his CVPD partners at the vehicle fire incident on video.](#)

For his efforts, Officer Truong was selected as a candidate for the prestigious Axon 2024 Rise Award. Thank you, Officer Truong, and your partners, for your dedication to CVPD and our City. We appreciate you!