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**CITY OF NEWPORT
LAVONNE AND AL BUSSEY
NAMED 2014 ALMA B. HOWES AWARD WINNERS**

At the City of Newport's annual volunteer recognition event held on April 22, the 2014 Alma B. Howes Award was presented to Lavonne and Al Bussey who have volunteered with the Police Department since August of 2010.

The Alma B. Howes Award is named in honor of a long-time city volunteer who made an amazing difference. Each year, an outstanding volunteer is selected to receive this award, as it recognizes their volunteer commitment to the city, and exemplifies the type of energy and dedication that would make Alma B. Howes very proud.

The Bussey's have taken on several long-term projects to help the Police Department and ultimately the citizens of Newport. These projects include: weekly checks of the fire detection monitors in the Police Department; regular foot patrols of the Bayfront; and serving as Municipal Court Bailiffs.

Police Chief Mark Miranda stated that "the Bussey's are always available to assist during emergencies." They have also worked on major events such as the Newport Marathon, Loyalty Days Parade, Seafood and Wine Festival, and the Celtic Festival. They always respond where needed, without complaint, despite the frequently inclement weather.

Miranda affirmed his support and recommendation of Lavonne and Al Bussey for the Alma B. Howes Award. He added that "they are a great team, and they greatly contribute to making Newport an awesome place to live and visit."

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