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Kings County “Food Safety All Star” Winners Announced

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Hanford—The Kings County Health Department’s Division of Environmental Health Services is pleased to announce the *Food Safety All Star* award recipients for calendar year 2009. The program was developed by the Division in 1996 to give positive recognition to those food establishments within Kings County that consistently exceeded requirements with regard to public protection from food-borne illness risks. Facilities eligible for an award are those that participate in full food service preparation. Eligible types of establishments include restaurants, full-scale deli operations either stand alone or at retail markets, school cafeterias which prepare their own food, and bakeries. Award winners must meet specific criteria in order to be selected for the award. The following criteria must be met to receive the award:

- The facility must receive a *Pass* rating on all food safety evaluations performed by the Department during the prior calendar year.
- The managers and key food handling personnel must understand and implement advanced food safety concepts such as HACCP (Hazard Analysis - Critical Control Points) in their daily operation.
- The facility has instituted an ongoing internal self-evaluation program.
- An electronic thermometer is used for monitoring internal food temperatures during final cooking, hot holding, cooling, and refrigeration processes at the facility to ensure State mandated food temperatures are met.
- No confirmed complaints on the establishment relating to food-borne illness outbreaks or food handling practices that could lead to a possible food-borne illness outbreak occurrence.

Certificates will be presented to representatives of the selected food establishments listed on the following pages who are present at the annual meeting of the *Kings County Food Advisory Committee* which will be held in Hanford on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at the Kings County Government’s Center’s Admin Multi-purpose room (1400 W. Lacey Blvd.) from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.

More information about this program can be obtained on our website at www.countyofkings.com/health/ehs/ or by contacting the Kings County Health Department’s Division of Environmental Health Services at 559-584-1411.

The list of Food Safety All Star award recipients for calendar year 2009 are as follows:

Armona

1. Armona Union Elementary School
2. Parkview Middle School

Avenal

1. Avenal Elementary School
2. Avenal High School
3. Reef-Sunset Middle School
4. Tamarack Elementary School

Corcoran

1. Bret Harte School
2. Fremont Elementary School
3. John Muir School
4. Kings Drive-in
5. Mark Twain Elementary
6. McDonalds
7. Pirate Pizza
8. Subway Sandwiches #30544

Hanford

1. A & W Family Restaurant
2. A & W Hamburgers
3. Arby's Restaurant #7070
4. Burger King Restaurant
5. Carl's Jr. #227
6. Central Valley General Hospital
7. Chili's Grill & Bar Restaurant
8. Denny's
9. Farmer Boys Restaurant
10. Frontier Elementary
11. Hanford Community Medical Center
12. Hanford Elementary Dist Kitchen
13. IHOP
14. Jack in the Box #563
15. Kings County Branch Jail
16. Kings Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
17. Kings River Hardwick School
18. Lakeside Elementary School
19. Lee Richmond School
20. Lincoln School
21. Long John Silvers #31345
22. McDonalds-Downtown

Hanford (cont.)

- 23. Panda Express
- 24. Panera Bread #1060
- 25. Pioneer Elementary School
- 26. Pioneer Middle School
- 27. Quizno's Sub
- 28. Roosevelt Elementary
- 29. Subway
- 30. Toshiko Japanese Cuisine
- 31. Wal-Mart Supercenter #1645
- 32. Wienerschnitzel
- 33. Woodrow Wilson/Community Day School

Kettleman City

- 1. Kettleman City Elementary
- 2. In-N-Out Burger #95
- 3. Jack in the Box #3263
- 4. McDonalds
- 5. Taco Bell 16074

Lemoore

- 1. Akers School
- 2. Burger Kings #9474
- 3. Central Union Elementary
- 4. Cinnamon Elementary
- 5. Fosters Freeze
- 6. Island Union School
- 7. Jack in the Box-LMR #517
- 8. Kings Christian School
- 9. Lemoore Elementary School
- 10. Lemoore High School
- 11. Liberty Middle School
- 12. Meadow Lane Elementary
- 13. Neutra Elementary
- 14. Papa Murphy's Take N Bake
- 15. PW Engvall School
- 16. Subway of Lemoore
- 17. Tadeo's Mexican Food

Stratford

Stratford Elementary

Total Facilities: 70