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### ***Port Hueneme revives bike safety rodeo***

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Members of the Port Hueneme Police Department and volunteers dusted off the traffic cones, bikes and tricycles to hold the first Bike Safety Rodeo in about 15 years.

“Our purpose is to make kids safer,” explained Commander Jerry Beck with the PHPD. “This is the time of year when kids get bikes, so there’s more need. Our emphasis is on safety.

“We want them to be safe and enjoy their Christmas more.”

The bike rodeo was held Dec. 18 at Hueneme Elementary School. Beck said the department was trying to revive the program after it was dormant for many years.

Department officers, members of the Volunteers in Policing and high school cadets were on hand for the event.

“These officers here are all volunteers. Nobody is being paid,” Beck said. “It’s a testament to their dedication to come out today for a worthy cause.”

Beck said everyone who attended would register their bikes, the bikes would be checked for potential safety problems, bike owners would be given a safety briefing and ride through a safety course that included stop signs, track tracks and other everyday obstacles bike riders might encounter.

Among those who attended were children at the Little Explorers Child Development Center, 259 N. Third St., across from the elementary school.

Beck said the department expects to have a second bike rodeo at a school on the north side of the city in the summer, but no date has been set.



Children from the Little Explorers center were among those who attended the Port Hueneme PD's Bike Rodeo Dec. 18.

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