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## Cal Poly UPD Sergeant Chosen as 2008 Poly Royal Parade Grand Marshal

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly University Police Department Sgt. Robert Eckrote has been named Grand Marshal for this year's Open House Poly Royal Parade, set for Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m.

Well-known on campus for his positive attitude, Eckrote joined the UPD force in 2002, following 15 years at the Atascadero Police Department. He's responsible for UPD's involvement in campus events, including Open House and engagements at the Performing Arts Center and Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Eckrote says he's a big fan of Open House weekend and especially enjoys the tractor pull and perusing the club booths during Saturday's Campus Showcase

The Poly Royal Parade starts at the corner of Grand Avenue and Perimeter Road and travels west toward Via Carta, ending at Dexter Lawn. The parade is open to the public; seating is available along the route.

For more information about the Poly Royal Parade, visit <http://studentlife.calpoly.edu/ohs/> or Rachel Budge, director of Open House Public Relations, at 756-7576.

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