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## ASSISTANT DA CREG DATIG RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RIVERSIDE – Riverside County Assistant District Attorney Creg Datig was recently presented with a prestigious career achievement award by the California District Attorneys Association.

Datig, who serves as the assistant DA in charge of criminal operations in the DA's Western Division, received the John J. Meehan Career Achievement Award at CDAA's annual summer conference held the last week of June in Newport Beach. Datig has served the public for 32 years as a prosecutor – 28 with the Riverside County DA's Office and four years with CDAA as the developer and director of its Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) program.

"It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Riverside County and the State of California, and working with the outstanding members of the California District Attorneys Association to enhance public safety has been a pleasure and a privilege," Datig said.

The award – presented to 18 people since 1996 -- is named after Meehan, who served as the Alameda County DA from 1982-1995. Those nominated for the award must have a long-standing commitment to criminal prosecution and a history of involvement with CDAA's training, publications, and/or legislative activities. They also must be retired or scheduled to retire as prosecutors within a year of the award being presented. Datig is retiring from the Riverside County DA's Office in December 2014.

"The John J. Meehan Award is not necessarily presented annually – it's only when we have a truly worthy candidate that it is awarded," said Mark Zahner, CEO of CDAA. "Creg Datig is just the type of prosecutor this award is meant to honor. His contributions to CDAA over his entire prosecutorial career – in the areas of education, training, and legislation – have helped countless prosecutors and law enforcement officers across the state. Creg truly represents the ideals of the California District Attorneys Association."

On two different occasions, Datig left his home and family in Southern California to move to Sacramento to assist CDAA when called upon, serving as its interim assistant executive director. He also developed and directed CDAA's TSRP program, the largest of its kind in the nation, and continues to assist prosecutors across the state with DUI and vehicular homicide cases. Datig has authored numerous CDAA publications used by prosecutors statewide. He also has drafted or co-drafted several pieces of legislation which became state law in both juvenile and vehicle homicide cases.

"Creg has epitomized what a true, professional career prosecutor should be," said Riverside County District Attorney Paul Zellerbach, who nominated Datig for the award.

"Creg has dedicated his entire adult life to faithfully serving the citizens of Riverside County and the state of California. It has been my honor to have had the opportunity to work with him for many of those years. Creg truly deserves this award and recognition," Zellerbach added.