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Kings County Food Safety “Silver Star” Award 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 Silver Star* award recipients for calendar year 2015. The program was developed by the Division in 1996 and revamped in 2011 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 food service preparation to the public. Eligible types of establishments include restaurants, 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 consistently 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 and window recognition stickers 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 Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the Kings County Government’s Center’s Agricultural Multi-Purpose Building located at 680 Campus Dr., Hanford, CA from 3:00 – 4:00 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 “Silver Star” award recipients for calendar year 2015 is as follows:

ARMONA

1-Parkview Middle School

AVENAL

1-Avenal High School

2-Tamarack Elementary School

CORCORAN

1-Corcoran High School Snack Bar

2-Fremont Elementary School

3-Kings Drive-In

4-Little Caesar’s Pizza

5-Brett Harte School

HANFORD

1-A & W Family Restaurant-10th Ave

2-A & W Hamburgers-Lacey Blvd

3-Adventist Medical Center

4-Arby’s Restaurant

5-Burger King

6-Central Valley Gen Hospital

7-Denny’s - Hanford

8-Frontier Elementary

9-Hacienda Rehabilitation & Health Care

10-Hamilton Elementary School

11-Hanford Christian School

12-Hanford Elem Dist Kitchen

13-Hanford Nursing & Rehab Hosp

14-Hanford West High School

15- In-N-Out Burger – Hanford

16-Jefferson Charter Academy

17-John F Kennedy School

18-Joseph Simas Elementary

19-Kings County Branch Jail

20-Kings Christian School

21-Kings County Community School

22-Kings County Special Ed-Shelly Baird

23- Kings Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

24-Kings Rehabilitation Center

25-Kings River Hardwick

26-Lakeside Elementary School

27-Lee Richmond School

28-Lincoln School

29-Martin Luther King School

30-Monroe Elementary

31-Panda Express

32-Panera Bread

33-Pioneer Elementary School

34-Que Pasa Mexican Cafe

35-Roosevelt Elementary
36-Sierra Pacific High School
37-Taco Bell-11th Ave #28772
38-Taco Bell Lacey #28767
39-Toshiko Japanese Cuisine
40-Washington School
41-Western Christian School
42-Wienerschnitzel

KETTLEMAN CITY

1-Kettleman City Elementary
2-Taco Bell-Kettleman City

LEMOORE

1-Akers School
2-Central Union Elementary
3-Cinnamon Elementary
4-Engvall Elementary
5-Fosters Freeze
6- Island Union School
7-Kings Christian School
8-Lemoore Elementary School
9-Lemoore Union High School District
10-Liberty Middle School
11-Meadow Lane Elementary
12-MIQ O'Doherty Hall
13-RJ Neutra Elementary
14-Tadeo's Mexican Food
15-West Hills College Snack Bar
16-West Hills University Charter School

Stratford

1-Stratford Elementary

Total Facilities: 69