



Boxing Academy Takes Center Stage on August 27 *Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League Presents, "Fighting for the Community"*

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For the past three years, Alameda County's Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League (DSAL) has sponsored a program that is teaching the "Sweet Science" of boxing to local youth – and in so doing, imparting important lessons about self-defense, fitness and fighting for your dreams.

On August 27, DSAL's Boxing Academy will step into the public spotlight by hosting, "Fighting for the Community," a day of competition showcasing some of Alameda County's finest boxing talent, along with first-rate fighters from across the Bay Area. **The event will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27, in the gymnasium of the Hayward Adult School, 22100 Princeton Street, Hayward.**

The school is the DSAL Boxing Academy's home base, a place where as many as 70 local youth train everyday under the tutelage of a dedicated group of boxing instructors – many of them deputies and sergeants from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The program is providing a wealth of benefits to the community. Hilary Bass, DSAL's Executive Director, says the program provides local youth with much more than the chance to refine their boxing skills. More importantly, Bass says, the Academy is serving as an arena where local law enforcement can forge strong bonds with young people. "We are developing some really good talent," Bass said. "And we are seeing more positive relationships being developed between the deputies and the young people in this community."

Organizers are planning to stage as many as 20 bouts during the August 27 event. The event, which is sanctioned by USA Boxing, will provide an exciting opportunity for some of Alameda County's best young boxing talent to test their skills against top-notch opposition from neighboring communities.

Tickets are \$20 for VIP/Ringside seats, \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth aged 10 to 17 and \$5 for kids. For more information, contact Coach Manny Villalon at mvillalon@acdsal.com.