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- II. TYPE OF INCIDENT/SITUATION/ANNOUNCEMENT:
  "What is Livermore doing to combat impaired driving and how can community members help?"

## III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:

The CPAAA is proud to announce the next community education presentation held at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will be made by Officer Wes Morgan who is assigned to the Livermore Police Traffic Unit as a Collision Investigator.

Officer Morgan has worked for the Livermore Police Department for more than thirty years. He has investigated more than 6,000 traffic collisions and made more than 2,000 DUI arrests.

Officer Morgan will discuss impaired driving and the impact it has on our community and across the country. He will talk about the department's efforts in education and enforcement in combating this deadly plague. He will discuss DUI related collisions that have occurred in Livermore in the past and how lives were changed by the impaired driver's poor decisions. He will also provide information on L.P.D.'s partnerships with the Office of Traffic Safety, "Every 15 Minutes", "Avoid the 21" and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Officer Morgan will discuss how community members can help eliminate impaired driving in our community, and what to do if someone suspects a friend or family member may be drinking and driving.

Officer Morgan will demonstrate the sequence of events during a typical DUI investigation and a volunteer from the audience will display symptoms of impairment through the use of "DUI goggles." Finally, Officer Morgan will provide information on what community members should do if they see a suspected impaired driver. There will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and to share their concerns regarding impaired driving.

"As a Collision Investigator, I see the tragedy of impaired driving far too often," said Officer Morgan. "Unfortunately, I have lost count of the times I've had to knock on a family's door to tell them they've lost a loved one in a collision caused by an impaired driver." I hope by sharing some of my experience we can make our community a safer place to live."

Although reservations are not required, signing up for the program at 373-5700 helps LARPD plan seating arrangements.