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"Livermore Police K-9 and Animal Control" community education presentation offered by the Livermore Police Department in cooperation with the Livermore Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District (LARPD)
- III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:  
The CPAAA is proud to announce the next community education presentation on October 5, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. The presentation will be made by the two Livermore Police K-9 handlers and Animal Control Officer Kathy Holmes.

The K-9 handlers will be discussing how the K-9 program works and how dogs are selected and trained. They will discuss how and why the dogs are deployed and discuss recent incidents where the K-9's were used. The handlers will put on a short demonstration highlighting the skills and expertise of their K-9 partners.

Animal Control Officer Holmes will provide information on the Animal Control Unit. She will detail what the Animal Control Unit's roles and responsibilities are and the types of calls they handle on a daily basis.

There will be time available for a question and answer session.

"Any time we can get information out to the community is a great opportunity," said K-9 handler Officer Rich Zogoric. "My dog "Vertex" is fairly new to the department and is trained to detect narcotics. Showing "Vertex's" skills to the community provides both education and outreach. It's important that our community members know the tools we have available to us and learn about "Vertex's" usefulness to our officers on a daily basis."

"I think it's important for our community members to know how the Animal Control Unit functions and how we can assist them. I believe that people will be surprised when they hear the number of calls for service we answer each day, and the variety of laws we enforce in the City of Livermore" said Animal Control Officer Kathy Holmes.

Although reservations are not required, signing up for the program at 373-5700 helps LARPD plan seating arrangements. Please ask for class #8032.

Questions about this presentation can be directed to Sgt. John Hurd at 925-371-4857.

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