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II. ANNOUNCEMENT:  
Livermore Police Department to work intensified motorcycle safety enforcement.

III. FACTUAL INFORMATION:  
With summer time weather contributing to more motorcyclists being out on our community's roadways, the Livermore Police Department will be working several motorcycle safety enforcement operations during the next few months.

The Livermore Police Department is committed to making our roadways safer for all motorists by using a variety of tactics to improve traffic safety including both educational programs and enforcement efforts. In May, LPD put on a large scale motorcycle safety awareness event in downtown Livermore. LPD will be following up those education efforts with dedicated enforcement efforts. These enforcement efforts will consist of motorcycle officers working roadways that typically attract motorcyclists. These officers will be looking for moving violations committed by motorcyclists, equipment violations, and violations committed by other motorists that may contribute to motorcycle involved collisions.

From 2005 through 2008 we noted a majority of the motorcycle involved collisions occurring in Livermore were happening during the summer months (May-September). In 2007, LPD began conducting motorcycle safety awareness education efforts in the community, as well as increasing enforcement efforts of various violations made by motorcyclists. As a result of these efforts, the total number of motorcycle involved collisions occurring in Livermore has dropped. There were 24 total collisions in 2007, 22 collisions in 2008, and only 17 collisions in 2009. There was one motorcyclist killed in both 2007 and 2008, and no riders were killed in 2009 or in 2010 to date. Through the end of May, there have only been 5 motorcycle involved collisions in Livermore as compared to the average of 7.4 collisions during the same time period over the last five years. Through these dedicated enforcement efforts, we hope to keep that downward trend continuing through the summer months.

Funding for our motorcycle enforcement and education efforts have been provided through a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Administration.

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