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II. ANNOUNCEMENT:

Livermore Police to receive Traffic Safety Awards on August 2, 2011 @ 1:00 p.m. Police Community Room.

III. INFORMATION:

On Tuesday, August 2, 2011 Commissioner Joe Farrow of the California Highway Patrol, and Chris Murphy the Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), will be at the Livermore Police Department to present LPD with four traffic safety awards. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m., and we are inviting all media outlets to attend the ceremony. This will be your opportunity to meet the 4 newly appointed PIO's for the Livermore Police Department. They will be available for on-air or taped interviews. Please be aware that this ceremony is NOT open to the public.

The traffic safety awards are part of the California Law Enforcement Challenge which is coordinated by the CHP and OTS. The California Law Enforcement Challenge (CLEC) is a competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies. It recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in California. The areas of concentration include efforts to enforce laws and educate the public about occupant protection, impaired driving, and speeding. Agencies submit an application which documents their efforts and effectiveness in these areas. The winning safety programs are those that combine officer training, public information and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries within its jurisdiction.

LPD will receive four awards; Best Traffic Safety program for agencies with 86-105 officers, the Special Award for Child Passenger Safety, the Special Award for Motorcycle Safety, and the Commissioners Award for Best Overall Traffic Safety Program in the State regardless of agency size. Over 200 agencies submitted applications to the CLEC. LPD is extremely proud of these accomplishments.

In addition to the presentations by Commissioner Farrow and Director Murphy, LPD will be presenting a "**Saved by the Belt**" award to a Livermore resident who was involved in a roll over collision in town. Because the resident was properly wearing his seatbelt he received only minor injuries in the collision. LPD wants to recognize this driver for wearing his seatbelt and thereby saving himself from serious injury and possibly being killed.

During the ceremony six LPD officers will be recognized for their traffic safety efforts during the first six months of 2011.

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