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II. ANNOUNCEMENT: April 15 – 21, 2012 is National Volunteer Week

The Livermore Police Department would like to acknowledge and thank the many community members that donate their time to the Livermore Police Department during the National Volunteer Recognition Week. Our volunteers are dedicated men and women who give their time and services to help make the city of Livermore a safer place to live and work. They enable the police department to expand and enhance services to the community. Our volunteers are trained to perform various duties that support the department.

We have volunteers working in our Records Unit, Traffic Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, and Horizons Family Counseling. Some volunteers assist with events and programs throughout the year. This includes the Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program, in which trained volunteers patrol our downtown area to be extra eyes and ears in case someone needs help or there is a problem needing police; the Every15 Minutes Program in which high schools students are given first hand participation in a simulation of a drunk driving crash; the Stuff a Cruiser event in which volunteers collect and distribute donated backpacks filled with school supplies for students who need them at the beginning of each school year; the Giving Tree event that distributes gifts to families in need during the holiday season; DUI Checkpoints; and the volunteers who perform support functions at various law enforcement training events.

We also have Reserve Police Officers who volunteer their time to perform many police functions that regular officers do. The Reserve Officer Program was founded in 1957 to supplement our full-time paid police officers. The primary function of a reserve officer is to serve as supplemental officers in our patrol division, and they are also used in a variety of other support functions such as traffic control, bicycle patrol, crime scene security, special event security, prisoner transports, and completing minor investigations and reports.

In 2011, our volunteers selflessly gave over 13,000 hours of service. Without the support of these individuals, we could not provide the enhanced services that we are so proud of here at the Livermore Police Department. Volunteers play an imperative role in keeping our community safe. We will continue to work together to make Livermore a great place to live, work, or visit.

To become a Volunteer with the Livermore Police Department; please go to our website at:

http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/police/default.asp and click on the link to Volunteers.

For Reserve Officer recruitment information, click on the Employment link.

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