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II. ANNOUNCEMENT: Livermore Police Special Operations Unit (SOU)

In September 2012, the Livermore Police Department announced the reactivation of our Special Operations Unit (SOU). Since then, the SOU has dedicated themselves to actively investigating major criminal acts and following through with arrests of the suspects. The unit, consisting of three specially trained officers and a supervisor are tasked with proactive enforcement of both gang and narcotics related crime, but may branch out to any serious criminal problems affecting the city.

The current productivity statistics for the Livermore Police Department's SOU are based on the two month lifespan of the unit and include the following: 40 total arrests (13 gang related), 7 firearms recovered, \$67,000 worth of methamphetamine and \$49,000 worth of illegal marijuana have been seized, and many of the recent burglary and bicycle theft cases have been closed with arrests.

The Livermore Police Department believes in accountability to our citizenry and has reactivated the SOU in order to address the concerns of the community. We are dedicated to addressing those elements within our community who commit crimes against us. Success in this venture requires a partnership with you, your families and your neighbors. Our partnership may be fulfilled in several ways, to include:

- Providing information on criminal activity to the Livermore Police Department's tip line at (925) 371-4780. Please provide as much information as possible to include: license plate numbers / vehicle description, residence addresses / descriptions, suspect information, and a call back number. Callers may remain anonymous, but by doing so, it should be understood that solving problems becomes more difficult. Please do not use this number to report crimes in progress, emergencies, or when you require a patrol officer response.
- Forming a Neighborhood Watch by contacting Nicole Aguon at (925) 371-4978. The Neighborhood Watch groups are a great way to get to know your neighbors and to be further engaged in the happenings in your community. These groups work closely with the Police Department in addressing issues and solving problems.
- Be vigilant and report suspicious activity to the police department either through our non-emergency number at (925) 371-4987 or through 911 (emergencies / crimes in progress). Although Officers actively patrol, we rely heavily on community members reporting crimes in progress and suspicious activities within their neighborhoods.

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