



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: National Volunteers' Week
MEETING DATE: April 19, 2006
PREPARED BY: Jerry J. Adams, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Hitchcock present a proclamation proclaiming the period of April 23 - 29, 2006 as National Volunteers' Week in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Mayor has been requested to present a proclamation proclaiming the period of April 23 - 29, 2006 as National Volunteers' Week in the City of Lodi. Chief Jerry Adams will attend this meeting to accept the proclamation, along with Special Services Manager, Jeanie Biskup.

The Lodi Police Partners Program has been in operation for twelve years, providing endless hours of service to the Lodi Police Department. In 2005 Partners donated 26,850 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$484,536. There are currently 96 Partners in the Program.

The Lodi Police Chaplaincy Program was formed in February of 1994. There are currently five dedicated volunteer local clergy participating. They are an essential part of the Lodi Police Department, providing counseling and support in times of crisis and tragedy to police personnel and the public.

The Lodi Police Reserve Program has existed almost as long as the Police Department itself. Many of today's full-time officers began as Reserves, and many Reserves have also gone on to work for a variety of State and Federal agencies. There are currently four Reserve Officers volunteering their services with the Lodi Police Department.

The Lodi Police Cadet Program offers local youths between the ages of 16 and 24, the opportunity to volunteer and gain valuable experience during their high school and college years. Eighteen Cadets participate at the present time. Many of these young people go on to become Reserve Officers, and like the Reserves, they often become full-time Police Officers for Lodi and other cities. The Lodi Police Department also partners with Lodi Unified School District through an R.O.P. Police Academy Program for young people interested in a law enforcement career. The academy environment is actually based on the traditional academy for police officers. There are currently 56 Juniors and Seniors enrolled in the academy.

In addition to the 125 "frontline" LPD volunteers, there are another 46 community volunteers who serve "behind the scenes" on the Crime Stoppers and Lodi Police Foundation Board of Directors (15), the Chaplain Board of Directors (6) and PALS volunteers (25) at the Animal Shelter. All of the listed individuals generously give of their time, talents, and often times their personal funds toward the betterment of the Lodi Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT: None
FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A


 Jerry J. Adams
 Chief of Police

APPROVED: 
 Blair King, City Manager