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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 1985

LODI POLICE
DEPARTMENT
APPLICATION
FOR TRAFFIC
GRANT

Chief of Police Floyd Williams addressed the Lodi City Council proposing a select traffic enforcement program to enforce traffic laws in critical areas identified by analysis of accident locations, causes, time and day of the week. The program will concentrate on hazardous moving violations and the

drinking driver as they relate to the primary collision factors in this City.

Chief Williams further advised that the primary purpose of the program will be in accident prevention through enforcement. A secondary goal will be educational programs directed to public awareness. To initiate this program we are proposing the hiring of three additional full time police officers and equipping them with standard police motorcycles (including radar equipment). To help ease the burden of establishing such a program within our department, we are requesting permission to apply for a Traffic Safety Grant through the Office of Traffic Safety, State of California. This grant will provide one hundred percent personnel cost the first year and fifty per cent personnel cost for the second year.

The Office of Traffic Safety operates on a fiscal year of October - October however, the Police Department does not anticipate initiating this program until January 1986. Therefore, the following schedule would probably follow this guideline:

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Chief Williams apprised the Council that the reason we do not anticipate starting until January, 1986 is because of some difficulty we may encounter in scheduling the training courses necessary to certify our police officers in the use and safety of motorcycles. If training courses can be found sooner, then we may be able to start the program in October, 1985.

This Grant would not provide for the purchase of motorcycles and, if awarded the Grant, the Lodi Police Department can negotiate with the Office of Traffic Safety and might possibly receive assistance in funding the radar equipment, police radios for the motorcycles and portable radio units for the officers as well. If not, there could be an initial expenditure to the City of approximately \$35,000.00.

Chief Williams further presented for Council's perusal documentation which points to a growing need for a full time traffic enforcement unit.

Following discussion with questions being directed to Staff, Council, on motion of Mayor Pro Tempore Hinchman, Olson second, approved the Lodi Police Department applying for a grant through the State Office of Traffic Safety which would provide the City with a select traffic enforcement program to enforce traffic laws in critical areas identified by analysis of accident locations, causes, time and day of week.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE
March 28, 1985

NO.

SUBJECT: Request for Consideration of Application for Traffic Grant

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We will present for your consideration documentation which points to a growing need for a full time traffic enforcement unit. In preparation for the meeting, please refer to the following addenda, which is the result of research conducted by Lieutenant Bruce Dick. In his research, Lieutenant Dick contacted the Chamber of Commerce who, in turn, identified ten cities comparable to Lodi in population and typography. These ten cities were then compared to Lodi in three distinct categories:

- A = Total number of accidents
- B = Total number of injuries
- C = Total number of fatalities

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The Study shows that Lodi ranked Number 1 in accidents, Number 4 in injuries and tied for 6th place in fatalities.

Another survey (Addendum D) identifies the five main causes of accidents in Lodi, with the two highest primary collision factors being right-of-way and unsafe speed.

Chief Williams will present further documentation to demonstrate the need for this additional manpower and a full time selective traffic enforcement unit.

Respectfully submitted,

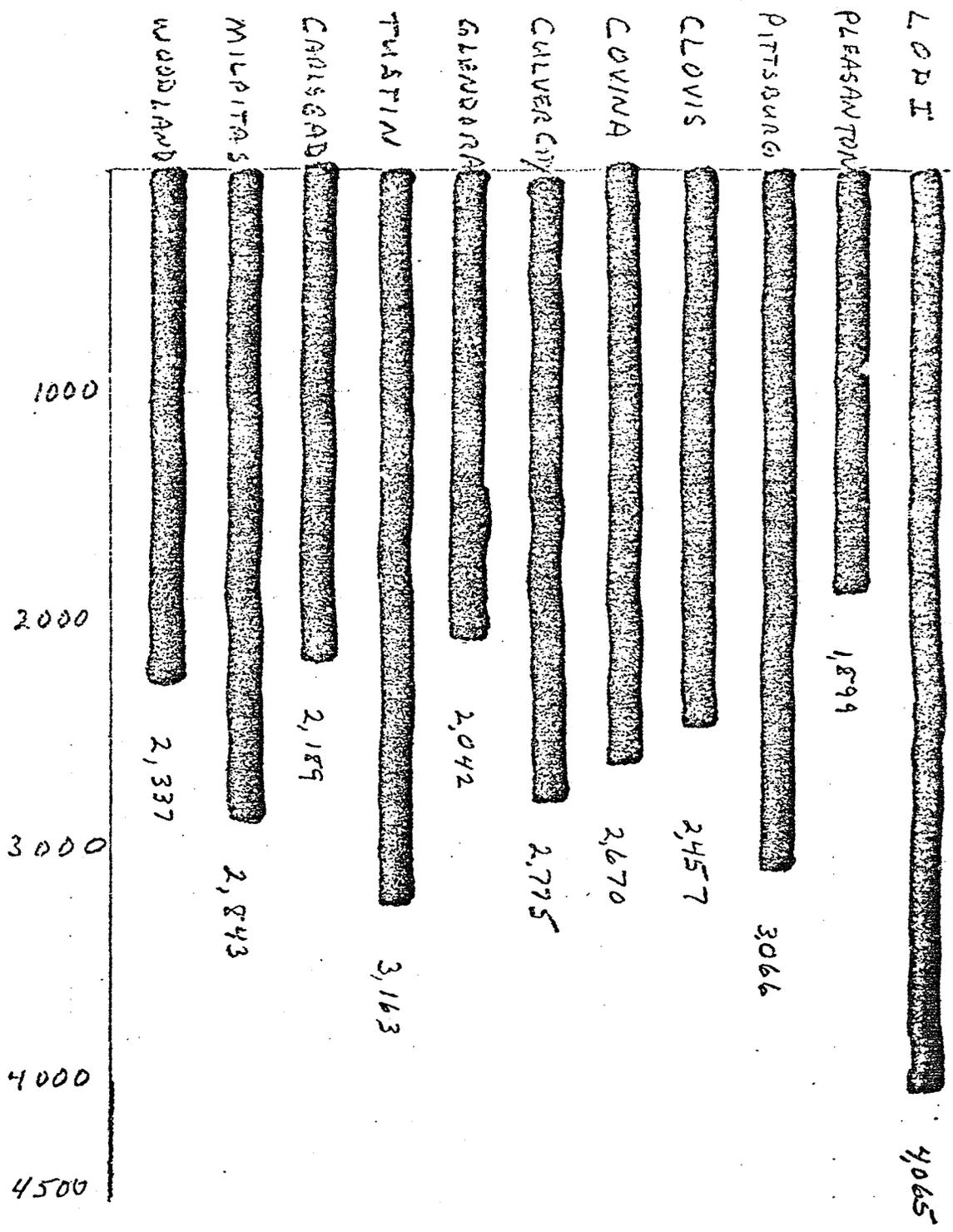
Capt. Larry D. Hansen
Captain Larry D. Hansen
Patrol Division Commander

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TOTAL ACCIDENTS

JAN 1, 1981 THRU OCT 15, 1984

CITIES

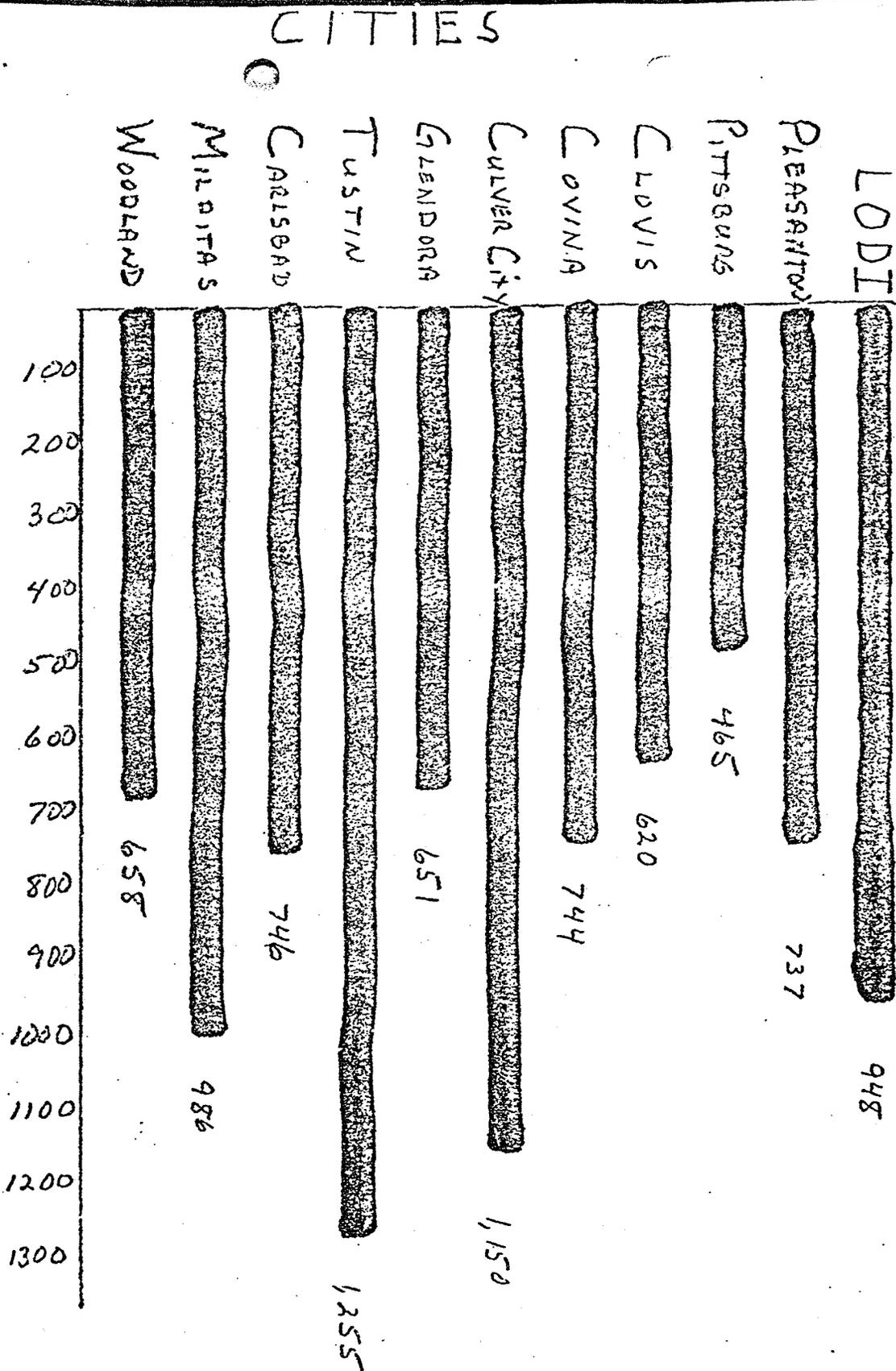


BY THOUSANDS

APPENDIX A

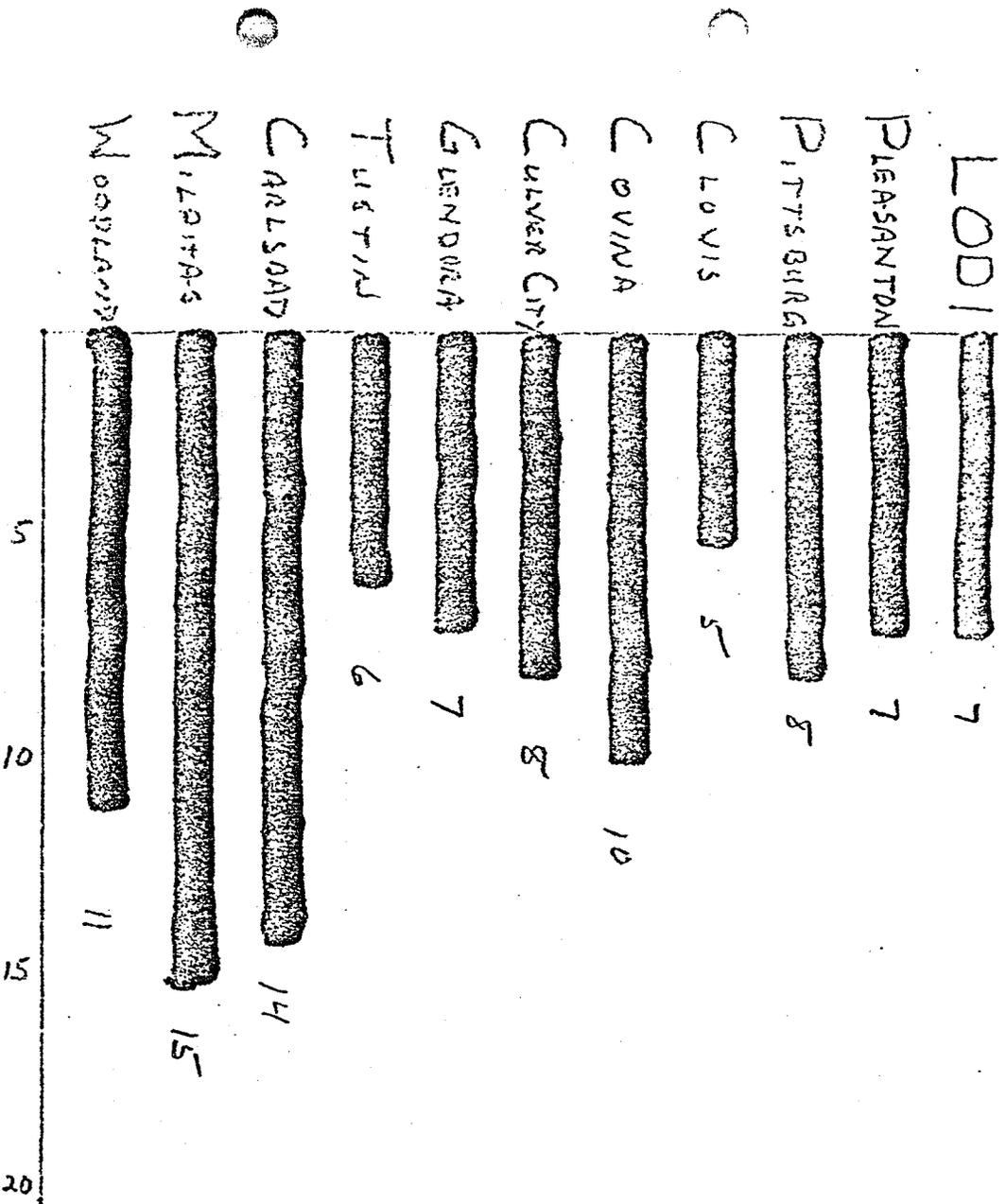
TOTAL INJURIES

JAN. 1, 1981 THRU OCT. 15, 1984



BY HUNDREDS

TOTAL FATALITIES
JAN 1, 1981 THRU OCT 15, 1984



BY ONES

VIOLATIONS

FIVE MAIN CAUSES AUTO ACCIDENTS JAN 1, 1981 THRU OCT 15, 1984

