



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 21-27, 2013, as "National Volunteers Week"  
**MEETING DATE:** April 17, 2013  
**PREPARED BY:** Chief of Police

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Presentation of proclamation proclaiming the week of April 21-27, 2013, as "National Volunteers Week."

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** National Volunteers Week is a national event to recognize and celebrate the profound impact men and women who volunteer have on their community. One person can make a difference through volunteerism and in 2012 more than 2,300 Lodians donated their valuable time to assist various City departments giving over 65,931 hours of service at an estimated fiscal benefit of \$1,553,838.

At the Public Library volunteers serve as Adult Literacy Services tutors, homework help tutors, Computer Learning Center coaches and instructors, Library Board of Trustees, Library Foundation, Friends of the Library, general Library volunteers and Teen Advisory Council. In 2012, 200 volunteers donated 26,718 hours to the library with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$646,041.

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department has more than 2,000 volunteers who provide an estimated 7,200 hours of service annually with a fiscal benefit of \$611,000. Volunteers serve as Boosters of Boys/Girls Sports (BOBS), coaches, umpires/referees, Lodi Lake Nature Area Docents, Tree Lodi project, ushers at Hutchins Street Square, Senior Center volunteers and serve on various commissions.

The Animal Shelter PALS (People Assisting Lodi Shelter) was founded in 2004 to save the lives of abandoned dogs and cats. They assist animal shelter staff with office work, handle animal adoptions and promote animal care and spay/neuter through education. With a total of 89 volunteers PALS donated 8,628 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$184,399.

The 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. Twelve cadets participate at the present time. Many of these young people end up with a full-time career in law enforcement. Cadets assist the department at special events, DUI checkpoints, and perform clerical duties in the Records Division.

The Police Chaplaincy Program was formed in February of 1994. There are currently five dedicated local clergy providing daily support and emergency response when needed. In 2012, chaplains donated 260 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$5,460.

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APPROVED:

  
Konradt Bartlam, City Manager

The Police Partners Program has been in operation for 19 years, providing endless hours of service to the Lodi Police Department. In 2012, Partners donated 27,325 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$600,000. There are currently 104 Partners serving the Police Department.

A representative of the Police Department and Library will be present to accept the proclamation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Helms", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Helms  
Chief of Police