



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 6-13, 2014, as "National Volunteers Week"  
**MEETING DATE:** April 2, 2014  
**PREPARED BY:** Chief of Police

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**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 2013 more than 2,000 Lodians donated their valuable time to assist various City departments giving over 68,670 hours of service at an estimated fiscal benefit of \$1,520,354.

At the Public Library volunteers serve as Adult Literacy tutors, homework help tutors, Lucas Computer Learning Center coaches and instructors, general library volunteers, Friends of the Lodi Public Library, Lodi Public Library Foundation, and Teen Advisory Council. In 2013, 253 volunteers donated 29,605 hours to the library with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$655,455.

The Public Works Department works with many volunteer groups who donate time to accomplish specific projects. In 2013, there were 540 volunteers who provided an estimated 3,310 hours of service annually with a fiscal benefit of \$73,283. Volunteers serve as Storm Drain Detectives, Coastal Cleanup, Galt Adult Learning Center bi-monthly cleanups at Lodi Lake, Starbucks Earth Day Cleanup at Lodi Lake, Heritage School Earth Keeper's Club and the Master Gardner's Downtown Lodi flower pot project.

The Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Department has more than 1,000 volunteers who provide an estimated 2,500 hours of service annually with a fiscal benefit of \$55,350. 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, Park Project volunteers and serve on various commissions. The 1,300 volunteers provided a fiscal benefit to the City of \$79,842.

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, staff their WAGS thrift store on Main & Pine Streets, fundraise, and promote animal care and spay/neuter through education. With a total of 110 volunteers PALS donated 9,818 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$217,371.

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. Thirteen 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.

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APPROVED:

Stephen Schwabauer, Interim City Manager

The Police Chaplaincy Program was formed in February of 1994. There are currently five clergy providing daily support for Lodi Police Department personnel and their families and emergency response when needed. Chaplains provide emotional support, assisting Officers in the field with death notifications, and at a critical and/or crisis incident. In 2013, chaplains donated 100 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of approximately \$2,214.

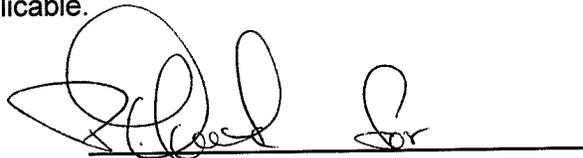
The Police Partners Program has been in operation for 21 years, providing endless hours of service to the Lodi Police Department. In 2013, Partners donated 23,337 hours to the Police Department with an estimated fiscal benefit of \$516,681. There are currently 90 Partners serving the Police Department.

There are also 21 community volunteers who serve behind the scenes on the Crime Stoppers and Lodi Police Foundation Board and the Chaplain Board of Directors, all of whom give generously of their time and talents, and often their personal funds, toward the betterment of the Lodi Police Department and ultimately in service to the community.

A representative of the Police, Library, Public Works, and Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services Departments will be present to accept the proclamation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

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Mark Helms  
Chief of Police