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Press Release

New Sheriff in Town

OC Sheriff Department deploys technology to keep Stanton safe

Stanton, CA May 14, 2008: Lieutenant Lee Trujillo and Sergeant Daniel Elsner visited the Stanton Lions Club to discuss policing Stanton. Trujillo has taken over from long serving Captain Robert Eason who was recently promoted in the Orange County Sheriffs Department. Lieutenant Trujillo is a twenty-two year veteran of the Sheriffs Department.

Based on FBI statistics, the crime rate in Stanton has decreased every year for the past three years, and is much lower than the average crime rate in California cities of approximately the same size. The sheriff's department is now deploying new technology which will help reduce crime even more.

Lieutenant Trujillo explained that a new infer-red camera system installed on patrol vehicles has the ability to scan license plates and check them against a data base. Officers will be immediately notified if a vehicle has been reported stolen, is registered to a person suspected of committing a crime, or a person who has an outstanding warrant. Additionally, it does so automatically as the patrol car drives down the street. This will save patrol officers a great deal of time and a greater number of cars will be checked. Stolen vehicles will be quickly identified which may have been parked for weeks in the past. Victims will recover their cars sooner and with less damage; and suspects are more likely to be apprehended.

Sergeant Daniel Elsner explained how the City of Stanton has teamed up with the Sheriff's Department to deter graffiti. Before the Public Works Department paints over graffiti, it now takes a digital photo with a specially equipped smart phone. The date, location, and photo are stored in a data base. This makes it easy to estimate a cost recovery charge based on the approximate size of the graffiti and the total amount of clean up time. A single hit of graffiti could cost the taxpayers over a hundred dollars to clean up, and thousands of dollars are spent annually by local governments and

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property owners through out the county to clean up graffiti. Vandals or their parents may be charge a cost recovery charge to help compensate for these costs. Information in the data base is also shared with the parole and probation departments and the District Attorney.

The Stanton Lions Club is a community service organization which serves Stanton and surrounding areas. For more information www.stantonlions.org.



Sergeant Daniel Elsner, Stanton Lions President Barbara Dotson, Lieutenant Lee Trujillo.