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Press Release



Lieutenant Passalaqua speaks at Lions Club Meeting

Stanton, CA March 13, 2009 Lieutenant Jeff Passalaqua of the Orange County Sheriff's Department spoke at Wednesday's bi-monthly Lions Lunch Meeting. Passalaqua has twenty-three years of experience with the Department and has now been promoted to head of police services in the city of Stanton. The Sheriff's department provides police services to several cities in the county under contract. This is a cost effective way for smaller cities than having their own police force. The department has about thirty-nine deputies, investigators, and administrators protecting Stanton.

Lt. Passalaqua felt at home with the Lions because he is also a member of a similar community service organization—the Elks. He is enthusiastic about improving the quality of life through community policing. A former bicycle patrol officer in San Clemente, he understands how important it is for the police to interact with the community. A lot of people are proud to live in Stanton and will point

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out any suspicious activities. Riding a bike rather than being in a patrol car gives officers that opportunity. He plans to have three or four officers on bike patrol soon. He has also assigned officers to specific areas of the city. This dramatically reduces response time and allows those officers to know specific areas.

The crime rate in Stanton is a little lower than other areas of the county that are not patrolled by the sheriff's department and much lower than the California State Average. (See http://www.ocsd.org/patrol_areas/stanton/ for more info.)

The lions served there traditional St. Patrick's Day Lunch which consisted of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and green Jell-O. Then came the traditional dessert. There were approximately thirty in attendance including two new Stanton Lions.

If you are interested in community service, please consider joining the Stanton Lions Club.

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