



# Elk Grove Police Department

## Press Release

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### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK**

ELK GROVE, CA – The week of April 19 – 25, 2009 has been designated as National Volunteer Appreciation Week. National Volunteer Appreciation Week honors those individuals who have dedicated themselves to taking action and bettering their communities.

The volunteers in police services (V.I.P.S) have donated more than 94,000 hours to the Elk Grove community since 1994. Currently, the Elk Grove Police Department has 44 volunteers assisting the police department. These volunteers have inspired others within the community to recognizing and seek out imaginative ways to engage the Elk Grove community and put themselves at the center of social change.

Volunteers for the Elk Grove Police Department have assisted the police department by taking crime reports, conducting community outreach, graffiti abatement, assisting with traffic checkpoints, curfew sweeps, special events and residential security checks.

“Our volunteers are truly dedicated to the community that they serve,” said Elk Grove Police Chief Robert Lehner. “The amount of hours that our volunteers donate yearly is astonishing. The department is honored to have these fine men and women representing the police department.”

In 2008, volunteers donated a total of 11,464.50 hours of service to the department. They documented 2,142 crime reports and assisted over 8,939 individuals at the front counter and/or by telephone. Volunteers removed 6,806 illegal signs, returned 679 abandoned carts to local businesses, and provided security vacation checks to 2,607 residents.

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