



Elk Grove Police Department

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

ELK GROVE, CA – The week of April 18 – 24, 2010 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 117,861 hours to the Elk Grove community since 1994. Currently, the Elk Grove Police Department has 54 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.

In 2009, volunteers donated a total of 12,017 hours of service to the department. They documented 3,151 crime reports and assisted over 10,034 individuals at the front counter and/or by telephone. Volunteers removed 7,095 illegal signs, returned 504 abandoned carts to local businesses, and provided security vacation checks to 2,321 residents.

“The amount of time that our volunteers donate yearly is remarkable,” said Elk Grove Police Chief Robert Lehner. “Our volunteers take great pride in being able to assist members of the community, and the department is privileged to have these fine men and women representing the police department.”

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