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Stockton Police Department Receives Grants Addressing Violence Against Women & Gang and Gun Violence

(Stockton, CA) - The Stockton City Council approved the acceptance of two critical grants this evening for the Stockton Police Department: Violence Against Women Act Program and Project Safe Neighborhoods Program. Funding for both grants has been provided through the California Emergency Management Agency.

“These are grants that we have received in the past,” said Assistant Chief Eric Jones. “With grant funding there are no guarantees. We must apply every year, and funding may not be available every year. We are so pleased to receive this funding, because it provides for such critical needs within our department and our community.”

The Violence Against Women Act Program grant is for \$178,978 and requires a 25 percent match from the City. The total program is \$238,637, which funds a full-time Police Officer and a part-time Community Service Officer from the Police Department to investigate domestic violence and sexual assault cases, as well as a full-time Women’s Center of San

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Joaquin County Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator to help with training Police Department and medical professionals.

Project Safe Neighborhoods Program grant funds of \$132,550 will provide one year of funding for one full-time Police Officer assigned to the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms (ATF) Anti-Gang/Gun Task Force and FBI Task Force. Participating in multi-agency task forces helps the Stockton Police Department with response to gang and gun violence. There is no match required for this grant.

“Funding to address this violence in our community allows us to remain current in our training and awareness of these issues and to keep the pressure on those who are committing these crimes or may consider such violence,” said Mayor Ann Johnston. “We are grateful to CalEMA and the agencies who work with us each and every day to help stop violence.”

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