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## Staff Report

ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**To:** Lemoore City Council  
**From:** Jeff R. Laws, Chief of Police  
**Date:** August 30, 2011  
**Subject:** New Chaplains

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**Discussion:**

The Lemoore Police Department has offered officers, staff, and the citizens of Lemoore the services of a chaplain since 1996. The chaplain and officers make an important difference in the lives of persons touched by tragedy. Entering that saddest of moments is not easier for the chaplain, but they bring the pastoral experience, training and skills that can mitigate the effects of tragedy. Our chaplains are volunteers who respond to calls, donating their talents to respond to special law enforcement needs. They stand ready to help, console, and support by offering real answers to those facing the toughest times of life.

We have one existing chaplain and two new additions. Chaplain Gene Pensiero from Calvary Chapel of Hanford has been with our department since 1996. We are pleased to welcome Chaplain Richard Smith of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Laton and Chaplain Joshua Rees of Calvary Chapel in Hanford to our Lemoore Police Department Chaplains program.

On Tuesday evening, Chaplain's Smith and Rees will be formally sworn in.

**Budget Impact:**

No budget impact.

**Recommendation:**

Informational only.