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**Staff Report**

ITEM NO. 1-1

**To:** Lemoore City Council

**From:** Darrell Smith, Chief of Police 

**Date:** November 12, 2014

**Meeting Date:** November 18, 2014

**Subject:** Volunteers in Policing

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**Discussion:**

The Volunteers in Policing Program began in 1997 and was created to develop a strong partnership between community members and the Lemoore Police Department. The program was designed to allow trained citizens to assist in reporting crimes, suspicious, or hazardous incidents throughout the City of Lemoore. These volunteers also help at the Department by doing jobs such as the front desk, house checks, patrol schools, clerical duties, and work special events.

All VIP members are graduates of the Lemoore Citizens' Academy. The Academy allows participants to experience conditions similar to the training officers receive and exposes participants to the daily operational duties of police officers. The Citizens' Academy is taught by Lemoore Police Department members, each highlighting their individual area of expertise. During the 8 week Academy, citizens learn about officer survival, crime scene investigation, DUI enforcement, use-of-force issues, records, dispatch, D.A.R.E., narcotics, and surveillance. Academy members ride along in a patrol car at least once to experience firsthand the activities police officers routinely are exposed to and how they handle each situation. There is no cost to the citizen to attend the Academy, just a commitment to attend all required classes. The Lemoore Police Department offers two academies each year and is open to the general public. Tonight the Lemoore Police Department would like to recognize Ricky Aguiqui, Elizabeth Huerta, Paul Santiago, Mark Rogers, Gabriel Borba, David Mansfield, Michael Fite, and Ruben Molina as the graduates from Class #18.

**Budget Impact:**

There is no impact to the general fund.

**Recommendation:**

Each volunteer receive their Lemoore Police Department identification card.