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LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LINCOLN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTING COLLABORATIVE OPEN HOUSE FOR PUBLIC

LINCOLN, CA, Nov. 10, 2008 -- Lincoln's Police Department and the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce have recently moved into new headquarters and are inviting the public to visit and tour both facilities on Thursday, November 20 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Visitors will be treated to light refreshments, guided tours, and an opportunity to meet and visit with Lincoln's law enforcement team and Chamber staff. The Chamber office tour will include member home-based businesses that will have their products on display, and the Historic Downtown Merchants will be open to greet shoppers and visitors, as well.

Lincoln Police Headquarters is now located in Beermann Plaza inside the building at 640 5th Street, which was formerly the site of Lincoln's City Hall. The 10,000 square foot building has been remodeled to accommodate the police department's specific needs and features a fascinating police department history display inside its impressive foyer.

Prior to the recent move, Lincoln Police Headquarters was located at 770 Seventh Street, a 10,000 square foot building which will continue to be utilized by the Lincoln Police Department as a substation for the public safety dispatch staff, patrol, property/evidence, and Citizens on Patrol staff assigned to operations.

In 1998, the Lincoln Police Department consisted of 14 police officers and 5 dispatchers. Today, the Police Department employs 36 sworn officers, 8 dispatchers, 2 records clerks, 1 administrative secretary and 38 Citizens on Patrol members.

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According to Police Lieutenant Paul Shelgren, “We are very proud of our new headquarters, which includes an excellent venue for training. We have a great law enforcement history here in Lincoln, and one of our realized priorities is the completion of the displays we have in the entry where memoirs are exhibited so visitors can visually relive our rich past. We’re all looking forward to sharing our new headquarters with the public.”

The Chamber office, also located in Beermann Plaza at 540 F Street was one of this year’s Make A Difference Day projects sponsored by the Lincoln Volunteer Center. Chamber President Mike Lee is encouraging Chamber members and the public to come by and see the stunning difference and become acquainted with the new office.

Lee stated, “Make A Difference Day was the first giant step in a minor renovation of the historic building, which will soon be repainted by volunteers. We’ve opened up a conference room for our members’ use, and are making great strides toward making the Chamber office the core of member promotion and support.” Lee made a point of confirming the refreshments are all being provided by Chamber members.

For more information about the November 20 event, please contact the Chamber Office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 916.645.2035.

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