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LINCOLN, CA, February 7, 2007 – The Lincoln Police Department would like to provide drivers with a friendly reminder that we are actively enforcing the traffic laws within our community. Those in our community should know that there is a direct relationship between the number of citations written, and the number of collisions, which is referred to as the traffic index. The traffic index shows that when more citations are written, the collisions involving fatalities, injuries, and property damage are significantly reduced. As an example, during the last few months the Lincoln Police Department recently increased the number of moving violations issued by over 100%. This increase in enforcement reduced the number of collisions by over 50%. This type of reduction is good for all citizens of our community, as safety is tremendously increased.

The number one complaint called into the Police Department involves traffic related issues. Citizens recognize traffic violators and are asking the Police Department to enforce traffic laws. Based on the statistics and the expectations of the community, the Police Department will enforce traffic laws in all areas of the City. Those who choose to violate traffic laws should also remember that police officers may make arrests and write traffic citations anywhere in the State of California. This means that should a Lincoln Police Officer be outside the city limits, they are still authorized to enforce laws. More importantly, should an outside agency be traveling through Lincoln, they are also authorized to enforce traffic laws.

Finally, Police Officers are taught and supported by the courts of law, that traffic enforcement is a good technique to look for “further criminal activity afoot”. As a result, many burglars, drug offenders and other criminals are identified and arrested as a result of traffic enforcement. To sum it up, the end result of firm but fair traffic enforcement is a safer community, and that is the goal of the Lincoln Police Department.

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