



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2019

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

SUMMARY

City Council is being asked to accept recent donations which benefit Police Department programs.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the donations on behalf of the Police Department.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Donations help offset costs that would otherwise be borne by the City, Police Department, and taxpayers while also providing important services to the community. These donations are being deposited into the Fullerton Police K-9 Foundation account as well as the Adopt A Family, Shop With a Cop, Police Explorers and Retired Senior Volunteer Program trust accounts.

DISCUSSION

There are many auxiliary Police Department programs that do not receive public funding but are essential to both police operations and the community. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides invaluable assistance such as home, business and vacation security checks, fingerprinting, traffic and crowd control and foot patrols of parks, businesses and City events, allowing sworn and paid police personnel to focus on tasks that volunteers cannot perform. As he has done for many years, retired Chevron employee and RSVP John Kunselman has designated the RSVP fund to receive \$1000 from Chevron's Employee Matching Fund, earned through his many

hours of volunteer work as an RSVP. An anonymous donor recently gave another \$1000 to the RSVP's.

The youth Police Explorers also volunteer at community events and fundraise constantly to pay for their own activities. They receive training to become Police Cadets and may eventually become Police Officers. The Fullerton Elks Lodge donated \$1250 to the cadets in recognition of their hard work and service.

Two important Police programs ensure that low-income families and at-risk youth can also enjoy the holiday season: Adopt A Family donates meals and gifts while Police employees get to play Santa and provide good role models and mentoring for the kids through Shop With a Cop. The Fullerton Ebell Club donated \$1500 to each of these programs for a total of \$3000, while Fairley & Associates and M. Nicholas Design each donated \$1000 to Adopt A Family. Allco Fullerton Insurance donated \$2830 to benefit the young Shop With A Cop shoppers.

Police dogs are an integral and critical part of the Department, assisting officers in searches and helping keep both citizens and officers safe. In recognition of their important role, our K-9's are receiving a generous \$500 monthly donation from the Fullerton Dong Shin Presbyterian Church to help pay for their supplies, training and vet bills.

The Fullerton Police Department would like to acknowledge and thank its many community partners and donors who have stepped forward to support our Department and our City.