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Placerville Police Opening New Substation for Smith Flat/ Broadway Area

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Placerville, CA – Placerville Police Department increases presence in community with new substation.

As part of its continued Restorative Policing efforts, the Placerville Police Department is partnering with Kapre Properties, Inc., El Dorado County Health and Human Services, El Dorado County Probation, Only Kindness, veteran outreach services and several community members to open a community substation at 1488 A Broadway this week. This area was selected because of a significant increase in calls for service, which included nuisance type crimes such as public intoxication, loitering, illegal camping, and vandalism.

Restorative Policing efforts place an emphasis on long term solutions in addition to immediate responses to these problems. The focus of Restorative Policing is a community oriented policing approach. The key to the Restorative Policing philosophy is providing outreach services to the community during field contacts and providing the option for individuals to go to the substation for assistance and placement and/or to connect individuals with mental health or dependency programs. The program establishes a partnership between law enforcement, social services and community based organizations. The Restorative Policing Program aims to move law enforcement from crisis management (moving the problem around) to long-term intervention (resolution) when dealing with nuisance violations and quality of life challenges.

“Having a substation in this area allows the police to connect with the community in a non-traditional manner,” said Chief Heller. “The police department will establish a presence at the substation and proactively respond to the issues that surround the area. The Placerville Police Department’s Community Services Officer will also work out of the office focusing on Code Enforcement, Crime Prevention, and further engaging the community in the department’s community events, such as National Night Out.”

In addition to the law enforcement presence, the substation will also have resources available from El Dorado County Health and Human Services, Mental Health and community outreach resources. The substation bridges the gap between citizens and agencies, making it easier to get the necessary resources where they should be.

Councilmember Wendy Thomas has been hands on in this effort attending stakeholder meetings and volunteering support. "This is another great opportunity for law enforcement and our community to be engaged with each other," said Councilmember Thomas. "I applaud the efforts of those involved in this project and look forward to seeing a positive impact in the Smith Flat/Broadway area."

