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INFORMATION RELEASE

Benicia Police Department Partners with Sheriff's Narcotics Team

The Solano County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the re-launch of our multi-agency narcotics enforcement team. The joint team formally known as SOL-NET was funded in part through a methamphetamine enforcement grant (CalMMET) and was disbanded during the economic downturn in 2012.

"Coordination with other agencies is important to enable the sharing of information and to optimize the use of limited resources necessary to handle investigations without wasting resources by duplicating activities and efforts", Sheriff Thomas A. Ferrara said.

This multi-agency collaborative approach has proved successful in reducing the impact of illicit drugs within Solano County by targeting manufacturers, dealers, and traffickers. These criminals negatively impact the quality of life for the Solano County community. Additionally, many violators reside within the surrounding jurisdictions and either sell to Solano County residents, who then transport the controlled substances back into our county or they traffic their controlled substances into our county for sale.

As part of the re-launch of the multi-agency drug task force, a Benicia Police Department officer will be joining the team. "I am excited about this partnership and the Sheriff's willingness to support our community in addressing the issue of drug dealing in our community," Chief Erik Upson said.

The focus of the team in Benicia will be to target narcotic dealers and distributors, especially methamphetamine, heroin and prescription drugs. "More than anything we want to make an impact on those who are preying on our youth and children," Chief Upson said.

We also know from experience that there's a strong correlation between illegal drugs and property crimes, and that through this task force we will be able to get a great deal of information on who are committing these crimes.

We look forward decreasing illegal drug activity and increasing public safety in our community in our new partnership with Benicia Police Department.

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