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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**RE: Wolf Creek Community Neighborhood Watch Program
Press Conference Scheduled September 2nd at 4pm**

TEMECULA, CA - The City of Temecula announced today the launch of a renewed community-wide Neighborhood Watch Program in the Wolf Creek community of southwestern Temecula aimed at fostering prevention-focused law enforcement partnerships among its residents, Homeowners' Association, and the Temecula Police Department to prevent crime while implementing home and personal security strategies. To increase awareness and visibility of the program, the Temecula Public Works Department is installing 24 customized Neighborhood Watch signs throughout the Wolf Creek community paid for by the HOA with matching funds from the City. In addition, City Officials Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Naggar and Council Member Matt Rahn, together with the Temecula Police Department and the Wolf Creek Homeowners' Association will host a public meeting to promote the Wolf Creek Neighborhood Watch Program on Wednesday, September 2, at 4pm at the Wolf Creek Community Center, 31813 Murdock Lane 92592.

Wolf Creek is one of many master planned communities in Temecula with picturesque parks, schools and manicured homes that make Temecula very attractive to live in and raise a family. Maintaining a Neighborhood Watch Program is an effective tool for residents in communities throughout the City to partner with the Temecula Crime Prevention unit of the Police Department. Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Naggar says public safety has always been the City's number one priority, "I'm very proud to work with the Wolf Creek Homeowners Association, and its residents, to spotlight a program that unites neighbors together as the eyes and ears of a family-friendly community in a structured format with the Temecula Police Department." Naggar notes, "Temecula prides itself on being listed as one of the top 10 safest cities, and was recently recognized as the 6th safest city in the country, and we plan to keep it that way."



Council Member Matt Rahn concurs and supports programs that proactively promote public safety in Temecula, “Residents network with each other and the Police Department through Neighborhood Watch Programs sharing crime prevention tips, receiving updates on crime trends and implementing safety measures.” Rahn referenced the new Wolf Creek Neighborhood Watch signs as an example of this collaboration, “It is important that our residents be reminded of the non-emergency number advertised on these new signs to encourage them to report any suspicious activity that may not necessarily warrant a call to 9-1-1. Law enforcement needs this information, and the criminals need to know our community is watching.” The City’s non-emergency direct dispatch telephone number is (951) 696- HELP (4367).

Wolf Creek HOA President Brad Sullivan said, “The Wolf Creek Homeowners Association has developed a strong partnership with the City and its Police Department to educate and involve our residents in crime prevention, safety awareness, and reporting suspicious activity.” Sullivan adds, “We are pleased for the new signs as well because the non-emergency phone number will make it convenient for residents to report any suspicious persons or cars direct to Temecula dispatch, and they send a clear message that public safety is of utmost importance to Temecula.

Communities in Temecula that wish to organize a Neighborhood Watch Program can contact the Crime Prevention Unit of the Temecula Police Department at 951-506-5131 or 951-506-5132.



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