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Dear Friend of the SCV Sheriff's Foundation,

As we approach the mid-year point, our City is steadily upholding its status as one of the safest communities in America.

Crime has continued to trend down in Santa Clarita, according to the FBI's year-end 2014 Part One Crime Statistics, which measure violent and property crimes. Despite a growing population, crime in Santa Clarita has continued to decline over the past five years. Although there are some exceptions we cannot ignore, such as domestic violence-related deaths, this ongoing achievement is no small feat.

Furthermore, we continue to partner with local organizations offering resources, support and prevention services to help put a stop to domestic violence.

Our exceptional level of community safety can be attributed to the members of your Sheriff's Department, our strong prevention and intervention measures, and ongoing partnerships with the City, the business community, and our residents.

The predominant crime trend in the Santa Clarita Valley is property crime. You can do your part to protect yourself by locking your car doors, keeping valuables out of sight in vehicles, and closing your garage doors. Many of these crimes of opportunity can be prevented by remembering one small principle: "Lock it or Lose it." Believe it or not, these simple steps alone could help keep the crime rate low. During 2015 and beyond, detectives and law enforcement experts will provide training seminars to the business community to help us work together to reduce crime.

Santa Clarita's low crime rate can also be attributed to the Sheriff's Department's strong partnerships with local school districts, which helps stop crime before it starts. We are proud to continue our work with the William S. Hart Union School District. Through educational programs such as Drug Free Youth in Town (DFYIT), we are able to work with our youth to educate them about the dangers of drugs, helping kids and teens make the choice to live drug free. We will continue to host educational forums such as "Pills Kill" and "Dangers of Social Media" to educate parents and teenagers about trends related to drugs and social media affecting our community.

Last but certainly not least, all of us at the SCV Sheriff's Station are thankful for the partnership we have with the SCV Sheriff's Foundation. The support they continue to raise – both financial and otherwise – has been invaluable, and is a strong reminder of the great community relations that we enjoy. From the Foundation's efforts to raise funds for a mobile command center to helping fund needed equipment for deputies, their partnership means the world to us.

Thank you for supporting your local law enforcement. It is this partnership among our deputies and the residents we serve that makes Santa Clarita such a great community.

Sincerely,

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