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**SUBJECT: Brea Police Department Working With City of Yorba Linda and Orange County Sheriff Department for Early Transition**

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**BREA, Calif.**—The Brea Police Department is working with officials from the City of Yorba Linda and the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) to effect an early transition of police services to OCSD at midnight (0000 hours) January 5. Patrol and Dispatch services for the City of Yorba Linda will transfer to the Sheriff on Saturday morning. Police Records Technicians and Detectives from both agencies are working closely in order to carefully complete the transfer of active investigations, physical evidence and electronic files.

A letter of agreement between the parties covers only the transition of police services operations from the Brea Police Department to the OCSD. Other terms and conditions affecting the early termination of the law enforcement services agreement are still being worked out. The termination provisions of the contract called for an 18-month notice period ending on May 3, 2013. After 21 Brea police officers were hired by the Sheriff in November 2012, six months earlier than agreed, City officials maintain that it became difficult for the Brea Police Department to efficiently continue police services through the end of the contracted period. (Another seven officers had previously accepted jobs with other municipal agencies in anticipation of being laid off by May, 2013.)

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In order to meet its obligations to both Yorba Linda and Brea since November's reduction in force, an emergency shift schedule was implemented—holidays and vacations were cancelled and days off reduced. Sustaining such an emergency schedule is not prudent over the long term and consequently an agreement for early transition was reached in late 2012.

In a December e-mail to the Brea Police Department members, Police Chief Jack Conklin thanked his staff for their patience and professionalism saying, "I'm proud of each and every one of you and am equally proud of our record of providing quality, professional service to the communities we serve."

An approved plan for the Brea Police Department authorizes 60 sworn positions reduced from 100 authorized to police both the Brea and Yorba Linda communities. A Brea only Police Department increases budgeted costs by approximately \$2.5 million annually due to the loss of economies of scale and sharing of command positions with the City of Yorba Linda. The budget increase is anticipated to be partially offset by new city revenues stemming from a recent boost in the economy combined with cost savings from a major, structural city reorganization implemented at the beginning of the Great Recession.

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