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Subject: Lodi Police Maintain Order during College Bar Night.

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Details: Lodi Police declared a successful operation early this morning after the annual Thanksgiving Eve crowds dissipated from local bars. Although crowds were larger this year than last, with long lines of people waiting to enter taverns, order was maintained through a large police presence and aggressive enforcement of the law. Officers made 19 arrests, mostly for public intoxication and disturbing the peace, and in two cases, for DUI. In addition, multiple citations were issued for city code violations such as urinating in public. Not surprisingly, no significant crimes or injuries were reported.

Lodi PD received assistance from a number of allied agencies, including the Lodi Fire Department, who provided expertise regarding safe occupancy levels inside the bars. The California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control contributed greatly in the effort to keep downtown Lodi safe by assigning a number agents to work with the task force. In the early evening, these agents worked with Lodi detectives and police cadets in an underage decoy operation at bars throughout the city. Although most taverns refused to serve the decoys and made them leave, two establishments did serve them and were cited for violations of the Business and Professions Code.

Officers assigned to downtown reported numerous favorable comments from the general public, thanking the police for keeping the area safe and pointing out their frequent use of taxicabs and designated drivers. Officers also found that most of the bars were highly cooperative and worked closely with officers to screen out drunks and underage subjects. Although the Thanksgiving holiday was disrupted for a number of officers whose schedules were adjusted to maximize staffing, LPD personnel showed their usual dedication and kept the streets safe without complaint.

Persons with information on this or any criminal case or activity are encouraged to call Lodi Area Crimestoppers at 209-333-6771. You may remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward.