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City of Menifee Partners with Southwest Riverside County Trauma Intervention Program to Support Local Victims Following Tragedies

Menifee, CA— The City of Menifee and the Menifee Police Department are pleased to announce enhanced collaboration efforts with the Southwest Riverside County Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. (TIP). TIP is a non-profit agency fueled by volunteers eager to provide a compassionate presence to victims and their families following a tragedy. The Southwest Riverside County chapter assisted more than 1,600 victims in 2020 alone.

This partnership would not be possible without the support of volunteers. These community volunteers are trained to provide emotional and practical support to victims of traumatic events. These modern-day good Samaritans are called by first responders during an emergency to help in a variety of important ways including providing comfort for families after the death or sudden illness of a loved one; supporting family members after the suicide of a loved one; helping emotionally traumatized victims of accidents; providing emotional and practical support to those who have been robbed, burglarized, or assaulted; and supporting those who are emotionally shaken by a crisis. TIP is currently recruiting volunteers to work with Menifee first responders, with volunteer training conveniently located at the Menifee Police Department. No experience is necessary.

Southwest Riverside County TIP CEO, Magda Stewart, shared that “expanding the services of the TIP program in Southwest Riverside County will help ensure emotional and practical support to survivors of trauma in Menifee.” TIP volunteers not only serve as critical support for trauma victims, but they also provide essential support to first responders. Stewart pointed out that “when TIP volunteers respond on scene, they make sure the survivors have what they need while emergency personnel do their job. First responders are able to clear the scene quicker knowing our volunteers stay with the clients to see them through their next steps after a traumatic event.”

TIP works closely with our Menifee Police Department to provide victims the resources and support they need after a traumatic event. To Menifee Police Chief Pat Walsh, the support TIP provides is invaluable. “Living through a traumatic event is only half the battle. The other half is dealing with the trauma that comes after. TIP ensures that Menifee residents are cared for, no matter what stage of trauma they may be in. Having the support come directly from community volunteers is powerful,” emphasized Chief Walsh.

TIP holds between two and three volunteer training sessions per year, and the Menifee Police Department is proud to be the host location for the upcoming June session. If members of the Menifee community are interested in being a part of this vital program or want to learn more, they can visit www.TIPSWRC.org.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character*



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and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.