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Grand Opening of Magnolia Policing Center

Riverside, CA -- The City of Riverside is proud to host the Dedication and Grand Opening of the new Magnolia Policing Center on Saturday, July 15, 2006, at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The family-friendly event will include the dedication ceremony, public tours of the new facility, informative exhibits by various police units, entertainment for children, and free refreshments.

The 72,000-square-foot Magnolia Policing Center is a full-service police facility housing more than 220 officers, detectives and civilian support personnel. Features include new training, property and records facilities and a 1,600-square-foot community room for public use.

“Magnolia is our first Neighborhood Policing Center facility – the latest step in RPD’s goal of delivering police services closer to the neighborhoods and communities we serve,” said Police Chief Russ Leach. The City is made up of four Neighborhood Policing Center areas; Patrol divisions for the West and Central areas will be based at Magnolia. Also based at Magnolia are the city-wide Traffic Division, Central Investigations Bureau, and Special Operations units.

The new facility was acquired by the City of Riverside in 2003 for \$9.1 million. Costs of a seismic retrofit and converting the former bank and warehouse store into a state-of-the-art police facility brought the total project cost to \$18.2 million.

Chief Russ Leach, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Hart, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Chair Dr. Larry Geraty and state Senior Assistant Attorney General Louis Verdugo Jr., will speak at the half-hour ceremony, with City Councilmember Steve Adams as Master of Ceremonies.

WHAT: Grand Opening of Magnolia Policing Center
WHEN: Saturday, July 15, 2006; ceremony begins at 10 a.m.
WHERE: 10540 Magnolia Ave., Riverside

Magnolia Policing Center

Fact sheet

Address: 10540-B Magnolia Ave., Riverside 92505

(West side of Magnolia, between Tyler St. and La Sierra Ave., beside Ice Rink)

Size: 72,000 square feet

Costs:

- Purchased in 2003 for \$9.1 million
- Seismic retrofit: \$1.8 million
- Interior remodel: \$5.8 million

Total project cost: \$18.2 million

(Site is a former bank and warehouse retail outlet)

Units located at Magnolia:

- West and Central Patrol Divisions
- Traffic Division
- Special Operations
- Records
- Training

Operations:

- Full-service 24-hour police facility
- Public records and information counter, open business hours
- West and Central Patrol Divisions; 39 square miles paroled by 60 officers

Special Features:

- 1,600-square-foot community meeting room
- "FATS" computerized Firearms Training System

Personnel:

- 223 total sworn and civilian personnel
 - Patrol officers (West and Central NPCs): 60
 - Traffic enforcement (city-wide, sworn and civilian): 30

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