

MEDIA RELEASE

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Event: Food Truck Friday

Location: Pacific View Mall Parking Lot, 103 Mills Road, Ventura

Date/Time: January 19, 2018 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol, K9 Unit, Volunteers, Cadets & Professional Staff

Narrative:

The Ventura Police Department is partnering with the Midtown Community Council and Pacific View Mall for Food Truck Friday on January 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pacific View Mall parking lot nearest to Trader Joes. The event features nearly 20 food, dessert and coffee trucks. Live music, face painting, a patrol car and Ventura Police K9s will be featured at this family friendly event.

Community members are invited to stop by the Ventura Police booth to visit with Ventura Police Officers and K9s. Important safety information will be available and fingerprint kits for local youth will be offered while supplies last.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to the Ventura County United Way Thomas Fire Victims Fund. First reponders will also be recognized. The first 50 public safety personnel in attendance will receive \$5 coupons to use at participating food trucks courtesy of the Pacific View Mall.

Food Truck Friday has helped support the <u>Adopt-A-School Program</u> which has provided beautification projects through event profits and community partnerships since the Food Truck event began in October 2012.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about their neighborhood <u>Community Council</u>. Ventura has seven neighborhood councils and any resident; business owner or property owner can join their area group. They offer an opportunity to connect with neighbors, learn what's happening in the area, get updates and information from city staff and participate in projects that make a difference in the community. Ventura Police crime and safety updates are provided at each of the monthly community council meetings offering an opportunity for residents to get to know their local patrol officers. For more information please call 805-339-4317.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org