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STATEMENT

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Chico Police Department Urges 'Safety First' for Cinco de Mayo Holiday Weekend
-- Be Respectful & Responsible --

Chico, CA – The Chico Police Department is encouraging all residents, students and visitors celebrating the Friday, May 5, 2017 Cinco de Mayo Holiday to keep safety in mind during any weekend events. The Police Department will operate under regular staffing conditions and will not have any special event teams deployed. However, we do encourage everyone celebrating holiday events to have fun and keep the following safety issues in mind:

- If you are going to consume alcohol have a plan in place to prevent driving while intoxicated. There are many forms of public transportation available within the city. Also, assign a designated driver and use them!
- If you consume alcohol do so in moderation and be responsible while doing so. That means know when you and/or your friends have had enough. Do not be afraid to call 911 for any medical needs based on over-consumption of alcohol. You will not face any legal trouble for doing so.
- For additional personal safety always travel in groups. At night stay within well-lighted and highly traveled areas. This can reduce the chances of 'crimes-of-opportunity.'

"As with all holiday events we want community members to enjoy themselves but remain safe," said Chico Police Lieutenant Billy Aldridge. "Our officers are here to help those in need but we also encourage individual personal responsibility to mitigate situations from becoming threatening or dangerous."

As always, the Chico Police Department reminds everyone to be respectful: Respect your community, your neighbors, those you represent and any Law Enforcement Officer you may have contact with. Be Responsible: Always be responsible for your actions, those you invite into your home and decisions which may affect you or the life and well-being of someone else.

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The Chico Police Department is committed to ensuring our community is a safe place to live, work, and recreate within!