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NEWS RELEASE

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Tractor Trailer Jackknifes on Service Road Overpass

Ceres, CA – On July 9, 2012 at about 11:30 AM, a CVT tractor-trailer hauling gravel was traveling east on Service Road and as it passed the crown of the overpass, a Ceres Police Volunteer was traveling west on Service Road, beginning to ascend the overpass in the opposite lane. For an unknown reason, the tractor-trailer jacked-knifed and slid into the volunteer's lane. The 81 year old Volunteer, Glenn Safrit, tried to avoid the collision but he did not have any room to maneuver around the massive truck. Both vehicles collided, blocking the roadway.

Police Volunteer Glenn Safrit was transported to a local Hospital and was discharged yesterday afternoon with minor injuries. The 47 year old female driver of the CVT tractor-trailer did not sustain any injuries. The collision is under investigation by the California Highway Patrol to determine the cause.

The Ceres Volunteers in Public Safety (VIP's) are a group of citizens who offer services to our community on volunteer basis. They have devoted thousands of hours patrolling shopping centers, neighborhoods, and participating in community events. They also offer services such as fingerprinting children and providing security at city sponsored special events. The volunteers rely on donations to purchase equipment, uniforms and any additional materials for events.

Volunteer Glen Safrit was nominated the Volunteer of the year and is instrumental in organizing special events for the community. The Ceres Police Family is glad Glenn Safrit survived this potentially deadly collision with only minor injuries and relieved that the driver of the tractor-trailer is uninjured.

The Ceres Police Department is asking anyone with any information or who may have witnessed the traffic collision is encouraged to call: Sgt. Jose Berber (209) 538-5719.