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**SACRAMENTO COUNTY**



**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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**John McGinness**  
*Sheriff*

I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt expression of appreciation and best wishes to the people who have worked diligently to present Guns and Hoses #5.

Many of us remember the first Pig Bowl in 1975 in which the officers of the Sheriff's Department and Sacramento Police Department squared off for the first event of its kind before a packed Hughes Stadium.

While circumstances the evolution of the two major law enforcement agencies has caused the composition of the teams to change, two elements remain constant: the spirit of competitive camaraderie and the benefits to local charities. I am told that more than \$1,250,000 has been donated to local charities as a result of Pig Bowl and Guns and Hoses.

Each year the players have committed themselves, body and soul, to practicing and getting ready for this highly competitive game. Today's game is no different. It promises quality athletic entertainment while continuing to benefit charities. I hope you will demonstrate your support by cheering for your team and enjoying a great day of football.

Once again, we have the unfortunate shadow of a significant recent loss in our professional community. Let us all remember our fallen comrade, Jeff Mitchell, and be grateful for his service and ultimate sacrifice to this community as we pay tribute to those who continue in that noble service on this special day.

I extend my personal thanks to the dedicated members of the Guns and Hoses Committee who have donated their time and talent to make this day a memorable event. Thanks to all of you for coming out and supporting members of Sacramento's public safety team in such a worthwhile effort.

John McGinness, Sheriff

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McGinness".