



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**Mandatory Time Off (Furlough) Day on May 17**

Similar to many municipalities statewide, the City of Santa Maria continues to be affected by a slow recession recovery, and during calendar year 2013 is continuing a Mandatory Time Off (MTO) program (also known as a furlough program) for non-sworn employees. In response to this, City offices will be closed one day per month from March through December 2013, for a total of ten (10) days in an effort to reduce operational costs.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the City has resorted to a MTO program to reduce expenses. Police and fire emergency services will not be impacted or affected.

**The third scheduled MTO Day that City offices will be closed is  
Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Under the MTO program, the majority of all City offices and departments (including City Hall and the Library) will be closed on the third Friday of each month, except for July and December. During the month of July, City offices will be closed on July 5<sup>th</sup> (the first Friday), and during December, City offices will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve).

Additional information about the MTO program is posted on the City's website, <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/CityClosuresDuring2013.html> Questions may be directed to the City Manager's Office, 925-0951 ext. 372.

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