



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**City of Santa Maria Announces Mandatory Time Off (Furlough) Days**

The City of Santa Maria continues to be affected by a severe financial crisis due to declining revenues, and is continuing a 13-day Mandatory Time Off (MTO) program (also known as a furlough program) for non-sworn employees during calendar year 2012. This is an effort to reduce operational costs, as was done in 2010 and 2011. Police and fire emergency services will not be impacted or affected.

**The first scheduled MTO Day that City offices will be closed is  
Friday, January 20<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 during 2012 except in the month of December. During the month of December, City offices will be closed on December 14<sup>th</sup> (the second Friday) and December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve.

Trash and recycling service will continue as normally scheduled; however, the Santa Maria Regional Landfill will observe a different furlough schedule and be closed to the public on 13 Sundays throughout the year.

Additional information about the MTO program is posted on the City's website, <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/CityClosuresDuring2012.html> Questions may be directed to the City Manager's Office, 925-0951 ext. 372.

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