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COMMUNITY POLICING PILOT PROGRAM REDUCES CRIME BY DOUBLE DIGITS IN FIRST TWELVE MONTHS

Detroit Police Department announces one-year results

DETROIT – June 27, 2013 – A year after implementing an innovative community policing pilot program in the Grandmont-Rosedale area, the Detroit Police Department announced a 26 percent reduction in home invasions.

The pilot program launched in June 2012 with the goal of reducing crime through collaboration among the Detroit Police Department, other law enforcement agencies and the Grandmont-Rosedale community. The Detroit Police Department will look at key learnings from the pilot program as policing tactics are reviewed for implementation in other communities.

“The success of this program after one year is promising,” said George Kelling, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute. “The results demonstrate that if you increase the felt presence of police and conduct proactive outreach, the police and community together can prevent crime.” Kelling is a renowned criminologist who co-authored “Fixing Broken Windows,” a widely recognized and effective approach to public safety, crime prevention and crime intervention. He developed the order maintenance policies in New York City that ultimately led to radical crime reductions.

“The Detroit Police Department is committed to making our communities safe,” said incoming Detroit Police Chief James R. Craig. “As I begin my work here, these positive results are promising and I want to acknowledge the accomplishments of Chief Logan, our officers in the community and the great partners we have in Grandmont-Rosedale. We will work with the Manhattan Institute to look at how this program and its concepts can be implemented in other communities throughout Detroit.”

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“The Detroit Public Safety Foundation is dedicated to providing world class public safety to the citizens, businesses and visitors of Detroit,” said Jim Nicholson, Chairman of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation. “Utilizing the expertise and talent we have at the Detroit Police Department combined with the resources from the Manhattan Institute speaks to the core of our mission.”

During the initial year of the pilot program the Detroit Police Department made more than 1,200 proactive contacts with residents living in the Grandmont-Rosedale area. In the same timeframe, the Department of Corrections, at times accompanied by Detroit Police Department personnel, conducted more than 530 home visits to select individuals on probation and parole who were living in the pilot project area, resulting in 40 arrests for probation and parole violations.

The Detroit Police Department also conducted one-on-one home visits with a select group of individuals who were previously arrested for some of the most serious crimes in the area. These individuals were offered a clear choice: accept help in the form of resources and support through the Greater Detroit Centers for Working Families, a social services organization funded by the Local Initiatives Support Coalition, or face severe consequences for future crimes. None of the identified individuals were arrested for serious crimes in the Grandmont-Rosedale area and only two were arrested for probation or parole violation warrants since the program launched last year.

“The Grandmont-Rosedale community has been instrumental in our success,” said Lt. U. Renee Hall. “Our police officers are dedicated to working together with residents to create safe neighborhoods in which to live, work and play.”

“The crime-fighting model of this pilot program has been successful in other cities and has significantly reduced home invasions here,” said Detroit Police Chief Chester L. Logan. “I would like to thank all of our partners in the Grandmont-Rosedale community.”

Pilot Program Details

The pilot program was implemented by the Detroit Police Department in partnership with the residents and business owners in the Grandmont-Rosedale community, the criminal courts, Wayne County Sheriff Department, Michigan Department of Corrections, the Greater Detroit Centers for Working Families, the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research and Detroit Public Safety Foundation with a shared purpose of preventing crime and keeping citizens safe.

The Grandmont-Rosedale community policing pilot program consists of three main components: a focus on individuals who commit home invasions; an increase in what is known as the “felt presence” of police by having officers proactively engage citizens to fix Detroit’s equivalent of “broken windows”; and leveraging the community as the eyes and ears to report suspicious/criminal activity.

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“This pilot program has been a wonderful example of community collaboration, with the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation working hand-in-hand with LISC helping to offer a better path for our men and women,” said Karen Johnson Moore, Community Security Program Manager, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation.

In an effort to revive Detroit’s neighborhoods, the Detroit Police Department partnered with the Manhattan Institute to develop a long-range strategy to maintain order, reduce fear, prevent crime, and improve the quality of life of its citizens.

At no cost to the taxpayers of Detroit, the Manhattan Institute and the Detroit Public Safety Foundation have funded an outreach team that shares its expertise in criminology and policy implementation through site visits led by Michael Allegretti, director of the Manhattan Institute’s Center for State and Local Leadership, and Kelling, the Institute’s loaned executive to the city of Detroit. During these twice-monthly visits, Allegretti and Kelling have worked with the Detroit Police to assess challenges and needs in the community as well as to provide recommendations to the Detroit Public Safety Foundation on actions to further promote public safety.

*The **Detroit Public Safety Foundation** is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization formed in 2011 dedicated to providing world class public safety to the citizens, businesses and visitors of Detroit. The mission of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation is to promote safety by enhancing the capabilities of the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department by facilitating access to world-class processes and operational tools. The Foundation serves as a liaison between the public and private sectors of the City of Detroit and seeks to engage all on the core issues of public safety and serve as advocates for the police, fire and public safety departments.*

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