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Taylor Police Department and Other Local Law Enforcement Kick Off Community Policing Platform

TAYLOR, PA – April 18, 2017 – “Spring Into Action” is the local launch to a major Community Policing platform in many local communities. The Taylor Police Department, in conjunction with other local law enforcement, is proud to announce the launch of “Spring Into Action,” a community policing campaign. The launch comes after the donation of twelve (12) brand new 2017 Police Patrol Bicycles from Toyota of Scranton on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017. The bikes were presented to Blakely, Archbald, Old Forge, Taylor, Carbondale and the Lackawanna County Sheriff’s Office.

Each of the Patrol bikes carries the same design as the other motor vehicles in each of the receiving departments’ fleet. The bikes are patrol ready with Emergency LED lighting, siren, headlight, utility bag and helmet.

The bikes will be used to strengthen the community policing efforts by each department. Bike officers can better engage the public through direct, in-person communication to forge stronger community relationships.

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

Community policing, recognizing that police rarely can solve public safety problems alone, encourages interactive partnerships with relevant stakeholders. The range of potential partners is large, and these partnerships can be used to accomplish the two interrelated goals of developing solutions to problems through collaborative problem solving and improving public trust. The public should play a role in prioritizing and addressing public safety problems.

The key stakeholders in community partnerships which make community policing efforts such as “Spring Into Action” successful are:

Community Members/Groups

Individuals who live, work, or otherwise have an interest in the community—volunteers, activists, formal and informal community leaders, residents, visitors and tourists, and commuters—are a valuable resource for identifying community concerns.

Nonprofits / Service Providers

Advocacy and community-based organizations, such as neighborhood groups, that provide services to the community and advocate on its behalf can be powerful partners.

Private Businesses

For-profit businesses also have a great stake in the health of the community and can be key partners because they often bring considerable resources to bear in addressing problems of mutual concern. Businesses can help identify problems and provide resources for responses.

Media

The media represent a powerful mechanism by which to communicate with the community. They can assist with publicizing community concerns and available solutions, such as services from government or community agencies or new laws or codes that will be enforced. In addition, the media can have a significant impact on public perceptions of the police, crime problems, and fear of crime.

I, Chief Stephen Derenick, would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Gagorik, President of Toyota of Scranton, and his staff for their generous donation to the Taylor Police Department. The donation of the two patrol bikes will be an invaluable addition to our bike patrol unit and they will allow our officers to be more connected with the citizens of our community.

As Mayor of Taylor Borough I would like to thank Greg Gagorik and Toyota of Scranton for their generous donation of two police bicycles towards public safety. The two bicycles will be put into service for the safety of our community.

Toyota of Scranton President, Greg Gagorik, states, "We are proud to be a strong supporter of our law enforcement community. It's an honor to assist the local Police Departments with their community policing initiatives. It is with great pride that we provide these Police Bicycles to the borough of Taylor and the Taylor Police Department."

The Taylor Police Department continues their efforts of keeping the citizens and visitors of Taylor safe and strives daily to help make Taylor Borough a better place to live, visit and work.