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Housing Authority and Los Angeles Police Department Implement Community Safety Partnership Program

Los Angeles, CA - Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to place full time police officers at four public housing sites in order to increase and enhance the safety, security, and welfare of HACLA residents, through the presence and relationships of LAPD police officers deployed to the site.

The LAPD will be involved in four housing developments: Ramona Gardens, Jordan Downs, Nickerson Gardens and Imperial Courts. There will be a total of 45 LAPD officers assigned to the program.

To kick off the start of the partnership, HACLA held a **Community Safety Fair** at the Nickerson Gardens public housing development. Open to residents, the all-day events hosted the kick-off festivities with a safety resource fair. The fair featured demonstrations by Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), earthquake preparedness tips, raffles and prizes, booths from a variety of safety vendors, a DJ, and sports activities with HACLA and LAPD officers. Congresswoman Laura Richardson attended the event, and threw the first ceremonial ball to start the game.

On November 16th, the Ramona Gardens residents will celebrate the implementation of the program with a dinner with LAPD officers, guests and HACLA staff.

What: Dinner Celebration / Remarks from Guests
Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Ramona Gardens Gym
2830 Lancaster Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033

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LAPD will implement the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) policing model that relies on long-term assignment of police personnel to the program sites to develop relationship-based policing by working with a variety of community stakeholders.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with LAPD will cater to the existing needs in various public housing sites around the City of Los Angeles, to increase "community livability" to help promote the safety, security, and welfare of residents of the sites, as well as the surrounding communities.

Each LAPD Community Partnership team will enforce local, state and federal laws, develop a robust Safe Passage program to secure routes to and from school, parks and recreational facilities in the community, develop partnerships with key stakeholders including the Mayor's Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) office, community service providers, advocates, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Police, and independent intervention agencies.

The partnership will allow LAPD and HACLA to jointly determine needs for coordination, data gathering, evaluation, facilitation and strategic support. The partnership will allow for a joint assessment of each community's safety needs, community assets, resources and violence, with a site-specific operational plan for each of the Program sites.

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