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NN Sheriff Speaks in Washington D.C. on Crime Prevention

YOUTH VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

Newport News Sheriff Gabriel "Gabe" Morgan will speak in the Nation's Capitol at a bipartisan briefing titled "Reduce Crime, Reduce Costs, and Improve Lives and Communities through Evidence-Based Prevention." The briefing will be held Monday, February 27, 2012 at 3:00pm in the Rayburn House Office Building. It is co-hosted by Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott, (D-VA-3) and Congressman Walter B. Jones (R-NC-3).

The focus of Monday's discussion will be on how to reduce crime and its profound costs - human, economic, and social - by preventing crimes *before* they occur. This briefing will be informative and transformative in showing how to cost-effectively reduce crime, bringing relief to those who would otherwise be victims of crime, to young people who would otherwise be caught up in a life of crime, and to tax payers who would otherwise have to pay for the growing costs of crime. Intervention programs targeted at the next generation of at-risk youth have been shown in studies to help end the prison cycle.

Morgan will be joined by other experts at Monday's event: Dr. Catherine Gallagher, Associate Professor, Criminology, Law, and Society at George Mason University; Pat Nolan, Prison Fellowship; and Tracy Velazquez, Justice Policy Institute.

This is not the only time for Sheriff Morgan to address Members of Congress on reducing juvenile crime and gang violence. In May, 2009, he was an invited panelist on the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act, or "PROMISE" Act.

WHO: NN Sheriff Gabe Morgan invited as an expert speaker
WHAT: Bipartisan briefing on crime reduction strategies
WHEN: Monday, February 27, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

** Photographs and video of the event will be made available following the briefing. Please contact the Newport News Sheriff's Office Public Information Office for assistance in receiving these visual elements.

*** Attached to *this* media release are two photos taken *May 7, 2009* at the "Campaign for Youth Justice" event also held at the Rayburn House Office Building.

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