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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Life after Lock Up

#### *WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A PERSON IS RELEASED FROM JAIL OR PRISON?*

What happens after a person is released from jail or prison? The answer to this question is an essential part of public safety. Do we want them coming back to the community with no place to live? no job skills? no support system? If you answered "yes" to those questions, you are begging for them commit another crime and create more victims. If you answered "no," you are interested in making your community safer.

As the recently formed Newport News Re-Entry Council gains traction, it will be holding town hall meetings throughout the city. The public is encouraged to attend and come with questions and ideas. The Council's mission is to develop strategies to help meet a person's needs for a *successful* transition back into society.

The Council is working in collaboration with the Mayor's Task Force on Teenage and Young Adult Violence Reduction and other stakeholders. The Newport News Sheriff's Office is a proud member of the Re-Entry Council.

The Re-Entry Council will hold a town hall meeting Monday, January 30, 2012 at South Morrison Elementary School, 746 Adams Drive, Newport News from 6:00 p.m. -- 8:00 p.m. The first hour will be devoted to an exhibit from service providers. Private, non-profit, and faith-based organizations will display information and interact with attendees. The second hour is reserved for a Q & A session between a panel of experts and the audience.

**WHO:** Newport News Re-Entry Council  
**WHAT:** Town Hall, "Issues & Answers"  
**WHEN:** Monday, January 30, 2012  
6:00 p.m. -- 8:00 p.m.  
(Exhibitors from 6-7; Town Hall Panel of Experts from 7-8)  
**WHERE:** South Morrison Elementary School  
746 Adams Drive  
Newport News, VA 23601

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