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## **DETROIT POLICE COMMITMENT TO PROTECT AND SERVE WILL NOT DIMINISH**

**Detroit**-Today, Chief Ralph L. Godbee, Jr. officially announced that the Detroit Police Department will move forward in the development of the Virtual Precinct concept (Enhanced services by the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit-T.C.R.U. for **non-emergency calls for service**) T.C.R.U. will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for citizens to utilize for reporting of non-emergency police matters. A limited number of personnel will be assigned to the precincts from 4:00PM-8:00AM to allow for maximum deployment of full duty sworn officers during peak times for priority 1 and priority 2 calls for service.

**It should be noted that the following procedures will be implemented first as a pilot program at the Northeastern District for the next 30 days. The Department will be moving toward city-wide implementation by February 6, 2012.**

Beginning on January 9, 2012 in the Northeastern District, the Department's front desk "inside" positions such as Report Clerk, Desk Clerk, Law Enforcement Information Network [L.E.I.N.] Operator, Vehicle Maintenance Officer, Building Maintenance Officer, Timekeeper, Property Officer, and the Station Security Officer will be eliminated to provide for more sworn resources for street deployment.

The redeployment of more than 100 officers will provide additional patrol units during "peak hours" for calls for service within our community. Other components of the Department's reorganization will be fully implemented over the next 30-60 days.

“First, let me reassure the citizens of Detroit, that the doors to the Districts and Precincts will not be closed, precincts are the community’s safe haven and will continue to be such” stated Chief Ralph L. Godbee, Jr. “Professional services will continue to be offered to the citizens and visitors of Detroit between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., but under a different service delivery model.”

The over arching goal of our restructuring plan is to move more sworn full duty members out of administrative tasks and into our community.

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