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### **PRESS CONFERENCE THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 12:00 PM CITY ADDRESSES RECENT INCREASE OF VIOLENT CRIME**

There will be a press conference at approximately 12:00 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Sanford City Hall, 300 N. Park Avenue. The City will be discussing what steps it's taking to address the recent increase of violent crime.

The Sanford Police Department has formed a Neighborhood Response Unit (NRU) to combat the recent increase in violent crime throughout the City. The NRU is designed to supplement the day to day operations of uniform patrol by focusing primarily on violent crimes that demands more law enforcement attention than a normal patrol response.

A primary focus of the Unit is to take a proactive approach to fighting and deterring street level crime activity and utilize a variety of tactics to combat the issues. Tactics include focusing on street level activity such as, drug dealing, prostitution, gang related incidents, and targeting career criminals.

"Addressing quality of life issues through intelligence gathering, surveillance techniques, other law enforcement resources, and proactive "hot spot" policing, outlines the mission of the Unit", said Captain Darren Scott, Community Policing Division Sanford Police Department. The NRU will be comprised of two (2) supervisors and 10 sworn officers.

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