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WCS NAPOLEON ASKS WAYNE COUNTY RESIDENTS TO BRING IN 2012 WITH A BELL *NOT* A BANG!

Rev. Nicholas Hood III, Sheriff Napoleon and local leaders rally to end New Year's Eve Gunfire

Detroit (December 22, 2011) – To kick-off his annual campaign to save lives during New Year's Eve celebrations, Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon will join Rev. Nicholas Hood III, the Concerned Citizens for the New Millennium Foundation and corporate partners Health Alliance Plan (HAP) and Associated Food & Petroleum Dealers (AFPD) at a press conference on **Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the One Ford Place in Detroit.** The "Ring in the New Year with a Bell, Not a Bang" safety campaign reminds Wayne County residents of the dangerous consequences of using guns during New Year's Eve celebrations. Rev. Hood III founded "Ring in the New Year with a Bell, Not a Bang" after Detroit grandmother Sandra Latham was killed by a stray bullet while sitting in her dining room.

"It makes no sense whatsoever to fire a weapon in the air, not knowing where the bullet may fall," said Sheriff Napoleon. "I am urging everyone to remind a friend or relative to put the gun away and not to engage in such reckless activity that ultimately could take an innocent life."

The Sheriff will join other elected officials and civil leaders to urge area residents to put away their firearms and instead ring a bell when the clock strikes twelve on January 1, 2012. Photo and video opportunities will be available and light brunch and beverages will be served.



What: "Ring the New Year with a Bell, Not a Bang" Safety Campaign

**When: Thursday, December 29, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

Where: Gilmour Conference Center, 1st floor, Henry Ford Health System Corporate Offices, One Ford Place, Detroit, 48202.

***Parking is available in the Third Street lot, four blocks south of W. Grand Blvd. Enter the building from Third Street.**

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