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SHERIFF NAPOLEON, AREA PASTORS UNITE IN PRAYER

Local pastors engage historic corporate prayer on behalf of Detroiters.

Detroit (February 21, 2013) -- With violent crime and financial troubles plaguing Detroit at unprecedented levels, Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon, J.D. has convened area clergy to address the widespread distress felt around the city. **On Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (3600 Van Dyke, Detroit), “One Prayer, One Purpose, One City”** will bring together religious leaders, city officials, area faithful and concerned citizens in an effort to evoke promise and hope in the midst of chaos.

“People are afraid, especially our children and seniors. They’re being victimized where they live, work, attend school and even where they worship—no one feels safe,” said Sheriff Napoleon. **“Law enforcement is doing what it can with the resources it has to alleviate the problem, but this level of violence transcends what anyone would consider normal.”**

Data presented by city officials last month pegged Detroit’s homicide rate at levels recorded when the city had nearly 250,000 more residents (Census Data 2000). Such a level of violence—exacerbated by the dire struggles to maintain basic city services—has residents feeling demoralized and despondent. Sheriff Napoleon is committed to helping citizens regain a sense of control.

“I want us to come together in a spirit of unity to show we are of one accord to bring forth positive change,” said Napoleon.

Dozens of area clergy have already committed to attending the event which is open to the public. Media are also invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to have interviews set up prior to the program, please call Kristina Robinson at (313) 412-0143.

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