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## Council Members Encourage Residents to Attend Community Policing Forum

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Council Members are encouraging residents to participate in a public forum hosted by the Howard County Police Citizens' Advisory Council. The Citizen's Advisory Council is sponsoring two opportunities for members of the public to come share their thoughts and ideas on topics including police technology, officer training, community outreach programs, and neighborhood police satellite offices.

The first public forum will be held this Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Wilde Lake High School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Another forum will be held on Wednesday, July 22, at Mt. Hebron High School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The community meetings are being held in accordance with Council Resolution 16-2015 which requested that the Citizen's Advisory Council establish a Committee on Community Policing.

Council Chairperson Mary Kay Sigaty said, "This is an important opportunity for citizens to let their opinions be known – to share any concerns they may have, and also to offer suggestions and ideas."

Council Member Calvin Ball added, "Community input is absolutely critical as we look at how best to promote and support a strong working relationship between our police force and the residents they serve."

"We are extremely fortunate here in Howard County to have a Police Department that is so responsive to our community," said Vice Chairperson Jon Weinstein. "In order to be responsive, we have to hear from the community. These meetings will provide a unique forum for that feedback."

The Committee on Community Policing is scheduled to submit its findings and recommendations to the Chief of Police, the County Executive, and the County Council on or before October 30, 2015.