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Sanford Creates Police Community Relations Blue Ribbon Panel First Meeting December 18, 6pm

One of the initiatives in the City's "Nine Point Plan" to reunite the community and move forward is the creation of a "Police Community Relations Blue Ribbon Panel" representing a diverse broad cross section of the community. The purpose of the Panel is to conduct an assessment of the Police Department's strengths and challenges regarding Police and Community Relations. The Panel will be responsible for developing a Report that recommends:

- Strategies to strengthen relationships with the community based on inclusion, trust and mutual respect for each other's roles and responsibilities
- Strategies to promote and practice the use of effective communication that crosses racial, cultural, and ethnic barriers
- Strategies to create a shared vision and common commitment to community policing and crime prevention

The Blue Ribbon Panel consists of 25 members from the community and the process will be facilitated by the Director of the University of Central Florida's Center for Law and Policy, Cynthia Schmidt Esq. The Panel is expected to complete its mission in 5-6 months and submit a Report with findings and recommendations to the City Manager.

The first meeting of the Blue Ribbon Panel will be held Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room located at the Sanford Police Department, 815 Historic Goldsboro Blvd. Sanford, FL 32771.

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