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## **CITY OF MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH LOCAL FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR RING NEIGHBORS PROGRAM**

Monroe, Michigan - The City of Monroe Police Department (MPD), along with several local businesses via a combined grant, is partnering with local faith based agencies to offer RING surveillance cameras to residents of the 3 South voting precinct.

The MPD has recently joined the RING Neighbors app platform to connect with residents and improve the safety of our communities. The RING Neighbors app allows users to share photos, videos and information related to local crime and safety incidents so fellow residents can stay informed and improve the safety of our communities.

The City of Monroe Police Department, along with Second Missionary Baptist Church and Oaks of Righteousness, have combined resources to provide RING cameras to interested residents in the 3 South voting precinct. Councilwoman Kellie M. Vining served as a liaison with the MPD, the faith based organizations and the neighborhood. This collaboration is an effort to make our community safer and more engaged by allowing users to share photos, videos and information related to local crime and safety incidents.

Chief of Police Charles F. McCormick IV: "Real-time communication is an invaluable tool to assist law enforcement in preventing crime from occurring and solving open cases. It is our hope that city residents use this new technology and old-fashioned neighborhood pride to help keep our community safe."

As an identified public safety user of the Neighbors App, the MPD can post information about crime or safety alerts, and view or comment on public posts within the community. Occasionally, RING devices and other select camera systems capture video of suspicious activity or a crime. Through RING Neighbors, MPD can request video recordings from device owners when working an active investigation. The City of Monroe Police Department, as a public safety user, cannot access or control user surveillance devices. Additionally, the MPD cannot view any video recordings or see user's names, contact information or location information unless the user shares a video in response to a video request.

Anyone with a smartphone can download the Neighbors App in order to receive updates and have the option to post photos or videos from any device. Residents do not need to own a RING device to participate.

More information on the Monroe Police Department's collaboration with RING Neighbors can be found on the City's website at: <https://monroemi.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10126595&pageId=17650535>

Always report criminal activity or emergency situations directly by contacting us via the following: 911 in the case of an Emergency; Non-Emergency line to Central Dispatch 734-243-7070; Non-Emergency line to Monroe Police Department: 734-243-7500.

### About the City of Monroe

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County. Continually moving forward with innovative vision, the City of Monroe is Raisin' Expectations.

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(Left to Right) Chief of Police, Charles F. McCormick IV; Second Missionary Baptist Church Reverend (Rev.) Terrence L. Johnson; City of Monroe Councilwoman Kellie M. Vining; President of Oaks Village Pastor Heather Boone; Captain Chad J. Tolstedt.