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**Bureau:**                    **Field Services Bureau**

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**Incident:**                    **Cooperative Policing Initiative**

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## MESSAGE

The Rockford Police Department and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted directed patrol in and around the retail centers of Rockford between Friday, November 25, 2011 and December 31, 2011. The mission of these directed patrols is security through visibility. Visibility is key to this program, not enforcement. A focus on enforcement would prevent officers from their main mission, being visible and available for potential in-progress crimes.

For the third consecutive year this cooperative policing initiative afforded a safe environment for individuals. We appreciate the cooperation and support from area Store Managers and Security Teams.

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