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City of Rockford to Host U.S Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Diagnostic Center Presentation, Community Meeting

ROCKFORD, IL - The community is invited to attend an important presentation and discussion with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Diagnostic Center as it presents findings from its Diagnostic Analysis of the City of Rockford. The presentation will be held Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Nordlof Center, 118 North Main Street in Rockford.

The DOJ OJP launched the Diagnostic Center in Spring 2012 to serve as a technical assistance resource for state, local and tribal policymakers seeking to implement data-driven strategies to combat crime and improve public safety in their communities. In conjunction with the White House initiative on Strong Cities, Strong Communities, the City of Rockford requested the assistance of the Diagnostic Center to develop strategies that are data-driven and effective in reducing violent crime, addressing heroin abuse, and enhancing community-police relations.

The Diagnostic Center will present its findings to the Rockford community and will specifically address:

- An analysis of the factors that are contributing to the issues identified in the request from the City of Rockford.
- Recommendations of data-driven solutions and promising practices that address the contributing factors.
- Initial thoughts about development of a response strategy for implementing the recommended data-driven solutions.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and learn more about how the Rockford region can use local data to apply what works in criminal justice and reap better public safety outcomes.

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