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Rockford Police, Police Union to Host Event Featuring National Law Enforcement Speaker

ROCKFORD, IL – The Rockford Police Department and the Police Benevolent and Protection Association Unit 6 will host an event for law enforcement officers and their families featuring nationally renowned speaker, Chief Kent Williams, of Breach Point Consulting.

Chief Williams' presentation, "The Caustic Risks of Performing Well in Law Enforcement," describes simple shifts in organizational perspective that can profoundly reduce the stress, frustration and open anger expressed throughout typical law enforcement agencies. Chief Williams specializes in emotional survival techniques and explains the dangers of the toxic work climate which can be caused by what he has termed "The Universal Police Frustrations." Additionally, Chief Williams conveys ways to avoid and neutralize the impacts of the career on both the officers and their loved ones.

Chief Williams has been in law enforcement for more than 27 years and currently serves as Chief of Police for a Chicago-area police department. His efforts have led to ground breaking ways police agencies can create healthier and more productive and loyal work groups who remain highly dedicated throughout their careers.

"We have been fortunate to have had Chief Williams provide training to our staff over the last several years," said Interim Police Chief Patrick Hoey. "He is a leader in the field of police work dynamics and the social and psychological toll it takes on the officers, their families and



the organization as a whole. I am also excited about our collaboration with the PBPA to start our first peer-to-peer support network and internal mentoring program.”

This complimentary event will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Rockford University in the Fisher Chapel from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Please contact Cori Hilliard by phone, (779) 500-6604, or by email, cori.hilliard@rockfordil.gov, by March 25, 2016 to RSVP.

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