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### **Rockford Police to Host Community Discussion on Focused Deterrence**

ROCKFORD, Ill. – The Rockford Police Department, in association with the Office of Justice Programs Diagnostic Center, will host a community discussion on the concepts of a focused deterrence crime reduction strategy and implementation, and how this approach can assist the Rockford community. The discussion will take place on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Court Street United Methodist Church, 215 North Court Street.

Focused deterrence strategies are problem-oriented policing strategies that follow the core principles of deterrence theory. The strategies target specific criminal behavior committed by a small number of chronic offenders who are vulnerable to sanctions and punishment.

Retired Madison Police Lieutenant Thomas Woodmansee, a nationally recognized subject matter expert on the concepts of focused deterrence and whose department has successfully implemented these strategies in Madison, Wisconsin, and United States Attorney John Vaudreuil from the Western District of Wisconsin will be the featured program speakers.

The discussion will cover the following topics:

- What is (and is not) focused deterrence;
- Essential fundamentals and foundations for success and sustainability;
- Leadership/ collaboration/ clarity/ accountability - who needs to be involved and dedicated;
- The role of the community;
- Offender identification criteria;
- Notifications – formal and/or custom;
- Follow-up roles and responsibilities; and
- Assessment and evaluation.

The discussion is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

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