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Thomas Commends MPD on Launch of Safe City Initiative in Trinidad Neighborhood

Washington, DC—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. announced his enthusiastic support today of the DC Metropolitan Police Department’s new Safe City initiative. Safe City is initially being launched in Trinidad, a Ward 5 neighborhood that has been plagued by high crime and numerous homicides.

Safe City is a multi-pronged program that will deploy a neighborhood-based CCTV network in Trinidad (CCTV provides video images of public space to enhance police coverage); award approximately \$25,000 to each of the Joseph Cole and Trinidad Recreation Centers to increase programming at these sites; obtain mobile out reach equipment that can be utilized in various locations in Trinidad; implement the “Light Up the Night” program to give away light bulbs to create better lighting at night; launch the “Live Link” cell phone program for community leaders and residents to have access to call 911 to report crime and/or suspicious behavior; and promote community-based initiatives at the Joseph Cole and Trinidad Recreational Centers, including the “Youth Advocate” program and the “We Can” Program.

“I commend Chief Lanier for her continued focus on Trinidad, and for selecting this underserved Ward 5 community for the launch of Safe City,” said Councilmember Thomas. “The resources allocated to this community, particularly the funds earmarked to enhance programming at the Joseph Cole and Trinidad Recreation Centers, demonstrate Mayor Fenty’s and Chief Lanier’s commitment to implementing my 10-point action plan to bring much-needed social, recreation, employment and other services to the traditionally underserved neighborhoods of Ward 5.”

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