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## MAYOR BING, CHIEF EVANS ANNOUNCE 150 MORE OFFICERS TO HIT THE STREETS

One hundred fifty police officers will be deployed across Detroit, thanks to reorganization within the police department and the implementation of federal grant funds for hiring new officers, Mayor Dave Bing announced today.

The Mayor said the announcement validates his full commitment to protecting citizens and improving public safety in neighborhoods throughout the city.
"At a time of serious budget constraints, we have chosen to enhance our policing efforts in our neighborhoods without impacting the bottom line." Mayor Bing said.

The first wave of officers has been returned to street patrol over the past several weeks as part of a police department reorganization implemented by Chief Warren Evans. Thirty of these officers are recent academy graduates who historically have been assigned to the training unit or administrative duties throughout the department. Chief Evans also has moved sworn officers out of police mini stations and onto the street, replacing them with injured light duty officers who cannot work the street but are fully trained and certified. Additional personnel have been reassigned from certain investigative units that Evans is in the process of reorganizing, bringing the number of additional patrol officers to one hundred.

The area benefiting most from the first influx of "boots on the ground" is the city's 6th and 8th precincts, which have been hardest hit by major crimes in recent months, such as shootings, armed robberies and home invasions. Since Evans deployed additional officers to the area, shootings are down significantly while gun confiscations are up.

## 50 new hires will add to police force

Mayor Bing has approved the hiring of 50 new officers through a federal COPS grant the City recently was awarded. The grant allows the city the choice of hiring additional officers or preventing the layoffs of an equal amount. Rather than keep a status quo number of officers, the Mayor decided to opt for putting more police officers on the street.

These 50 officers will be deployed over the next six to eight months after completing the hiring and academy training process, Chief Evans confirmed. The Detroit police academy consists of 26 weeks of training. The next academy is expected to begin by the end of November, Chief Evans said.

Mayor Bing said that a recent string of successes should have residents taking a new look at their police force. Last month, Mayor Bing and Chief Evans announced a 20 percent reduction in homicides and a doubling of DPD's homicide closure rate during Chief Evans' first quarter compared to the same time frame last year. Chief Evans also recently announced significant progress in fixing the department's long-troubled in car video system.
"The Detroit Police Department is making progress," Mayor Bing said. "We look forward to continuing the momentum."

Evans thanks the Mayor for his commitment to public safety and said he will be strategic in how he deploys the additional officers.
"All precincts and districts will benefit, but we're not just going to distribute the additional officers equally across the department or the city. We are going to put them where the data show they are most needed and where they will be able to produce the most meaningful results," Chief Evans said. "Our commitment is to improve response times and to decrease major crimes, particularly gun crimes and home invasions. The moves the Mayor has made possible today will help us accomplish these objectives."

## Overview of officers redeployed to patrol operations

## Personnel added to patrol since September 21

83: TOTAL
3 Lieutenant
15 Sergeants
65 Police Officers
The above personnel were previously in administrative, investigative positions or new recruits from the academy.

Soon to be deployed
18: TOTAL
1 Lieutenant
3 Sergeants
14 Police Officers
101: GRAND TOTAL

## Deployment of officers:

83: TOTAL
$6^{\text {th }}$ Precinct: $\quad+11$
$8^{\text {th }}$ Precinct: $\quad+36$
$10^{\text {th }}$ Precinct: $\quad+3$
$12^{\text {th }}$ Precinct: $\quad+3$
Central Dist: $\quad+-0$
NE Dist: $\quad+8$
East. Dist: +2
SW Dist: +6
Tactical Mobile: +14

## Soon to be deployed

18: TOTAL

| $6^{\text {th }}$ Precinct: | +6 |
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| $8^{\text {th }}$ Precinct: | +1 |
| SW Dist: | +6 |
| Tactical Mobile: | +5 |

101: GRAND TOTAL

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