



News Release

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Kenneth Coontz, Chief of Police

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Subject: Police Sponsored Block Party; "Building the Block"

The Mansfield Police Department will be hosting a FREE block party on Saturday August 9th, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the North Lake Park Pavilion. Chief Ken Coontz stated that the block party is an initial step to help blend the North Lake area with Community Policing concepts. Chief Coontz reiterated, "We want to make officers more accessible to the residents that live within that neighborhood and build positive relationships with the youth."

The Mansfield Police Department will be partnering with Executive Director Deanna West-Torrence, of the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (N.E.C.I.C.), to share common ideas for this community building initiative. Assistant Chief Keith Porch stated, "We want officers out walking on foot and riding on bikes so that they can meet with residents and hear about neighborhood concerns."

Mayor Timothy Theaker welcomes all of the community to join in on the block party. Emergency Safety vehicles, food, kids' games, health information, free t-shirts, and children's bounce house will be available during the event. Funding for this initiative was provided by the partnership between the Mansfield Police and the Northern Ohio Violent Crimes Consortium (N.O.V.C.C) which are working together to reduce violent crimes throughout north Central Ohio.