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Annapolis Police Join Nextdoor

When: Thursday, April 28, at 1 p.m.

Where: Annapolis Police Headquarters, 199 Taylor Avenue

What: Press Conference for the launch of Annapolis Police Department's Nextdoor website

The Annapolis Police Department is announcing a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the private social network for neighborhoods, to improve city-wide and neighbor-to-neighbor communications. This integration with Nextdoor will enable the Annapolis Police Department to use Nextdoor to build stronger, safer communities with the help of Annapolis residents. We will be able to work together to increase safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch.

"The Annapolis Police Department is committed to collaborating with communities to make neighborhoods safer," said Police Chief Michael Pristoop. "With Nextdoor, neighbors get to know one another, strengthen existing relationships, and increase information-sharing with the Police Department."

While there are many police departments across the nation that have joined Nextdoor, the Annapolis Police Department is one of the only in Maryland, joining the Baltimore Police Department and Prince Georges' County Police Department, among others. Fifteen neighborhoods, representing over 88% of the City of Annapolis, are already on Nextdoor.

"I applaud the Annapolis Police Department for creating additional resources that will strengthen our neighborhoods through education and communication," Mayor Michael Pantelides said. "Everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes, and this is one more tool that allows our residents and our police department to work toward a common goal of safer neighborhoods."

With Nextdoor, Annapolis residents can join the private neighborhood website to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, and local services and programs.

Nextdoor is free for residents and the Annapolis Police Department. Each Annapolis neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, accessible only to residents who verify that they live in the neighborhood. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor websites and the Police Department will not be able to access residents' websites, contact information, or content. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by Google or other search engines.

Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com/annapolis and enter their address. If residents have questions about their Nextdoor website, please visit help.nextdoor.com.