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OCPD PARTNERS WITH GOVERNOR, PAROLE AND PROBATION TO TRACK VIOLENT OFFENDERS

Chief Bernadette DiPino met with officials from Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention yesterday to formalize a new partnership. The Department will work with GOCAP and the Dept. of Parole & Probation to monitor the movement and activity of both registered sex offenders and violent criminals.

This program will utilize advanced crime analysis to better track these offenders. Registered sex offenders who already live in Ocean City, or are on vacation, will be required to check in with Parole & Probation officials at the Public safety Building on 65th Street.

Parole & Probation will also track violent criminals and their movement to better prepare local law enforcement to deal with the offenders. This program advises officers of the presence of these offenders and notifies the Department the moment any warrants may be issued for them.

Kristen Mahoney, Executive Director of GOCAP, was very excited about the partnership. "Governor O'Malley supports the efforts of the OCPD and looks forward to partnering with them in their fight against violent crime. This Comstat on Demand program will be utilized to develop data driven crime analysis to better allocate State and local resources."

Chief Bernadette DiPino stressed the importance of this new partnership. "Our agency will now benefit from information that we never had access to before. Being able to monitor the movement and activities of these offenders will certainly increase our ability to prevent crime and keep our residents and visitors safe." Chief DiPino added that GOCAP is interested in providing funding for a crime analyst position for the Ocean City Police Department.

Having a working relationship with Parole & Probation also allows officers the



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opportunity to immediately notify the agency of problems the department has with their clients, thereby causing an agent to request an immediate violation of probation warrant being issued.

Patrick McGee, Acting Director of the Division of Parole and Probation, sees the program as a win-win situation. "We look forward to the opportunity for the Department of Public Safety to work with the Ocean City Police Department. I believe this partnership will benefit our agency as well as theirs in our efforts to hold these offenders accountable for their actions."

The program will begin immediately, and Chief DiPino expects her department to receive new updated information in the next few days.

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