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CMPD/CMS Security Update

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Upon learning of the mass shooting incident at Sandy Hook High School in Connecticut, CMPD immediately began evaluating the department's preparedness to respond to a similar incident within its jurisdiction. On Saturday December 15, CMPD personnel began reviewing the department's applicable plans and procedures. They also made contact at the executive and operational levels with partners at CMS to ensure seamless planning, preparation, and response. This coordination included several conversations between Chief Rodney Monroe and Dr. Heath Morrison.

CMPD immediately reviewed and revised its active shooter operations plan and ensured that every patrol officer received roll call training on the plan prior to each shift. The department ensured that School Resource Officers are thoroughly abreast of the active shooter response plan and have made contact with their respective patrol divisions regarding response to an active shooting scenario.

CMPD also made immediate plans to increase the presence of its patrol officers at all schools, particularly elementary schools, during the hours school is in session. Officers have been instructed to be on or near school campuses when not on other duties. They will be going inside the schools, to make contact with staff, students and faculty as well as to gain an understanding of the layout of the schools. Officers are also encouraged to take their meals and breaks at schools.

CMPD will also provide training to CMS faculty and staff regarding prevention, preparedness, and response to active shooting incidents.

The goals of these measures are:

- Establish and perpetuate a sense of safety and normalcy to CMS students, parents, teachers and staff;
- Create a seamless planning and response protocol between CMPD and CMS;
- Ensure that if such an event were to occur in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, CMPD and CMS would be in the best position possible to prevent the loss of life and mitigate the actions of any mass shooter in the school system.

Former Eastland Mall Update
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On August 31, 2012 the City of Charlotte purchased 80.4 acres of the former Eastland Mall site for the purposes of blight elimination and neighborhood revitalization. Since then, staff has conducted evaluations of the buildings and developed a plan for appropriate on-going maintenance of the site until a sale to a new owner is completed.

The City has contracted with Partners for Economic Solutions, a Washington, D.C. based consulting firm, to assist with the development and solicitation of proposals for the redevelopment of the site. In October, staff issued a Request for Expressions of Interest from film studio development firms to assess the potential of the site for studio development. Staff received two written responses and several verbal responses from developers, which have been used in the development of solicitation materials.

In January, the City will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to a broad distribution of potential development teams. The goal of the RFQ is to identify a short list of development teams with the interest, expertise and financial resources to undertake the project. These selected development teams will be invited to submit proposals to the City through a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The development team selected by Council will then enter into negotiations with the City for the purchase and redevelopment of the site.

Key dates in this process are:

January 4, 2013	Release of RFQ
January 30, 2013	Pre-proposal site tour & briefing
February 15, 2013	RFQ responses due
March 8, 2013	Selection of short listed respondents and release of RFP
May 30, 2013	RFP responses due
July, 2013	Council action to authorize staff to enter into negotiations with the selected development team.

Staff will continue to update Council through the process.

***City Source* Tells Stories of Citizen Service**
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City Source is the City of Charlotte's unique 30-minute program for citizens to learn about the City's services as well as how its employees serve the community. The program airs the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Cable 16 (Time Warner Cable), AT&T U-verse and is streamed LIVE online at www.charlottenc.gov.

The Dec. 20 – Jan. 2 episode shows viewers how City departments are creating a brighter holiday for those in need, gives a look at CMPD in the N. Tryon Division, and features Police Capt. Martha Dozier explaining her experiences being on the force in Charlotte. Plus, this episode features a special segment with host Bea Thompson and retiring City Manager Curt Walton. Curt talks candidly about some of his most challenging and rewarding experiences during his 33 years in public service. Click here for the flier.

This information is also promoted in CMail, the City's electronic newsletter emailed to more than 1,100 subscribers and distributed by City departments whose services, programs and employees are featured in an upcoming episode.

ATTACHMENTS:

Council Follow-Up Report **(see "2. Follow Up.pdf")**

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