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## **Lansing Police Join Forces with Michigan State Police for “Secure Cities Partnership”**

### *Collaboration to Focus on Proactive Policing*

(LANSING) – Mayor Virg Bernero today joined Lansing Police Chief Mike Yankowski and Michigan State Police Colonel Kriste Kibbey Etue to announce Lansing’s participation in Michigan’s acclaimed “Secure Cities Partnership” program. Mayor Bernero welcomed the successful program to the city while Chief Yankowski and Colonel Etue highlighted the partnership’s mission, format, and the importance of both agencies’ collaboration.

“Despite crime being cut in half in Lansing over the past two decades, we continue our vigilance in targeted areas,” Mayor Bernero said. “Violent crime continues to be our top priority, which is why we are enlisting every resource to keep our residents safe. We are delighted to be working with the respected professionals from the Michigan State Police.”

Metro Lansing has seen continued success through the 2013 regional Violent Crime Initiative (VCI), with shootings in Lansing down 25 percent since the VCI was implemented. As Michigan’s 11th city to take advantage of the award-winning Secure Cities Partnership, there will now be a formalized dedication of resources to the city, including a five-member uniformed trooper squad, three investigations detectives, a fugitive squad, technical support for electronic device downloads, crime lab resources and crime analysis support. While the MSP will not be answering 9-1-1 calls, their troopers will serve as backup for patrol.

“By taking a comprehensive, preventative approach to addressing crime, the Secure Cities Partnership allows LPD to join with the Michigan State Police as a force multiplier, to create a safer environment and increase overall quality of life,” said Chief Yankowski.

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