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## **Police Foundation Receives Donation from PTA Council** *Parent Teacher Association Thanks Police for Work During Sniper Case*

The Howard County Police Foundation received a donation today from the PTA Council of Howard County as an expression of gratitude for the police department's work during the recent sniper investigation. The donation of \$1,000 will be used to help sponsor a police event recognizing the efforts of police officers and other police department employees.

"Safeguarding our county's schools was a top priority for the police department during the sniper investigation," said Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay. "Since the closure of the case, we have been overwhelmed by the support and gratitude we have received from our schools and citizens. We are grateful for today's generous donation and show of thanks from the PTA Council."

During the sniper investigation throughout the region, the Howard County Police Department assigned an officer to every school in the county. Officers maintained a presence at elementary, middle and high schools for three weeks to ensure the safety of students and school staff.

"We recognize that the actions the police took in October to avert any possible crisis involving our school communities during the long duration of the sniper incident placed a tremendous burden on the entire department," said Deborah Wessner, President of the PTA Council of Howard County. "We appreciate the officers' tremendous dedication in working extended hours and days to assure the safety and well-being of all Howard County citizens, but especially our children."

The PTA Council of Howard County represents the 67 local PTAs and over 27,000 members. The Howard County Police Foundation is a business-sponsored, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and police service in Howard County.

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