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Police Chiefs to Discuss Crime Trends with Senator Joni Ernst

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – Mayor Sara Kurovski and Pleasant Hill Police Chief Alfonso Pizzano are meeting with Senator Joni Ernst, the Division of Public Safety Leadership and police executives from across Iowa to discuss crime trends in Iowa. This interactive meeting is being held at the Pleasant Hill Police Department on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

“As a department, we want to maintain a high quality of life for our residents,” said Chief Pizzano. “To ensure we continually offer this to our residents, we work closely with metro agencies on recent crimes trends. I have also had conversations with Senator Chuck Grassley about the crime trends. Working together helps ensure law enforcement is keeping crime low within our communities, while ensuring everyone’s safety.”

During Thursday’s meeting, law enforcement agencies want to ensure Iowa’s Congressional members understand the efforts to funnel limited federal grant funds from smaller jurisdictions to larger cities like Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, or Minneapolis to combat increased crime trends. Efforts such as these could potentially push the criminal elements to surrounding states, significantly impacting Iowa’s quality of life.

This past year, law enforcement has seen an increase in narcotic arrests and stolen firearms. Working with political leaders to combat these issues is extremely important for all Iowa communities.

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