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## NN Sheriff Gabriel A. Morgan Receives "HERO" Award

People to People, the Newport News race relations and quality of life organization, presented their highest honor, the HERO Award, to Sheriff Gabe Morgan on April 27th. The presentation was made in front of a packed concert hall at the Ferguson Center for the Arts prior to the performance of the off-Broadway play "Our Young Black Men are Dying and Nobody Seems to Care."

Morgan received the HERO Award for his continuous devotion to the strengthening race relations in Newport News, for championing the needs of young people, and for his leadership in community awareness of quality of life issues in the City. *People to* People recognized Morgan for being front and center in discussions about gangs, drugs and guns on the streets of Newport News and how to find solutions in restoring citizen safety.

People to People Co-Chairmen Bud Ramey and Dr. McKinley Price said, "Sheriff Morgan voices a higher vision for the City. He sees a future where young people are not left out because they are poor or because of where they live. He sees a future where neighborhoods are re-claimed from gangs."

People to People is a private, nonprofit organization with more than 1,500 members from all walks of life in the City of Newport News. It is focused on building bridges between races, nurturing a sense of value in the community for diversity and inclusion and championing quality of life issues. It is funded by the leadership of the business community. There are no dues or charges for attending meetings.

For more information about *People to People*, contact Bud Ramey 757-534-7095 or McKinley Price, DDS 757-873-2888. And for comments from Sheriff Gabe Morgan, contact Kathleen Carey, Newport News Sheriff's Office PIO at 757-813-6139.