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### NN Sheriff Gabe Morgan Testifies on Capitol Hill

Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan will testify on Capitol Hill on Friday, March 11, 2011 on behalf of "Fight Crime: Invest in Kids". His testimony will be heard by the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee; specifically the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies chaired by Virginia Congressman Frank Wolf.

*"As a law enforcement leader, I am urging Congress to maintain funding for juvenile justice programming for Fiscal Year 2012," says Sheriff Morgan.*

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is an anti-crime organization of over 5,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, and violence survivors. The organization looks at evidence based research about what prevents kids from becoming criminals. Information collected is then put in the hands of policymakers.

Programs that give children a good start in life help keep those kids from engaging in criminal activity as they mature. Research and experience shows that investment in these programs really does work. These investments include early education and care, child abuse and neglect prevention, after-school programs, and programs that help troubled youth get back on track.

Sheriff Morgan will testify how federal funding through Title V Local Delinquency Prevention Grants are vital federal dollars for preventing youth crime. Between 3-6 p.m. is "prime time" for juvenile crime because that's when children lack proper adult supervision.

*"Programs such as the Boys & Girls Clubs connect children to caring adults and constructive activities during these hours," says Morgan. "Mentoring like Big Brothers Big Sisters also helps."*

Morgan will also address reducing recidivism through effective intervention and through re-entry approaches.

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