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## **Re-entry Town Hall Meeting**

## NEWPORT NEWS EX-OFFENDERS COMING HOME

What happens after a person is released from jail or prison? The answer to this question is an essential part of public safety. Do we want them coming back to the community with no place to live? no job skills? no support system? Or do we want them to have a successful transition so they won't be tempted to commit additional crimes?

The Newport News Re-Entry Council will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Denbigh Community Center on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to address those, and other, questions. The public is encouraged to attend.

Hear from local ex-offenders making the transition. Learn what is being done locally. The majority of the agenda is devoted to time for audience participation to hear what the community issues are and work together to build solutions.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office is a proud member of the Re-Entry Council, which is working in collaboration with the Mayor's Task Force on Teenage and Young Adult Violence Reduction and other stakeholders.

**WHO:** Newport News Re-Entry Council

WHAT: Town Hall, "Coming Home: Issues & Answers"

WHEN: Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

(Resource exhibitors from 6-6:30 p.m.)

**WHERE:** Denbigh Community Center

15198 Warwick Boulevard Newport News, VA 23608

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