

FLINT **LIFELINES**

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Fourth Thursday Open Community Meetings

Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 25, 2013 At 5:30 PM

**Flint Lifelines will host a open community meeting
every fourth Thursday of the month**

**The purpose of the meetings will be to share the
progress made by Lifelines and to engage our
citizens with ways we can work together to better
help our community.**

Location:

**Flint Northwestern High School
Auditorium**

Flint Police Anonymous Tip Line:

810-237-6812

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In 2009, after decades of high crime in the city of Flint a group of faith leaders decided “enough is enough”. This group, known as FACT (Flint Area Congregations Together), approached Flint Mayor Dayne Walling with a new plan to help address the city’s long standing challenge with crime. This new plan employed a strategy of focused deterrence and strong enforcement with coordinated opportunities for some offenders. After careful consideration, the city of Flint partnered with FACT to form Flint *Lifelines*. The goal is to offer a “lifeline” through positive intervention services coordinated by many agencies working together. The mission of the movement is to change lives in an effort to make the community safer.

What Is Flint Lifelines?

Flint Lifelines is a public safety movement which is built on the foundation of strong enforcement coupled with coordinated opportunities for some offenders. It requires strong partnerships between law enforcement, social service providers, and the community. Flint Lifelines draws on several successful public safety models from other cities.

Who is Involved?

In 2010, a *CeaseFire Flint* implementation team was brought together. This leadership team represented government, law enforcement, social services, faith leaders and community members. The implementation team developed the Flint *Lifelines* model that now governs the program. This group meets regularly and is divided into 3 subcommittees: law enforcement, service providers, and community outreach.

Law Enforcement – Proactive Policing and Drug Market Intervention

Service Providers – Coordinate Health and Human Services for Participants

Community Outreach – Community Participation and Program Education

How Does It Work?

Based on crime data, areas throughout the City are identified as locations to concentrate the efforts of Flint *Lifelines*. When an area has been identified, members of the law enforcement team begin the process of collecting and analyzing intelligence on individual offenders operating in the target area. When these offenders have been identified they are invited to participate in a “call-in”. At the call-in the offenders are presented with clear evidence of the cases against them and are given to options: agree to participate in the *Lifeline* program or go to jail. Those who don’t accept the “lifeline” are subsequently arrested and punished to the fullest extent of the law. Those who participate in *Lifelines* will be monitored closely by a review team comprised of members from the 3 subcommittees. Arrests will be made if violent and drug behavior persists. Every effort is made to meet participant’s needs given available resources to support positive outcomes.

The *Lifelines* program is led by The City of Flint Mayor’s Office, City Council, Flint Police Department & Human Relations Commission in partnership with local, state & federal law enforcement officials such as the University of Michigan-Flint Department of Public Safety, Mott Community College Department of Public Safety, Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office, Michigan State Police, Michigan Department of Corrections, FBI, ATF and the U.S. Attorney’s Office. They are joined by local groups such as Flint Area Congregations Together, Flint Community Schools, Resource Genesee/One-Stop Housing Resource Center, Mott Community College Workforce Development, Community Resolution Center, University of Michigan-Flint, Department of Human Services, Metro Community Development, Genesee County Community Mental Health, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Flint, other health & human service providers, business leaders & community members.

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