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**DeKalb Police Department mobilizes to address recent violent crime incidents,
seeks community input on efforts to strengthen public safety in Annie Glidden North Community.**

The DeKalb Police Department today outlined a number of steps it is taking to address the recent uptick in violent crime incidents in the Annie Glidden North community. Stepped up, targeted patrols, calling on the resources of partnering law enforcement agencies, continued cooperation with the Northern Illinois University Police and the activation of the DeKalb County Major Case Squad to support intensive, ongoing investigative efforts are just a few of the measures DeKalb Chief of Police Gene Lowery announced today.

“We understand that recent shooting events have raised concerns in the community. We share those concerns and are doing everything we can to investigate the incidents while also opening up the lines of communication with residents in the area most impacted by violence over the last several weeks,” said Chief Lowery.

Lowery today called for the assistance of the DeKalb County Major Case Squad to investigate an incident that occurred last night. On October 31, 2017, at approximately 8:00 pm, the Police Department responded to the 800 block of North Annie Glidden Road for a report of shots fired. Responding officers located a 28 year-old female who had been shot in the leg, the victim was transported to Kishwaukee Hospital, where she was treated and released. An intense investigation into this and other recent gun violence cases is ongoing, the safety of our community is of the utmost importance.

In light of recent events, the City of DeKalb assures the community that additional measures have been implemented to ensure the safety of our community. The Police Department is working with its local law enforcement partners, including Northern Illinois University Police, Illinois State Police, DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office, Waterman Police, Sycamore Police, and Cortland Police, to increase the presence of police officers in the area.

In order to address the broader concerns related to this recent gun violence the Police Department will open its doors to our residents on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm, at the DeKalb Police Department Community Room, located at 700 West Lincoln Highway. It is important for us to hear your voices, gather your input, and reassure you that we are utilizing all of the resources available to us to address these crimes and improve public safety.

“We ask that as a community we work together in a unified manner to implement a focused and effective approach to address this vital concern. Therefore it is important for our residents to utilize effective personal safety and crime prevention strategies, and report crime or suspicious activity immediately,” said Chief Lowery. “Moving forward, we will continue to engage our community by keeping you informed, utilizing all the tools we have to keep our neighborhoods safer, and apprehend those that choose to perpetrate offenses of this nature.”

The contents of this press release are based upon the best information available to the DeKalb Police Department. The statements regarding the conduct of any person identified above are allegations until affirmatively proven in Court. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty.