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WASHINGTON DC POLICE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES KICK-OFF OF SAFE CITY PROJECT

Washington, D.C. – DC Police Foundation co-chairs **Eric Holder**, of Covington and Burling, and **Mark Tuohey**, Partner at Vinson & Elkins, announced the kick-off today of the Safe City Project in the Trinidad community of Ward 5. Generous funding through the Foundation from member Target Corporation will enhance safety in this community which has faced so much violence in the past year. Building on collaborative community and police engagement over the past 8 months, this project of the Metropolitan Police Department will:

- Increase CCTV camera presence in the area
- Provide funding for athletic equipment in two area recreation centers
- Purchase a trailer with equipment for the 5th District Police to host community events
- Distribute light bulbs to residents, so they can light up the community to keep it safe
- Distribute cell phones linked to 911 emergency dispatch to block and assistant block captains

Eric Holder explained that “Safe City is a perfect example of the private and civic sectors supporting the efforts of the police to keep our city safe. The DC Police Foundation is proud to support the development and launch of this project and to be working to expand it even further.”

Mark Tuohey added “We thank Target Corporation, an active member of the Foundation, for making the first and very generous donation to kick off this project. We look forward to collaborating with additional local and national partners in the coming months.”

The funds provided at the Kick-Off will cover the first phase of the project. The DC Police Foundation is seeking funding for additional cameras in order to complete the project in the Trinidad community. Local businesses, foundations, and philanthropists are encouraged to contact Executive Director Lois Frankel to participate in growing this important initiative.

Established in 2000, the Washington DC Police Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that seeks to promote public safety in the Nation’s Capital. The Foundation addresses key unmet public safety needs identified by the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department by giving support to MPD and by engaging directly on public safety policy initiatives in the city. The Foundation relies on financial support and in-kind resources from its members who include the business and professional community, faith-based leaders, civic leaders, philanthropic foundations, and individuals who are dedicated to making the DC community a better and safer place to live, work, and visit. Join the Foundation at its Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon on June 9, 2009.

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For more information about the Safe City project, please contact Meghan McDonough at 202-223-4560 ext. 120 or at Meghan.McDonough@dcpolicefoundation.org. To support the expansion of the project, please contact Lois Frankel at 202-223-4560 ext. 117 or at Lois.Frankel@dcpolicefoundation.org.