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**City of Duluth - Police Department**

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**DATE: 5/21/2019**

**SUBJECT: Press Conference: Mayor's Office, St. Louis County, and Duluth Police Department to Recognize the successful work of the DPD Mental Health Unit**

**BY: Ingrid Hornibrook**

**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Press Conference**

**CASE NO.:**

**INCIDENT DATE: 5/22/2019**

**INCIDENT TIME: 1:30 PM**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth City Hall Rotunda**

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[DULUTH, MN] The Mayor's Office, along with the St. Louis County and the Duluth Police Department, will be hosting a press conference to recognize the successful work of the Duluth Police Department Mental Health Unit.

Over the last 9 years, the Duluth Police Department, along with other community partners, have identified over 100 people with re-occurring police contacts directly related to mental illness, substance use disorders, and/or homelessness. Since the creation of the department's Mental Health Unit in 2018 consisting of two dedicated officers and two embedded social workers, while working in collaboration with other community partners, there has been a 31% reduction in calls for service among those with regular police contacts.

**Order of Speakers**

Mayor Emily Larson

County Commissioner Patrick Boyle

Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken

**Interviews:** There is time scheduled for one on one interviews after the program.

**Time & Location**

Wednesday, May 22nd

1:30 PM

Duluth City Hall Rotunda

411 W 1st St, Duluth, MN

**Photo Opportunity:** community partners have been invited to stand behind the speakers during this event as a visual representation of the amount of collaboration that takes place in order to support our community.

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