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DATE: 06/09/2014 NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Police Activities League Kick-Off Event CASE NO.: INCIDENT DATE :06/14/2014 INCIDENT TIME: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth Heritage Sports Center SUBJECT: Duluth Police Activities League Kick-Off Event BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen (218) 390-2232

Duluth Police Activities League Kick-Off Event Saturday, June 14th, 2014 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The National Police Athletics/Activities Leagues exists to prevent juvenile crime and violence by providing civic, athletic, recreational and educational opportunities and resources to PAL Chapters. As a membership organization, National PAL provides Chapters with resources and opportunities to grow their own programs and enhance the quality of individual programming.

These resources include funding opportunities through various grants, general liability protection programs, programming opportunities through affiliate organizations, and goods and services provided by corporate partners and supporting organizations. In addition, National PAL provides Chapter members opportunities to bring their young athletes together to compete in a championship environment in several sports.

Today, there are over 400 PAL Member Chapters in law enforcement agencies servicing over 700 cities and 1,700 facilities throughout the United States, serving more than one million youth, ages 5 to 18.

It is based on the conviction that young people - if they are reached early enough - can develop strong positive attitudes towards police officers in their journey through life toward the goal of maturity and good citizenship. Studies have shown that if a young person respects a police officer on the ball field, gym or classroom, the youth will likely come to respect the laws that police officers enforce. Such respect is beneficial to the youth, the police officer, the neighborhood and the business community.

The Duluth Police Department has recently been accepted to represent the National PAL as a charter member. We have taken on the name DPAL – Duluth Police Activities League. DPAL will be hosting our Kick-Off event on June 14th 2014 from 1-4pm at the Duluth Heritage Center (Rain or Shine).

The mission of DPAL is to build positive relationships between cops and kids. The event will offer a large number of activities for the children, the opportunity to meet Duluth Police Officers, and the opportunity to take home a number of great prizes that have been donated. The event will showcase a number of organizations in Duluth and will provide information on future events.



(young children need to be accompanied by an adult)

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