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DATE CHANGED FOR CAMERA POLICY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

PULLMAN – The Pullman Police Department (PD) is seeking public input for the development of a video policing policy. The meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Pullman City Hall has been changed to Wednesday, February 15 and will still be at City Hall.

The Pullman PD has been awarded a Department of Justice "Smart Policing Initiative" grant in the amount of $300,000. The grant proposes to address violent crimes and neighborhood disorders through the use of video cameras placed at public locations where high frequencies of those types of incidents occur. Live video feed will be transmitted to the police station and police cars, and video will be recorded for use in criminal investigations and prosecutions. The camera locations will be determined through research and analysis conducted by the Washington State Institute for Criminal Justice at WSU and the WSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Initial research indicates that the Adams Mall area of College Hill is a location where the cameras could have a positive impact, although other locations may also be identified.

Pullman PD is developing a video policing policy to establish best practices for authorized use of the cameras and video and to address privacy concerns. The Pullman PD, with the assistance of community organizations, planned three meetings to obtain public input on policy development. All members of the public are invited to attend to provide policy development input. A draft policy is available on the Pullman PD website and at the Pullman Police Department, Pullman City Hall, Neill Public Library, and Pullman Chamber of Commerce. The first meeting was hosted by the College Hill Association and was held on January 18, 2012 at Stubblefield's Bar & Grille.

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 7:00 pm
Where: City Council Chambers, 325 SE Paradise St. , Pullman
Hosts: Pullman League of Women Voters and Pullman Police Advisory Committee

When: March 2012; exact date/time TBA
Where: WSU Campus: exact location TBA
Host: Associated Students of WSU (ASWSU) and WSU Police Advisory Board

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