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Norfolk County Sheriff, DA, and Treasurer Host Public Safety Alliance Summit

RANDOLPH, MA – Recently, Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott joined Norfolk County District Attorney Michael Morrissey and Norfolk County Treasurer Michael Bellotti to host a summit of local public safety officials to discuss ways that county and local agencies can collaborate on providing services and protection to county residents. The goal of the summit was to begin the process of developing a Public Safety Alliance (PSA) to make the delivery of services and programming more effective and efficient across Norfolk County.

“The Public Safety Alliance is an opportunity for all of us to improve the quality and speed of care and services that we provide in Norfolk County,” said Sheriff McDermott. “Each of the agencies and departments who attended the summit are doing excellent work, and this is a chance for us to make sure that we’re working together to ensure everybody gets the services, programs, and opportunities they deserve.”

The PSA is modeled off of the success of the national TRIAD program, which creates partnerships between Sheriff’s Offices, local police and fire departments, and local councils on aging. Sheriff McDermott noted that many of the programs that are offered by departments such as the Sheriff’s Office and local police and fire departments, though, are not focused solely on seniors and would benefit from a greater focus on collaboration across all sectors of Norfolk County.

“Commitment to public safety is not measured by arrest and prosecution rates – it entails supporting and strengthening our communities and the people who live in them,” District Attorney Morrissey said. “Public safety officials work most effectively when we work well together.”

Norfolk County Treasurer Michael Bellotti praised the aims of the PSA. “I appreciate the opportunity to work with Sheriff McDermott and District Attorney Morrissey on these very important issues,” he said.

Representatives from the police and fire departments of the 28 towns and communities of Norfolk County

were in attendance at the summit, as well as State Representative Bruce Ayers, a member of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. The summit was held at LaScala Restaurant in Randolph on Thursday, April 14th. Future conversations about the direction of the PSA will involve additional community stakeholders, including Councils on Aging, emergency responders, and community leaders.

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