









## Mayors, Police Chiefs and City Managers of Southwest Suburban Cities Meet to Discuss Crime

Mayors release joint statement establishing steps for regional response

Due to an increase in property and vehicle-related crimes in the metro area, Eden Prairie Mayor Ron Case hosted the mayors, police chiefs and city managers of neighboring cities to gather and discuss strategies for a collective response.

## Joint Statement

The objectives of the Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, meeting were threefold. First, to build on our established relationships; second, to share crime data and statistics; and finally, to establish a multifaceted local and regional response to address the increase in property and vehicle-related crimes.

We established the following action steps at today's meeting:

- 1. The mayors of this group will facilitate strengthening partnerships with law enforcement and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, with the goal of changing policies which have led to an increase in vehicle-related crimes in our cities.
- 2. Request that the Regional Council of Mayors discuss this topic at its January 2022 monthly meeting and resolve to work in unison to prevent these crimes.
- 3. Law enforcement agencies will build on their decades-long collaboration and continue to coordinate a comprehensive and consistent response to crimes across the metro.

When one city experiences an increase in crime, it affects all of us. Together, we are committed to protecting our residents and preserving the high quality-of-life every person deserves.

Respectfully,

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