

## **Media Advisory**

## Atlanta Police Foundation and APD Announce 40% Drop in Crime on Atlanta's Historic Westside

Public Update to Be Provided at August 3 Transform Westside Summit

WHO: Westside Future Fund (WFF) – Summit Host

Atlanta Police Foundation + Atlanta Police Department - Featured Presenter

WHAT: Atlanta Police Foundation to present Westside Security Plan update at WFF's Transform Westside Summit

- About the Westside Security Plan: Since the 2016 launch of the Westside Security Plan, the Foundation has:
  - opened the At-Promise Youth Center, resulting in 75% reduction in truancy rate
  - o <u>installed 10,000+ cameras</u> as part of its Operation Shield program
  - housed APD officers on the Westside, resulting in a 10-15 percent reduction in property crimes in neighborhoods with officers
  - o and launched Westside Security Patrol

Plan Results To-Date: 40% reduction in crime. The Westside Security Plan is the centerpiece of WFF's Safety and Security strategy.

- About the Transform Westside Summit: twice-monthly "town hall" meeting created to foster connection, collaboration and communication amongst community members and Westside stakeholders around Westside revitalization.
- Expected attendance: 150-200, to include City elected officials, corporate leaders, nonprofit leaders as well as Westside residents, community leaders

**WHEN:** Friday, August 3, 2018, 7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

- 7:15 a.m.: Opening Devotion Historic Westside Community Member
- 7:35 a.m.: Audience self-introductions + Overview of WFF
- 8:10 a.m.: Featured Presentation + Q&A Atlanta Police Foundation

WHERE: The Gathering Spot - 384 Northyards Blvd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

Media Note: Summit is free, open to the public. Media is encouraged to RSVP by Thursday, August 2 to Sigele Winbush at <a href="mailto:sigele@westsidefuturefund.org">sigele@westsidefuturefund.org</a> or by phone at 404-862-2081. Photography will be allowed. The Summit will be streamed live via WFF's Facebook page: @westsidefuturefund

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