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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RESPONSE TO PATROL RE-DISTRICTING

For several months, the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge No. 9, has been working with the Columbus Division of Police to address the City's desire to develop a Patrol Re-Districting plan. A number of meetings had occurred between the FOP and the Division, and it appeared that significant progress was being made to develop a plan that would better serve and protect the community. Following the most recent meeting in December, Division representatives advised that the meetings would continue after January 1.

This morning, the City announced to the FOP that it was unilaterally proceeding with a Patrol Re-Districting Plan that appears unchanged from the Division's original proposed plan in September 2009. This announcement came without any prior notice to the FOP, and without any reference to the months of hard work that was done by FOP and Division representatives to address the issues raised as a result of Patrol re-districting.

The FOP believes that the City's proposed plan is seriously flawed because it was not based upon any substantial public input, and without serious input from rank and file police officers. The proposed plan also ignores the relationships that patrol officers have developed over many years in the communities they serve. Unfortunately, the plan negatively impacts and diminishes the years of hard work that have been accomplished through community policing.

The FOP will continue to analyze all available information and will continue to push for a plan that meets the needs of citizens, the mission of the Division of Police, and our Columbus police officers.

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