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Marysville Police Dept. to host *Coffee with a Cop* on June 8th **Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues**



MARYSVILLE—On June 8th, Marysville Police Department Chief of Police, Aaron W. Easton, and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee.

All community members are invited to attend. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on June 8th at Friday Night Live, 301 4th Street. Please contact Lieutenant Jason Garringer with questions: (530) 749-3958 or jgarringer@marysvillepd.org

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Marysville's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. *Coffee with a Cop* breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers," said Marysville's Police Chief Aaron W. Easton. "Having *Coffee With A Cop* at Friday Night Live will be a great way to partner a new Marysville Police Department tradition with a great program and hallmark of the City. Friday Night Live does so much for the youth of our region, and we are really pleased to be joining them for this event. I also wish to acknowledge Ali Nooteboom with Allstate Insurance – who has offered to graciously donate the refreshments for the event. What better way to spend a Monday morning than with three local agencies who truly care for the people and welfare of Marysville."

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.