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Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 12:55 PM
To: Padilla, Howie (CI-StPaul); Smith, Chief Tom (CI-StPaul); Beckmann, Kristin (CI-StPaul)
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Subject: RE: draft language

Hi Howie,

Thanks for working so fast on this. A few things from my end – I do think we should acknowledge that residents were not notified properly yesterday in some fashion as we discussed in the meeting. Also, I'm thinking the 3rd sentence should be cut – we mention public safety in the next sentence, and I think saying that this is not open to the public in that manner would create some backlash – I get what you're trying to say, but I could see people responding to that with the alarm and inconvenience they experienced, saying it effected them even if it wasn't "open" to them.

Maybe if we added a sentence like, "While communications regarding timing and location are limited around these trainings due to security concerns, we acknowledge the desire for prior notification and will be providing updates on the Saint Paul Police Department's Twitter handle (@sppdpio) during the remainder of the exercise."

Thoughts?

Thank you!

Ashley

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Cleaned up version, correcting a few typos. Apologies for the rough draft:

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This training takes months to coordinate and is similar to the training this same group underwent in the Twin Cities Metro Area in 2012. Safety precautions are in place to prevent risk to the public. As such, this training is not open to the public.

Security concerns do not allow for exact times and locations of the training to be released as it continues. Rest assured, however, local law enforcement officers, including members of the Saint Paul Police Department, are in place to ensure public safety.

Night training in the Twin Cities Metro Area is scheduled to conclude Thursday evening, August 21. In the coming days, our community members can look to the Saint Paul Police Department's Twitter account (@sppdpio) for reminders that the training may be in the area.

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