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NEWS RELEASE

Falls Church Police Hold Open Community Meeting On Child Safety June 9

An open meeting will be held at City Hall, 300 Park Ave, in the Dogwood Room (Training Room) on Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., to discuss the recent report of unknown adults approaching a child. Police will also provide safety tips for children and their parents at this meeting. Parents are encouraged to bring any safety concerns and questions that they may have. For additional information, contact Falls Church Police Community Services at 703-248-5056.

The City of Falls Church is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability, call 703 241-5053 (TTY 711).

Falls Church Police Remind Parents to Discuss Child Safety

While children may find some strangers to be kind or nice, children need to be aware that if they are approached by someone unknown to them, they should take the following steps:

- Be aware of potentially dangerous situations. If a stranger asks you for help or to keep a "special secret," it could be a dangerous situation. Say no and tell a trusted adult.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel scared or uncomfortable, get away from the situation. Make an excuse or just run away, and go to a safe place.
- Know what to do. Think No, Go, Yell, Tell. If you're in a dangerous situation, say NO, run away, yell as loud as you can, and tell an adult.
- Ask your parents first. If a stranger invites you to go somewhere, offers you a gift, or just wants to talk, say you need to ask your parents for permission first. Then go to your parents.
- Stick with friends. It's always safer to play in a group

Source: National Crime Prevention Council (http://www.mcgruff.org/Advice/stranger_danger.php)

Anytime you notice any suspicious activity, call Falls Church Police immediately at 703-241-5050.

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