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Public Invited to Community Meeting on Anoka County Jail and Justice System Assessment

Due to current and future detention needs, Sheriff James Stuart made a request to the National Institute of Corrections for a Jail and Justice System Assessment. Our current jail facility has served us well but is no longer meeting the needs of our community, law enforcement, and courts. The facility does not have enough bed space for the inmates requiring detention, is facing ever increasing maintenance costs, and is of an antiquated design that prevents the efficient and safe processing of individuals.

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a Jail and Justice System Assessment Community Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2017. The meeting will be held in our Community Room located at 13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The meeting agenda is as follows:

1. Welcome and Introductions – Jail and Justice Service Assessment Overview
 - a. What is National Institute of Corrections (NIC)?
 - b. NIC Resources and Services
 - c. Attendee Introductions and Expectations
 - d. What is a Jail and Justice Service Assessment?
2. Presentation of Jail Observations and Impressions – Jail Data Indications
3. Review of the Inventory of Existing and Potential Alternatives or Processes that Could Impact Jail Population
4. Facility Development Process Overview with Special Emphasis on Needs Assessment as a starting point in the planning process
5. Readiness Assessment Planning
6. Next Steps
7. Adjourn

“This is an opportunity for residents to learn about the Justice System Process, and it is important to us that we continue to be transparent and open with our community partners. Since this has a large, but often unseen, impact on our communities, we invite anyone with an interest to attend,” Sheriff James Stuart.

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Commander Dave Pacholl at 763-324-5101.