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Take Charge Program Safe Community Campaign

(Forestville, Maryland) The Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc. *Embraced the Spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood* with our Safe Community Campaign at Drew Freeman Middle School in District 7. Mr. Ernie Gaskins, Take Charge Program's Vice President coordinated the outreach effort by speaking to over 400 (7th and 8th) grade students about the effects of smoking; gang prevention and vehicle theft. Take Charge Program was honored to be accompanied by the Honorable Karen Toles, Councilmember District 7 who provided remarks; and Corporal Gholston, Prince George's County Police Department.

Take Charge Juvenile Diversion Program, Inc. will be visiting several schools throughout Prince George's County to provide gang, vehicle theft, and smoking prevention seminars. Take Charge Program provides continual outreach efforts in Prince George's County Schools by having an information desk inside the schools at various times throughout the school year. We look forward to helping transform the lives of our youth and impacting their future.

Take Charge Program is a 501c3 non-profit specializing in juvenile gang and crime prevention, intervention, and family strengthening program. Created as an alternative to detention, school expulsion and suspension, the program focuses on cultural pride, family pride, and academic enhancement. Take Charge has been providing services to at-risk youth and their families in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area for over 20 years—assisting over 500 families annually.

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