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## PRESS RELEASE

### 10/21/09

**Calumet City, IL:** The City of Calumet City has laid off seven police officers on 15 OCT 09. We strongly believe that this is the wrong action at precisely the wrong time. The city is compromising the safety of our community at a time when crime is dramatically high.

We've made numerous attempts to help the city cut its police budget without cutting service, and the city rejected all of them. Instead, the city wanted to decrease manpower by forcing officers off the street with furlough days. Once again, that action would compromise the safety of our community at a time when we need all of the police manpower we can muster.

In addition, while this is going on, our aldermen are collecting healthy salaries and benefits for part-time work, while our mayor engages in the friends and family city payroll plan, locking in her son and her lifelong friend.

The administration of this city is dining on steaks while they're trying to put our police officers on food stamps.

But more importantly, they're compromising the safety of our community at a time when crime is dramatically up. That's nonsense at a time when above all else we need common sense.

On Thursday 22 OCT 09 starting at 6:00pm, Calumet City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #1, will be having an informational picket at Calumet City Hall (204 Pulaski Rd, Calumet City, IL) for the council meeting. Concerned citizens of Calumet City and those who support law enforcement will be in attendance. We will be meeting at Memorial Park (600 Wentworth Ave, Calumet City, IL) and walking two blocks to city hall. Council meeting starts at 7:30pm with a public forum. For more information contact Lodge #1 President Mitch Growe at 708-712-9806.

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