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**Housing Authority of Elgin and Elgin Police Department Walk & Talk 2017 on Saturday July 29, 2017.**

**Locations: Housing Authority of Elgin properties, 120 &130 State Street Buildings, Elizabeth Court, Illinois Court, Wing Court, Norman Nelson, Washington & Watch Court.**

Elgin, IL July 25, 2017- In efforts to increase outreach and expand on the COP inititave, The Housing Authority and EPD are hosting a Walk and Talk at all HAE owned properties .

On Saturday July 29, 2017 HAE staff, ACC staff, EPD officers and community partners will be joining together to reach out to residents to expand on the COP Initiative. The original initiative was introduced last year to increase positive community-police relationships.This initiative provides a forum for residents and officers to come together, increase dialogue, discuss community issues, and develop positive solutions that will continue impact the community in a productive way.

“The Housing Authority of Elgin enjoys a great working relationship with the Elgin Police Department. Chielf Swoboda has pledge his staff and resources to continue to develop and foster communication with affordable housing residents,” said CEO Damon Duncan.

This event will begin at various HAE sites between 12:00pm – 12:30pm for the Walk And Talk. Immediatley following, residents will be invited to join HAE staff, ACC staff, EPD officers and community partners for a community BBQ from 12:30pm-2:00pm. For additional information contact Damon Duncan.

About HAE: The Housing Authority of Elgin provides affordable homes and services to more than 1,500 low and moderate-income families, including over 1,100 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program. More information about the Housing Authority of Elgin can be found at [www.haelgin.org](http://www.haelgin.org).