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Chief Kyle Heagney is pleased to announce the Attleboro Police Department, in conjunction with the Attleboro School Department, will participate in a terrific community event called “High Five Friday”.

On the morning of Friday, March 24, 2017, the Attleboro Police Department, will participate in “High Five Friday” at the 5 elementary schools and St. John the Evangelist School.

This community event will have Police Officers greet elementary school children as they arrive for school and exchange “High Fives” as students enter the school to start their day.

“This is a great mutual opportunity for the police officers and our school children,” said Chief Heagney. “I am grateful for Superintendent Sawyer’s support and eagerness to engage in these types of programs which fosters relationship building between our police officers and the schools. He certainly has been a tremendous change agent for our school system.”

High Five Friday is an outstanding opportunity to have positive engagement with the youth in our community. It fits perfectly with recommendations by the “President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.” Specifically it is in line with following two Pillars of 21st Century Policing. They are: “Pillar #I - Building Trust and Legitimacy” and “Pillar #IV – Community Policing and Crime Reduction.”

The goals of this event are:

- Positive interaction with school children and Police
- Added sense of security for faculty, students and parents
- Builds trust
- Reduces fear

- Fosters positive relationships
- Police Officers are viewed as guardians and part of the community
- Officers gain a greater sense of friendship with faculty, students and parents

Attleboro Police Officers will be greeting students at the following locations:

1. Hill-Roberts Elementary School
2. Hyman Fine Elementary School
3. Studley Elementary School
4. Thacher Elementary School
5. Willett Elementary School
6. St. John the Evangelist School

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