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DIRECT RESULTS TEAM (DRT)

Interim Chief of Police Roger Fields announced today that a group of officers, from within the department, is being formed to proactively resolve criminal activity, community issues, and concerns.

Coined as the "Direct Results Team" (DRT), the group will be utilized to address, investigate, and quickly resolve those tasks that they are assigned. "The DRT will receive daily instruction," explained Interim Chief Fields. "The primary purpose of the team is to identify perpetrators as quickly as possible and deal with them accordingly, for many times a single individual or group may be responsible for a multitude of crimes."

Those officers assigned to the DRT may work together as a group or individually, depending on their assignments. Today they may be assigned follow-up on a series of burglaries from the night before or to address complaints about park curfew violations.

The Cape Girardeau Police Department responds to over 50,000 calls for service annually. Police officers often find themselves with most of their time obligated to calls for service with little to no time to follow-up on calls immediately. The DRT will be afforded the versatility to operate without routine business constraints but have the expectation of reducing criminal behavior and resolving issues within our community.

