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Freeport West honors Minneapolis & Saint Paul police during National Police Week May 10 – 14, 2010:

Minneapolis, MN (April 29, 2010) – Freeport West is a 40-year old human services nonprofit providing services to at-risk, runaway and homeless youth. Freeport will be celebrating National Police Week beginning Monday, May 10th thru Friday, May 14th by hosting weekday morning continental breakfasts culminating in a hot sit down breakfast at their Saint Paul location. These breakfasts will offer police the opportunity engage in conversation with Freeport staff.

In 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as “Police Week”. Annually, tens of thousands of police officers from across the world gather to participate in a number of events to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The week long events will provide Freeport staff an opportunity to get to know the police officers who serve in the community. We see this as an opportunity towards engaging in a long term positive relationship. As a symbol of appreciation Freeport will be passing out thank you stickers as well as blue ribbons which serve as a reminder of those law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Freeport provides many basic needs services; including life skills training, education & employment services, health & wellness guidance, temporary & permanent housing assistance, a safe house and street outreach. Freeport has expanded services to include domestic violence prevention and intervention, teen pregnancy prevention and intervention, mentoring and guidance education focused on youth aging out of the foster care system and through Project Step UP have focused on violence prevention and intervention with youth at risk for juvenile offenses.

For more information on Freeport West or the programs and services it provides please call 612.824.3040 or visit www.freeportwest.org.

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