Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Anthony E. Bell, Sr. and I am a native Washingtonian and a retired D.C. Police Department Sergeant. I served the District for 23 years, 4 months, and 15 days.

I currently own and operate a fitness center in S.E. inside of the Marbury Plaza Apartments located at 2300 Good Hope Road.

My last years on the police department were served in the Youth Division as Asst. Director of the Police Boy's and Girl's Clubs.

When I first took over that position, I wondered what a Sergeant did in the Youth Division. I wondered how in the world would I have an impact on crime assigned to the Youth Division?

I was in charge of ten boy's and girl's clubs throughout D.C. as well as Director of the Police Boy's and Girls' Club summer camp located in Scotland, Md. We fielded many football, baseball, and basketball teams of all ages in each area and caused them to compete.

Now here's what I didn't understand, at first. In order to play on these teams, a child would have to have integrity, character, strength, a sense of fair play, respect, and get good grades in school as well. These traits taught them how to be good citizens, to respect themselves, parents, teachers, and each other.

Far too often, developers come in and build and build without any plans for the community's well-being. Having attended several meetings through AEDC, I had the opportunity to sit and listen to this developer's plans and confess, I found them quite refreshing. They have plans for safety and security of its' residents, after-school activities for the children, and health and fitness for all. As such, I feel that this innovative approach is worthy of support. THESE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO "HANG" SOMEWHERE! WHY NOT ENCOURAGE THEM TO "HANG" IN A WHOLESOME ENVIRONMENT WITH THE PROPER POSITIVE ROLE MODELS? Thank You

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Meet Your Criminal Justice Trainer

Mr. Anthony E. Bell, Sr. started his career in Law Enforcement in 1963 as a patrol officer with the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia. During his 30 years of experience in Law Enforcement, he became proficient in an extensive variety of enforcement, service, investigative training, supervision and consulting.

Among the positions he has held are Sergeant of the Youth Division, Watch Commander of the Child Abuse & Neglect Sections, Director of the Police Boys and Girls Summer Camp, Director of Education of NBS Law Enforcement Academy, Assistant Director of the Police Boys & Girls Club, Executive Officer of the Prince George's Municipal Police Academy, Director of Safety Management for Southern Management Corporation, Deputy Director of the Prince George's Community College's Criminal Justice Training Center, Training and Special Projects Manager and Operations Manager of the Washington Hospital Center.

He retired from the Metropolitan Police Department April 15, 1986 and is presently a member of the faculty of Prince George's Community College. He owns and operates the Metropolitan Fitness and Safety Academy in Washington, D.C. and serves as its' President and CEO. He has also served as a consultant for several prestigious law firms in the Washington area and has written speeches for several politicians in the area.

Anthony Bell has been active in many civic organizations for many years including, Past Master of Prince Hall Masons, Big Brothers of the National Capitol Area, former member of the Board of Directors of Concerned Citizens Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Past President of Holy Family Catholic Youth Organization, Past President of Potomac High School's Parent/Teacher's Association, and Mentor for P.G. Community College's Black Student Retention Program.

He has provided counseling services, and written news articles for Women's Issues and Concerns (WIC) and currently counsels residents/inmates for P.G. Detention Center and other institutions. He is a member of the Prince George's County Municipal Chief's Association and a certified Criminal Justice instructor by the Maryland Police & Correctional Training Commission.