

# HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## News Release



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### **Community representatives attend Homeland Security Conference**

**December 2, 2010 (Minneapolis)** – On November 29, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office organized a Homeland Security Conference with representatives from the Hmong, Somali, and Latino communities. The conference was held in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, Minneapolis Police, and St. Paul Police.

“Community representatives provided outstanding feedback to law enforcement about building partnerships with law enforcement and within their respective communities,” said Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek. “Everyone who attended demonstrated a commitment to learn about public safety and ways we can better protect our entire community.”

The meeting was held at Hennepin County Central Public Library in Minneapolis. It provided an opportunity for community representatives to learn about a variety of homeland security concerns including both domestic and international terrorism. The U.S. National Counter Terrorism Center has indicated that future terrorist attacks have shifted away from large scale incidents and instead they are more likely to be less organized, locally based individuals who may carry out lower-level incidents with greater frequency.

People who attended the conference also discussed ways to reduce crime and provide better outreach to youth. Information was provided about ways to improve community oriented policing and best practices in building partnerships in diverse communities.

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