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**FLPD LAUNCHES NEXTDOOR,
A VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the City of Fort Lauderdale Neighborhood Support Office are proud to announce a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), a free, private, social network for neighborhoods. This network will help facilitate virtual neighborhood watch programs to help improve neighbor-to-neighbor communications.

Each neighborhood within the City has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood and police personnel. Residents can use their website to get to know their neighbors, ask questions and exchange local advice or recommendations.

Nextdoor provides a central hub for neighbors to share information about recent incidents, safety issues, local events, school activities, upcoming garage sales, lost pets, and much more. Neighborhoods establish and self-manage their own Nextdoor website. Information shared on Nextdoor is only visible to verified members. Fort Lauderdale Police Department Personnel will be able to post important information, such as crime updates to Nextdoor sites within the city.

“In this day and age, it is vital for neighbors to unite, communicate and know their neighborhood. Nextdoor makes it easy for neighbors to establish virtual neighborhood watch and help our officers combat crime.” Chief Frank Adderley.

Nextdoor was specifically designed to improve the lines of communication between neighbors in order to build stronger communities. All members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by the general public, nor can the information be found on Google or other search engines.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been mapped into eighty-six (86) different neighborhoods. Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address. If Nextdoor is available in their area, they can immediately sign up. If a Nextdoor website has not yet been established for their area, active and engaged neighbors are invited and encouraged to introduce Nextdoor to their neighborhood.

If you have questions about the Nextdoor website for your neighborhood you can Ryan Henderson at RHenderson@fortlauderdale.gov or help.nextdoor.com.

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