

12th Annual Police Community Unity Day

in conjunction with

Charleston Police Weed & Seed Department

Law enforcement, parents, children, and neighbors working together to build a better community.

“Together We Stand, Divided Our Community Will Surely Fall.”

As a young man, I aspired to be a police officer. The local Police Departments are the best in the state of South Carolina. As with many things, I grew older and my aspirations changed, but I still hold our local officers in high regard. One of my proudest moments as a city councilman was, when I was able to collaborate with the city’s Director of the Weed and Seed Program to organize an inviting forum for the community to interact with our city’s police officers.

My dream is to let everyone see that by working with Chief Mullen, Chief Zumalt, Sheriff Cannon and our city’s diligent police officers, uniting organizations such as neighborhood associations, churches, and businesses that citizens will help prevent senseless murders and other heinous crimes. Our goal is to build positive, trusting relationships. For we know that when concerned citizens feel comfortable sharing accurate information with our officers, suspects may be detained and justice may be served swiftly. This proactive behavior may reclaim our community from the small minority that is determined to destroy the harmony of the “Holy City”.

The message we hope that people will take from this event is, if you witness a crime, don’t simply share it with your neighbors or keep it to yourself. Share your information with the police. Who knows, you may hold the missing piece of the puzzle that could potentially solve an unsolved mystery or prevent unforeseen danger. As a proud state representative, rest assured that I will support any legislation pertaining to the safety of our citizens that will help keep habitual offenders off the streets. I urge all residents of the tri-county area to contact their state senators and representatives to see that bills of this nature are passed.

“This world of ours...must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Representative *Wendell G. Gilliard*