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City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake to Call for Police Training with State's Attorney

Baltimore, MD (August 13, 2007) – Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will introduce a resolution at tonight's Council Meeting calling for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and the Police Commissioner to cooperatively develop an inter-agency training program for police officers that develops arrest policies that support effective prosecution of criminals.

"As a former Public Defender, I understand that an officer's job is not complete with an arrest," said Council President Rawlings-Blake. "They are the front lines to building a prosecutable case to increase conviction rates, and reduce recidivism. The State's Attorney's Office has a clear stake in ensuring officers gather the evidence they need to build a solid case."

The resolution will be introduced at tonight's Council Meeting on first reader, and will be referred to the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee.

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