



Yakima Police Department



News Release

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News Conference to be Held to Discuss Operation Invictus Status

The U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, and the Yakima Police Department will host a **news conference** beginning at **10:00 am** on **Thursday, October 10th** to discuss the status of **Operation Invictus Civitas**, a joint effort of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to reduce violent crime in the Yakima Valley.

The news conference will take place at **Dad's House Church**, located at **315 N. 5th Avenue**. Representatives of the various law enforcement agencies that have been participating in *Operation Invictus Civitas* will discuss the results of their efforts during the news conference.

Operation Invictus Civitas (Latin for "Undefeatable Community") began in early June of this year. The U.S. Marshals Service designed the operation to initiate a community-based, comprehensive, multi-component strategy targeting violent crime offenders.

"The primary objective of the Yakima Police Department is to reduce violent crime," said Yakima Police Chief Matt Murray. "The partnerships that have been formed through *Operation Invictus Civitas* have made a very positive impact toward achieving that goal. I am proud of the role the Yakima Police Department has played during the operation and can assure the Yakima community that the commitment to reducing violent crime is paying off," said Murray.