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COMSTAT

The Newton Police Department is pleased to announce the return of COMSTAT.

The city of Newton has always enjoyed a reputation for being one of the safest cities in America. It is one of the reasons why people move here and stay here. In 2002, the Newton Police Department implemented the COMSTAT system which allows for the timely analysis of crime statistics and the rapid deployment of officers in a focused and synchronized fashion. This prevents crimes from occurring and reduces the potential for future crime.

In 2004, the police department suspended the COMSTAT system in favor of other methods to prevent or reduce crime. According to Chief Matthew A. Cummings, the system should never have been suspended and he is pleased to announce that within a month, the COMSTAT system will be up and running once again. Chief Cummings believes COMSTAT is critical to effective police work and contributes to a high standard for public safety.

"I am extremely pleased that Chief Cummings has chosen to reinstate the COMSTAT system. This is especially important at a time when economic conditions have resulted in a rise in property crime - a trend the police department is monitoring closely and working to address. COMSTAT is a critical tool in their arsenal and its return will aid in effective police work to stem the tide of rising crime and maintain Newton's reputation for public safety" Mayor Warren said.