Statement from Chief Patrick Thessing

The City of North Little Rock has experienced an increase in violent crime over the past several months which is consistent with the uptick in violent crimes across the nation. We understand that this increase of violent crime is a cause for concern with the citizens and visitors to our city.

We are working with our local, state and, federal partners in an effort to help reduce these incidents and target the individuals that are responsible. The men and women of the North Little Rock Police Department are dedicated to ensuring the safety of all persons who call North Little Rock home. Our thoughts and prayers will always be with the victims and their families who have suffered from these senseless acts of violence.

Mayor Hartwick and I communicate on a regular basis to discuss incidents that have occurred in the City. We speak specifically about the incidents involving violent crime and are committed to working with all available resources to stop the violence.

The men and women of the North Little Rock Police Department will continue to pursue every lead until ALL person(s) responsible for these violent acts are brought to justice.