

## 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 hard 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.

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.

We did respond to several incidents over the weekend, including the incident that occurred at Chili's on McCain Boulevard. Due to the hard work of investigators and patrol officers, the suspect in this incident was arrested on Sunday morning.

In an unrelated incident, officers responded to a shooting where one person was injured and another person was pronounced deceased. Investigators are currently pursuing every lead in this incident and will continue to do so until the person(s) responsible are brought to justice.