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**Rockford Police to Participate in 2nd Annual National *Coffee with a Cop*
*Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues***

ROCKFORD, Ill. – On Wednesday, October 4, 2017, officers from the Rockford Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. Coffee with a Cop will take place from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the following locations:

- McDonald's, 3710 Auburn Street
- Burger King, 909 W. Riverside Boulevard
- Sister's Café, 2626 Kilburn Avenue
- Katie's Cup, 502 7th Street
- McDonald's, 1441 Kishwaukee Street
- McDonald's, 1032 E. State Street
- McDonald's, 4365 11th Street
- Wired Café - 414 E. State Street
- Meg's Daily Grind, 1141 N. Alpine Road
- Mary's Market - 4431 E. State Street

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work throughout the community. *Coffee with a Cop* breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

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