

Ft. Pierce Police Department News Release

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Police launch campaign to educate community about proposed youth protection ordinance

Ordinance is expected to become a law on March 5 after second and final reading

FORT PIERCE – City Commissioners on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, unanimously approved on first reading a revised version of the city’s juvenile protection ordinance.

The revisions, two years in the making, are expected to pass during the March 5 City Commission meeting and become effective immediately.

“This measure is being taken to protect our youth from the troubles associated with late night activity,” said Acting Chief R. Sean Baldwin.

The city’s ordinance is fashioned after one used in Leesburg, FL and incorporates issues addressed by the Florida Supreme Court in previous court rulings regarding the constitutionality of curfews.

During the next several weeks, the Police Department will embark on an awareness campaign to get the word out. Efforts are being coordinated with the St. Lucie County School District, local social service agencies and the media.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED YOUTH PROTECTION ORDINANCE