



## **“Stand Together For A Safer Indianapolis” (STFASI)**

One key aspect of the STFASI campaign is to establish relationships with Churches, IMPD, community organizations, and individuals from the community they represent to facilitate the necessary dialogue about reducing crime and gun violence in our communities that will yield actionable solutions.

The **‘Pizza with Police & Pastors’** Community Engagement Session is one way we will establish those relationships and facilitate meaningful dialogue that will ultimately have a positive impact on reducing crime and gun violence within Indianapolis communities. The events will bring community members, law enforcement and local pastors together to discuss ways that we can personally, and as a community, come together to not only help reduce crime but help support each other.

During our most recent **“Pizza with Police & Pastors”** event at Castleton United Methodist Church, we had a very engaged group of nearly 60 Community Members, Pastors, Police and Community Organizations. The sole question and point of discussion that was proposed to each person in attendance was: ***What can I personally do to help reduce crime?***

Here are some of the responses to the question that were received and discussed:

- ❖ Gather a few good community members together to create a Neighborhood Crime Watch
- ❖ Get rid of the THEM vs US mindset and try bringing everyone together to have a discussion
- ❖ Go outside of the church walls and workplace to provide resources
- ❖ Educate others on the purpose of police
- ❖ Help when and where you can/Give suggestions
- ❖ Get to know business owners in your community
- ❖ If you see something say something
- ❖ Get more involved/attend public forums to discuss concerns
- ❖ Get better assistance for community calls that are not crime related such as parents having problems with kids/teens, animal control issues and assistance for the disabled community criminal and non-criminal issues
- ❖ Finding better assistance for struggling families to receive food and other needed resources
- ❖ Learning and knowing your surroundings/Being aware of where your family members are
- ❖ Mentoring programs for youth, Single parents, and even other family members and guardians
- ❖ Apply with IMPD not only for Law Enforcement jobs but also professional staff positions

All responses, ideas and solutions generated as a result of Community Engagement discussions will be consolidated and shared with individuals within communities throughout Indianapolis via a web portal and various social media platforms (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram), that are currently being created. In the meantime, if you attended this event and shared your contact information, you should be receiving this communication.

**Please join us during our next “Pizza with Police & Pastors” event scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> 11AM-12:30PM, at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1301 N Goodlet Ave. Indianapolis IN 46222**