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(D) – District 4*

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COUNCIL MEMBER TURNER WILL RECOGNIZE STUDENTS DEDICATED TO HELPING OTHERS

Young Men will be honored for their certification in disaster skills training program

On Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at Longfields Elementary School, Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner (D) – District 4 will speak to the 40 young men who have successfully completed the Teen CERT training, along with the parents/guardians and staff from Longfields Elementary School.

In September, Council Member Turner awarded a \$2,500 grant to Longfields Elementary School, Men of Tomorrow program to implement the Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team in partnership with the Iota Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.), administered through Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security. Through the program, 40 male participants in the Men of Tomorrow program have been receiving training in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, the participants will be able to assist others in their school, neighborhoods or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

In her remarks, Council Member Turner will thank Mr. Calvin Hawkins, Jr., Chief of Community Affairs and Education, Prince George's County Office of Homeland Security; Mr. Jeffrey Holmes, Principal, Longfields Elementary School; and Mrs. Kathy K. Waymman, President, Iota Gamma Omega chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for partnering in this program.

The Men of Tomorrow program is a self-supporting after school program at Longfields Elementary School. The program is not funded through the Prince George's County school system; it receives support from parent, staff, grants and private donors.

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