



### News Advisory

Date: Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Event: Official Opening, Ribbon Cutting, and Tour of New Community Connection Center

Where: New Community Connection Center, 1428-A Thomas Delpit Dr.

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#### **East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority Provides Facility in South Baton Rouge for Community Policing and Outreach**

An official opening will be held for the new Community Connection Center at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, with a ribbon cutting and tour. The East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority (EBRPHA) is providing the space at no cost for the new center located at 1374 Thomas Delpit Drive in the EBRPHA's River South community.

The Community Connection Center (CCC) is a City-Parish initiative designed to continue outreach efforts to bridge the gap that has existed between the citizens of Baton Rouge and its police department. The new center is one of a series of major recommendations proposed by the initiative of the Police Policy Review Board, which undertook extensive community discussion, research and analyses to enhance community policing efforts during the past two years.

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## CCC Ribbon Cutting

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The opening will be led by representatives of various partnering organizations, including Councilwoman Tara Wicker, District 10, and Councilman Trey Wilson, District 1, representing the City-Parish Council; Baton Rouge Police Department, Community-Police Ambassadors; Louisiana Public Broadcasting, the City of Baton Rouge and EBRPHA. Police Chief Murphy Paul will attend the event.

Daniels noted that the River South's mixed-use buildings were developed under the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOPE VI grant in 2003 and it has served the residents of the redeveloped housing in the as an activity space for residents. A former tenant was Youth Build.

The center has high visibility with its location at the corner of Thomas Delpit Drive and River South Way and includes a large activity room, four small offices, a kitchen and bathrooms, and parking located in the rear, added Daniels.

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