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To: Members of Middletown Town Council
Cc: Community Outreach Department, Fire Chief, Police Chief
From: Shawn J. Brown, Town Administrator 
Date: November 19, 2024
Re: Situation Table Program in Partnership with Newport

I am writing to propose that the Town of Middletown collaborate with the City of Newport to implement the Situation Table program, a proactive initiative designed to support individuals facing acutely elevated risks. This program facilitates coordinated interventions by bringing together various community stakeholders, including law enforcement, fire services, mental health professionals, and social service agencies.

Key Points:

- **Shared Training Costs:** The total cost for the program's training and implementation is \$25,288. We propose that Middletown and Newport each contribute half, amounting to \$12,644 per municipality.
- **Project Leadership:** Lori Turner from our Community Outreach Department will serve as Middletown's lead on this project. She has already engaged in discussions with our Police and Fire Chiefs to assess the program's potential benefits and integration with our existing protocols.
- **Program Benefits:**
 - **Enhanced Support:** The Situation Table model enables timely and coordinated responses to individuals with complex needs, thereby improving outcomes and reducing the strain on emergency services.
 - **Strengthened Partnerships:** Participation will foster stronger relationships with neighboring communities, state agencies, and non-

profit organizations, enhancing our collective capacity to address community challenges.

Success in Other Communities:

The Situation Table model has been successfully implemented in various regions:

- **Chelsea, Massachusetts:** The Chelsea Hub, established in 2015, brings together over 20 agencies to address situations of elevated risk, resulting in improved community safety and well-being.
- **Corvallis, Oregon:** Since its inception, the Corvallis Situation Table has addressed 23 situations, assisting 37 individuals, with 74% reporting reduced risk levels.
- **Frankfort, Kentucky:** In its first four months, Frankfort's Situation Table addressed 14 situations, proactively preventing potential crises.
- **Calgary, Alberta:** Action Table Calgary, inspired by the Situation Table model, brings together over 30 agencies to provide coordinated support, addressing cases of elevated risk within 24 to 48 hours.

These examples demonstrate the program's effectiveness in enhancing community safety and well-being through collaborative efforts.

I recommend that the Town Council approve Middletown's participation in this initiative, sharing the training costs with Newport. This collaboration represents a strategic investment in our community's safety and the well-being of our residents.

Thank you for considering this proposal.