



## City of Hartsville, SC

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### **City of Hartsville to host second STAND Program meeting**

**WHAT:** Community meeting introducing the STAND (Stop and Take a New Direction) Program

**WHERE:** Butler Community Center Auditorium, 1103 S. Sixth St., Hartsville, SC

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, 6 p.m.

**Hartsville, S.C.** – The City of Hartsville is inviting all local residents to a community meeting providing more information on the STAND (Stop and Take a New Direction) Program, a partnership of federal and local law enforcement aimed at finding alternatives to incarceration while reducing crime in neighborhoods.

The meeting will take place in the Butler Community Center Auditorium, 1103 S. Sixth St., on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. Bill Nettles, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, will speak at the meeting. Nettles' office is partnering with the Hartsville Police Department to create the program.

This will be the second meeting introducing the STAND Program, after a July 24 meeting at City Hall in which concerned residents heard from local law enforcement and elected officials. Lance Crick of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina presented the results of a similar partnership in the City of North Charleston. That program targeted the open-air drug market in a neighborhood in which federal and local law enforcement prosecuted some drug dealers while identifying low-level offenders who were offered rehabilitation options, including counseling and job placement assistance.

"When residents believe in what this program can accomplish, it can have the power to transform a neighborhood for the better," Hartsville Police Chief James Hudson said. "We saw a lot of interest in the program at the first meeting, and I hope we can get many more residents to come out on Aug. 26 to learn more and voice their concerns."

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