

Statement

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Councilmember Hedge-Morrell

Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell Statement
Re: Shooting Near St. Bernard Community Center

New Orleans, LA - August 11, 2009 - "My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of last night's shooting near the St. Bernard Community Center. I wish those injured a speedy recovery. Fortunately, none of the injuries were life threatening, and all victims have been released from the hospital.

"Such acts of violence have no place in our city. The City Council recently allocated additional funds to increase NOPD presence throughout the city. I have been assured by Superintendent Riley of the NOPD that additional patrols will be provided in the affected area. We will continue to work to improve the safety of our residents and reduce senseless crimes such as this."

Anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers at (504) 822-1111 or toll-free at 1-877-903-7867. Callers do not have to give their names or testify and can earn as much as \$2,500 for tips that lead to an indictment.

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New Orleans City Council

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