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WESTFIELD POLICE CHIEF RELEASES STATEMENT REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS WARNING OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE ON DECEMBER 17

No evidence of credible threats in the Westfield Schools

WESTFIELD, NJ – DECEMBER 16, 2021 – Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has advised that social media posts in circulation nationwide warning of school violence on Friday, December 17, have come to the attention of local law enforcement officials and school administrators.

Chief Battiloro reiterates that the Westfield Police Department has received no specific, credible information to suggest that any act of violence has been planned for any Westfield school.

“The Westfield Police Department is always monitoring communications provided by the New Jersey Regional Operations Intelligence Center and other law enforcement fusion centers,” stated Chief Battiloro. “There is no credible information to indicate this threat is specific to any school in Westfield, or even any school in New Jersey. Nevertheless, we must always remain vigilant at all times,” he added.

Chief Battiloro advises that uniformed Westfield Police Department officers already maintain a highly visible presence at all Westfield schools, and they will continue do so on Friday, December 17 as well. This includes not only at drop-off and pick-up times, but also during school operating hours.

As always, Chief Battiloro urges anyone who observes any suspicious persons, vehicles and/or activities to immediately report them to the Westfield Police Department via 9-1-1.

“The Westfield Police Department will communicate any relevant information it receives to school administrators and it will work with them to ensure the safety of their students and staff at all times,” stated Chief Battiloro.

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