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The Caldwell Police Department is proud to announce the formulation and deployment of a new specialized unit titled: “Operation Safe Streets,” or “OSS.” The unit will be responsible for the prevention and or apprehension of offenders involved in gang-related crimes in the City of Caldwell, and throughout the greater Caldwell area and Canyon County. Officers assigned to the “Operation Safe Streets” unit will collaborate with neighboring law enforcement agencies to reduce gang-related crimes and to enhance investigations in order to hold offenders accountable at the highest level for their participation in criminal street gang activity. Moreover, these officers will work with our federal task force officers and will be a force multiplier in our fight against criminal street gangs and organized crime in the Treasure Valley.

“OSS” will consist of one Sergeant, one Corporal, and three police officers who will be assigned to this full-time team and will report to a Bureau Lieutenant and Captain. Our community deserves to feel safe and the creation of this unit will ensure that Caldwell remains a safe place for everyone to live, work and play. As we approach the spring and summer months, “OSS” will be present in the community during peak times to reduce violence with a data-driven and focused approach.

“For anyone who identifies themselves as a gang member, associates themselves with gang members and chooses to break the rule of law, or otherwise believe that they need to “put in work,” at the direction of and or benefit of a criminal street gang, we will find you and bring you to justice. Idaho is not the place for you or your friends to seek refuge in terrorizing the community. Caldwell is not your “turf” and this is not a battlefield. This is the United States of America and we support the rule of law, which gives us the authority and responsibility to protect and defend each and every person who chooses to seek life, liberty, and pursue happiness here. Unfortunately, if you are a gang member, your beliefs do not align with the foundational principles of American freedom and democracy. Should you choose to continue committing gang crimes in our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, or in our beloved community, OSS will facilitate a peaceful transition for a future life in a state or federal correctional institution,” said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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