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Building stronger relationships between the Hartford Community, Police and Fire Departments, and Houses of Worship.

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Know Thy Neighbor, an initiative of the Hartford Police & Fire Department and the Faith Based Initiative, will hold a community event this coming Saturday:

Clay Arsenal Neighborhood: Saturday, September 24, 12:00pm – 4:00pm, at 127 Mather Street, Hartford, CT.
(12pm-2pm-community cleanup, 2-4pm community block party)

There will be free food, music, and games for children and adults at the event. We also have over 15 community organizations confirmed that will be present to connect with residents.

Know Thy Neighbor is a series of action-oriented community dialogues initiated by the Police Department and the Faith Based Initiative to strengthen relationships between community residents and police and fire in the Clay Arsenal and Frog Hollow neighborhoods. In each neighborhood, a group of residents, police officers & fire fighters have had several meetings to discuss community needs and possible actions to meet the needs. As one of their actions for change, both groups decided to organize a community event to bring residents and police and fire together to build relationships and have fun together. Both groups will be working on additional actions in the future.

“Know thy Neighbor is a replication of an old fashioned way of life. As our parents grew up and we grew up, our neighbors policed the neighborhood kids, the neighborhood watched out for those who would do us harm in various fashions, and our neighbors were bonded together with a sense pride for their neighborhood. I am proud as a Chief of a department that embraces community policing and the Faith Based Initiative (FBI) for embracing and growing the important concept.” ~ James Rovella, Hartford Police Chief.

“Through Know Thy Neighbor community residents have been engaged in the conversation to help make a difference. I met a gentleman that use to conduct himself differently in the streets years ago. Today, he is a family man and through Know Thy Neighbor he wants to help make a difference by giving back to the community he once terrorized.” ~ Eliezer Mercado, Faith Based Initiative.

Know Thy Neighbor is an initiative under the umbrella of the Faith Based Initiative.

