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Salisbury Police Department Cordially Invites Citizens to Attend New Facility Dedication Service

Facility Tour and Refreshments to Immediately Follow Event

Salisbury, NC_March 22, 2007 - The Salisbury Police Department cordially invites citizens to attend the dedication service of their newly expanded and renovated Salisbury Police Department on Monday, March 26 at 11 a.m. Citizens may park in the gravel lot off of Kerr Street and walk to the intersection of Lee and Liberty Street for the service. The intersection will be temporarily closed to traffic during the event.

In 1975, the previous police headquarters provided officers with a modern 26,000 square foot facility. This structure would offer service to the department for the next thirty years. A 1999 needs assessment identified facility options with growth consideration for the next twenty years, at approximately \$8 million. In 2004, KKA Architecture developed a renovation and expansion plan for the existing facility for \$3.1 million, which offered a substantial 60% savings over the construction of a new building. Following a ground breaking ceremony on August 11, 2005, renovation of the existing facility began mid-August 2005 with final construction completed December 2006.

Mayor Susan Kluttz will be joined at the dedication service by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Woodson, Councilman William "Pete" Kennedy, Councilman Bill Burgin, and Councilman Mark Lewis. Mayor Kluttz will speak on behalf of the City Council and present an American flag to the police department. The flag will be raised during the ceremony and flown on-site, each day. Mayor Kluttz shares, "The Salisbury City Council is extremely proud of the dedicated men and women of the Salisbury Police Department and the outstanding service they provide to our citizens. We are delighted that this new expansion will provide the adequate space necessary for them to continue their work efficiently."

In addition to the Mayor, City Manager David Treme and Police Chief Mark Wilhelm will participate in the dedication. Chief Wilhelm adds, "Our mission at the Salisbury Police Department is to provide quality law enforcement services with honest, fair and ethical treatment of all. Our dedicated police men and women are committed to creating a safe Salisbury environment while providing quality customer service. We invite all citizens to attend our dedication service and to enjoy refreshments and a tour of our newly renovated facility following the ceremony."

For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Police Department, its services and departments, please visit us on the World Wide Web at www.salisburync.gov.

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