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## **Badges and Bagels Event Upcoming**

*December 22, 2014* (Siloam Springs, Ark.) A new monthly City event called Badges and Bagels will begin Tuesday, January 13. This free breakfast event, hosted by the Siloam Springs Police Department, is a way for community members to get to know City staff and have questions answered in a relaxed environment. It will take place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the Community Building of the new Police Department- 100 US Highway 412 W.

The event will take place on the second Tuesday of each month and will feature a complimentary breakfast to all who attend. This first month will focus on “getting to know the new Chief”.

“Badges and Bagels is an opportunity to come together and meet as friends and allies,” says Police Chief Jim Wilmeth. “ It’s an approach to policing that honors the relationship between officers and our community, and empowers us all by fostering constructive dialogue and encouraging direct input from residents of Siloam Springs. A simple meal, some casual conversation, and a comfortable environment can often accomplish more than we realize.”

The first event will focus on Chief Wilmeth’s background, philosophy, guidance principles and upcoming PD events.



Monthly schedule:

- January- “get to know the new Chief”
- February- Police business
- March- Once a month trash collection
- April- severe weather
- May- National Police month
- June- water safety
- July- keep animals and people safe during the heat
- August- open for City department
- September- open for City department
- October- Drug prevention or National Fire Prevention week info
- November- open for City department
- December- drunk driving prevention

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