



# News Release

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## Public Invited to Coffee with Cops at Ridgewater

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HUTCHINSON, MN – Building relationships with the community is a priority for the Hutchinson Police Department and Ridgewater College. Ridgewater is proud to announce that the two will join forces as Ridgewater hosts a Coffee with Cops event on Thursday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Hutchinson campus commons area.

Members of the public are invited to join students and Ridgewater employees for an hour of conversation and connections with area law enforcement personnel.

“We are so excited to host this event on campus,” said Beth Hepola, Ridgewater College Safety Administrator and Emergency Management Coordinator. “We’re proud of the great working relationship we have developed with our local law enforcement and are excited to provide this opportunity for others to strengthen their relationships and expand their understanding as well.”

Two law enforcement partners will join Ridgewater partners in casual conversation that could touch on community topics and provide answers to questions on people’s minds.

Refreshments will be provided.

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Ridgewater College is a community and technical college with campuses in the central Minnesota communities of Willmar and Hutchinson. The college serves more than 5,000 students through its nearly 100 academic programs and more than 68,000 training hours for individuals and businesses through customized training and continuing education. The college is a member of Minnesota State and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

*Minnesota State includes 30 community and technical colleges and 7 state universities serving approximately 400,000 students. It is the fourth-largest system of two-year colleges and four-year universities in the United States.*