WASHINGTON – Senior Justice Department officials and teams of mayors, police chiefs, school officials and youth from ten cities will discuss strategies for reducing youth violence and gang activity at the National Summit on Preventing Youth Violence Sept. 26-27.

Attorney General Eric Holder and Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Karol V. Mason will deliver opening remarks. Associate Attorney General Tony West will participate in a plenary discussion with six youth representatives on how violence impacted their lives and how they responded to make their cities safer. The youth leaders will be available for interviews following the session.

Boston; Camden, N.J.; Chicago; Detroit; Memphis, Tenn.; Minneapolis; New Orleans; Philadelphia; Salinas, Calif. and San Jose, Calif. are the ten cities participating in the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention, which was created in 2010 at the direction of President Obama.

WHAT: Opening Session of the Summit on Preventing Youth Violence

WHO: Justice Department Officials
Youth representatives from Chicago; Memphis, Tenn.; New Orleans; Philadelphia; Salinas, Calif. and San Jose, Calif.

WHERE: Sheraton Crystal City
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Va.

WHEN: THURSDAY, Sept. 26, 2013
8:30 a.m. EDT

AGENDA:

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