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Statement on February 2026 Street Takeover

President Lee Holland, Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 35, issues the following statement regarding the street takeover that occurred on Sunday, February 22, 2026, in the area of East West Highway and Connecticut Avenue:

“I first want to recognize the bravery and professionalism displayed by our members during the recent street takeover activity in the area of East West Highway and Connecticut Avenue. During a very troubling, chaotic and dangerous scene, officers remained calmed, focused and committed to protecting motorists.

There are times when law enforcement officers must put themselves in harm’s way to protect others. However, they should not have to face that risk because of reckless and senseless street takeovers. The actions of those involved were unacceptable. They not only put themselves in danger, but they also endangered motorists and community members. Sadly, during this incident, two Montgomery County police marked cruisers were damaged. Thankfully, no officers were injured.

This incident highlights a growing concern; current laws are not strong enough to deter individuals from participating in these dangerous street takeovers. We have seen similar incidents in Montgomery County before, and they are escalating – now resulting in property damage and increase risk to public safety.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Crime Solvers of Montgomery County at www.crimesolversmcmd.org.”