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## Operation Hands Off unveiled in Edmonton

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As those involved in property crime offences continue to ply their trade, the Edmonton Police Service along with Belgravia Crime Watch, Crime Stoppers Association of Edmonton & Northern Alberta, and residents of Belgravia are coming together to use technology to help protect valuable assets through the Operation Hands Off property identification program.

A media availability will be held on **Monday, Nov. 30, 2009 at 9 am at 11638-77 Avenue**. On hand will be representatives from the EPS, Belgravia Watch, Edmonton Crime Stoppers, and **Operation Hands Off**.

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In an effort to help reduce thefts whether they may be wire, metal, car parts or anything of value, businesses and consumers alike can avail themselves of technology in the Canadian market place. Applied by a brush or spray applicator, MicroDotDNA can be applied to just about any surface only to be seen with a magnifying device.

Each MicroDotDNA has a unique number series embedded on it which can be traced back to an individual or company. Being sprayed or brushed on a surface, dozens to thousands of these dots can be used to mark and identify all manner of products, making it much like a name tag with numbers. North American utility companies have seen significant reduction in the theft of tools and metal since the inception of this program three years ago and local companies such as EPCOR and PCL have also had very positive results.

Armed with this type of technology, law enforcement agencies will now be able to not only track, but provide absolute identification of a piece of property making it easier to not only identify victims but also to show to the courts who the rightful owner actually is.

For more information on crime prevention in your community, check out this link:

<http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/EPS%20External/Home/CrimePrevention.aspx>

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