



## Police Chief Welcomes Guardian Angels Patrols

# *Ramsey: Police Can't Fight City's Crime Problem Alone*

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**WASHINGTON** -- The police chief of the Metropolitan Police Department said he welcomes the decision by the Guardian Angels to begin patrolling Mount Pleasant and other Northwest neighborhoods plagued by gang violence.



In a broadcast report, Charles Ramsey said police can't fight the city's crime problem alone. He also said that many of the area's gangs are very well organized. Ramsey said the department is encouraging citizens to get involved and doesn't view groups

like the Guardian Angels as a sign that there's a lack of confidence in his own officers.

The District chapter of the Guardian Angels is made up of about a dozen unarmed volunteers authorized to make citizens' arrests. The group has been patrolling some neighborhoods in Southeast D.C. in recent years. The city has become a testing ground for the Guardian Angels' new gang intervention program.